



CITY OF
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2018 Annual Report

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*The City of Gardiner hereby dedicates the
2018 Annual Report to...*

Jean Traquair Dellert



Jean moved to Gardiner in 1953 with her husband W. David (Dave) Dellert. They had honeymooned in York Beach, where Jean had worked summers in college. Having both grown up in Massachusetts, there was something spacious and promising about Maine. Dave had been hired by the State YMCA to run a program for towns in South Central Maine that had no actual Y building. This included clubs such as Hi-YI and Tri-Hi-Y, which were boys' and girls' clubs, respectfully, for high school age children. He also became the director of the State YMCA camp in East Winthrop which by default became their summer address. Jean then became the leader of the local Gardiner High School Tri-Hi-Y.

Steeped in Girl Scouting and clubs in college, she was a natural. Organizing meetings were often held in her home. She also taught swimming at the Augusta YMCA pool, for young girls, for many many years. She volunteered at the Gardiner Hospital. She taught Sunday school and played piano for the Jr. Choir at their First Baptist Church. In the summer she played organ in the "chapel in the pines" at the State YMCA camp where Dave was director from 1954 until 1974. There she also ran a crafts program and managed the craft store, and often ran the waterfront when a suitable director could not be found or hired. There she also managed the lost and found, cleaning and dispensing clothes for less fortunate campers when the need arose. This was typical of her concern for the underserved or those in need, and was done with a kindness and a gentility not often seen today. Dave hired counselors from all over, including Europe, Scandinavia, Africa, India and elsewhere. Some of these men remained family friends whom Dave and Jean visited on their trips to Europe in the 1980's.

Jean's first Maine decades were the 1950's and 1960's when Gardiner had two paper mills and two shoe factories, a lumber yard, a window shop, a steel wholesaler, and a busy Water Street with bakeries, jewelers, a drug store, two hardware stores, clothing stores, a WT Grants and a Woolworths, a bowling alley, many banks, and a train station with daily service. Dave took the train to Waterville once a month to meet with his boss. He kept an office downtown and his best fishing buddy ran a wholesale produce business next door. Socially, they became part of the fabric of Gardiner, played bridge once a month with like-minded couples from all walks of life, and representing many of the churches in town. These relationships were deep ones, and lasted until the death of most of Jean's friends but also included relationships with their children, and even grandchildren as the years passed. Some of these grandchildren sent cards on her birthdays years 97, and 98.



Some were even bedside when she was hospitalized in 2016, and later bedside on her last days. She nurtured these children, like she had nurtured her own three children, coaching them to make wise decisions, applauding their successes.

After Dave retired, she got busy on her own. She was elected to the Maine State Legislature and served Gardiner for two terms. She also sat on city council for --- years, advocating for her constituents, and helping Gardiner make sound decisions, from repairing its illustrious library, to creating a new park, boat ramp and boardwalk on the shores of the Kennebec River.

It's safe to say Jean loved Gardiner and loved Maine, and touted their glories to any and all who would listen. At the facility where she spent her last months, they called her the "professor". Never without an opinion, but always delicate in expressing them, she tried to help others understand the problems of the world and their own problems, one by one, day by day, and look for viable ways to solve them.



Jean with her children in front of 20 Pleasant St where Jean (and Dave) lived from 1980 until December of 2016. L to R. William, III (Augusta ME) Annie Raskin (Burlington, VT) and Peter (Holyoke, MA).



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Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer	Kathleen Cutler	582-2223	kcutter@gardinermaine.com
Utility Clerk	Sherry Emmons	588-4070	semmons@gardinermaine.com
Wastewater Treatment Director	Doug Clark	582-1351	dclark@gardinermaine.com

City of Gardiner Mayors

Robert Hallowell Gardiner, First Mayor	1850	Will G. Atkins	1907-1908
Parker Sheldon	1851	Charles H. Gray	1909-1910
Robert Thompson	1852	B.E. Lamb	1911-1917 & 1921-1923
Edward Swan	1853	G.L. Bragdon	1918-1920
Noah Woods	1844-1858 & 1861-1868	Donald S. McNaughton	1924-1925
Henry B. Hoskins	1859-1860	Wallace N. Price	1925-1926
James Nash	1863-1864	William O. Cobb	1927-1934
Nathan O. Mitchell	1865-1866	Edwin P. Ladd	1935-1940
George W. Wilcox	1867	Philip H. Hubbard	1940-1952
Joshua Gray	1867-1870	Percy K. Hanson	1953-1954
D.C. Palmer	1871-1873	Russell J. Leighton	1956-1958
H.M. Wentworth	1874-1875	Dwight Emery	1955 & 1959-1962
James B. Dingley	1876-1878 & 1893	Wallace E. Shepard, Sr.	1962-1967
Joseph E. Ladd	1881-1886	Ralph M. Clark	1968-1969
William Perkins	1882-1883	Harold J. Shapiro	1970-1975
S.E. Johnson	1884-1885	Robert D. Mooers	1976-1977
John W. Berry	1887-1888	Irving B Faunce	1978-1979
A.M. Spear	1889-1892	William F. MacDonald	1980-1985
Oliver B. Clason	1894-1896	Charles J. McLaughlin, Jr.	1986-1988
James Walker	1897-1898	Brian MacMaster	1989-1990
Freeman Patten	1899-1900	Patrica C. Bourgoin	1991-1992
Frederic Danforth	1901-1902	Brian Rines	1993-2006
Edwin L. Bussell	1903-1904	Andrew MacLean	2007 – 2012
Charles A. Knight	1905-1906	Thomas Harnett	2013-2018

CITY MAYOR

Thomas Harnett, City Mayor



I am honored to deliver my final annual report for the City of Gardiner. In the past, I have sometimes focused on a single letter to describe a year. For 2018 that letter is **C**. While you will find many words beginning with that letter, the primary **C** is for “**Change**”. 2018 saw a lot of changes in our beautiful little **city** nestled on the Kennebec.

The first significant **change** that comes to mind was the departure of Patrick Wright who ably served at the Executive Director of Gardiner Main Street for seven years. Patrick also served for a few years as the city’s Economic Development Specialist. Patrick was spectacular in both capacities. I admired and appreciated his work ethic and many accomplishments. I miss him dearly. In another twist related to the letter **C**, Patrick left us to work at the summer **camp** he attended in his youth. I guess he went full **circle**.

Another **change** at Gardiner Main Street was the departure of Diana Twombly. Diana also left us after many years of service to our **community**. We will miss her professionalism and enthusiasm. I thank both Patrick and Diana for their service.

With **change** comes **challenge**. The two departures left us with the **challenge** to fill those positions. I am happy to report that we met that **challenge** and welcomed Piper Panzeri and Melinda Hahn as Executive Director and Program **Coordinator** of Gardiner Main Street. The both hit the ground running and the transition was a seamless.

Both Piper and Melinda were hired shortly before Gardiner hosted its largest event in my memory, one that involved hundreds of **cars**, antique **cars** to be precise. In June our historic downtown hosted the Great Race. Thanks to the leadership of many, including Peter Prescott of EJP and the Kennebec Valley **Chamber of Commerce**, Gardiner, with the help of dozens of volunteers, welcomed antique **cars** and over 7,000 spectators to that event. We then hosted all the drivers and their teams for a lobster feast at our beautiful waterfront. I believe we served **clams** as well! The night included a performance by **comedian** extraordinaire Mike Miclon from Johnson Hall. The evening was **capped** off fireworks exhibit sponsored by Steve Marson and **Central** Maine Pyrotechnics. This **celestial celebration** and remarkable **combination** of efforts led Gardiner being awarded the title of Best Overnight Stop of the entire Great Race. **Congratulations** Gardiner!

Shortly after that event our Community demonstrated **caring** and **compassion** when we hosted The Wall that Heals, a replica of the Vietnam Memorial from Washington, DC. Again, led by an incredible team of volunteers who worked through the **Christ Church**, more than 12,000 people came to pay their respects to those who lost their lives in Vietnam. Volunteers made certain that the wall was staffed 24 hours a day. They also were there to offer **comfort** to those who struggled with the difficult memories evoked by the memorial.

Yet another **change** occurred in the summer of 2018. We said goodbye to Interim **City** Manager Anne Davis and hired **current City** Manager **Christine** Landes. Anne did not go very far as she returned to her real job and passion at the Gardiner Public Library. Thank you Anne for your much longer than anticipated *interimness*. (Trust me, it is a word.) Speaking of being ready for her new job, **City** Manager **Christine** Landes stepped right into her new position and has proven that sometimes it takes a long time to make the right decision. It is better to wait than to rush. She will serve Gardiner and its residents very well, and hopefully for a very long time.

The last **C** I want to talk about has to do with another **change** in leadership at the **City** level. Gardiner **changed** mayors as it elected Mayor Pat Hart. Mayor Hart brings decades of experience as a **City Councilor** and ever-present member and **chair** of too many **city committees** to count. Gardiner’s future is in very good and capable hands all around.

2018 has also been a year of **change** for me. I stepped down as mayor after six years. I have said it often and it remains true, it was the best job I have ever had. I cannot thank enough my **colleagues** on the **City Council**, the talented Department Heads, and the city staff that keep our **community** safe and make it a wonderful place to live, work, and play. They are a special group. I also want to thank the business **community** for their investment and belief in Gardiner. Most of all, I want to thank the residents of Gardiner for giving me the privilege to serve you.

Thank you (for the final time) Mayor Thom.



<u>Seat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u> <u>Ending</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Email</u>
Mayor	Thom Harnett	2018		52 Marston Rd	tharnett@gardinermaine.com
District 1	Terry Berry	2019	242-7216	64 Winter St	tberry@gardinermaine.com
District 2	Patricia Hart	2019	582-4119	34 High Holborn St	pat.hart@gardinermaine.com
District 3	Shawn Dolley	2019	319-4010	17 Lincoln Ave	sdolley@gardinermaine.com
District 4	Marc Rines	2019	582-1844	101 Riverview Dr	mrines@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Maryann White	2018	242-5769	197 Highland Ave	mwhite@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Jonathan Ault	2018	458-3109	127 Cobbossee Ave	jault@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Timothy Cusick	2018	485-1689	22 Maple St	tcusick@gardinermaine.com

City Council meetings are typically held on the first and third Wednesday off each month. They take place at City Hall, 6 Church Street, and begin at 7pm. Council meetings are available on our website to watch and listen live. They are also archived for your convenience. Please feel free to contact City Hall, 582-4460, or refer to our online calendar for upcoming meetings.

Council Definitions

Ordinance— A law enacted by a municipal legislative body, such as a city council or county commission. Ordinances govern matters not already covered by state or federal laws such as zoning, safety and building regulations. A municipal ordinance is equivalent to a state statute/law. On-going until voted by the body to amend or repeal.

Order— A formal vote by a municipal body, such as a city council or board of selectmen, instructing that something be done, issuing a formal directive that some action occur. Usually refers to a one time action by the body, such as an order to transfer funds from one account to another.

Resolve/Resolution— Expressing an opinion or endorsement of an action or sentiment, expressing that something should be done, non-binding.

CITY MANAGER

Christine M. Landes, City Manager

2018 was a busy year for the City of Gardiner, as is noted in this annual report. Each city department worked very efficiently and effectively, with proud employees committed to their respective positions. I want to personally thank each and every Department Head and their team members for a job well done! You represent the city so very well!

In March of 2017, your former City Manager Scott Morelli, accepted a City Manager position in the City of South Portland. The Gardiner City Council then hired The Maine Municipal Association to start the search for a new manager. Anne Davis, Librarian, was also appointed as Interim City Manager in this time frame. The hiring process spanned almost a year and a half. During that time, the City Council reviewed resumes, conducted interviews, and discussed how they would like to proceed. After the whole process was complete, it was the decision of the Council to hire me with a start date in August of 2018. I am so happy to be here!

During 2018, the city also lost the service of Patrick Wright, as Economic Development Director. Patrick contracted with the city, while also serving as Executive Director of Gardiner Main Street. With his departure from the city and Gardiner Main Street, the Council decided that the economic development duties would be addressed by Interim Manager Davis, until a new manager was hired.

