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Poland Newsletter

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

ALL DEPARTMENTS CLOSED:
November 12, 2018
November 22 & 23, 2018
December 24 & 25, 2018
January 1, 2019

TRANSFER STATION CLOSED:
November 12, 2018
November 22 & 23, 2018
December 23 & 24, 2018
December 31, 2018

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

A Special Town Meeting was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 to vote on proposed TIF Amendments, two land use code amendments, and one zoning change. We had 125 registered voters come out for the Special Town Meeting. The results are listed below.

Article 2 – To amend the PSBCo TIF 2 District. Specifically adding uses for TIF funds, authorizing the Board to negotiate Credit Enhancement Agreements, and the addition of two roads and two parcels. PASSED

Article 3 – To amend the DTV TIF District. Specifically adding used for TIF funds, authorizing the Board to negotiate Credit Enhancement Agreements, and the deletion of one parcel. PASSED

Article 4 – Changing the minimum square footage needed on a parcel to develop multiple units. FAILED

Article 5 – Changing the sign ordinance for electronic signs. FAILED

Article 6 – Changing the zoning from Resource Protection to Limited Residential for one parcel. PASSED

SENIOR TAX BREAK COMMITTEE WORK

The Select Board formed a Senior Tax Break Committee to explore creating an ordinance that would give Seniors in Poland a break on their real estate taxes.

The committee met several times and decided that creating a Property Tax Assistance Ordinance for seniors would be beneficial. The draft ordinance will go before the Board at their October 2, 2018 meeting. If the Board approves the language and material in the draft ordinance it will go to our legal team for review. Upon receiving it back from legal the Board will schedule a public hearing for public input.

You can visit our website to review the draft ordinance that will be put before the Board.

TAXES DUE

Tax bills were mailed in August and the first half is due October 1, 2018. Interest on any outstanding portion will begin to accrue at the rate of eight percent (8%) per year computed on a daily basis as of November 1, 2018. You may mail, hand deliver, or leave your payment in our outside drop box.

Second half of taxes are due April 1, 2019.

CAMP CONNOR 1ST SEASON A SUCCESS

Our first summer at Camp Connor flew by! We hope the family's who participated in camp had a wonderful experience and plan to come back! For those who attended camp, you will be receiving an electronic survey, your feedback will be instrumental in helping us prepare for 2019. Having the opportunity to regularly be outdoors and to experience many fun activities is what our camp is all about! Staff worked very hard to provide a great experience for the campers, led by Paige Brousseau, our camp director.

At the Special town meeting last August, the Parks & Recreation Director made a commitment to reimburse the Town's undesignated fund balance $20,000 annually, of which $6,000 was authorized by the Select Board to be used towards the campership program. At the Select Board meeting on September 18th $14,000 was reimbursed to the Town's undesignated fund balance.

For those who contributed time and/or money to support the renovations and our "Campership Program" , a big THANK YOU! We have utilized the $17,000 raised for renovations and are hoping to raise an additional $23,000 for other camp improvement projects. If you are interested in helping, contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Town of Poland with the memo clearly marked: "Camp Renovation" or "Campership".

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Candidates for State Senate District 20 and House Districts 65 and 66 have been invited to participate in a forum to be presented by Friends of Ricker Library. The event will be held in the Poland Town Office Conference Room on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 7 PM – 9 PM. The meeting will be televised on the public access channel and will be available at www.townhallstreams.com

This year, all six candidates vying to represent Poland live in other towns. They may not be well known by Poland voters and this forum will give voters an opportunity to become informed about the candidates' views and positions and to give candidates an opportunity to get to know the people of the town.

Ned Claxton and Ellie Espling are running for the Senate District 20. House District 65 candidates are Amy Arata and Misty Coolidge. House District 66 candidates are Jessica Fay and Gregory Foster.

Voters may take part in the questioning of candidates, either in person at the forum or by call-in to the event. Those who might like to submit questions ahead of time may email them to: **lcarey@polandtownoffice.org**

POLITICAL SIGNS ON ELECTION DAY

Signs can not be within 250' of the entrance to the voting place on public property. If you have any questions please see the Election Warden on election day.

UPCOMING STATE GENERAL & REFERENDUM ELECTION

The State General & Referendum Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Voting will take place upstairs at the Poland Town Hall from 8 AM – 8 PM. Please note that if you are not a registered voter you may register at the polls however you need identification and proof of residency.

