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IN THE SPOTLIGHT — PARKS & RECREATION GROUNDS MECHANIC



By: Kathleen Kenney-Haley

Steve Buzzell of the Parks & Recreation Department is our focus of this edition of In the Spotlight. I was very interested in hearing about his job with the City and I hope you will enjoy it as well.

Steve's given name is Steven Buzzell but most know him as "Buzz".

What is your current position with the City?

My official title is Grounds Mechanic and I have been with the Parks & Rec Department since August 2007.

I remember you working with the City before that. Where did you work?

I started working as a laborer on the trash truck in April of 1987. From June 1988 to May 2004 I was the Parts Manager in the vehicle maintenance garage.

Would you describe, briefly, your current position in Parks & Rec.?

My current position involves the maintenance of all City owned parks, playgrounds, ball fields, school grounds, trails, the Alford Municipal pool, Pine Grove Cemetery, etc. Winter duties include the grooming of all the cross country ski trails at the Quarry Road Recreation Area.

How many others work in the Parks & Rec Dept.?

I am one of two full time P&R employees, not including Director Matt Skehan. Also, we oversee up to 10 seasonal employees each season.

What kind of hours does your job entail?

My normal work week is Monday through Friday from 7AM to 3PM, but I work overtime during both the summer and winter, depending on the activities we are working on.

With all the outdoor activities I am sure there are quite a few safety requirements for you and the others in your department?

Keeping the crew up to date on the proper safe operations of powered mowers, chain saws, grass trimmers, tractors and other items is essential to the safety of the jobs we do.



Downtown Farmers' Market
Thursdays to Nov 17
2:00PM-6:00PM
Concourse, Downtown
SNAKEROOT.NET/WATERVILLE



Let's Go! Celebration and Family Fun Walk
Saturday September 17
1:00PM-3:00PM
North Street Playground
INLANDHOSPITAL.ORG



Final Waterville Rocks! Concert
Thursday, September 22
5:00PM-9:00PM
Castonguay Square
WATERVILLE.ROCKS



Open House and Memorial Dedication
Sunday, October 2
10:00AM-2:00PM
Waterville Fire Department
WATERVILLE-ME.GOV



Harvest Fest
Sunday, October 2
10:00AM-4:00PM
Head of Falls, Downtown
WATERVILLEMAINSTRET.ORG



SEPT/OCT. RECYCLING WEEKS:

September 6-9*

September 19-23

October 3-7

October 17-21

Courtesy Week: Oct. 21-Nov. 4

*Tues-Fri only, due to Monday holiday

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

9.5.16

LABOR DAY

10.10.16

COLUMBUS DAY



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FROM THE POLICE FILES

Lauren Harney is the newest officer to join the Waterville Police Force. She started as a Patrol Officer on July 25, 2016. Welcome, Lauren!



With the promotion of SRO Damon Lefferts to the Detective Division, Patrol Officer Cameron Huggins was selected to serve as the next School Resource Officer for the Waterville school system. I believe Officer Huggins has the right balance of professional experience and personal temperament to establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators, faculty and students, thereby providing for a safe school environment on all school campuses.

I look forward to Officer Huggins promoting the professionalism of the Waterville Police Department by becoming a positive role model for all those with whom he interacts. Officer Huggins will begin his duties on the first day of the school year.

■ JOSEPH MASSEY, POLICE CHIEF

Kennedy Glidden is an Endicott College (located in Beverly, MA.) student from Benton, ME, who graduated from Lawrence High School. The College requires two 120-hour internships. She completed hers over the summer and was allowed to do it locally as long as she met the requirements.