Libby Hill Business Park continues to attract interested businesses. The city has also been fortunate to have sold some of the lots. Dennis Wheelock, from Keller Williams Real Estate, has been actively marketing lots to many potential, expanding, and new businesses. It is expected that the debt on that business park will be paid off in FY20, which is 4-5 years ahead of what the predictions originally indicated. This is great news!

The city continues to work on getting tax acquired properties back on the tax rolls. This process may include working with the property owner to establish a payback plan that is acceptable, finding programs that can help the property owner, or sending the property to a public bid process.

2018 welcomed a new councilor with the retirement of Councilor Hart. Councilor Rines was elected for a two-year term, starting in January 2018. We thank Phil Hart for his dedicated service to the city and we looked forward to working with Marco Rines, representing District 4.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, your Councilor or the Mayor. We are here for you!. I look forward to serving you and this beautiful city!

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Landes

City Manager

Assessing Department

Curt Lebel, City Assessor

Dorothy Morang, & Michael Foster, Administrative Assistant

The Assessing Department operates under the Finance Department of the City of Gardiner.

The City Assessor is responsible for determining the equalized value of real estate and personal property that is subject to municipal taxation. In Maine, a large portion of Municipal, School and County budgets are funded by the property tax. The City Assessor, acting as an agent of the State, governed by State Law and local management policy is responsible for the equitable distribution of the property tax between all the taxable properties within the City. Ongoing administrative duties involve the maintenance of property information on parcels within the City, municipal budget cap development, maintenance and determination of captured value of the City's Tax Increment Financing districts and production of GIS maps for City projects. Specific records include legal information regarding ownership, parcel maps, property record cards, sales information, etc.

Residential valuations as well as property transfers in the area began to increase during the period preceding the April 1, 2017 (FY18) assessment. An assessment ratio study conducted by Maine Revenue Services showed a 4% decrease in the residential average assessment ratio from the previous year and was reported to be 95% of market value. The growth in taxable valuation base was down by 3 million below Fiscal year 2017, due to increases in the State homestead exemption program which removed approximately 6 million from the City's tax base. The Downtown Tax Increment Financing District was amended to allow for the creation of a new, Affordable Housing District located on Summer Street.

Assessment Statistics for Fiscal Year 2018

Assessment Date: April 1, 2017	Homestead Exemptions: 1,178
Commitment Date: July 27, 2017	Veterans Exemptions: 191
Taxable Valuation: \$351,542,000	Blind Exemptions: 3
Net Assessment: \$7,733,924.00	Parsonages: 5
Tax Rate: .022	Tree Growth Parcels: 11
Assessment Ratio: 100% Certified Ratio	Farmland Parcels: 10
Transfers Processed: 213 (Apr 16-Mar 17)	Open Space Parcels: 4
Permit Checks: approximately 360	

FY 2017 Municipal Levy Limit: \$4,019,554.83

FY 2017 Municipal Levy: \$2,904,468.32

FY 2017 Municipal Levy was: \$1,115,086.51 less than allowable limit.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Denise Brown, Finance Director
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

This report is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Gardiner for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. I encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the audited financial report, which contains a complete analysis of the city's financial position. This report is available on the city's website. Questions concerning any of the information provided or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director, 6 Church Street, Gardiner, Maine 04345.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Gardiner, Maine exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$21,532,446 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$2,753,906 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City of Gardiner, Maine's total net position increased \$1,104,090. This represents an increase of \$1,184,739 in governmental activities and a decrease of \$80,649 in business-type activities (Ambulance and Wastewater).
- As of the close of FY18, the City of Gardiner, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,664,790, a decrease of \$272,624 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,338,023 or 24% of total General Fund expenditures of \$9,737,179.
- In FY18 the City of Gardiner, Maine did not issue any new bonds.
- The General Fund acquired the following capital items:
 - ◆ Police Department: two new police vehicles using \$28,532 in one-time expenses and \$32,000 in unassigned fund balance.
 - ◆ Fire Department: a Fire Chief Command Vehicle was purchased with a capital lease in the amount of \$26,159 in the general fund and the remaining half in the Ambulance Fund, a boat in the amount of \$43,000 was purchased using unassigned fund balance, and unanticipated expenditures were made to replace the tank and fund pump repairs on Engine 2 in the amount of \$39,223.
 - ◆ The Building and Grounds Department purchased a new mower for \$7,999 as a one-time expense.
 - ◆ Public Works Department: a vehicle lift using \$13,627 in one-time expenses, and two capital leases were made for the purchase of a new dump truck (\$149,448) and excavator with trailer (\$144,327).
- The Ambulance Department acquired a \$26,159 capital lease, representing the other half of the purchase of the Fire Chief Command Vehicle.
- The Wastewater Department did not issue any new bonds or leases. However, two new oil fired burners were purchased and a screw pump replaced using \$301,344 in unrestricted funds.

Financial Overview

The General Fund is the city's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund, such as WasteWater and Ambulance.

The City of Gardiner adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Government-wide financial information distinguishes functions of the City of Gardiner that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, education, and community services. This information is designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City of Gardiner's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The City has two business-type activities; the operations of the ambulance service and the wastewater treatment plant.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

At the end of FY18 revenues exceeded budgetary projections by \$134,205 and expenditures were below appropriations by \$437,985.

This created a positive variance of \$572,190 to fund balance. However, use of fund balance, carryforwards and transfers to other funds netted a slight increase of \$41,399 to fund balance.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE Required Supplementary Information Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund General Fund For the year ended June 30, 2018					
	Budget		Actual	Variance with final budget positive (negative)	2017
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 8,828,924	8,828,924	8,880,367	51,443	8,837,495
Licenses and permits	22,000	22,000	14,922	(7,078)	21,363
Intergovernmental	988,086	988,086	987,289	(797)	913,130
Charges for services	52,800	52,800	59,655	6,855	57,314
Interest earned	5,000	5,000	65,902	60,902	12,870
Unclassified	88,610	88,610	111,490	22,880	127,294
Total revenues	9,985,420	9,985,420	10,119,625	134,205	9,969,466
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	988,313	998,313	925,799	72,514	849,573
Technology	88,491	88,491	80,629	7,862	147,037
Public safety	2,121,679	2,202,679	2,159,833	42,846	1,911,108
Public works	1,898,539	1,923,077	1,811,235	111,842	1,798,565
Community services	565,354	715,354	558,631	156,723	536,989
Education	3,773,650	3,773,650	3,773,650	-	3,667,691
County tax	337,340	337,340	337,340	-	322,495
Unclassified	67,591	67,591	21,393	46,198	-
Total expenditures	9,840,957	10,106,495	9,668,510	437,985	9,233,458
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	144,463	(121,075)	451,115	572,190	736,008
Other financing sources (uses):					
Use of fund balance	259,000	259,000	-	(259,000)	-
Use of carryforwards	-	265,538	-	(265,538)	-
Transfer from other funds	247,411	247,411	241,158	(6,253)	227,631
Transfer to other funds	(650,874)	(650,874)	(650,874)	-	(1,375,629)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(144,463)	121,075	(409,716)	(530,791)	(1,147,998)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	41,399	41,399	(411,990)
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated			2,662,124		3,147,607
Fund balance, end of year	\$		2,703,523		2,735,617

*Debt service is budgeted in the department in which debt was incurred.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The City of Gardiner, Maine's net position increased \$1,104,090 during the current fiscal year. This change is broken out in the following categories:

- ◆ **Governmental activities:** The City's governmental activities increased the net position by \$1,184,739.
- ◆ **Business-type activities:** The City's two business-type activities, the ambulance service and wastewater treatment plant, decreased the City of Gardiner, Maine's net position by \$80,649.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE			
Statement of Net Position			
June 30, 2018			
	Governmental	Business-type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,736,354	-	4,736,354
Receivables:			
Taxes	121,919	-	121,919
Tax liens	346,301	-	346,301
Accounts, net of allowance (\$145,000)	149,755	1,505,880	1,655,635
Notes, net of allowance (\$15,500)	98,691	-	98,691
Internal balances	(54,279)	54,279	-
Capital assets, not being depreciated	2,115,442	381,668	2,497,110
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	12,718,056	14,820,523	27,538,579
Total assets	20,232,239	16,762,350	36,994,589
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	499,520	-	499,520
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	103,620	-	103,620
Total deferred outflows of resources	603,140	-	603,140
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	251,458	55,272	306,730
Accrued payroll	35,812	19,951	55,763
Taxes paid in advance	27,416	-	27,416
Due to other governments	2,265	-	2,265
Accrued interest	26,179	10,892	37,071
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	738,118	434,775	1,172,893
Due in more than one year	8,443,474	5,588,838	14,032,312
Total liabilities	9,524,722	6,109,728	15,634,450
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	403,229	-	403,229
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	27,604	-	27,604
Total deferred inflows of resources	430,833	-	430,833
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	8,627,734	9,362,824	17,990,558
Restricted for:			
Permanent funds - Nonexpendable principal	307,399	-	307,399
Permanent funds - Expendable	109,420	-	109,420
Capital projects	51,731	-	51,731
Revolving loan funds	267,777	-	267,777
Grants	51,655	-	51,655
Unrestricted	1,464,108	1,289,798	2,753,906
Total net position	\$ 10,879,824	10,652,622	21,532,446

Fund Balance Overview

The focus of the City of Gardiner, Maine's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,664,790. Approximately 39.7% of this total amount (\$1,853,206) constitutes *unassigned fund balance*.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2018

	General	TIF Funds	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,129,367	-	-	606,987	4,736,354
Receivables:					
Taxes	121,919	-	-	-	121,919
Tax liens	346,301	-	-	-	346,301
Accounts	98,645	-	37,140	13,970	149,755
Notes, net of allowance (\$15,500)	-	-	-	98,691	98,691
Interfund loans receivable	-	-	1,633,041	33,828	1,666,869
Total assets	\$ 4,696,232	-	1,670,181	753,476	7,119,889
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	176,409	11,966	51,848	11,235	251,458
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	35,812	-	-	-	35,812
Taxes paid in advance	27,416	-	-	-	27,416
Due to other governments	2,265	-	-	-	2,265
Interfund loans payable	1,333,807	372,083	-	15,258	1,721,148
Total liabilities	1,575,709	384,049	51,848	26,493	2,038,099
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	417,000	-	-	-	417,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	417,000	-	-	-	417,000
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	307,399	307,399
Restricted	-	-	51,731	428,852	480,583
Committed	302,000	-	1,658,102	-	1,960,102
Assigned	63,500	-	-	-	63,500
Unassigned	2,338,023	(384,049)	(91,500)	(9,268)	1,853,206
Total fund balances (deficit)	2,703,523	(384,049)	1,618,333	726,983	4,664,790
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance:	\$ 4,696,232	-	1,670,181	753,476	

The general fund increased \$41,399 during the current fiscal year, the TIF funds increased \$289,302, the Capital Projects fund decreased \$673,836, and other governmental funds increased \$70,511. This resulted in a total decrease to all governmental funds of \$272,624.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2018

	General	TIF Funds	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 8,880,367	-	-	-	8,880,367
Licenses and permits	14,922	-	-	-	14,922
Intergovernmental	987,289	-	930,909	99,052	2,017,250
Charges for services	59,655	-	-	6,950	66,605
Interest earned	65,902	-	-	12,232	78,134
Unclassified	111,490	224,900	-	156,953	493,343
Total revenues	10,119,625	224,900	930,909	275,187	11,550,621
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	872,904	39,249	-	89,513	1,001,666
Technology	80,629	-	-	-	80,629
Public safety	2,155,707	-	-	18,887	2,174,594
Public works	1,779,901	-	-	15,328	1,795,229
Community services	558,631	-	-	104,774	663,405
Education	3,773,650	-	-	-	3,773,650
County tax	337,340	-	-	-	337,340
Unclassified	21,393	-	-	2,300	23,693
Debt service	-	415,862	-	-	415,862
Capital expenditures	157,024	-	1,663,974	-	1,820,998
Total expenditures	9,737,179	455,111	1,663,974	230,802	12,087,066
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	382,446	(230,211)	(733,065)	44,385	(536,445)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from capital leases	157,024	-	-	-	157,024
Transfers in	241,158	650,874	59,229	26,126	977,387
Transfers out	(739,229)	(131,361)	-	-	(870,590)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(341,047)	519,513	59,229	26,126	263,821
Net change in fund balances	41,399	289,302	(673,836)	70,511	(272,624)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year, restated	2,662,124	(673,351)	2,292,169	656,472	4,937,414
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 2,703,523	(384,049)	1,618,333	726,983	4,664,790

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City of Gardiner, Maine’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2018 amounts to \$14,833,498 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure. Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

Asset	Dept	Asset	Dept
Police Vehicles	Police	Vehicle Lift	PW
Police Vehicles	Police	Dump Truck	PW
Command Vehicle (1/2)	Fire	Excavator w/trailer	PW
Boat	Fire	Command Vehicle (1/2)	Amb
E2 Tank & Pump Repairs	Fire	2 Oil Fired Burners	WW
Mower	B&G	Screw Pump	WW

Total capital asset additions and deletions for FY18 in the City’s governmental activities was \$1,437,213. After accounting for current year depreciation of \$855,319, governmental activities’ net capital assets increased by \$807,484.