Identification must be in the form of a State ID, Drivers License, or Social Security Card. Proof of residency shall be in the form of a current Motor Vehicle Registration, bank statement, lease agreement, utility bill, mortgage statement, or tax bill. Junk mail can not be used as proof of residency. If your current State ID or Drivers License bears your current Poland address you do not need another form of residency proof.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available 30 days before an election. Methods to obtain an absentee ballot are listed below:

- A voter may vote in person at the Town Office
- A voter may do a telephone request by calling the Town Office and ask that an absentee ballot be mailed to them. This request must be made by the voter only.
- A voter may request an absentee ballot using the email request form and process designed by the Secretary of State. All of this information will be listed on the state website at the following address: http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elect-absentee.htm. If a ballot has been requested through this site an absentee ballot will be mailed to the voter.
- A voter may request in writing that an absentee ballot be mailed to them.
- A voter my request an immediate family member pickup their ballot. An application is required to be filled out. Immediate family means a person's spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sister, half-sister, brother, half-brother, stepparent, step grandparent, stepchild, step grandchild, stepsister, stepbrother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, guardian, former guardian, domestic partner, the half-brother or half-sister of a person's spouse, or the spouse of a person's half-brother or half-sister.

Deadline to request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 election **is Thursday, November 1, 2018.** After this date the voter must complete a special circumstance application, stating one of three allowable reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after the deadline, which are listed below:

- An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on Election Day;
- A physical disability, or an incapacity or illness that makes the voter unable to leave home or a treatment facility; or
- An inability to travel to the polls because the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct.

We encourage all voters intending to vote by absentee ballots to do so in a timely fashion. By waiting to vote by absentee ballot until the last minute it creates a lot of extra work on the office staff, who are already trying to prepare all of the necessary paperwork and preparations for Election Day and continue to do their regular duties.

** REMINDER **

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE 30 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION
PLEASE DON'T DELAY REQUESTING OR RETURNING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

FIRE RESCUE NEWS

Protect Your Home and Family from Wildfire

Burn Permits are issued at Poland Fire Rescue from 9am-6pm seven days a week depending on weather conditions especially wind speeds and humidity levels. Burn Permits will not be issued if the State Forestry Service or the Chief of the Department have issued a "High Fire Danger" condition. As the Town Fire Warden for Poland, I make the decision about issuing permits daily based on information I receive from the State Forestry Service, and resources and personnel available. If you would like to burn some brush, or have a fire in your backyard fireplace you must have a burn permit. Burn permits can be obtained at Poland Fire Rescue station at no charge, or on the Maine.gov website for a cost of $7.00.

Each year hundreds of homes and property are destroyed by wildfire. Listed below are a few things you can do to help protect your property from wildfire.

- Trim all tree branches overhanging your house.
- Prune tree branches up to 6 feet off the ground
- Keep grass mowed and watered
- Clean deadwood and dense flammable vegetation from around your home
- Clean gutters of leaves and pine needles
- Have a garden hose (at least 100 feet long) attached to an outside faucet
- Always have some hand tools available like rakes and shovels
- Never burn if the smoke and flames are blowing toward your house or your neighbor's
- When you have finished burning, make sure the fire is completely out
- Improve your driveway by straightening any sharp curves that you can and filling in dips and pot holes that would hinder fire apparatuses from getting to your house
- Make sure your house is numbered so we can find you!

Power outages and Portable Generators

For most of us here in Poland, power outages are a fact of life. Many people have purchased portable generators to supply their basic electrical power needs during these outages. If you have or use a portable generator, you should be aware of the following: The exhaust from portable generators contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas, an odorless, invisible killer.

BE CAREFUL and BE AWARE, the carbon monoxide gas from a portable generator can kill you and your family in minutes. People across the country die from carbon monoxide poisoning associated with portable generators every year.

