

MANAGER'S REPORT
February 11, 2021

UMaine Talk – The UMaine talk for the Mitchell Center went well on Monday and is now posted on their website. In addition, MaineBiz and the Ellsworth American both did stories this week after that talk about Bucksport. It was a week of good press for the community.

Culvert Projects – The culvert replacement projects will be put out to bid in the fall of this year for construction in 2022. The project engineer recommended that we do that in order to try and get more favorable bids.

Heart & Soul Webinar – I will be speaking as part of a webinar for Heart & Soul next week that is making funding available to communities to assist with implementation of that program in interested communities.

Fire Alarm System – The new fire alarm system is being installed at the Town Office this week that was approved by the Council to replace our failed one. It should be completed on Friday.

Public Safety Garage Heater – the failed heater in the public safety police garage has also been replaced.

Senior Rides Program – A postcard went out today to all Bucksport residents regarding the senior rides program for medical/dental appointments. It seemed the best way to get the information into the hands of people who need it most, since many seniors are not computer/internet connected.

Presidents' Day – The Town Office and Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. The Town Office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:30 a.m.

Town Office Doors – I will be having crash bars installed on the remaining three entrance/exit doors at the Town Office that do not have them. We had one done two years ago for one of the downstairs doors to address a safety concern. Since that time, two of the door lock mechanisms have developed problems and the mechanisms are so old that it is not possible to replace them with the same size locks. Putting crash bars on the remaining three instead of retrofitting the locks makes more sense in that it then makes all exit doors meet safety codes.