Total capital asset additions and deletions for FY 2018 in the City’s business-type activities (Ambulance and Wastewater) was \$403,890. After accounting for current year depreciation of \$691,192, business-type activities’ net capital assets decreased by \$277,711 from the prior fiscal year.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine had total bonded debt outstanding of \$11,533,461, which is a decrease of \$1,150,189 from the prior year. Of this amount, \$5,885,634 is for governmental activities and \$5,647,827 is for business-type activities.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a municipality may issue up to 15 percent of its total state assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the City of Gardiner, Maine is \$50,745,000, which is well in excess of the City of Gardiner, Maine’s outstanding general obligation debt of \$11,533,461.

Economic Factors, Next Year’s Budget, and Tax Rates

The following economic factors are considered when deliberating the annual budget:

Increases/decreases in revenues	Expenses for which the City has limited control
Taxable assessed value	State budget

City officials consider many factors when making judgments and estimates, such as:

Minimal taxpayer impact	Minimal impact to services
Minimal impact to our workforce	Responsibly managing the fund balance

City staff continue to look for ways to find savings and efficiencies within their departmental budgets.

The FY 2019 budget resulted in a tax decrease of 0.60/mil; going from 22/mil to 21.4/mil.

Financial Management

The Finance Department is committed to ensuring sound financial management of the public’s funds by following the City’s financial action plan, maintaining a sufficient fund balance, and adhering to the highest management standards. Functions of the finance department include accounting, human resource management, risk management, purchasing, debt administration, cash management, treasury, tax assessing, and tax collection. The finance staff is dedicated to providing the City Manager & City Council, all city departments, business owners, and the residents of Gardiner with fiscal support.

December 14, 2018

City Council, Audit Committee, and Management
City of Gardiner, Maine

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gardiner, Maine for the year ended June 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our discussion with the Audit Committee on May 23, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

As stated in our engagement letter dated May 16, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the City of Gardiner, Maine. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Maine's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of City of Gardiner, Maine's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City of Gardiner, Maine are described in the notes to the financial statements. As described in the notes to the financial statements, the City of Gardiner, Maine changed accounting policies related to other post-employment benefits by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 75 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefits other than Pensions*. No other new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2018. We noted no transactions entered into by the City of Gardiner, Maine during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

City Council
City of Gardiner, Maine

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gardiner, Maine, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Gardiner, Maine's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gardiner, Maine's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

TAX COLLECTOR

Kathleen Cutler, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

The Tax Collector operates under the Finance Department of the City of Gardiner.

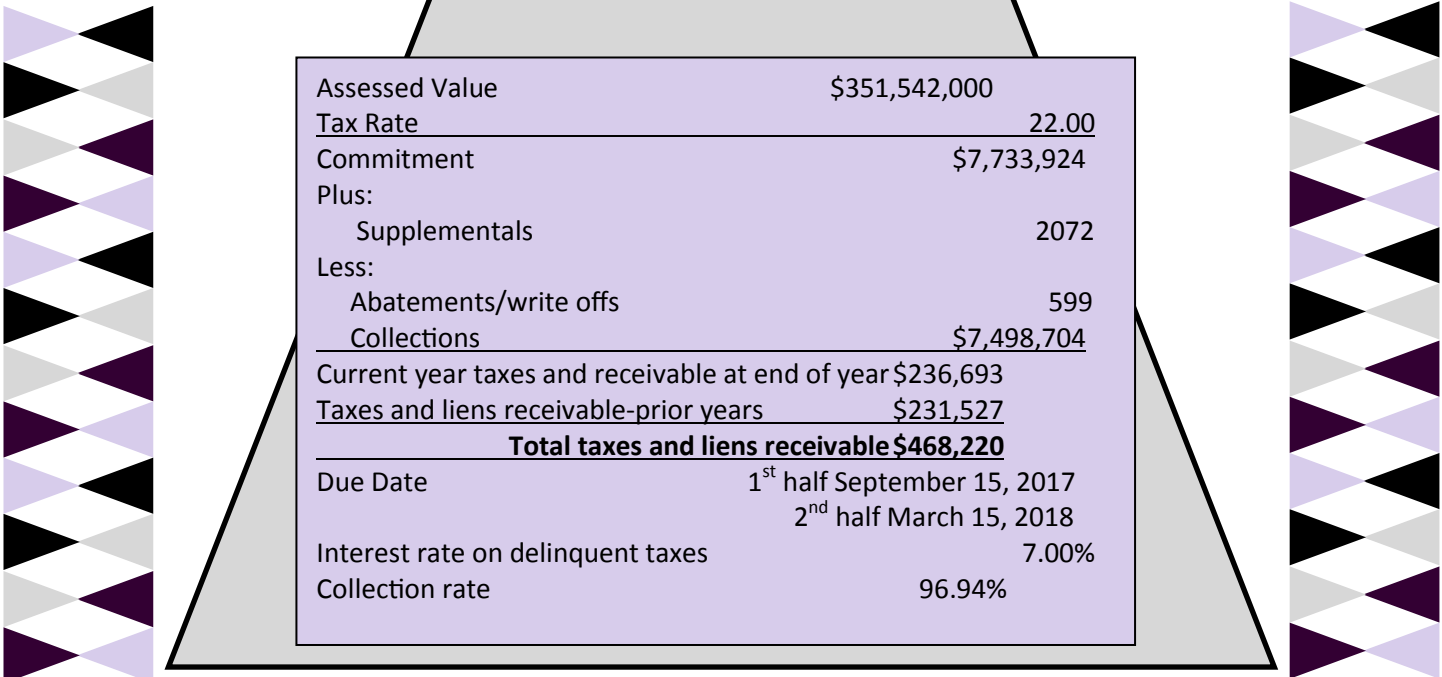
The Tax Collector is a public officer, appointed by the municipal officer, who has the duty of collecting taxes lawfully assessed within the municipality. The Tax Collector's duties include the preparation of the tax bills, administering the tax club, sending out the 30 Day Demand notices, filing liens and processing the foreclosures, working with mortgage holders to provide tax information and assists residents with motor vehicle registrations, boats, snow mobiles and ATV's. It is our mission to provide every taxpayer with the highest level of customer service while exploring ways to control and minimize costs.

The City offers a Tax Club which allows residents the option to pay their taxes in nine (9) equal payments. All previous accounts must be paid in full before a Tax Club is issued. Tax Clubs may include both Real Estate and Personal Property. On average 150 residents participate in the tax club each year.

In FY18 we sent out 2937 tax bills, 167 liens were filed and 47 foreclosure notices were sent. To obtain a complete list of tax acquired properties please contact the office @ (207) 582-2223 or email the request to taxcollector@gardinermaine.com.

In FY18 we registered 7380 vehicles for a total of \$971,543.

We continue to work on outreach with elder residents and are always looking for ways to provide tax relief.



Assessed Value	\$351,542,000
Tax Rate	22.00
Commitment	\$7,733,924
Plus:	
Supplementals	2072
Less:	
Abatements/write offs	599
Collections	\$7,498,704
Current year taxes and receivable at end of year	\$236,693
Taxes and liens receivable-prior years	\$231,527
Total taxes and liens receivable	\$468,220
Due Date	1 st half September 15, 2017 2 nd half March 15, 2018
Interest rate on delinquent taxes	7.00%
Collection rate	96.94%

FY2018 OUSTANDING REAL-ESTATE TAXES

23 RIVERVIEW GARDINER LLC	\$ 1,722.36
ADAMS, LINDA & MICHAEL	\$ 5,274.74
ANDRUS, CAROLYN H	\$ 2,503.83
ARSENEAU, DIANE & ARSENEUA, DON	\$ 1,758.73
ATKINS, CATHERINE	\$ 7,685.40
BAKER, KRISTIE & BAKER, ERIC	\$ 2,121.83
BALLEW, CASEY B & COTE, GARY M	\$ 5,575.24
BAUCOM, SHEILA	\$ 3,942.05
BECKWITH, WALTER ISLES PERSON IN POSSESSI	\$ 2,441.79
BERNARD, ASHLEY L	\$ 5,293.61
Boulerice Management LLC	\$ 1,283.28
BRENDAHL, CRICKETT	\$ 3,704.68
BRONN, KATHERINE M	\$ 3,942.06
BUECHLER, CATHERINE PERSON IN POSSESSION BUECHLER, KENNETH PERSON IN POSSESSION	\$ 2,654.59
C B MAREIC INC C/O HELLER WASHAM ANTIQUES	\$ 1,923.51
CAMERON, JOHN A SR & CAMERON, MARY ELIZABETH	\$ 2,245.11
CAPITAL AREAS PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 3,938.66
CLUKEY, CHERYL D & CLUKEY, JULIEA F D	\$ 2,565.66
COLEMAN GERALD BASIL HEIRS OF	\$ 3,393.50
COOK, JOLEEN	\$ 3,836.48
COTTLE, ADAM	\$ 1,296.98
DAWSON, BETH A (PERSONAL REP)	\$ 2,290.93
DAWSON, DEE (PERSONAL REP)	\$ 12,825.72
DICENT, VALERIO & GUERRERO, AMALIA PERSONS IN POSSESION	\$ 36,836.25
EATON, MARLENE HANDCOCK	\$ 1,005.95
GAGNE, ARICA	\$ 89.76
GAITHER, MICHAEL L & GAITHER, SUSAN L	\$ 1,173.88
GOODALL PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 19,057.35
GOWELL, MICHELLE	\$ 1,826.96
HALEY GLORIA M HEIRS OF	\$ 3,130.61
HOWARD, DEBRA & BILLINGS, ANNE MARIE (PERSONAL REPS)	\$ 5,427.43
JOSEPH, JASON S	\$ 2,439.81
KROUSE, CHRISTOPHER J & KROUSE, SHEILA	\$ 1,119.93
LAAKSO, JULIE	\$ 2,081.96
LEMIEUX, NORMAN D & LEMIEUX, MARIE A	\$ 991.73
LEPOFF, SARAH	\$ 1,881.13
LOVECHENKO, EUGENE	\$ 6,021.89
M & M REAL ESTATE LLC	\$ 6,491.12

