# HOLDEN HAPPENINGS

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Greetings Holden Citizens,

Fall is upon us, the days are getting shorter, temperatures are getting cooler, and traffic on 1A has begun to taper off. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is getting ready for another winter that will be upon us before we know it.

The Highway Department is beginning to finish up summer projects and will start hauling sand and salt in the near future. Here's hoping this winter is not as severe as last years, but just in case I urge all citizens to take a look at their mailboxes to make sure they are solid for the coming season. In most cases it is the weight of the snow being plowed that hits the mailboxes...my box included.

We recently had the annual Fall Frolic that was a huge success this year and even with all the events going on throughout the region, we had a fantastic turn out. I would like to thank all our local merchants who participated either through donations, advertising or both. There is a long list of volunteers who put a great deal of effort into making the event what it is. Being this was my first Fall Frolic as Manager, I want to thank all of those individuals for carrying on this tradition.

On behalf of Holden I would like to congratulate Chris Greeley on his new position as our Chief of Police. If you have an opportunity to stop in and meet him or just say hello, I'm sure he would love to meet with you. Chris has some great ideas for the department and for public outreach that I'm sure you will be hearing about soon.

Halloween and Thanksgiving is right around the corner and not long after those, it will be Christmas. So, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone. Have a safe and joyful season.

Benjamin Breadmore
Town Manager

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**REMEMBER TO VOTE!!**
**Tuesday, November 3, 2015**
**7:00 AM to 8:00PM**

**CLIP & SAVE THIS PAGE**

# "RECYCLE TODAY FOR TOMORROW!" ARE YOU??

## COLLECTION DATES FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

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| **Thursday,** | **October 1, 2015** |
| **Thursday,** | **October 15, 2015** |
| **Thursday,** | **October 29, 2015** |
| **Thursday,** | **November 12, 2015** |
| **Friday,** | **November 27, 2015**** |
| **Thursday,** | **December 10, 2015** |
| **Thursday,** | **December 24, 2015** |

**The day after Thanksgiving**

## DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

**Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, pyrex, ceramic containers, plastic bags, film, ribbons, foam packaging, Styrofoam, recyclables containing food waste,**
**paint or oils, hazardous materials,**

**The Recycle Stickers** looks like this.
It is six inches in diameter, will attach to any container of your choice and the cost is $1.00 each.

## WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE

**Paper**
newsletters, magazines
flyer's, junk mail
catalogs & mail
phone books & paperbacks
paper (all colors – staples ok)
paper bags, file folders
wrapping paper
milk, soda crates

**Cardboard**
cereal boxes, shoeboxes, etc.
paper towel cores, pizza boxes
milk, juice cartons
drink boxes, aseptic containers

**Glass**
all glass bottles and jars

**Plastic**
milk jugs
detergent, shampoo bottles
all plastic containers (#1 - #7)
blister packaging
plastic clamshell containers
soda, juice, water bottles
kitty litter buckets (handle okay)
toys (must have some give)
laundry baskets, trash bins
landscape trays plant pots
milk, soda crates

**Metal**
cans (steel, tin, aluminum)
aerosol cans (empty)
aluminum (trays, foil, etc.)

**REMEMBER: SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING MEANS THAT YOU MAY PUT ALL OF YOUR RECYCLABLES INTO THE SAME CONTAINER—NO SEPARATING NECESSARY!!**

# COMMUNITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

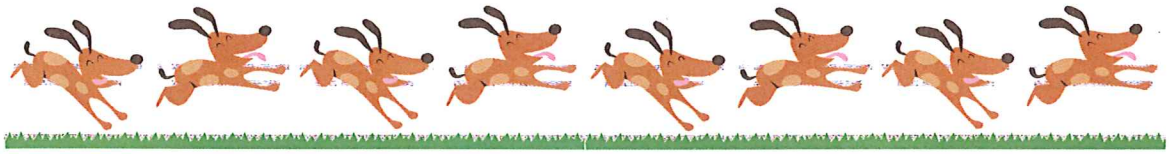
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
THE HOLDEN TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015 COLUMBUS DAY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015 VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2015 THANKSGIVING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015 AT NOON CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015 CHRISTMAS DAY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016 NEW YEARS DAY

## 2016 DOG REGISTRATIONS

State law requires that dogs over six months of age be licensed. Please bring documentation for spayed and neutered dogs as well as current proof of rabies vaccination. Year 2016 tags will be available on October 15, 2015. All dogs six months and older **must** be licensed by January 31, 2016. You may also complete a re-registration on line at: http://www.maine.gov/informe.

A RABIES CLINIC IS SCHEDULED AT THE HOLDEN TOWN OFFICE IN THE FIRE BAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015. THE TIME IS 5:00-6:00PM. VETERINARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BREWER VETERINARY CLINIC.



## UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

A drawing for a one of a kind cutting board done by a local craftsman. Cutting board is on display at the Holden Town Office. **It is a must see.** Tickets are also available at the Town Office, 1 for $1.00 or 6 for $5.00. Only 100 tickets to be sold. Drawing will take place when all tickets are sold. This drawing is to benefit the Holden Veterans Memorial Committee.

# 2015 HUNTING SEASON

Maine Hunting Law requires Junior Hunters to be 10 years of age and under 16 years. A Junior Hunter who turns 16 years of age may continue to hunt with their Junior License but may not hunt on Youth Waterfowl Day or the Youth Deer Day. Pick up your copy of the new Maine Hunting & Trapping Laws and Rules at the Holden Town Office. Reminder: Hunting is prohibited on Sunday.

**2015 DEER HUNTING SEASON**

**Regular Archery Season—October 1 to October 30, 2015**
**Expanded Archery Season—September 12 to December 12, 2015**

**Youth Deer Hunting Day—October 24, 2015**

**Hunting Maine Residents Only —October 31, 2015**

**All Hunters— November 2 to November 28, 2015**

## NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

**THE MOTORCADE TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WILL START IN MAINE ON DECEMBER 6, 2015, ARRIVING AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY ON DECEMBER 12, 2015. FOR MORE INFORATION, PLEASE CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE: WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG**

## WINTER REMINDERS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Highway Crew reminds everyone that **it is illegal to plow snow into the right-of-way** on town roads; residents are liable and could face a summons. Also, please do not park vehicles in the town right-of-way, as they will interfere with plowing during storms and the cleanup afterwards. Cars will be towed at the owner's expense. Please keep your driveway culverts clear, because if they are plugged, water backup and freezing problems may result.

Residents are allowed a 5-gallon bucket of sand per storm for their walkways. The sand for residents to use is found on the outside of the Salt/Sand Shed behind the Highway Garage.

# VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

**PLEASE DO NOT FOLD YOUR BALLOT**

COLOR IN THE OVAL OF YOUR VOTING CHOICE WITH THE PEN PROVIDED IN THE BOOTH.

AFTER COMPLETING YOUR BALLOTS(S) PLEASE PROCEED TO THE TABULATOR, WAIT AT THE RED LINE IF A VOTER IS BEFORE YOU.

**PRIVACY SCREENS FOR YOUR BALLOT ARE AVAILABLE** – PRIOR TO FEEDING YOUR BALLOT INTO THE TABULATOR MACHINE, REQUEST ONE FROM AN ELECTION CLERK.

GENTLY FEED YOUR BALLOT STRAIGHT INTO THE TABULATOR UNTIL YOU FEEL THE MACHINE PULLING IT IN.

**PLEASE WAIT** A FEW MOMENTS UNTIL THE TABULATOR SCREEN GIVES YOU A MESSAGE "**YOU ARE FINISHED. THANK YOU FOR VOTING**" (If you get any other message, please tell the election clerk and they will instruct you further.)

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK AN ELECTION WORKER.**

## Register to Vote

**The State of Maine allows residents to register to vote anytime, including the day of the election.**

**Residents of Holden may register to vote at the Town Office during regular business hours. Proof of residency and proof of identity is required -- such as a driver's license indicating a physical street address in Holden (not a post office box mailing address). If your driver's license shows a previous address, please bring other documents such as a checkbook, utility bills, etc. that show your Holden street address.**

**Residents may register to vote on Election Day at the polling place at which they vote. To assist us in making the voting process as easy as possible, we ask that you register in advance if at all possible.**

# MAINE'S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM

## What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property consists of money and other personal assets that are considered lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time. It includes checking accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, gift certificates, paid-up life insurance policies, unpaid wages, commissions, uncashed checks, death benefits, dividends, insurance payments, money orders, refunds, savings accounts, stocks, and contents of safe deposit boxes. Unclaimed property does not include real estate, animals, or vehicles.

## How Does Property Become Abandoned or Unclaimed?

Most personal property is presumed to be abandoned if no activity has occurred for a number of years. The inactivity period varies depending upon the type of property at issue. The property escheats to the State, which works to reunite the property with its rightful owner.

www.maine.gov/upsearch

## How Can You Determine if the Treasurer Holds Property That Belongs to You?

The best thing to do is to search the Treasurer's unclaimed property list at www.maine.gov/upsearch.

You can search by name or by town. If you find your name on the list, you can make a claim right there by filing online. You can also search for friends and family and let them know about unclaimed properties that may belong to them.

## When is the Best Time to Check the List?

The Office of the Maine State Treasurer receives new properties throughout the year. Be sure to check back as often as you can.

