

MANAGERS REPORT August 26, 2021

Town of the Year – Radio show Drive Show Maine, 92.9 came to Bucksport on Friday, August 20th to celebrate Bucksport's win as Town of the Year in this year's contest. After coming in second in both 2018 and 2019 and making the top 4 in 2020 – this time Bucksport made it to the top! Thanks to all who took the time to vote! And thank you to Sue Ann Craig and Rich Rotella for doing the heavy lifting in not only promoting contest participation – but organizing local contests, promoting our local businesses and their products and putting in the time to make this such a success!

Retaining Walls – The retaining walls replacement project starts next Tuesday. Prep work is being done this week but the actual wall work starts then.

Tax Due Date – A reminder that tax due date is Tuesday, August 31st to avoid interest. As of Thursday morning – we have collected 40% of 21-22 property taxes – which is excellent because the actual due date for the first half is still almost a week away.

Pool & Recreation– After a very successful season, the Tim Emery Pool will be closing on Sunday, July 29th. We would like to thank the Y for a well-operated season. With an average of nearly 100 participants a day when opened – the pool was a great community asset this summer with 5,797 pool visits as of August 25th. 1-6 grade football so far has 41 children signed up and 58 have signed up from pre-k – 6 grade soccer. The new equipment that was approved for the fitness room is anticipated to be delivered and installed in October.

Arts Festival – This Friday and Saturday the Lighthouse Gallery and Main Street Bucksport will be sponsoring the Arts Festival on the Waterfront. We encourage everyone to make a trip downtown to stroll the festival, stop in our shops, and eat at our local restaurants! As a bonus -the weather is supposed to be nice so come on down and spend a day or more on Main Street and the Waterfront!

ARPA – We have received the American Rescue Plan Act information from the State of Maine in order to get signed up and be able to request funding that has been designated for Bucksport. That information arrived just this morning and I will be setting up our account with the State next week.

School Starts – The first day of classes for RSU 25 is Monday, August 30th. That means more buses and students walking – so please be careful when driving as our most valuable asset – our children – head back to school.

Discover Bucksport – The Bangor Daily News will be doing a pull-out section on Bucksport in the October 8th edition of the newspaper. It will also be available in the digital edition. I look forward to more good press for this great community.