FY2018 OUSTANDING REAL-ESTATE TAXES

MACMASTER, JASON T	\$ 5,455.56
MACMASTER, MICHAEL	\$ 9,696.99
MORANG, JEFFREY & MORANG, TAMMY	\$ 4,349.66
MORGAN, MARK S	\$ 2,496.80
MUELLER, ROBERT W & MUELLER, LINDA J	\$ 1,798.41
NEWTON, TAMARA	\$ 3,960.74
NICKLESS, RICHARD D JR & NICKLESS, JENNIFER A	\$ 4,909.72
PALMER, BRADY R	\$ 23,321.08
PAPERROUTE LLC	\$ 3,506.80
PATTERSON, DONALD A JR & PATTERSON, NATALIE SUE	\$ 3,017.51
PELLETIER, PAUL A & PELLETIER, ANDRE C	\$ 911.85
PUSHARD, FREDERICK L	\$ 1,155.22
RG RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 1,506.40
RTM GARDINER LLC	\$ 945.74
RUSSELL, DALE G & RUSSELL, MARY F	\$ 185.85
SERGEANT, PENNY L	\$ 3,823.68
SIRACUSA, RICHARD S & SIRACUSA, SANDRA L	\$ 1,860.03
SMITH, MICHAEL & LESA	\$ 5,336.02
SMITH, RICHARD A JR & MARY JOAN	\$ 3,584.00
SMITH, PAUL D	\$ 1,177.37
SOLOMON, CHRISTINE L	\$ 2,742.90
SPEAR, RONALD & KIMBERLY	\$ 2,549.19
STEBBINS, DANIEL	\$ 4,874.94
STEFFEN, LORI (PERSONAL REP)	\$ 1,242.84
TERRELL, LYNDA J	\$ 3,124.14
THOMPSON, KENNETH A III	\$ 4,860.22
TREUTELL, JOHN L II	\$ 4,885.77
TWC PROPERTIES LLC	\$ 4,182.08
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$ 6,785.95
WATERMAN, MEGAN L	\$ 5,218.18
WHEELER, LAURIE	\$ 1,367.75
WILLARD, HEATHER A & MEALY, ADAM C	\$ 1,885.21
WILLARD, RICHARD T (PERSONAL REP/PERSON IN POSSESSION)	\$ 2,692.35
WILLIAMS, CATHERINE L	\$ 1,581.90
WILLIAMS WILLIAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (PARTY IN POSSESSION)	\$ 15,887.75
WILSON, ROBERT A & WILSON, ELAINE N	\$ 3,480.20
WLODYLO, DEBRA & WLODYLO, PETER M	\$ 4,350.62

CITY CLERK

Kelly J Gooldrup, City Clerk

I would like to thank the Front Office Staff for all the dedicated support and showing what it means to work as a team. Thanks to the Buildings & Grounds crew for assisting in the long hours of setup and cleanup during the Elections. Thank you to Cathy Pelletier and the Election Clerks for a great year. Also a big thanks to Denise Brown, Christine Landes and Anne Davis for the continued support you give to make the City of Gardiner a great place to work. Last but not least, thank you to everyone volunteering, working and residing in Gardiner who help make the City more like a family.

Office Staff

Kelly J. Gooldrup,
City Clerk &
Registrar of Voters

Kathleen Cutler,
Tax Collector &
Deputy Treasurer

Sherry Emmons,
Utility Clerk

Robin Plourde,
Executive Assistant



Inland Fisheries Licenses & Registrations Sold in Calendar Year 2018

Hunting/Fishing	356
Boats	256
ATVs	118
Snowmobiles	110

Dog Licenses

In 2018, the front office staff registered 485 dogs. Dog licenses are renewed every year. We begin selling new tags on October 15th and all dog licenses are due by December 31st. After a thirty-day grace period (January 31st), a late fee of \$25.00 per dog is added to the licensing fee. The licensing fee is \$6.00 per dog that is neutered or spayed and \$11.00 for each dog that is not fixed. When licensing your dog, you must show a current State of Maine rabies certificate. If your dog has been neutered or spayed in the last year, please bring that certificate with you as well.

Vital Records



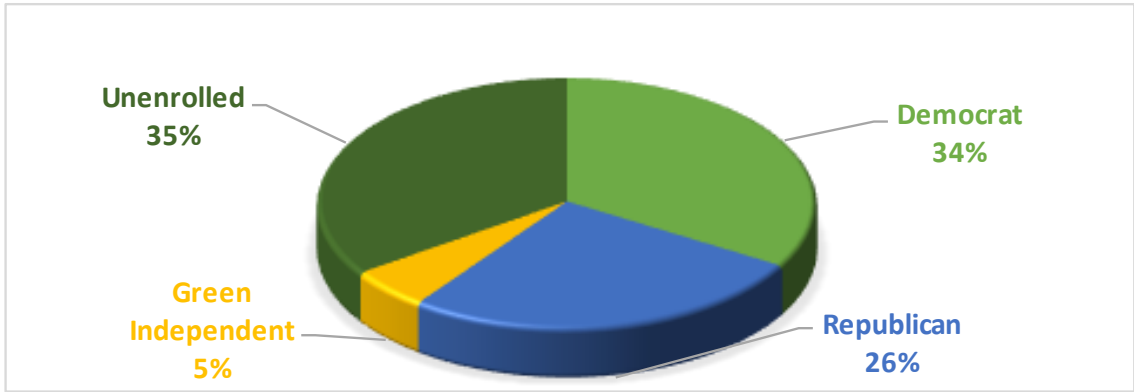
In 2018, 64 new Gardiner residents were born. The City of Gardiner issued 42 marriage licenses with 13 weddings performed here at City Hall. There were 66 recorded deaths.

In 2018 the City of Gardiner had:

182 households sign up for the 2018 Fall Cleanup

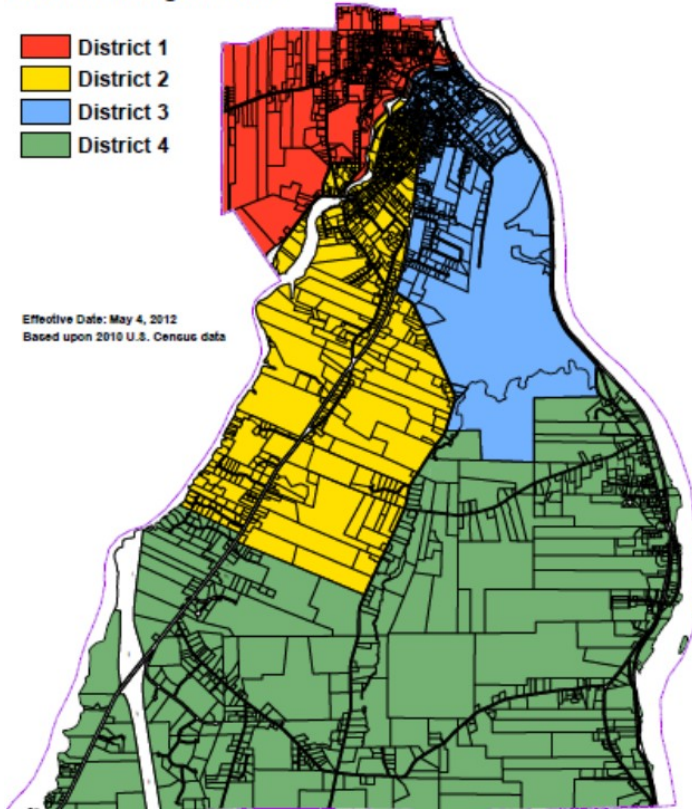
74 Residents sign up for the Sewer Discount program

4,539 Registered Voters in Gardiner



Gardiner Voting Districts

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4



Thank you to our retiring Election staff.

Cathy Pelletier for 30+ years
Jerome 'Jerry' Maschino for 14+ years

Patricia McLaughlin for 15+ years (pictured below)
Barbara Pelletier for 15+ years (pictured below)





Happy Halloween from
City Hall!



**2018 Recognition of Service to
the following
City of Gardiner Employees**

Melanson, Brandon	5
Thompson, Jesse	5
Webb, Joshua	5
Miley, Tara	5
Fagan, Bob	5
Thistle, Dawn	5
Miller, Chris	5
Johnson, Josh	10
Santheson, Andy	10
Sutherburg, Nate	10
Littlefield, Audrey	10
Saucier, Pat	15
Grover, Dave	20

The City of Gardiner staff gave enough food to donate to the Gardiner High School Honor Society so they could feed 10 families on Thanksgiving.

Front Office Staff at City Hall having a little fun with a sock exchange. This fun gift idea is where everyone draws a name and fills a "stocking" with gifts. Then each person has to guess who drew their name.
Happy Holidays!!!





In Memory of...

Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
Alberi, Steven Francis	75	03/12/2018
Allen, Evelyn Ada	84	03/03/2018
Anderson, Geneva R.	91	12/01/2018
Ayer, Janice E.	83	12/28/2018
Beckim, Paul Edward	81	06/05/2018
Berry, Raenette	58	12/28/2018
Bisson, Raymond P	50	05/26/2018
Blaisdell, Hattie M.	99	08/07/2018
Bowman, Beverly E.	80	08/07/2018
Bragg, LeRoy Freeman	86	02/08/2018
Brault, Clarence J. Jr.	64	06/23/2018
Bright, Jeremy William	28	06/20/2018
Callahan, Ronald James	63	04/23/2018
Carlson, Kenneth John Jr	67	05/12/2018
Carroll, Arlene B	85	03/23/2018
Christie, Alfred Linwood	88	08/18/2018
Cobb, Richard H	86	02/06/2018
Colasacco, Joyce Alice	90	01/03/2018
Damon, Lucille A.	83	07/26/2018
Dellert, Jean T	98	03/16/2018
Edwards, Paula D.	72	09/23/2018
Farley, Lawrence P Sr	83	01/10/2018
Fogg, Shirley Belle	69	02/21/2018
Gichel, Maxine May	80	04/11/2018
Gilson, David James	85	04/18/2018
Goggin, Katherine L.	68	09/19/2018
Hathaway, Robert R	84	04/15/2018
Holt, Pauline L.	72	02/23/2018
Kanaris, Rita Nancy	61	05/11/2018
Lovejoy, Elwood Keith Sr.	82	12/01/2018
Mansir, Norma Hilda	91	11/18/2018
Marquis, Hazel A	88	03/08/2018
Maschino, Walter H.	90	02/12/2018

Decedent Name	Age	Date of Death
McFarland, Donald Benson	68	06/04/2018
McKenzie, Clarence W.	76	09/06/2018
Minardi, Ann Veronica	84	05/01/2018
Moody, Ralph Walter	99	03/11/2018
Moody, Richard K.	72	09/23/2018
Moody, Robert Ralph	78	04/27/2018
Newell, Debra Elaine	62	11/12/2018
Nisbet, Eleanor Alice	91	03/05/2018
Palmer, Russell G.	78	05/08/2018
Pazdziorko, Catherine Ann	86	07/31/2018
Peacock, Lucille May	93	06/11/2018
Pelletier, Edmund Albert	76	05/29/2018
Percival, Kenneth Anthony Sr	75	05/03/2018
Pereira, Jason Randall	35	01/05/2018
Peterson, Carol A.	61	07/27/2018
Pritchard, Anna M.	87	10/03/2018
Pushard, Mary H.	89	07/09/2018
Putek, Robert P	91	03/12/2018
Rankins, Erlene M.	72	08/27/2018
Reiter, Harriett Anne	79	12/16/2018
Santerre, Gail Ann	68	11/25/2018
Scherlacher, Robert Lewis	78	04/16/2018
Snell, Carol Sherman	99	05/11/2018
Sousa, Sheryl Colleen	37	03/31/2018
Staton, Frank Murray	69	06/12/2018
Stetson, Crystal	39	09/16/2018
Tarr, Robert C	86	12/04/2018
Taylor, Gary Neal	51	08/01/2018
Terrell, Dennis W Sr	75	02/28/2018
Terrell, Nancy A	78	03/30/2018
Thornton, Eleanor S	96	03/08/2018
Uhing, John Anthony	51	02/14/2018
Vigue, Rosalie M.	75	12/30/2018
Whitten, Rebecca A.	53	01/30/2018

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Robin E. Plourde, General Assistance Director

The General Assistance Program is available Monday thru Friday to assist eligible people who are in need of basic necessities such as rent, fuel, electricity, food and medication. All recipients must meet the state-mandated requirements to be eligible and are responsible for meeting their own basic needs by any means available before applying for General Assistance. This program is not an ongoing assistance program; it is intended to solve the immediate emergency.