Since this internship is different from the internships that we typically do over a longer period of time, I developed new goals and objectives that were achievable in 100 hours:

- 1) Understand the problem based learning method and how to apply this method to real world police issues;
- 2) Complete four problem based learning exercises within the Waterville P.D. Police Training Officer Program;
- 3) Complete & understand limited access training in order to have access to NCIC records and

- sensitive police intelligence;
- 4) Maintain a journal of activities throughout the internship;
- 5) Develop and formulate a plan for a sustainable intelligence bulletin;
- 6) Experience “ride alongs” and observe the communications center;
- 7) Engage in and pass real world use of force scenarios as presented by a certified laser shot instructor;
- 8) Understand police chain of command, administration functions, duties of mid-level management, and the responsibilities of patrol, detective, and communications divisions.

She worked hard and accomplished all of the goals and objectives. Most importantly, she was able to establish a sustainable weekly intelligence bulletin which will be kept going moving forward by Officers Fabian and Gordon.

I think it is important to have interns because it gives them the benefit of learning from us but also provides us with personnel who can complete projects that we don't have the time to work on.

■ WILLIAM BONNEY, DEPUTY CHIEF

NEW Faces

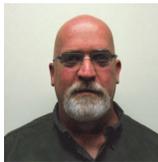
Todd Burns was recently hired as the Administrative Clerk and Deputy Registrar of Voters in the City Clerk's Office. He began his duties on July 25, 2016. Although Todd grew up in Central Maine, he lived in San Diego, CA, for 15 years and recently moved back to the area to be with family and to attend school. Todd is an artist, and also enjoys reading & spending time outdoors.



Kecia Blaisidell began her career with the Waterville Regional Communications Center as a Public Safety Dispatcher on August 29, 2016.



Duane Wallace will be starting with the Waterville Regional Communications Center as a Public Safety Dispatcher on September 5, 2016.




COMMUNITY INVESTORS

The Community Investors Initiative began in March, 2015, to help people achieve or maintain financial stability. A committee of reps from local service agencies vet requests for assistance weekly. If a request is approved, it is e-mailed to a list of members who want to make a difference. They are known as Community Investors. Investors can make monetary or material donations to help fill requests. FMI: communityinvestors@kvcap.org. ■ DENISE MURRAY, HEALTH AND WELFARE



NEWS FROM WATERVILLE FIRE & RESCUE

NEW RESCUE

On August 16th, 2016, Waterville Fire and Rescue put a new 2016 Rescue 1 into service. Following Council approval, this new emergency apparatus was ordered last year to replace the old Rescue 1 vehicle, which Colby College helped pay for in 2003. The former Rescue 1 had become a money pit, costing the department thousands of dollars to keep it on the road. That unit will be put up for sale.

Thanks to Captain Esler, his crew, and a few firefighters, for mounting all the apparatus' technical equipment and stocking it with necessary medical equipment. The unit's first call for duty was to 52 Elm Street and it is ready for many years of service to the residents of Waterville.



OLD WATER MAIN

Back in the middle 1800's wooden water mains were used to carry water around town. Firemen would tear up the cobbles, dig a hole in the ground and then bore a hole in the pipe to gain access to the water. After the fire, they would place a wooden plug in the hole. They would then mark the spot for future use. That is how the fire hydrant got its first name, "[fire plug](#)." Kennebec Water District recently completed some extensive work on Union Street next to the fire station. While installing new water lines, they removed an old wooden main. It is now at the Fire Station and will soon be on display for future education. ■ **LT. SCOTT HOLST, WATERVILLE FIRE DEPT.**



BIG TRUCK DAY



The 8th Annual BIG Truck Day took place in the Concourse on August 11th.



A future operator demonstrating his skills!



WFD's ladder truck created a lot of interest and excitement!



The loaders provided "buckets" of fun!



Endless smiles became the theme of the day!

■ **MARK TURNER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

There is always something for everyone at the free Waterville Public Library! The Library invites you to visit and visit often. Here are some fall 2016 program highlights:

The Library will host the 4th annual Cirque du Geek festival from September 9-11, 2016. From novels to manga, TV series to movies, art to cosplay, Cirque du Geek is a celebration of everything that excites us about being a geek! It is a FREE, 3-day convention that takes place at the Waterville Public Library and in participating businesses every September. All events in the Library are free and open to all ages unless otherwise marked. Cirque du Geek 2016 will be a celebration of outer space, from exploring unknown stars to fighting over far away galaxies! **FMI:** [facebook.com/CirqueDuGeekCon](https://www.facebook.com/CirqueDuGeekCon) or email cirquedugeekcon@gmail.com.

