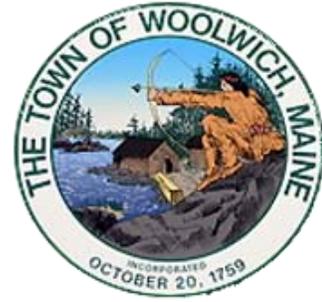


The Town of Woolwich, Maine

WOOLWICH DAY 2016



Riverside Disposal and ecomaine begin Woolwich trash and recycling



for a kitchen-top compost container. Ecomaine staffers Lisa Wolff and Lissa Bitterman were on hand to answer questions about recycling do's and don't's. Anyone who missed this event is welcome to stop by the Town Office and pick up information about the recycling program. Ecomaine's website has a comprehensive description.



Calendar of Events

August 5 at 5:30 pm
Recreation Program BBQ
Woolwich Central School

August 6 from 9 am-3 pm
Woolwich Day
Town Office &
Nequasset Park

November 8 from 8 am-8 pm
Election Day
Woolwich Central School

Woolwich's new trash hauler, Riverside Disposal, began service on July 5, picking up trash and recycling, and following the same schedule as the previous contractor. While the first week had some minor hiccups with pick-up times, the Selectboard is pleased with Riverside's service.

Riverside, based in Chelsea, began operations in 1985, and is now, according to its website, one of the largest companies in central Maine. Riverside takes trash and recycling to ecomaine in Portland, which has a trash-to-energy plant and an extensive recycling operation.

Ecomaine's waste-to-energy plant processes about 175,000 tons yearly, resulting in steam power enough to provide 100,000 to 110,000 megawatts of electricity. An additional benefit of burning trash is that landfill use is reduced by 90%. Only ash is

stored at ecomaine's landfill.

Zero-sort recycling is at the heart of ecomaine's work and mission, however. Its website www.ecomaine.org touts the environmental and economic benefits of recycling, including a revenue sharing plan for member municipalities based on the sale of recyclables. (At the moment, due to the low value of those materials, it is a cost-sharing plan.)

Ecomaine recently held a Recycling Informational Kick-off event at the Town Office. Residents who stopped by received a free recycling container and other products made from recycled materials. In addition, there was a drawing every hour



RECYCLE

PUT RECYCLABLES
IN THE RECYCLING BIN



glass metal and cans plastics #1 - 7



cardboard and cartons paper and newspaper

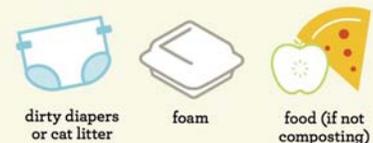


TRASH

PUT NON-RECYCLABLES IN YOUR
TRASH OR COMPOST



film plastic (plastic wrap, bags, bubble wrap, etc.) yard clippings (if not composting)



dirty diapers or cat litter foam food (if not composting)



ecomaine

For a comprehensive list, please visit www.ecomaine.org.
64 Blueberry Road, Portland 773-1738 info@ecomaine.org

New Tax Collector finds Woolwich “friendly and welcoming”

It might be hard to be the newest face in the town office of a small community like Woolwich, but you wouldn't know it from speaking with Suzette Cloutier. "Everyone here has been so friendly and welcoming," says the new Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Registrar, Assessing Technician and E911 Addressing Officer who took over for the retiring Jean Mark the first week of July.

A dispatcher and dispatch supervisor for more than

20 years, Suzette also spent a few years working as Child Support Enforcement Agent. After working for the state, she is excited to return to the municipal level "because I feel that it usually a much more pleasant and satisfying



experience for both the employee and the residents."

A Topsham resident, she married her husband Philip in 2014, who

works for that town's public works. Suzette has three children: two adult sons and a 14-

year old step-daughter. Her house is filled out by two dogs and a cat "who thinks he is a dog."

Suzette is hoping that her family will one day move to Woolwich, where her mother--Debbie Hathorne--grew up and calls home. Please join us in welcoming Suzette to the Woolwich Town Office!

photo courtesy of Wiscasset Newspapers

End in sight for Route 1 Repaving Project

If you're among those who have traveled Route 1 in Woolwich this year, you know how badly the road needs repaving. Deep



ruts make the drive not only unpleasant, but also unsafe as they collect water. Drivers who habitually travel that stretch of road

end up driving on or over the white line to avoid them.

As you read this, the night repaving project by Crooker Construction to get rid of these dreaded ruts is already nearing completion, which is expected by Labor Day. This mill and fill project will replace the pavement from the railroad bridge near Montsweag Flea Market south to the intersection with George Wright Road near the Taste of Maine. Though the Maine Department of Transportation had originally planned to narrow the shoulders from 10 feet to 8 feet wide, the full shoulders will now remain thanks to intervention from Woolwich town officials.