Number of Applications:	51
Expenditures for 2018	
Housing	\$8950.00
Fuel	\$404.88
Electric	\$386.00
Household Supplies	\$119.03
Food	\$96.14
Burial	\$785.00
Prescriptions	<u>\$436.74</u>
Total	\$11,177.79
Funding Sources for the above expenditures include:	
State of Maine, DHHS (Reimbursement 70%)	\$(7824.45)
Net Cost to Gardiner	\$3353.34

GARDINER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Anne Davis, Librarian

The Gardiner Public Library is a true regional service for the Greater Gardiner Community. The library serves the municipalities of Gardiner, Farmingdale, Litchfield, Randolph, Pittston and West Gardiner. The operating budget is part of the City's General Fund budget. In a unique private/public partnership, the library building and surrounding property is owned and maintained by the Gardiner Library Association. This nonprofit organization is a 501©3 nonprofit that cares for the property by holding many fundraisers, successfully acquiring grants and by the wonderful support of the community.

The library staff consists of Anne Davis, Director of Library and Information Services; Scott Handville, Assistant Director; Virginia Nichols, Children's Librarian; Ann Russell, Technology Librarian and Dawn Thistle, Youth Services/Archivist Librarian. The part time staff members are Robert Fagan, Audrey Littlefield, Jessica Betit, Marlene Patton, and Ross Littlefield. Staffing is augmented with 17 volunteers and a student intern from the University of Maine, Augusta. For more than 17 months, the library director was also the Interim City Manager for Gardiner. When City Manager Christine Landes was hired in August, 2018, Ms. Davis returned to her full-time position of Library Director. She would love to wholeheartedly thank the staff at the library for maintaining and augmenting library services during her tenure.

Have you been to the library recently? Did you know:

The library circulates books, magazines, music on CD, books on CD, movies in Blu-ray or in DVD format.

The library belongs to a consortium of more than 90 libraries across the state and users may access the collection from any of these libraries with items requested coming to the GPL. This includes most public libraries, colleges and universities in Maine.

We have an agreement with Waterville Library so that you may walk into that library and access the collection. We have laptops that you may borrow and use within the library.

We have computers available to the public so they may access health information, career guidance and keep in touch with families.

We offer a faxing service for a nominal fee.

We have a 24-hour free wireless network.

Users may also download e-books at home from our website with a valid library card.

Users have access to **Hoopla**, a site that allows free movie streaming and the ability to download music, books and graphic novels.

Our Community Archives Room has a professional librarian to help you research your local history and your genealogy and is the repository for the Farmingdale Historical Society.

Work has been completed to restore our Community Archives Room so that there is better air quality and lighting for researchers. No tax dollars were used in this project.

Free access to ancestry.com within the library network.

We offer story hour and crafts hour during the year.

Information specialists (librarians) will show you how to access the statewide database called **Marvel!**

Staff manages 2 book discussion groups every month and we offer free programs for adults and children.

The staff does book talks at many of our schools and we help classroom teachers augment their school library collection with books from the public library.

The staff is working with MSAD#11 to bring 30 students to the library every week. Staff would welcome students from outside the district as well.

The Gardiner Library Association, a non-profit organization that owns the 135-year-old building, has received almost \$1million in grants to renovate the building.

We received a 2018 Nutrition Grant from the Maine State Library that allows us to bring in a program to the Children's Room that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

We received a grant from the Elks Club to help expand our Teen Thursday Program that encourages middle-school aged students to come to the library once a week to enjoy the space.

The Gardiner Public Library is located at 152 Water Street and it is opened 6 days a week. Please call 582-3312 for more information.



GARDINER FIRE AND RESCUE

Alfred R. Nelson Jr., Fire Chief

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Gardiner Fire & Rescue Department 2018 Annual Report. The report outlines fire department activities, statistics, and delivery of service enhancements. Each year the department has a profound impact in the communities we serve by saving life and property. Gardiner firefighters take great pride in being fully prepared for any emergency situation we are called to.

Vision Statement

Gardiner Fire Department is dedicated to being the best community focused fire and rescue department that meets the ever changing needs of our community while ensuring a safe and secure environment for all through professional development, unity and teamwork.

Mission Statement

Gardiner Fire Department is committed to providing the highest level public safety services for our community. We protect lives and property through fire suppression, emergency medical response, disaster management, fire prevention and public education.



Statement of Core Values

We, the members of the Gardiner Fire Department are committed to the following values in our interactions with coworkers and customers:

- **Professionalism**– In application, appearance, attitude and standards
- **Integrity**– Demonstrate honesty and fairness
- **Compassion**– Demonstrate kindness and empathy
- **Responsibility and Accountability**– Professionally, personally and fiscally responsible for our actions
- **Respect**– For each other, our Department, the City Government and our customers, the citizens and visitors of the City of Gardiner
- **Diversity**– Be open minded and responsive to the uniqueness of our community without regard to age, gender, religion or ethnic origin
- **Commitment**– In all department endeavors
- **Teamwork**– Encourage unity and a cooperative attitude
- **Health and Safety** – Personal and professional health and safety is paramount in fulfilling the mission of the Gardiner Fire Department.
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RESPONSES

Gardiner Fire/Rescue serves a population of 23,946 encompassing 173 square miles. At present the ambulance service contracts include the towns of: Litchfield, West Gardiner, Farmingdale, Randolph, Chelsea, Pittston and Richmond. In 2018, Gardiner Fire/Rescue responded to 2,816 EMS calls and 203 fire calls.

Equipment

In February we took delivery of a 2018 Chevy Tahoe Chiefs command vehicle. The new Chiefs command vehicle 2008 Chiefs vehicle that did not have command center capabilities. In December we took delivery of a new utility pick up. This pick up will allow us compartment space to store our ice rescue and wildland fire equipment. Additionally, it will give us a vehicle to return hose and other equipment to the station for maintenance and cleaning after a fire.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention and Education

Firefighter/paramedic, Tony Cataldi is our Fire Prevention and Education specialist. Tony had a very productive year. FF Cataldi reached out to over 500 children in our local schools teaching subjects such as when to call for help, stop drop and roll, and Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH).

Training - Fire and EMS

The Gardiner Fire Department conducts regular training through company drills and external training opportunities to maintaining the skill sets to necessary to suppress fire, conduct technical rescues and perform advanced life support. These skills are critical to the safe and efficient management of the wide variety of calls the department responds to. We are also required by law to meet training and safety standards to ensure employees have the ability to enter situations that are immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) in the safest possible manner.

Fire Training

Gardiner Firefighters participated in training the covering fire suppression, downed firefighter rescue techniques, vehicle extrication and incident command to name but a few. FF Davis and FF Santheson attended and successfully completed the Fire Officer I & II program sponsored by Maine Fire Service Institute.

EMS Training

Each year Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers are required to attend continuing education. Gardiner Fire & Rescue's provider mix is comprised of 14 EMT-Paramedics and 2 Advanced EMT's. In 2017 the department hosted classes in Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support as well as continuing education hours. These classes in conjunction with on shift training keep our EMS professionals on the top of their game.

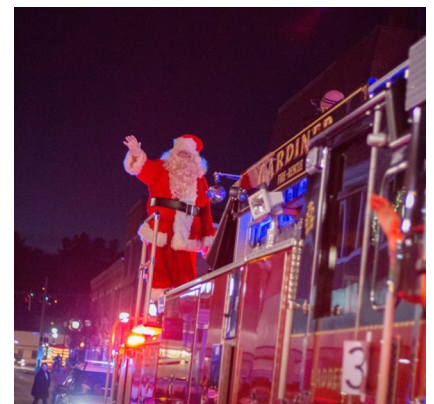
PERSONNEL

The Gardiner Fire and Rescue Department has maintained its force of 15 firefighters/paramedics. The crews work in three shifts and provide coverage 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We staff 5 firefighters/paramedics each day providing both fire and EMS services.

A Shift:	B Shift:
Captain/Paramedic Nate Sutherburg	Captain/Paramedic Pat Saucier
Lieutenant/Paramedic Josh Johnson	Lieutenant/Paramedic Rick Sieberg
Firefighter/Paramedic Jesse Thompson	Firefighter/Paramedic Andy Santheson
Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Melanson	Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Webb
Firefighter/Paramedic Eric Davis	Firefighter/Advanced EMT Gary Hickey



C Shift:
Captain/Paramedic Marcel DeForge
Lieutenant/Paramedic Dustin Barry
Firefighter/Advanced EMT
Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Lodolce
Firefighter/AEMT Cody Hickey





Gardiner Police Department

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gardiner Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life and provide a sense of safety and security within the City of Gardiner. Through highly dedicated employees, we are committed to the protection of all who live, work, or visit our city.

James M. Toman
Chief

Sergeants
Stacey Blair
Normand Gove

Detective
Sgt. Todd Pilsbury

School Resource Officers
Carolynn Taylor
Emily Davies

Patrolmen
Marcus Niedner
Allen Alexander
Samuel Quintana
Daniel Ross
Amanda Roggio
Joseph Bourdelais

Safety Officer

Public Safety Assistant
Tara Miley

Message from the Chief

Welcome to the Gardiner Police Department's portion of the annual report! What a year 2018 was for us! We did a lot of great things that we are very proud of and the support that we have received from our friends throughout the community was second to none. The generosity that has been extended to us is deeply appreciated. Despite being a very busy agency with over 13,000 calls for service, we made sure that we stayed in touch with our community. We love community outreach, we love interacting with you at various events and we will always do our best to be a part of our wonderful community.

In 2018 we said goodbye to several valued employees and they will be missed but we were able to hire some fantastic people to replace them. Please join me in welcoming our new employees: Officer Emily Davies (hired in February), and Officer Joseph Bourdelais (hired in July).

For up-to-date information about what's going on and to stay connected, please "like" the Gardiner Police Department's Facebook page. You can also receive free email and text alerts from Gardiner Public Safety via www.NIXLE.com, please sign up today. Lastly, please stay alert to your surroundings, lock up your valuables, and remember that we need you to assist us in preventing and solving crimes, if you see or hear something that is suspicious, call us immediately at 624-7076 or 911. Together, we will continue to keep Gardiner the wonderful place that it is.

Thank you for the continued support that we receive from the City Manager, Mayor Harnett, the City Council, and the residents of Gardiner.

About the Department

The Gardiner Police Department maintains twenty-four hour police protection 365 days a year. The nine staff members (2 Sergeants and 7 Patrolman) that are assigned to patrol work a 12-hour fixed shift. We also have a full-time detective, two officers assigned as school resource officers during the school year, and a part-time, civilian safety officer. For your safety, there is ALWAYS at least 1-3 officers on duty during the daytime in the City Gardiner, and there is ALWAYS at least 2 officers on duty from 3pm—7am.

The detective is responsible for investigating all major crimes and incidents. His duties also include evidence collection, preservation, and accountability.

The generosity that has been extended to us is deeply appreciated.

- Always on duty
- 624-7076 or 911
- Nixle.com for alerts
- LIKE US on Facebook
- See something, Say something!



The school resource officers are officers that are paid for by MSAD 11 to be in the schools while school is in session. These officers serve as a back up officers during the day and when school is not in session are assigned back to patrol.

The safety officer is a hybrid position that is responsible for animal control, parking enforcement, harbor management and school crossing guard at LER.