**MAINE'S UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM**

Office of the State Treasurer
39 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0039

Phone: (207) 624-7470
E-mail: upgeneralinquire@maine.gov

## How Do You Keep Property From Becoming Abandoned?

- Keep a record of all bank accounts.
- Indicate your interest in and awareness of all accounts by contacting the holder at least once every three years.
- Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.
- Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.
- Respond in writing to any requests for confirmation of account balances with banks, stockbrokers, and utility companies.
- Prepare a check list of all accounts to be notified when you change your address. Share this list with a family member or trusted advisor.
- Notify your bank, broker, credit card issuer, employer, 401K administrator, life and health insurance contact, mortgage lender, doctor, attorney, accountant, retirement fund, investment account, mutual fund, safe deposit box account, and any others of your name and/or address changes due to marriage, divorce, or other legal action.
- Notify your business contacts of your change of address when you move and when the post office notifies you that your address has been changed, even if your physical location remains the same.
- Cash all checks promptly upon receipt, no matter how small.

# FYI

## Replacement titles can now be obtained online

AUGUSTA – Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap announces that replacement titles can now be obtained online, via a new service offered by the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

This online service, offered through the BMV website at http://www.maine.gov/online/bmv/mvtr, is ideal for those whose vehicle titles have been lost, misplaced, or become illegible. Prior to the implementation of this online service, all replacement title requests had to be sent to the BMV's main office in Augusta for processing. Now, the online request will immediately be sent to the main office, a new title number will be issued and the title will be mailed out within just a few days.

"This new service will save the public a great deal of time, and will make the process much easier," said Secretary Dunlap. "The focus we place on the development of any service is how we can help our fellow citizens by simplifying the procurement of necessary documentation and easing compliance with any state laws. This is an excellent example of that focus, and our staff has done a magnificent job bringing this forward."

To request a replacement title to be delivered via U.S. mail, the titled owner must have a valid Maine driver's license or State identification card. The system will first check for liens, and if the title lists a lien holder, the lien must first be released and the BMV must be notified of the release.

Those who want to file a request will need the following information:

- The vehicle year, vehicle identification number (VIN) and mileage.
- The name, date of birth and driver license number of all owners.
- A Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

For assistance with the online process, call (207) 624-9000 Ext. 52230.

# VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Holden Veterans Memorial Committee enjoyed another opportunity to participate in the Holden Fall Frolic. A big THANK YOU to the town staff for your efforts, but we have to give special recognition to the Fire Department. The Auxiliary pulled this together under Chris Beaumont's leadership and the firefighters had a long day directing the flow of people and vehicles.

We're working on Veterans Day preparations. Always amazing to see the number of residents who turn out for our activities. Mark your calendars, for this year, November 11th falls on a Wednesday. We will assemble at 2:00PM and begin the Veterans Ceremony at 2:30PM. The folks from Worcester Wreaths have offered a special presentation this year. They, of course, are who organize Wreaths Across America each year. Some additional exciting news is that in 2016, the Wreaths Across America convoy will again pause at the Holden Veterans Memorial. This has been a big draw in the past and we're pleased to have them returning next year.

Remember that our mission is to recognize ALL military service. Consider purchasing a stone for a family member as a gift honoring their service. Each year we accept nominations for a memorial stone at no cost so that no Veteran is overlooked.

Thank You, Holden, for your support.

Thomas Copeland

# TOWN COUNCIL

Good day, It's a great day in Holden

A few weeks ago we had a dedication of our new fire station, the effort of many committees over 20 years in the making. We were finally faced with the prospect of our old station being condemned by the Fire Marshall's Office, but with great determination by both the fire station committee, the Fire Chief, Town Manager, the Firefighters and Fire Auxiliary we were able to get the job completed. The results are impressive, one of the best designs and quality construction. The finished product is a place to be proud of. I was amazed at how well it turned out and I have heard from other departments in the area, they are envious of us and spoke well of both the building and of our fire department. Many local folks and business gave new furniture and appliances. We as a town have given our workers the best in tools and equipment to service all our departments. We should be proud, I know I am.

Ralph McLeod

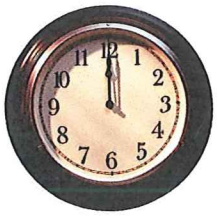
# POLICE NEWS

With the departure of Gene Worcester, whose almost three decades at Holden PD is very appreciated, we now find ourselves having to move forward. Thankfully, with the lengthy law enforcement experience of Sgt. Gene Fizell, along with our great team of officers, I'm confident the Department will only continue to improve, grow and better-serve this wonderful community.

And while Holden PD certainly had our hands' full with multiple arrests and felony criminal investigations over the summer, we were also pleases to be involved with lighter fare. Being part of the Holden Fall Frolic and judging the 'blueberry pie-eating contest' at the Holden Congregational Church.