On Saturday, October 1, the Waterville Public Library is pleased to present Ticonic Tales: Stepping into Industry, a history event that provides context for the economic history of Waterville, Maine. The day will celebrate the past of Maine's industry and people. The program will include speakers and exhibits at the Waterville Public Library. Some presentation highlights from the 10/1/16 Ticonic Tales program:

- 10:15 am - *Railroads: Making Waterville Move* by Julian Berard
- 11:30 am - *Franco-Americans Influence on Waterville's Economy* by Bob Chenard
- 1:15 pm - *Lebanese in the Life of Waterville* by Dr. Eric Hooglund & Marie Deeb

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SUMMER WRAP-UP FROM PARKS AND REC



Notes from the Quarry Road Recreation Area:

Late last winter, the bridge that connects the two fields at Quarry Road, began to fail. We looked at a variety of options, received estimates, etc. Our best, most economical solution was to remove the old bridge and replace with (2) large culverts. The project was done entirely in-house and we were able to use funds from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund program. The new bridge should remain in place for years to come.

This summer, we began working on a project that addressed the rough/bumpy surface in the field area near the yurt. In order for us to host large-scale cross country races/meets, we needed

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With summer programs complete, we'd like to take a moment to thank all of our seasonal staff. The outdoor pool had 23,901 visitors during our nine-week season! We also sold 1,628 season passes, a record number. For the first time, we reopened the outdoor pool for 2 days, August 24 & 25 after the initial closing on the 21st. Those days, the facility was free for all Waterville residents while out-of-town rates applied. We felt folks here in town deserved it and, with temps still in the mid-80's, it just made sense. More than 700 people came and seemed very appreciative for the "bonus" days. Big thanks to Bobbie-Jo, April, Sam, and Steve for helping make this happen.

Some very successful events took place this summer including North End Night Out at Quirion Park, National Night Out at Green St. Park, The Taste of Waterville, and so far, 3 of 4 installments of the Summer Concert Series, Waterville Rocks! The Concerts take place in Castonguay Square from 5-9pm with the final one scheduled for Thursday, September 22. All of these family friendly, community events have been free, very

well attended, and open to the public.

If you haven't driven by the ballfield on Mathew's Ave. lately, you'll be surprised by what you see! The new Wrigley-Purnell turf baseball field is well underway. City crews began work in July with demolition, and rough grading. Next came drainage and fine grading. Finally, the fencing and turf people will be here early September for installation. There is a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for September 7th. This project would not be nearly as far along without the support from Mike Folsom, Ricky Quirion, Karl Morse, and the rest of the Public Works team.

Our Parks crews are busy working on the parks, fields, trails, and playgrounds around town. We'd like to see things a bit greener if Mother Nature could cooperate with some rain this fall. We like to devote a bit more time to the schools this time of year as they're beginning to gear up for the start of school and fall sports. We feel as though things are in pretty good shape.

Employee Dinner Info: RSVPs & NOMINATIONS



Friday, October 28, O'Brien Events Center, Best Western Grand Hotel
6:00PM Social ½ Hour | 6:30PM Buffet Dinner | 7:30PM Awards Ceremony

This year's annual Employee Recognition Dinner marks the 24th year of this important event to recognize the City's hard-working and dedicated employees. Full-time employees, permanent part-time employees and call firefighters can attend with a guest, free of charge. Be sure to get in your RSVPs!