Year at a Glance

The Gardiner Police Department responded 13,231 calls for service in 2018. An analysis of those calls for service indicates 92.7% of all calls for service are responded to in five minutes or less. I am extremely proud of the department, and the quality of work the employees produce is outstanding.. A call for service is defined as anything that the Gardiner Police Department has done and includes all citizen complaints. Calls for services resulted in:

- ◆ 262 offense reports
- ◆ major crimes including:
 - ◆ 12 threats
 - ◆ 6 gross sexual assaults
 - ◆ 1 robbery
 - ◆ 31 assaults
 - ◆ 114 thefts
 - ◆ 6 burglaries
 - ◆ 22 criminal mischief
- ◆ 294 arrests (an arrest is defined as any time someone is issued a summons with an arraignment court date, any time an individual is arrested on a warrant, probation holds, etc.).
- ◆ 168 traffic citations
- ◆ 171 motor vehicle accidents (includes reportable and non-reportable damage)
- ◆ 249 parking tickets



PUBLIC SAFETY NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance (emergency)	9-1-1
Police (non-emergency)	582-3211
Fire Department (non-emergency and burn permits)	582-4535
Augusta Regional Communications Center (Dispatch)	624-7076

Community Relations

- ◆ Facebook Page - Gardiner Police Department [Maine]
- ◆ Nightly business checks
- ◆ Prescription drug box available in Police Department lobby during normal business hours. Please disposed of your unused and unwanted meds here
- ◆ Free trigger lock program
- ◆ Good Day Gardiner Program
- ◆ Coffee with a Cop Program
- ◆ Property checks—we will check your property while you are away
- ◆ RAD– Rape Aggression Defense systems for women and seniors
- ◆ ALICE– Business and School training to help survive a violent encounter



Grants

To ease the financial burden on the residents, the Gardiner Police Department pursues grant funding opportunities whenever possible. In FY2018, we received \$1,282 from the Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, \$3,2171 from JAG/Byrne, and \$5,943.50 from Bureau of Highway Safety for targeted enforcement details for OUI, Seatbelt, Speed, and Distracted Driving.

This summer the Gardiner Police Department welcomed its new Safety Officer, Heather Brown. In this position, Heather oversees parking enforcement and is the city's Animal Control Officer. Heather is also the Harbormaster, and school crossing guard. Heather encourages residents to reach out with any questions or comments they may have in this area. Heather would also like to remind dog owners to clean up after their pets in order to keep the City's parks clean and enjoyable for all, and to maintain physical or voice control of their pets while visiting these areas. The department responded to 205 animal complaint calls in 2018. The breakdown of complaints is as follows:

- ◆ 132 dog complaints
- ◆ 41 cat complaints
- ◆ 2 horse complaints
- ◆ 30 miscellaneous complaints

Animal Control



PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Tony LaPlante, Public Works Director

The Public Works and Building and Grounds departments operate on a 1,830,000 dollar budget which includes capital improvements. Our primary services are to maintain the roads, parks, and city buildings throughout the city. We also assist in a number of community events, operate the street lights and do the service work on the sewer collection system.

Our capitol road paving campaign continued by paving several streets including Adams, Washington, Mullens, Chestnut, Central, Water and Mechanic. Several culvert replacements and stormwater upgrades were also performed.

Fall clean-up was once again success with many households taking advantage of our annual October event. The crew was busy for 4 weeks picking up debris.

The winter of 17-18 saw above normal snow as well as several freezing rain events. The season got off to a quick start in late November and continued into March with 2 big nor'easters.

The spring sweeping and painting got off to a late start due to the long winter. Sweeping continued into mid-May, about 2 weeks behind schedule. The crews then concentrated on grading and shoulder work. We also began prepping streets for paving, doing needed sewer and storm water repairs.

In May we once again took part in a successful hazardous waste collection in collaboration with the City of Augusta. This program helps keep chemicals out of the sewers and storm systems. It will be offered again in May, date to be announced.

The Buildings and Grounds Dept. was busy maintaining all our parks and cemeteries. We mow and maintain over 30 areas throughout the city. This department also works closely with Gardiner Main street to help operate the many downtown events, this year it included the Great Race in June.



Request for Service

Please call the Public Works garage at 582-4408 And Sewer Department at 582-1351. ***For afterhours emergencies please call 624-7076.***

Please locate the storm water basins near your property and keep them free of debris to assist the staff and if there is a problem please contact the Public Works Department.

It is our goal to do the best we can every day for the taxpayers of Gardiner.



WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

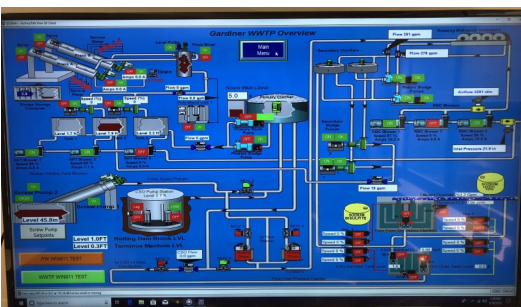
Douglas Clark, Director

In 2018 the City of Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) treated **394,373,000 gallons** of sewerage and combined stormwater. Of that the Town of Farmingdale contributed **66,075,300 gallons** or **16.8%** of flow contribution and the Town of Randolph contributed **62,087,600 gallons** or **15.7%**. The finished effluent discharged to the Kennebec River was cleaned to an average of 97% removal of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and 95% of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). The collection system, or sewers, is comprised of miles of underground piping connected through **18 pump stations**, siphons, interceptors, force mains and residential service lines.



The waste component of the sewerage was separated and condensed down to a moist, solid material called bio-solids or sludge that was then trucked off to a contract commercial composting facility in Unity, Maine operated by Casella Waste Systems. Once there it was further broken down aerobically in an In-Vessel composting process resulting in a finished product resembling peat moss. The finished compost is rated "Class A" by the Maine DEP and Maine Dept. of Agriculture meaning it is safe to use for all household gardening and landscaping purposes. Some of the finished compost is delivered back to the Gardiner WWTF and is available free of charge to all citizens of Gardiner, Randolph and Farmingdale. In 2018 the WWTF produced **883.9 wet tons (1127 cubic yards)** of the raw sludge material and received back **100 cubic yards** of finished Class A rated compost.

The **\$3,800,000 CSO/RTB** (Combined Sewer Overflow/Retention and Treatment Basin) project completed in September 2016 at the Gardiner waterfront captured and returned to the system **639,000 gallons** of combined sewerage and stormwater (CSO flow) that would have otherwise gone untreated out to the Kennebec River. A total of **5,000,000 gallons** of additional CSO flow was given primary treatment before discharge to the river. This underground storage and treatment basin is designed to collect, treat and store all 100 year storm events occurring within the Seasonal Disinfection period between May 10 and September 30 of each year. Prior to this, heavy precipitation during these events caused high flows to exceed the pumping capability of the Maine Ave. Pump Station resulting in bypasses and overflows of excess untreated flow to enter the Kennebec River.



The Gardiner WWTF is manned by 5 employees, Douglas Clark, Director; Larry Whitmore, Mechanic; Doug MacMaster, Operator; Chris Miller, Operator and Ben Dice, Lab Operator. The collection system and sewers are maintained by Gardiner Public Works Employees Kendall Cromwell, Dave Grover, Jay Jamison and Steve Willard.

Department of Economic and Community Development: Office of Planning and Development

Staff Listing

Christine Landes, City Manager – citymanager@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-4200

Provides staff and budgetary oversight, serves as Brownfields project coordinator, chairs the Brownfields Advisory Committee, and works with Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Economic Development Coordinator – econdev@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6888

Coordinates business recruitment and retention efforts, city-wide marketing efforts, Libby Hill lot sales, assists businesses with grant funding opportunities, and works with EDC.

Barb Skelton, Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner – ceo@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6892

Staffs the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Historic Preservation Commission, Ordinance Review Committee and Housing Committee. Also performs duties of building inspector, plumbing inspector, local health officer, floodplain administrator, tree warden, and E-911 addressing officer.

Community & Economic Development

The overall economic picture continued to improve in 2018, with increased business activity throughout Gardiner, including the historic downtown area, Libby Hill Business Park, South Gardiner, and in commercial districts in between. The City was an active partner in these economic development opportunities, supporting private businesses and preparing city-owned property for redevelopment. Likely the most challenging component of Economic Development in 2018 and beyond, will be attracting and retaining workforce. Like much of the rest of southern and central Maine, Gardiner's unemployment rate remains very low. Opportunities abound for workers of all skill levels.

Gardiner's best investment in Economic Development should continue to be focused as much on quality of place as job creation. Unless Gardiner can attract a diverse workforce, its economic development opportunity will stagnate. Strategic investments in amenities such as the Cobbossee Trail, Johnson Hall, and the Historic Downtown, will set Gardiner apart as individuals are priced out of Southern Maine.

Some specific highlights in 2018 include: Completion of EPA "Brownfields" cleanup on the T.W. Dick Site. Fresenius Medical Care, a kidney dialysis company, now occupies one of the cleaned up lots. The exact development outcomes on the remaining lots is still unclear.

The City completed a Purchase and Sale agreement with Auburn Asphalt, LLC, a subsidiary of All-States Asphalt for Lots 17 and 21 in the Libby Hill Business Park.

The city continued contracting with Patrick Wright, through Gardiner Main Street, to provide Economic Development services until his May 2018 resignation. Anne Davis, the Interim City Manager, and then City Manager Christine Landes, continued to oversee Economic Development activity. At the time of the submission of this report, the City has hired Thomas Fiorelli for the position of Planning/Economic Development Director and he will begin working for the city on February 19th, relocating from Eugene, Oregon.

Planning and Development

Purpose of the Department – as stated in the 2010 Land Use Ordinance:

- To protect the public health and safety, environmental quality and economic well-being of the city while allowing a maximum diversity of uses by controlling building site, placement of structures and land uses, and by imposing minimum controls on those uses which, by virtue of their external effects, could otherwise create nuisances or unsafe or unhealthy conditions.
- To provide for residential development in locations compatible with existing development and in a manner appropriate to the economical provision of community services and utilities.
- To provide for a variety of commercial and industrial uses in locations suited to the economical provision of essential community services and utilities and to avoid blight, congestion and inconvenience.
- To prevent and control environmental pollution, to protect water quality, spawning grounds and wildlife habitat and to conserve shore cover and visual; as well as points of access to ponds, streams and rivers.



Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) administers and enforces the City’s Land Use Ordinance (LUO). The CEO reviews building and use permit applications and either issues an approval, denial, or referral to the Planning Board for further review. When violations of the LUO are found, the CEO issues violation letters requiring the property owner to correct the violation.

Code Enforcement Office			
2018 Permits Issued			
<u>BUILDING PERMITS</u>	<u>No. of Permits Issued</u>	<u>Total Project/ Construction Costs</u>	<u>Total Permit Fees Assessed</u>
Business/Commercial	21	\$ 7,971,553	\$ 4,803
Residential	53	\$ 1,138,504	\$ 3,154
<i>Building Permits Subtotal</i>	74	\$ 9,110,057	\$ 7,957
<u>GENERAL PERMITS</u>	<u>No. of Permits Issued</u>	<u>Total Project/ Construction Costs</u>	<u>Total Permit Fees Assessed</u>
Change of Use	1	\$ -	\$ 25
Demolition/Mobile Home Removal	16	\$ 700	\$ -
Excavation, Street Opening, Driveway Ent.	8	\$ 1,000	\$ 175
Floodplain Management	1	\$ -	\$ 50
Home Occupation	5	\$ -	\$ 75
Mobile Home Installation	5	\$ 18,500	\$ 365
Public Sewer	6	\$ -	\$ 225
Shoreland Zoning	1	\$ 4,000	\$ 25
Sign	10	\$ 38,211	\$ 275
<i>General Permits Subtotal</i>	53	\$ 62,411	\$ 1,215
<u>PLUMBING PERMITS</u>	<u>No. of Permits Issued</u>	<u>Total Project/ Construction Costs</u>	<u>Total Permit Fees Assessed</u>
Internal	35	\$ -	\$ 2,360
Subsurface Wastewater	7	\$ -	\$ 945
<i>Plumbing Permits Subtotal</i>	42	\$ -	\$ 3,305
GRAND TOTAL ALL PERMITS	169	\$ 9,172,468	\$ 12,477

Planning & Development Committees

There are five (5) committees directly linked to the City's planning and development functions. They are:

1. **Ordinance Review Committee:** The Ordinance Review Committee met sixteen (16) times to discuss various changes to the Land Use Ordinance, including the implementation of components of the recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan. They reviewed multiple ordinance/zone changes..
2. **Planning Board:** The Planning Board held six (6) meetings to review ten (10) different applications including subdivisions, planning board, and site plan review; along with eight (8) ordinance/zone changes. They approved all of the applications and most of the ordinance changes.
3. **Board of Appeals:** The Board of Appeals met two (2) times during the year. They approved a floodplain variance and a shore land zoning variance.
4. **Comprehensive Plan Committee/Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee:** The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee did not meet during the year.
5. **Historic Preservation Commission:** The Planning and Development office staff provided the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with an application review of proposals to alter buildings within the historic district. Staff distributed applications, gave assistance in preparing them, and provided maps, deeds, and other information needed for the application.