Boston Post Cane Presented to Victor Knight

The Boston Post Cane, given to Woolwich's oldest resident, was recently passed along to Victor Knight. Knight, who turned 95 the day after he was honored with the Cane, has lived in Woolwich since 1957. At their farm on River Road, Victor and his wife Ruth sold milk to Oakhurst Dairy for many years, and also raised beef cattle. Coincidentally, Victor Knight's father, Albert Victor Knight, held the Cane in Woolwich for nearly 3 years in the late 1980s. The Knights have 4 sons, three of whom live in Woolwich. The previous recipient was Alice Russell Willard Bond, who died recently at the age of 96.

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Bath Route 1 Viaduct Project Takes Shape

As the summer comes to an end, construction activity will increase as the replacement of the Bath Viaduct that carries Route One traffic through Bath gets underway. Phase 1 of the preliminary work started in May consisting of improvements to the drainage on frontage roads and intersection upgrades resulting in increased safety and enhanced pedestrian crossings. Phase 1 work will be completed by October 10.

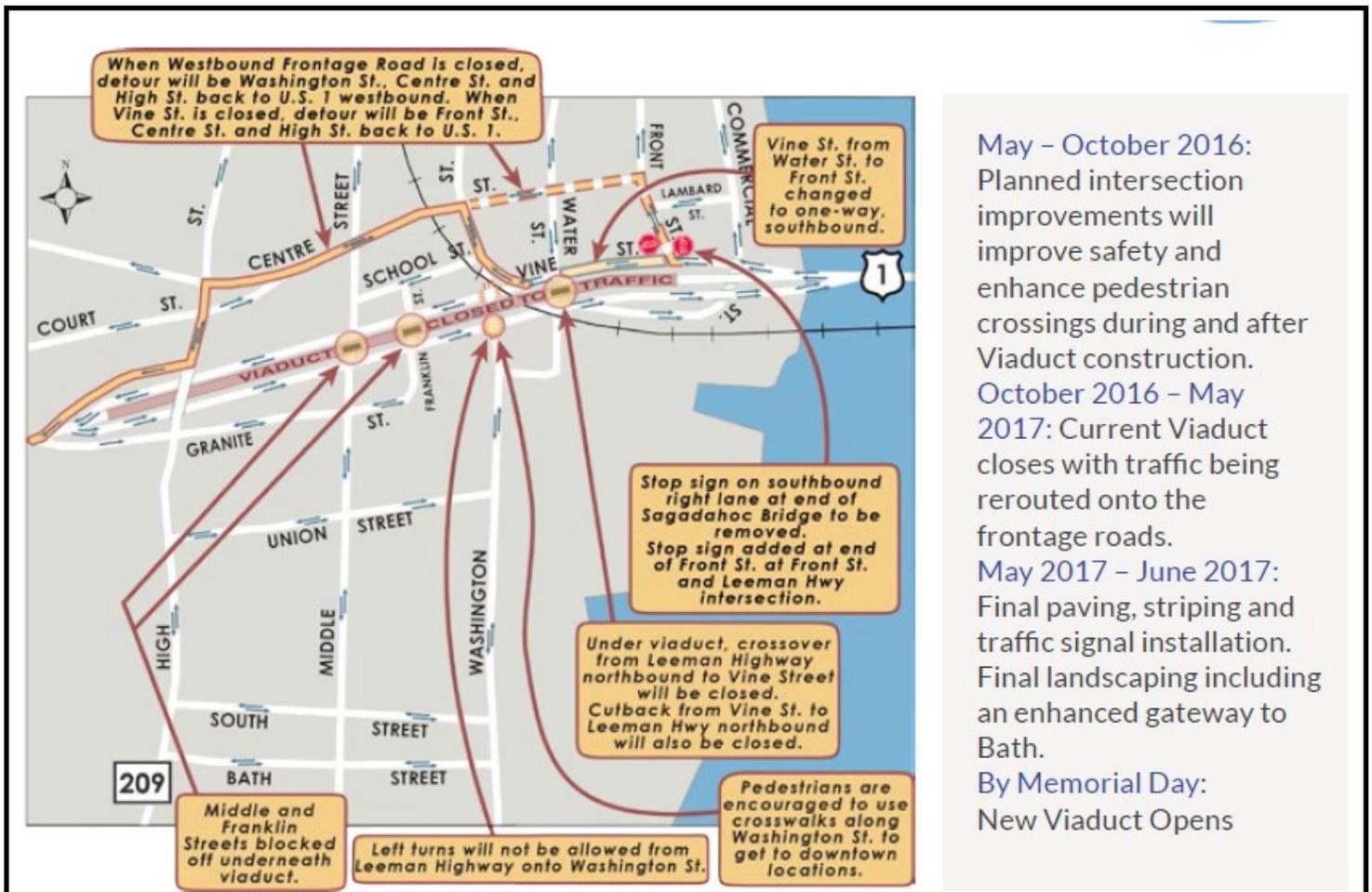
Phase 2 will begin on October 11 when the current viaduct will close to all traffic and will be taken down. Traffic will be rerouted to frontage roads through Bath. Work will encompass two shifts where operations will take place both day and night. Heavy truck traffic and heavy construction equipment will be in use and drivers should expect delays and detours around areas of construction.