We urge you to follow these safety tips when operating a portable generator:

- Never use a portable generator indoors, including in your home, garage, basement, crawlspace, shed or partially-enclosed area – even with ventilation. Opening doors and windows or using fans **will not** prevent CO buildup in the home.
- Only use a portable generator outdoors in a dry area far away from doors, windows and vents that can allow CO to come indoors.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery back-up in your home. Test the alarms frequently and replace dead batteries.
- If you start to feel dizzy or weak, call 911 immediately and get to fresh air right away. The CO from generators can rapidly lead to full incapacitation and death.
- Be sure to use heavy duty, outdoor-rated extension cords for all generator use.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Make sure that your address is posted on **both** sides of your mailbox **and** on your house.
This way we can find you in the event of an emergency.
Private Roads-Please trim back branches and scrub so that emergency vehicles can make it down your road should you need us.

SMOKE DETECTORS

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

Smoke alarms are powered by battery or they are hardwired into the home's electrical system. If the smoke alarm is powered by battery, it runs on either a disposable 9-volt battery or a non-replaceable 10-year lithium ("long-life") battery. A backup battery is usually present on hardwired alarms and may need to be replaced. These batteries must be tested on a regular basis and, in most cases, should be replaced at least once each year (except for lithium batteries).

Where to put them:

- Install smoke detectors in every bedroom
- Outside each sleeping area
- On every level of the home

DRUG TAKE BACK

On Saturday October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. law enforcement agencies across the State of Maine including the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Healthy Androscoggin and AARP will once again give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. In addition, we have partnered with AARP to also offer a document and paper shredding event at the Lewiston High School site only. Both of these services are free of charge.

The Drug Take Back Program is a national initiative that was formed through the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Locally, Healthy Androscoggin continues to partner with local law enforcement in this very worthwhile cause.

The collection sites in **Poland**: Poland Town Office complex lot, 1231 Maine Street

NEED A COPY OF YOUR TAX BILL?

Tax bills are now available online under the assessing section on the town website. Bills are listed alphabetically by property owner (or business name) as of 4/1/18. Pages 1-108 are Personal Property bills with Real Estate bills beginning on page 109.

A.B. RICKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HOUSE NEWS

Raffle: Autumn is such a beautiful time of year and that is true even inside the library this year. Jim and Jane Fawcett have donated **a beautiful hand-painted paddle** for us to raffle off and right now we are all enjoying having it in the library. The paddle was made by Rick Keim of Patten and hand-painted by Jim. Tickets are $5 each or three tickets for $10. The drawing will take place on December 17 – just in time for Christmas. Thank you, Jim and Jane!

The Friends of Ricker Library are planning two fundraisers this fall. The 1st Annual Friends of Ricker Library Holiday Gift and Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd from 9 to 2. The cost per table is $30 and tables are still available.

The Friends will also be holding their holiday basket sale again this year. People can participate in this event by donating items for the Friends to use in the baskets, by donating completed baskets, and by purchasing baskets. We are asking that donations be in by Nov. 2 and the sale begins on Nov. 12.

Family Movie Nights: Come on in and enjoy a family-friendly movie with your family and neighbors. The Friends of Ricker Library supply popcorn and punch or juice and candy is available for purchase. We will be showing ***Show Dogs*** on Friday, Oct.5, and ***Hotel Transylvania 3*** on Nov. 9. All movies begin at 7 PM.

Sewing Class: Our "quilting class" became so popular that it has become a regularly scheduled event. On the **3rd Thursday of each month**, experienced quilters and beginning sewers alike bring sewing machines and lunches and spend the day (10 to 4) visiting and learning new techniques.
We are pleased to announce that we have been granted another **Let's Talk About It Program** from the Maine Humanities Council beginning in January. Our program will be **Opening Windows: Women's Stories from Five Cultures**. Books for these 5 discussions are supplied by the Maine State Library so please call us and let us know if you would like to participate and we will have a book for you.

Additional library information is available at www.rickerlibrary.org or by calling us at 998-4390.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

HOURS OF OPERATION - We will be starting our winter hours on Sunday, October 7th. Hours we will be open are Thursday – Monday from 8 AM – 4 PM. Please take note of our Holiday schedule that is on the front page of the newsletter.

PERMITS - Transfer station permits have been available since July but if you still need to purchase one you can do so at the Town Office during normal business hours or at the Transfer Station. New permits are yellow and are good until June 30, 2019. The cost of new permit is $5.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILL?

Any property owner with questions over their assessment or anyon who wishes to make an appointment with the assessor may reach out to Brett in the assessing office during office hours Monday-Friday 8 AM – 4PM at (207) 998-4651 or by email bsawyer@polandtownoffice.org.