The staff reviewed the submitted applications to ensure completeness before forwarding copies of the applications and supporting documentation to HPC members and posting notices of the meetings on the City's website and bulletin board. In addition, the staff arranged the meetings and prepared minutes. For approved projects; the staff prepared Certificates of Appropriateness (COA); and logged and filed original applications and supporting documentation, including a signed copy of the COA from the HPC chair.

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) attended HPC meetings to answer questions about proposed projects. The CEO issued COA's for authorized work allowed by ordinance.

As the staff member of the HPC, the CEO ensured that Commission decisions complied with Gardiner's Historic Preservation Code and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment for Historic Properties. The Commission met ten times in 2018.

2018 Certificates of Appropriateness

HPC Certificates of Appropriateness: Ten (10) applications approved

CEO Certificates of Appropriateness: Four (4) applications approved





BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Age Friendly Committee	First Park
Ambulance Advisory Committee	Library Board of Trustees
Audit Committee	Historic Preservation Commission
Board of Appeals	Housing Committee
Board of Assessment Review	Kennebec River Rail Trail Committee
Bridge Committee	Marijuana Task Force Committee
Brownfields Advisory Committee	Merrymeeting Trail Committee
City Council	MSDA#11 School Board of Directors
Cobbossee Watershed	New Mills Dam Committee
Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee	Ordinance Review Committee
Conservation Committee	Parks and Recreation Committee
Dog Ordinance Committee	Planning Board
E911 Addressing Committee	Quimby Trust
Economic Development Committee	Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee
Election Day Staff	Technology Advisory Committee
Façade Committee	Wastewater Advisory Committee
Fire Prevention/Codes Working Groups	Water District Trustees

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please feel free to call City Hall at 582-4460 or email kgooldrup@gardinermaine.com for more information or go to <http://www.gardinermaine.com/gardiner-city-council/webforms/committee-request-form> to fill out an online request form. Please tell us why you are interested and what your qualifications are that pertain to the chosen group.

City of Gardiner 8-year Grant History

Economic Development

Grant	Fiscal Year	Amount
Libby Hill Bond Subsidy	FY11	864,894
Orton Foundation	FY12	100,000
Project Canopy	FY12	4,400
Preserve America/Historic Preservation	FY12	33,000
Waterfront/Heritage Signs	FY13	50,000
Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup	FY13 & FY16	800,000
CLG/Johnson Hall - Pass Thru	FY14	10,000
Gardiner Growth Initiative	FY15	125,000
Food Coop - Pass Thru	FY15	90,000
Brownfields Clean-up (KVCOG)	FY16	100,000
Brownfields Clean-up (DECD)	FY16	305,000
Central Maine Meats - Pass Thru	FY16 & FY17	1,330,000
Lost Orchard - Pass Thru	FY16 & FY17	313,124
Common Wealth Poultry - Pass Thru	FY17	150,000
Sebago Distiller - Pass Thru	FY17	90,000
Façade Grant	FY17	140,000
Cobbossee Trail-Sewall Grant	FY17	50,000
Elevation Certificate Grants	FY18	7,500
Economic Development Total		4,562,918

Fire

Ladder Truck Bond Subsidy	FY11	70,087
UTV Grant	FY15	7,000
IAFC Conference Grant	FY15	1,500
Fire Engine Grant	FY16	333,334
Generator & Portable Light (KCEMA)	FY16	3,000
Firefighter Support Foundation	FY16	4,000
Resuscitation Equipment	FY16	5,500
Ballistic Vests (Coombs Trust)	FY18	10,405
Navigation Equipment for Boat	FY18	1,650
Fire Total		436,476

Other

MMA Public Safety Grants	All Years	9,216
Maine Forestry	FY11	2,050
Wellness Works (MMA)	All Years	14,990
Other Total		26,256

Police

OUI	All Years	12,054
Seatbelt	All Years	8,389
Underage Drinking	All Years	12,130
Impaired Driving	All Years	8,132
JAG/BYRNE	All Years	24,365
Bullet Proof Vests	All Years	8,287
Bureau of Highway Safety	All Years	3,468
Kennebec County EMA	All Years	12,297
Drive Sober	All Years	3,174
Police Total		92,296

PW

Wood to Energy (Pellet Boiler)	FY11	61,000
DOT Municipal Partnership Initiative	FY14	500,000
DOT Municipal Partnership Initiative	FY16	320,000
Stormwater Engineer Study	FY17	30,000
Public Works Total		911,000

Library

Henry Gardiner Trust (Library)	FY13	1,536
Archives Room Furniture	FY14	10,225
AED's for Police and Library	FY16	2,000
Library Nutrition Grant	FY18	1,000
Library Total		14,761

Tech

Waterfront Cameras	FY12	12,000
Robinson Trust/Wireless Upgrade	FY13	5,000
Technology Total		17,000

WW

Harrison Ave Sewer Project (RD)	FY11	364,000
Cobbossee Corridor Project (RD)	FY14	241,000
Combined Sewer Overflow Project (RD)	FY15	1,783,000
Wastewater Total		2,388,000

GRAND TOTAL - ALL GRANTS 8,448,707

Gardiner saves money

for both citizens

and business owners

through its grant success rate!

A grant is a tool for funding ideas and projects to provide public services, stimulate the economy, and benefit the general public.

Grants are a great way for the City of Gardiner to receive funding beyond the limits of its operational budget. They can help bridge the gap between our resources and our needs.

Grants are “free money”. Unlike loans, they don’t have to be repaid. However, grant writing is a lengthy and daunting process and requires a significant amount of time and effort.

Competition is fierce, and the success rate is low. But Gardiner’s track record is outstanding!

Since FY11 the City of Gardiner has received almost **\$8.5M** in grant awards. Over half of these awards (\$4,562,918) were related to economic development and, half of that number (\$2,255,624) was returned directly to Gardiner’s businesses.

Gardiner employees have spent endless hours researching, preparing, and submitting grants.

Many thanks to all of the employees dedicated to seeking out these grant opportunities!





Johnson Hall 2018

Year in Review



Performance Series



In the 2017-2018 Season we presented 43 performances from September to June and we brought in 3,318 audience members from 116 cities throughout Maine and from 25 States.



In the summer of 2018 we presented 10 concerts free to the public and we saw 3,500 audience members throughout the summer.



In the 2017-2018 Season we presented 19 performances, some of which included hands-on workshops, from September to June for the MSAD 11 Pre-K to Middle School for 1,412 students. All Artists in the Schools performances are free of charge



We presented 5 weeks of SPARK Theater Camp. We served 45 children ranging from beginner to advanced training.

GARDINER MAIN STREET

Gardiner Main Street’s mission is to build a more vibrant and sustainable community by encouraging the contribution of time, energy, and ideas by volunteers and local leaders; to foster a supportive environment for entrepreneurs to prosper; to promote the value of incremental community and economic development; and to assure the preservation of historic downtown assets. Gardiner Main Street is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; contributions are tax-deductible.

Gardiner Main Street partners with community members and the City of Gardiner to bring about positive change in Gardiner. We are not a governmental or political entity. We organize and facilitate 12 annual Gardiner events for the community at large. We support and advocate for the needs of our local businesses and help businesses network and grow. When you see the beautiful planters on Water Street, you see Gardiner Main Street’s volunteers making our community beautiful.

Gardiner Main Street is dedicated to strengthening Downtown Gardiner as a regional hub for community, commerce, and culture. We accomplish this by adhering to a proven model of downtown redevelopment as an accredited 'Main Street America' community. We are one of ten such programs in the state of Maine and over 2000 across the country. The Main Street model accomplishes this through a “four point approach” model as required by Main Street America: Economic Vitality, Streetscape, Promotions, and Organization.

This year has been outstanding for downtown Gardiner and the Gardiner Main Street organization.

2018 BY THE NUMBER

100+ Volunteers

2,120 Hours contributed in the last year on projects, committees, and events

24 Planters designed & maintained by Streetscape volunteers



13 Events in Downtown Gardiner:

Gardiner Feud

Spring Fling

Downtown Trick or Treating

Easter Egg Hunt

Small Business Saturday

Early Bird Shopping

Tree Lighting

*The Great Race

*not an annual event

Parade of Lights

Greater Gardiner River Festival

Chanukah Celebration

Swine & Stein Oktoberfest

Haunted Gardiner

More people visited Gardiner in the summer of 2018 than at any other time in recent history!

Highlights of Gardiner Main Street efforts in 2018:

- The Gardiner Main Street staff and volunteers worked tirelessly with the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce to make The Great Race in June of 2018 a success. **The City of Gardiner was voted “Best City” for the Great Race by The Great Race Committee and Participants in 2018.**

- Secured local investors to purchase and develop the five buildings comprising the Dingley Block on lower Water Street. On the horizon: a coffee shop, restaurant, event space, brewery and tasting room, modern art galleries, and artist studios. Gardiner Main Street has acted as the steward of the Dingley block for two years, maintaining the buildings while working toward fulfilling the specific requirements, covenants, and timeline as deeded to Gardiner Main Street from Camden National Bank in 2017.
- In November of 2018, The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Economic and Community Development awarded our grant request of \$109,000 in funding for petroleum remediation of the old Bailey lot through the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program. The remediation is forecast to be completed by June of 2019.
- Finalist in the Local Foods, Local Places Technical Assistance Grant program through the EPA.. Gardiner Main Street initiated this application and invited Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, The Gardiner Co-op, The Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley, and Mayor Pat Hart, also representing Community Heart & Soul, to participate on the interview panel and steering committee for the Gardiner Community Commercial Kitchen Initiative.
- In partnership with the Davis Family Foundation, implemented “Gardinerscape,” a full block art installation by Gardiner artist Tyson Pease, bringing aesthetic vitality to the largely vacant Dingley Block. This travelling installation will act as a visual placeholder for unoccupied downtown storefronts.
- Created and managed three new websites to promote Gardiner to a broader audience: Gardiner Main Street, Discover Gardiner, and the Gardiner Board of Trade.
- Created a weekly “Discover Gardiner” video series to highlight one business weekly through social media.
- Partnered with the City of Gardiner to promote Gardiner as a destination through a “Discover Gardiner” campaign. Utilizing Facebook, Gardiner engaged between 3,500 and 12,000 people weekly in Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties.

Through the efforts of Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner is publically equated with positive growth and momentum!

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF KENNEBEC VALLEY



2019 BGCKV

Youth of the Year

Renee Rossi

Randolph, Maine

Age 17

Our Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Our Vision: Provide a positive Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Goals for Kids & Families:

- Access to quality early learning, child care, teen and summer programs.
- Food security
- A safe, positive environment
- Access to fun and a sense of belonging
- Access to supportive relationships
- Formal and informal recognition

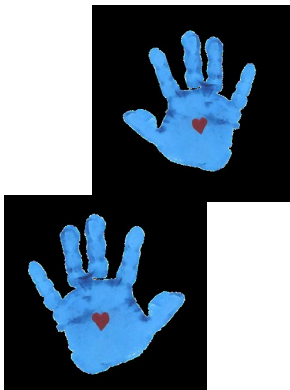


The Clubhouse -
Serving Gardiner for 20 Years!!!
2018 Numbers
 37 Early Childhood Members
 106 School Age Members
 79 Teen Center Members
 115 Attended Summer Programming
 321 Enrolled in Sports

GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**

it just takes **ONE** person to put a child on the path to a great future.

Join us. Support the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

TEEN CENTER : 6th grade through high school students. The membership fee is only \$50 for the school year. We provide a safe place where teens are able to come and spend time with peers while enjoying a variety of activities, such as Photography Club, Game Room and gym activities. The Teen Center also offers small group tutoring through the 21st Community Learning Center Grant funded by the Department of Education.