The Dinner Planning Committee is anxious to receive your nominations for Employee of the Year! **Remember:** *Your department and the employees within it cannot receive recognition if nominations are not submitted!*

Don't know where to start or what to say? Here's some tips:

- 1. Did you nominate someone before, but they didn't receive an award? *Nominate them again!***
The Committee has the *extremely* tough task selecting from all the nominations received. Give them the opportunity to reconsider yours for that worthy individual or department.
- 2. Not sure who to nominate?** Look over the [nomination form](#). It lists specific actions or behaviors in checkbox format. If someone that "fits the bill," nominate them.
- 3. Consider group-writing.** Find yourself shying away from going solo? Round up a coworker (or two) and write a nomination together.
- 4. Give details.** The most successful nominations have enough detail to make the case for the nominee's achievement.
- 5. Say it like it is.** Don't worry about using fancy speech. Feel free to use bulleted lists when appropriate.

Nomination forms can be completed [online](#) or a printable form can be requested from any member of the Planning Committee: [Scott Holst](#), [Kathleen Kenney-Haley](#), [John Lombardi](#), [Denise Murray](#), [Linda Taylor](#) & [Amanda Esler](#).

SENA CLEANS UP

The South End Neighborhood Association (SENA) is always working hard to improve their neighborhood.

“This house (below) is on Water Street. We have cleaned up the sidewalks of the over-growth and the difference is incredible! Again, my contention that we don't have to spend a lot of money to look good and for a community to look like it cares...we just have to clean behind the ears once and a while.” — Paula Raymond, SENa Member

BEFORE...



AND AFTER...



As shown in these photographs, if everyone “adopted” just a small section of sidewalk in front of their homes and kept it free from litter and weeds, it would make a big difference in the appearance of the entire area.

Thanks to all who participated in these efforts.

■ MARK TURNER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



BLUE LIVES MATTER



On Saturday August 27, members of the P.D. participated in the 2nd Annual Blue Lives Matter Softball Tournament sponsored by the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office Fraternal Order of Police. The tournament was held at the Laverdiere Field in Winslow and benefits the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. Thank you to Kennebec S.O. for sponsoring the tournament and thanks for a great championship game! The Waterville Police Dept. was able to come out victorious this year but the competition was tough. Teams from Westbrook Police Dept., Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Augusta Police Dept., and the Maine State Police also played. ■ WILLIAM BONNEY, DEPUTY CHIEF, WPD

CMFAS



The Central Maine Fire Attack School (CMFAS) is once again holding a fall training for firefighters throughout the state. This two-day course includes lunches.

New this Year: Free BBQ Sunday afternoon from 4pm – 6pm for staff and students to enjoy a hearty and social meal.

For more details, or to register, visit: www.cmfas.com or email: dliebman@waterville-me.gov.



VOTE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Voter Registration is available for new voters to register, or for existing Waterville voters to change their name and address, as follows:

- ◇ At the polling place on election day;
- ◇ At City Hall during regular business hours;
- ◇ Voters who wish to register must do so in-person **after** October 18th.

To register you will need:

- Proof of identification (driver's license, state ID, passport, birth certificate)
- Proof of residency (any piece of mail with your Waterville address)

Absentee Ballots may be requested by:

- * The voter by calling 680-4211
- * Written request to City Clerk, 1 Common Street, Waterville.
- * Visit the [Clerk's web page](#), to print an **Absentee Ballot Application**
- * Visiting the City Clerk's Office in-person during regular business hours beginning on *Tuesday, October 11th*.

*The deadline to request an absentee ballot is **Thursday, November 3rd at 5pm.***

ON ELECTION DAY

All voting will take place at the American Legion located at 21 College Avenue.

Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT — CONTINUED

Is the job stressful, perhaps?

Speaking for myself, I try not to stress over job related issues. “Having to see Karl Morse’s face every morning is more stressful to me....Sorry Karl!!”

Have you received any recent certifications or attended any classes recently?

I hold a Certified Pools Operator certificate which is necessary for proper pool management.

I felt Buzz summed it up nicely with the following comments.