When reaching out to the assessing department it is very helpful if you have your account number or map and lot available to make finding the information on the particular parcel in question easier. The account number and map/lot can be found on your current tax bill above the taxpayer's notice on the left.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS:

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL – Come take a walk thru time in the Maine State Building and All Souls Chapel. Families beware; there will be frightful fun around every corner. Join us for some ghost stories, candy, and refreshments if you dare! Dress up if you wish! Bring your friends!

Friday, October 5th from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM at 37 Preservation Way, Poland, Maine. $10 per car load. Proceeds from this event will support the Poland Preservation Society & Camp Connor's Campership Program. Thank you to Gathering Wind Farms for donating apples and Poland Spring Bottling for donating water!

Volunteers – We are looking for adults, high school and middle school students to dress in character. We will have a make up artist and some costumes available. Please contact Scott Segal @ 838-8632 or by email at ssegal@polandtownoffice.org if you can help.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA – Poland residents can join us on Saturday, October 27th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Poland Community School for games, snacks, and drinks. Costumes encouraged and each child attending will receive a special treat for attending. This is a free event for Poland Residents only. We are also looking for volunteers for this event, 25 volunteers ages 12 to adult. Please contact Deia Christner if you are willing to volunteer. 998-4650 or dchristner@polandtownoffice.org

***NEW* INFANT TODDLER MUSIC CLASS** - Sunday's 9 AM -10 AM; 8 weeks, October 14 thru December 9 (No class on 11/25) Ages: 0-36 months; Location: Poland Community School Music Room; Cost: Register before first class $75.00 per child; Minimum of 3 families, maximum of 10 families. **Registration begins 9/19/18**.

Description: Each class is designed for your child to develop musical, motor, language and social skills while bonding with you through music. Families will move to the beat, bounce, wiggle fingers and toes, tap/clap, sing lullabies, and make simple circles to music. FMI about class visit: mcfarlandmusicservices.weebly.com

Instructor Bio: Katie McFarland… Fondly known as Mrs. "Mac" Katie McFarland has been teaching K-6th in Poland since 2014. She has level I training in the Orff Schulwerk, which is a musical pedagogy that focuses on the development of musical skills through play. Additional bio info can be found at the above website.

Other details: Please only bring children who are registered for class. No refunds for missed classes.

***NEW* AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA WITH A HOLIDAY SHOW** – After School Drama Program for Grades 3-6. Tuesdays 11/13 – 12/11 with a performance on 12/14. Time: 3:30 PM – 5 PM at the Poland Town Hall. Cost: $30 residents / $35 non-residents. **Registration begins 9/19/18.**

***NEW* TUMBLING FOR COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM ONLY –** Sundays, in October and November. Cost: $35. The competitive cheerleaders need to be registered for the cheering competition season in order to register for tumbling. To register for tumbling, please call our office @ 998-4650.

3:30pm-4:30pm Beginner

4:30pm-5:30pm Intermediate (Intermediate I-Must be able to do a forward roll, backward roll, handstand for 3 seconds, cartwheel R and cartwheel L. Intermediate II-Must be able to do a round off, 1 hand cartwheel both sides, front kick over and back kick over. I & II class will be combined)

5:30pm-6:30pm Advanced (Advanced I-Must be able to do a front walkover, back walkover, front handspring, back handspring. Advanced II- Must be able to do a round off back handspring, toe touch back handspring, step out, double back handspring, round off step out, round off back handspring. I & II class will be combined)

PARKS & RECREATION OFFERINGS

Youth sports: Baseball; Softball; Intro to Tee Ball; T-ball; Basketball; Instructional Basketball; Competition Cheering; Fall Cheerleading; Football; Flag Football; Soccer; Indoor Soccer; Karate

Classes: Art; Drama; Zumba; Yoga; Lost Valley Ski; Destination Imagination; Swim Lessons; Tumbling

Adult sports: Pickle Ball; Open Gym Basketball; Volleyball

Summer Camps: Knights Cheering; Drama; Summer Recreation @ Camp Connor; Knights football; New England Patriots Alumni; Art; British Soccer

Rentals: Town Hall; Table and chairs

Scholarships: Campership; Camp North Star; Bobby Brown; Jessica Pelletier

Services & Activities: Beaches; Ball Fields; Sports Recycling; Halloween Extravaganza; Haunting on the Hill; Poland Seniors; Trails Committee; Discount tickets; Dunkin' Donuts Card; Father daughter ball; Tree lighting; Community service; Camp Fair; Seasonal Job Opportunities