Detour routes will vary throughout the project and most will occur between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. overnight. **The most significant traffic impacts will be the blocking off of Middle and Franklin Streets under the viaduct as well as the inability to make left turns from Leeman Highway onto Washington Street and the closure of the under-pass crossover of Leeman highway to Front Street. The cutback from Vine Street to Leeman Highway northbound (Creamer Way) will also be closed.** Pedestrians transiting north and south (between BIW and downtown) should be mindful of changes in crossing locations and the crossings will be controlled for safety. Numerous signs will be placed to aid drivers and pedestrians, and to contribute to Work Zone Safety.

The viaduct will fully reopen on May 25th, prior to Memorial Day 2017. Phase 3 of the project begins at the end of May with

striping, final curbing and landscaping on frontage roads and local streets. Pedestrians will have full access to new and improved crossings. Drivers should expect occasional lane closures on frontage roads.

Please note that while detours and delays will create some inconvenience getting through and around Bath, downtown businesses will be open and accessible throughout the project. To keep up on the latest updates from Maine DOT on the Route One Viaduct Project, you can sign up for email alerts and get more information at <http://maine.gov/mdot/projects/bathviaduct/>



Woolwich students launch skiffs built at Maritime Museum



Every year for several years, a dozen or so Woolwich Central School seventh and eighth graders have had the chance to spend one day a week for an entire school year at the Maine Maritime Museum. They get to build wooden skiffs with hand and power tools. "Graduation" is launching them in Nequasset Stream. This year was no different. Under gray skies, parents, grandparents, fellow classmates, and many others cheered the boatbuilders as

This year's students included 3 eighth graders, Tiffany Reed, Sam Corbett and Alec Arsenault, and 10 seventh graders, Alexandra Poland, Mary LaRochelle, Hallie Johnson, Avery Smith, Grace Bingham, Gavin Mougalian, Kelsey Tibbetts, Oscar Hennin, Liam Scanlon, and Lucas Ouimette.

The Town of Woolwich is one of the program's sponsors, with townspeople eve-

they carried the boats into the water and took to the oars on June 13 this year.

ry year voting at Town Meeting to support it. Selectboard members David King and Allison Hepler spoke on behalf of the Town at an April Open House at the Museum. King loves this program, saying that he wished there was something like this when he was in school. Hepler, who is part owner of a small boatyard in Phippsburg, spoke of the Museum's inspiration in her own life.

The Discovery Boatbuilding Program has also partnered with a South Bristol school and, this fall, begins a program with students at the West Bath school.



WOOLWICH RECREATION COMMITTEE "GOES GREEN"

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New Recreation Committee takes shape for 2016-17 year

In an effort to expand Woolwich's recreation opportunities, especially for kids in Woolwich, a redesigned Recreation Committee in Town has big plans this year. According to the Committee's administrator Beth Harrington, she and other Committee members are building on efforts made last fall that provided a "youth developmental soccer program" for grades K through 5, in which 80 kids participated. This past spring, they offered t-ball for Kindergarten and first grades, and coed basket-

ball for grades 2 through 5.

Programming for the upcoming year includes year-round activities such as soccer, basketball, t-ball and track. Harrington noted the volunteer nature of the program: "All our coaches are volunteers and we've set up a scholarship program for any family that needs financial assistance for their children to participate." She



stressed that the Committee is focusing on keeping these costs minimal.

Other community-based plans include family hikes, and evening courses such as bee-keeping, cooking classes, and organic gardening. In addition to Harrington, Committee members include Dena Bachman, Leslie Gallant, Woolwich Central School Principal Jason Libby, Steve McKay, and Greg Smith.

The former Recreation Committee has been reconstituted as the Special Events Committee, organizing programs like Woolwich Day and Veterans Day.