The City of Waterville’s Parks & Recreations Department responsibilities have a direct effect on both the residents in and visitors to Waterville and its recreational facilities. Seeing people enjoying our area is a great reward for our line of work. Please keep in mind that we do not only mow grass. We are involved in many different activities and events, and we work together with all City departments as well as many businesses and organizations. This is the most rewarding job I have had and I am proud to tell my friends and family where I work. ■



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS, CONTINUED

PechaKucha Night Waterville Volume 22 will take place on Saturday, October 1, with a free opening reception from 5p-7p next door to the Waterville Opera House in the Common Street Arts gallery located at 93 Main Street (the Center building). We will together celebrate the opening of the *mud. works in clay by maine artists* exhibition, enjoying free snacks and beverages. Then we will head over to the Opera House for the PK WTVL event! This is a free community event and all are invited! PechaKucha Night Waterville is a fun, creative networking event for the entire community featuring diverse presenters faced with the same dynamic challenge: telling a good story in just 6 minutes and 40 seconds. Every event is well attended and provides its own distinctive ride. PechaKucha Night (PKN) began in Tokyo by Klein Dytham architecture in 2003 and has turned into an international phenomenon with events happening in over 900 cities around the world. FMI: facebook.com/PKNWaterville or email pechakucha.waterville@gmail.com.

The Waterville Public Library fall 2016 weekly schedule of kids programs is as follows:

- * Tuesdays 2:30-4 pm. Crafternoons! Drop in for a craft project. Especially for ages 6 and up; younger kids must bring a grownup helper.
- * Wednesdays 2:30-4 pm. Lego club. Bricks for builders of all ages.
- * Fridays 10:30-11 am. Rhymetime: songs and stories for babies, toddlers and their grownups.
- * Saturdays 10:30-11:30 am. Family Storytime. Stories, songs, puppets, and sometimes special guests; fun the whole family!

Many additional fall programs are scheduled or will soon be added to the calendar. Please visit the Waterville Public Library web site for the most current and complete information: watervillelibrary.org. Visit the Waterville Creates! web site at watervillecreates.org for information on even more free and accessible program offerings in the area.

The Waterville Public Library fall hours: Monday-Friday, 10a-7p and Saturday, 10a-3p. Closed on Sundays.



PARKS & REC Continued

we needed to smooth things out as it serves as the “mass-start” area for races, accommodating up to 300-400 athletes at once. We’re proud to say that both Waterville High School and Colby College will both be hosting their respective meets at the area. We expect other schools and colleges to do so as well.

Thanks to the Friends of Quarry Road, folks will begin to see new road signs around

town directing visitors to the area. They look great and we’re anxious to see them up!

On the side of Recreation Programs:

Summer adult softball has ended, and men’s fall softball has begun. Adult volleyball will begin in October, and we will be gearing up for our Youth Basketball League later this fall.

Enjoy the Fall, everyone! ■ **MATT SKEHAN, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION**



WELLNESS UPDATES

Webinars on-Demand: A new way to promote wellness when it is convenient for participants! The City’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is much more than a hotline when life gets tough. With topic areas covering everything from identify theft, to wills, or to finding a caregiver for your family members. The EAP Program is free for everyone at our worksite (part-time and full-time) as well as anyone living under their roof. This program offers a wealth of information and resources for improving all aspects of health and we are pleased to announce one more, Wellness Webinars!

Now you can view a variety of wellness webinars on-demand anytime, anywhere. Each month a new topic is added & participants can submit questions to receive responses via email. To view the webinars, visit anthemeap.com and click on “Members,” enter MMEHT in the login screen. You will find a listing of monthly wellness topics and other seminars listed in the “Online Seminars” section. ■ **DENISE MURRAY, HEALTH & WELFARE**

Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP) will be taking appointments beginning the first week in September. Please call 859-1500 to schedule an appointment.

Flu Shot Clinics will be coming in October. More information to follow soon with specific dates and times.