REC WEBSITE & CONTACT INFO

www.polandrec.com

(207) 998-4650

ssegal@polandtownoffice.org

THANKSGIVING BOXES

It's that time of year again where we ask residents to please consider donating items for Thanksgiving Boxes. We will be colleting beginning October 1st and ending November 8th. We will have a box in the front lobby at the Town Office for donated items. The items donated should not have expired dates. Suggestions for donations would the following: Canned vegetables, condiments such as pickles, and cranberry sauce. Boxed pie crusts, pie filling, cake mixes, pudding mixes, muffin mixes, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, and gravy packets. These items will be donated to our local food bank.

Sign up dates for people needing a Thanksgiving box will be October 6th thru October 31st. Boxes will be available for pick up on November 17th at the Food Bank. Please contact Brenday at 376-5653 or Regina at 333-8462 if you are in need of a Thanksgiving Box.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY
8 AM – 7 PM

TUESDAY – FRIDAY
8 AM – 4 PM

(207) 998-4601

ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT TYPES FOR TOWN TRANSACTIONS

Currency: As would be expected, cash (currency) is accepted for any transaction with the Town. However, we limit payment by coin to no more than $10.00 per transaction.

Personal Checks, Bank Checks, or Money Orders: Personal checks, bank checks, or money orders are accepted by all Town departments. Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Poland." To be acceptable, all checks should have a full name, current physical address, phone number and license or ID number listed on the face of the check. In addition, checks may only be written for the total amount of the transaction. Amounts received by the Town inadvertently more than the amount owed (generally tax payments received by mail) will be refunded once funds for the deposited check have been made available to the Town through its financial institution.

NOTE: Personal checks and money orders are **not accepted** for the following transactions:

- Discount ticket purchases through the Recreation Department
- Delinquent tax payments to avoid lien action or foreclosure within 7 days of the lien or foreclosure date
- Checks returned for insufficient funds (NSF)

Debit/Credit Cards: Likewise, debit/credit cards are accepted for most Town transactions, and include the following card types: **VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express**. The cashier must verify that the name on the card matches the receipted name along with the signature at the time of receipt. Also, all card payments must be immediately processed through the Town's third-party card processing system, followed by a receipt showing card acceptance that must also be signed by the cardholder. A convenience fee is added to each card transaction, as set by our third-party card processing company, generally 2.50% of the transaction amount.

NOTE: Debit/Credit cards are **not accepted** for the following transactions:

- Payment of all Library and Transfer Station fees
- Delinquent tax payments to avoid lien action or foreclosure within 7 days of the lien or foreclosure date

Finally, for each financial transaction, it is the Town's policy to provide the customer with a printed receipt, showing the amount tendered. **ALWAYS** ask for a receipt should you not be given one at the end of your transaction. This not only serves as your proof of purchase but is an important step in ensuring the integrity of your financial transaction(s) with the Town.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

* CODE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS *

1) If you haven't signed and paid for your permit it isn't valid. So, don't do any work.
2) If you haven't picked up and paid for your permit and you've done most of the work, then you can be charged double of even triple fees.
3) Inspections require a minimum of 24 hours' notice.
4) Don't forget to call for a final inspection when the project is done.

TOWN OF POLAND NSF CHECK POLICY

From time to time, the Town receives a personal check in payment of Town transactions that has been returned by its financial institution for nonsufficient funds. However, before collection action is taken by the Town, we have directed our bank to ensure that the check has been presented for payment and returned twice before charging it back to the Town. Once charged back to the Town, we take the following actions:

A. For Motor Vehicle (MV) or Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (IFW) transactions:

1. The first notice is sent with the original transaction amount and an added NSF fee of $25.00, which is due to the Town within 10 business days.
2. A second notice shall be sent upon verification that payment has not been made within the required timeframe and an additional 5 business days shall be granted for payment to be received.
3. After verifying payment has not been received by the Town within the second required timeframe, the State of Maine shall be contacted and all MV or IFW transactions paid for using the NSF check will be terminated. The State will continue with collection proceedings that may include further sanctions.