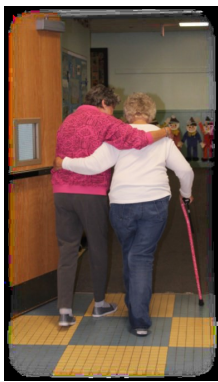


EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS: The Club has infant, toddler, early preschool and preschool programs. These programs are full-time 5 days a week. We are licensed by the State of Maine and provide quality care for our youth of tomorrow.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING: (Kindergarten to grade five) The Club provides breakfast during before care while waiting to head off to school. After School students receive a small meal and can participate in planned activities such as Power Hour, art projects, free play and gym or outside activities. Families can choose both before & after care or just one or the other.

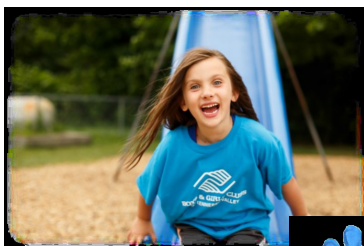
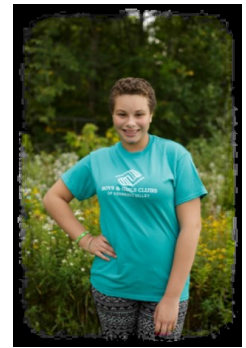
BUILDING RENTALS: Community members, friends and organizations use the Club for parties, meetings, and sporting events.

SUMMER CAMP: Kindergarten through Teen Center offer 8 weeks summer programming. Students attend planned field trips across Central Maine to a variety of fun places.



YOUTH SPORTS: soccer, cheering, lacrosse, softball and basketball (spring, 3 on 3, summer and fall).

SENIOR CITIZENS: The Oldies But Goodies group meets at the Club on Thursday mornings. Games, snack and outings are offered. Special luncheons are offered through out the year as well.



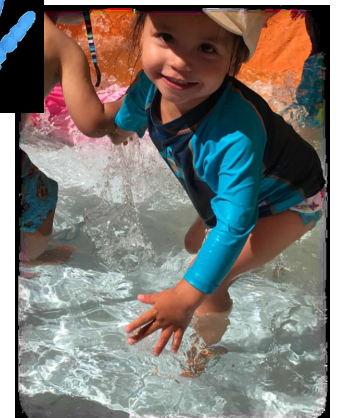
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 2018-2019

In MSAD 11 life for students and staff is ever evolving. Staff and administrators regularly engage in professional development opportunities to enhance their learning of current practices that best meet the diverse academic and social needs of all learners.

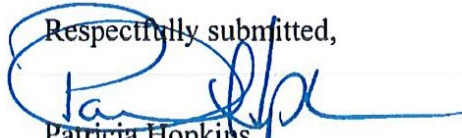
The closing of the Teresa C. Hamlin School, while difficult for some, has given the Randolph students and families greater academic and social opportunities and has expanded collegial opportunities for staff. As a result, students and staff are flourishing in their new schools. Feedback on the new modular unit at the Pittston-Randolph Community School has been overwhelmingly positive as it has provided long-needed academic space.

Throughout this year, much attention has been devoted to school safety. Administrators spent one full-day with representatives from the State Police, Kennebec Sheriff's Department, Gardiner Police Department, Gardiner Fire Department, and Kennebec Emergency Management to discuss, analyze, and plan for our response in the event of threat. In addition, the MSAD 11 School Board and administration has endorsed a more proactive approach in response to acts of violence. The ALICE program is designed to better prepare staff and students in an emergency situation. A community forum to explain and discuss the ALICE program will be scheduled for this spring.

Vaping/Juuling (e-cigarettes) has become a significant concern in our schools. More and more students are vaping without the knowledge that these devices contain nicotine. I recently attended a national prevention conference and learned that e-cigarettes are 4 times more potent than a pack of cigarettes. Also youth who use e-cigarettes are 4 times more likely to eventually smoke conventional cigarettes. The Surgeon General of the United States recently released an advisory stating that vaping is now an epidemic among youth. Please speak with your child about the dangers of vaping.

MSAD 11 has embarked on a fundraising campaign to replace Hoch Field with an artificial, multi-purpose field. Thanks to Main Ex and other generous donors, we are optimistic we will reach the needed \$700,000 to complete this project. Extensive field usage by the school community and public, in addition to drainage issues, makes the project a much needed one. In addition to business donations, a fundraising opportunity for community members is the purchase of customized bricks. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick can go to <https://www.msad11.org/o/gahs/page/hoch-turf-field> for more information.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Hopkins
Superintendent of Schools



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PAUL R. LEPAGE
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Maine:

For the past eight years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine prosperous. I am proud to say that my administration has had some success, but there is more that can be done.

Mainers experienced strong, record-setting economic growth in 2018, setting so many new records: a record-high number of employers; a record-high number of private-sector jobs; record-high revenues for the state; record-low unemployment; and the fastest net-earnings growth in New England. Our poverty rate declined to the lowest since 2005 with the fewest number of children in poverty in 17 years. Maine's future is the brightest it has been in decades: there's more new businesses, more money in your paycheck, and better opportunities for our children. And that's what it's all about: the future of our state.

We have brought stability to state finances and implemented pro-business, pro-growth policies across state government. The incoming administration is taking on a state government that is vastly improved—both structurally and financially—from the one I inherited. Therefore, I have suggested to the new administration that now is the time to cut taxes by an additional 20 percent.

My administration lowered taxes by 20 percent for more than half-a-million Mainers. Cutting taxes for our families has proven to be an excellent policy decision. Despite this cut, we are seeing higher revenue in almost every tax category—sales and use tax, individual income tax, and corporate income tax. We must always remember that the revenue we receive in taxes is due to the hard work of Maine's people. Democrats stated they want to use surplus money to fully fund revenue sharing at 5 percent, rather than the 2 percent the towns have received for the past 6 years. **However, there is no guarantee your local government will cut your property taxes by one penny—never mind dollar-for-dollar—if revenue sharing is increased.**

The people of Maine and the municipal balance sheets would be better off if the state cut income taxes and allowed municipalities to collect property taxes or service fees from non-profits to supplement the local property taxes. Everyone should contribute to the operation of local community governments.

I encourage you to pay attention to what happens in your municipality and in Augusta. So many good people have worked much too hard to achieve our current prosperity. We must avoid letting politicians drive Maine's finances and its economy back into the ground. I promise you that I will be watching.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. LePage".

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator. I am honored and humbled to be your voice in the Maine Senate, and I promise to continue working hard on your behalf.

The legislative session is shaping up to be a busy one in Augusta. I have been appointed to serve as Senate Chair of the Legislature's Labor and Housing Committee and to serve as a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee. Over the last two years I've come to learn more fully that committees give legislators the opportunity to hear from and work with the public on the laws that shape our lives. As I have dedicated my career to issues of economic development and civil rights, I am particularly excited to have the opportunity to serve on these two vital committees.

Whenever I talk with people from our area, I hear concerns about rising property taxes because of the State's failure to pay its fair share back to the towns and cities. I have submitted a bill to bring back fairness to Maine's revenue sharing and reduce the burden on local property owners. While I have submitted bills covering a wide variety of topics, this revenue sharing bill will be one of my top legislative priorities. Our communities can't survive with the status quo any longer.

I am also reaching out to Republican, Democratic and Independent colleagues to cosponsor important initiatives including broadband and school-based health centers. I am excited to work as I have always done – building bipartisan coalitions to get things done. I know that people may not always agree, but we should always be willing to listen to and learn from each other.

I want to hear your perspectives on the issues facing our state. You can reach me on my cell at (207) 776-5404 or at the State House at (207) 287-1515. Please also feel free to email me any time at Shenna.Bellows@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Please visit www.mainesenate.org to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2019!

Take care,

Shenna Bellows

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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our state have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The *SeniorSafe Act* I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra \$425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to \$2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan *BOLD Act* I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The *RAISE Family Caregivers Act* I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than \$39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured \$160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating \$8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act*, a comprehensive package that embraces the multi-pronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than \$162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins

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Dear Friends,

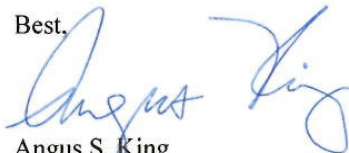
As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that's my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what's good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we're doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I've met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I've pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I've advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we'll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I've also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine's forests have powered our state's economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That's why, together with the other members of the state's Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy, and we're already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It's often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets)— that's because at our heart, we're one big community. It's not only a pleasure to serve you— it's a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
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January 22, 2019

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2018. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process and Transport Division. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2018 Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacity logged thousands calls for service. As a result deputies made 682 arrests, issued 759 traffic summonses, and responded to 628 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 407 alarms, 161 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 746 times. Deputies and Detectives made 80 drug seizures, 26 of which most were opiate related.

Sergeant Jacob Pierce resigned his position as a patrol sergeant and will be working with the Oakland Police Department. His professionalism will be missed at Kennebec.

Deputy Aaron Moody resigned his position within the patrol division, taking a position with the U.S. Secret Service.

Deputies Ivano Stefanizzi, Devon Polizzotti and Keith Madore were hired to fill those open positions within the patrol division. We welcome them and their families to the Sheriff's Office family.

Our Civil Process deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2018, the four civil deputies received over 9,031 requests for service in Kennebec County.

Danny Boivin a retired Augusta Police Sergeant, filled the vacant Civil Deputy position and has made a great addition to the civil team.

In 2018, our Correctional Facility managed 2,744 inmates, 211 less than 2017. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns.

Our correctional facility has also been helping out our fellow counties that have had serious overcrowding issues. Overcrowding can create an unsafe working environment for the corrections officers as well as the inmates.

The CARA Program (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy) continues and we have added two weeks to the program. The last two weeks of the program involve the participants working at area businesses. Upon their release, the participants have steady employment and a brighter future. Our program not only benefits Kennebec County inmates, it benefits all 16 counties who have individuals who meet the criteria.

Qualifying inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised by our programs officers on outside projects.

The outside work crews have partnered with local municipalities providing snow removal to those individuals who are elderly or have disabilities. Programs Officer Gagnon and Matthews and their work crews raised 16,847 pounds of produce and gleaned 4,930 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2018.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

Highway fatalities and serious injuries continue soared as a result of individuals using electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness.

As your Sheriff, in 2019 my focus will remain on my staff, risk management and professional services to the residents of Kennebec County.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ken Mason, Sheriff

::::NOTES::::

CITY OF GARDINER CALENDAR

January

January 31 – last day to register your dog without a \$25 late fee

March

Second Tax Payment Due

May

ATV registrations go on sale
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
30 Day lien notices for nonpayment of taxes

June

Liens filed for nonpayment of taxes
Greater Gardiner River Festival
School Budget Election

August

Applications for absentee ballots become available (November Election)
City Council Nomination papers become available
Tax Bills are mailed

September

First Tax Payment Due
Nomination Papers Due

October

Absentee Ballots become available
Dog licenses go on sale
Fall City Wide Clean-Up
Fire Prevention Week
Halloween Trick or Treating
Snowmobile registrations go on sale
Swine and Stein Oktoberfest

November

State Election

December

Boat registrations go on sale
Hunting and Fishing licenses go on sale
Festival of Trees
Tree Lighting and Parade

Thanks to everyone for making 2018 a great success.



Have you visited our web site? www.gardinermaine.com

Please subscribe to our web site for up-to-date information about the city. Type of announcements you will receive: weekly packet by City Manager, City Council meeting agendas, library announcements, parking bans and snow removal notices, etc. Our City Council and Planning Board meetings are also available live on our audio streaming. If you can't listen to the live meeting, it will be archived for you to go back and listen at a more convenient time.

Services available online:

Dog licensing, boat renewals, ATV renewals, snowmobile renewals, fishing and hunting licenses, car registration renewals, absentee ballot requests, resident comment form, committee interest form.

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2018 City of Gardiner Annual Report has been created and respectfully submitted by Kelly J. Gooldrup, City Clerk