B. For Real Estate or Personal Property Tax transactions:

1. The Town will send a notice stating that the transaction paid for using an NSF check has been reversed in the Town's financial accounting system and interest will continue to accrue on the tax account(s).

C. For All Other Transactions:

1. The first notice is sent with the original transaction amount and an added NSF fee of $25.00, which is due to the Town within 10 business days.
2. A second notice shall be sent upon verification that payment has not been made within the required timeframe and an additional 5 business days shall be granted for payment to be received.
3. After verifying payment has not been received by the Town within the second required timeframe, we will provide the name and address of the person on whose account the NSF check was written to the Androscoggin Sheriff's Office for further collection assistance, which may include court proceeding notifications and legal costs to start filing of court documents.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The summer of 2018 has been very busy. We started with the prep work for the finish coat of pavement on Hardscrabble, Tiger Hill and Cleve Tripp Roads. The work on these roads is now complete and they should all last for many years to come.

The big project of the summer was the rebuilding of the first half mile of North Raymond Road. This included grinding of the existing pavement, replacing all cross culverts, adding approximately 5,000 yards of gravel to build the road up out of the swamp, tree and bush removal and ditching. The new to us Hyundai Excavator made short work of this large project.

Other summer projects included ditching large sections of Schellinger Rd, Colbath Rd, Heath Rd, Torrey Rd, Bailey Hill Rd, and the entire length of Birchwood Ln. Weekly mowing of the towns three ball fields and as needed mowing of the 11 town maintained cemeteries. Line Striping and catch basin cleaning services were contracted out and completed.

Winter is fast approaching. In the coming weeks we will fill the sand shed with approximately 7,000 yards of sand and salt. Once the sand is in our next project will be rebuilding the fence around the White Oak Hill Cemetery. We saved approximately 700 of the old fence pickets that will be repainted and reused in building the new fence.

PUBLIC WORKS HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – THURSDAY 6 AM – 4 PM
(207) 998-2570

AS WINTER AND SNOW APPROACHES…

As we move into fall/winter we would like to remind everyone to please not rake leaves and branches into the road ditches. Sand will be available for Town of Poland residents outside the sand shed. Please do not plow snow into or across the road Plowing snow from a driveway across the road into the opposite side can be dangerous because extra piles of snow on the snow banks, especially when hardened, get in the way of plow trucks' wings. When a plow truck's wing hits extra snow on the side of a road, the impact can throw the truck into the other lane.

Finally when you see the plows on the roads please be patient, go slow and give them plenty of room.

TOYS FOR TOTS

We will collect toys from November 9th thru December 10th in the Town Office Lobby. Toys should suitable for the ages of 3 – 12 years old, be new, and in their original packaging.

Gift cards could also be donated for older children. Suggestions would be for Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, Subway, Family Dollar, or Walmart; to name a few.

Sign up dates for Christmas items will be November 3rd thru November 28th. The date for pick up will be December 15th. Please contact Brenday at 376-5653 or Regina 333-8462 if you would like to sign up.

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Poland, ME 04274

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Poland Fire Rescue Chief Mark Bosse Retires - Deputy Fire Rescue Chief Tom Printup to become the new Fire Rescue Chief effective November 1st

Fire Rescue Chief Mark Bosse will retire after 20 years of service to the Town of Poland on October 31, 2018. During his tenure we have seen the construction of a new Fire Rescue Station, the merging of the Fire and Rescue services in Poland, the acquisition of new and more capable fire apparatus, and the training and retention of a valued team of professionals. As Mark leaves us for his next challenge, Tom Printup, currently the Deputy Fire Rescue Chief will step up and become our new Fire Rescue Chief. Tom brings a wealth of experience, initiative, and leadership ability to this new role and will continue to provide the same high level of Fire Rescue service the town has come to enjoy.

Upcoming Events

October 5, 2018
Halloween on the Hill
37 Preservation Way, Poland
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

October 11, 2018
Candidates' Night
Town Office Conference Room
7 PM – 9 PM

October 27, 2018
Drug Take Back
Poland Substation (Town Office Parking Lot)
10 AM – 2 PM

October 27, 2018
Halloween Extravaganza
Poland Community School
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

November 6, 2018
State General & Referendum Election
Poland Town Hall
8 AM – 8 PM

November 9, 2018
Movie Night – *Hotel Transylvania 3*
Ricker Memorial Library
7 PM