In addition, we are especially excited to be teaming-up with the Holden FD in order to now offer the 'Good Morning Project' to folks who would like or need to be checked on every day. Please email me at CGTC@aol.com to learn more about this project.

Thank You!
Chief Chris Greeley



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

# REQUEST FROM THE ASSESSOR

The Town of Holden is in the process of computerizing our tax records. Computer based assessing will offer greater uniformity and equity in assessments. With a standardized computer system all comparable properties will be treated the same and readily accessible for comparison.

We suggest that property owners review their current property card (available at the Town Office) for correct total acreage as well as the correct acreage for wetlands. We ask property owners to supply the Town Office with any surveys that are available and the Town will produce copies. This will aid us in producing not only correct assessments but to correct our existing Tax Maps.

Your cooperation and patience while this process is undertaken is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and assistance.

If you have any questions you may contact Millard Billings or Sherry Murray at the Holden Town Office, 843-5151.

Thank You,

Millard Billings, Assessor

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the last warm days of summer and early fall are now upon us, it's time to get those last few yard projects wrapped up before the leaves fall. Just when you thought the list was shrinking, I would like to add one more small project.

One thing we have noticed at the Fire Department lately is that some houses in town are getting difficult to find. As you already know, each residence in town is assigned a number. This number is how many of you receive your mail, how services like electricity and phone are connected and how we find you in an emergency. It's been almost twenty years since the "911 addressing program" took us from rural farm district numbers to our current system and quite frankly, some of those numbers are showing their age.

So, here is what I would like all of you to do; put your selves in our shoes. Take a hard look at how your house is numbered. Is it visible from **both** directions on the street? Many houses in town have numbers on only one side of their mail box. While this is nice for the mailman delivering your mail, it does nothing for the fire fighter coming to help you from another direction. Are your numbers faded, peeling or obstructed? Are they "retro-reflective"- fancy brass or metallic numbers look fantastic, but are vey difficult to see at night. If you were a fire fighter or police officer trying to find your house, how hard would it be? If you find your house is to difficult to locate or your friends and family struggle to find your home, then most likely we will also have a hard time locating your house.

If you find any of the above as an issue, we ask you take a little time and invest in making it easier for us to find you when seconds count.

If you have questions, you can look at the addressing policy at www.holdenmaine.com or please feel free to call our 911 addressing officer Lt. Chris Beaumont at 843-6737. You may also email Chris at chris@holdenmaine.com. Lt Beaumont is always eager to please and happy to help with all your fire department needs. As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Holden Fire Rescue Department.

Assistant Chief Nate Hastings

# FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Greetings All,

As the President of the Holden Fire Department Auxiliary I would like to extend a big thank you to all involved in making this year's Fall Frolic one of the largest we have seen in the events six year history. I would like to personally thank Fire Chief Ryan Davis and Asst. Chief Tim True as well as live-in students Jon Chiasson and Edward Moult for all they did during the set up portion of the event. A majority of the Fire Department staff was there to volunteer their time to make the event the best it could be logistically. I truly feel that the event would not have run as smooth without this much needed help. Thanks should also be given to Kelly Davis, Pete Perry, Eric & Theresa Jameson, Chad Bean and all of the Holden Fire Auxiliary who gave countless hours of their time in preparation for the event.

The Fire Auxiliary was honored to be part of the coordination efforts for this year's Fall Frolic. Looking forward to working on next year's delivery as soon as possible. If you have any ideas or feedback to make this event bigger and better in years to come, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. I can be reached at the Fire Department on Mondays and Wednesdays (843-6737) or by email anytime at chris@holdenmaine.com.

Christopher Beaumont
Holden Fire Dept. Auxiliary President

Relive Dance Studio performing in front of the Fall Frolic Stage.

Mike Nelligan who organized the "Touch a Truck Event". **Thank you** Mike for all your hard work.

# HISTORIC HOLDEN TOWN HALL

Greeting!

By the time snow flies and if all goes smoothly, our Historic Holden Town Hall will have a new roof! The Town Council and the Restoration Committee reviewed three bids by area contractors and the bid from Holden contractor Ron Bragg has been approved. The voting on this bid took place at the August council meeting. We are hoping that all will go well with no unforeseen problems encountered. Ron will be installing two skylights that were in the original design of the building; so be on the lookout for lots of activity at the site this fall. A big THANK YOU to those who have given generously towards our goal to bring this wonderful old structure back to life. Also, thanks go out to Town Manager Ben Breadmore and the town crew for repairs to the handi-capped accessible ramp, it is now safe to use.

The Historical Society and the Restoration Committee worked together at the 6th Annual Fall Frolic on September 19th, selling blueberry short cake, hats, t-shirts, postcards and the Recipes for Restoration Cookbooks. Please look for the cookbooks at local businesses and the Town Office. The cookbooks are $20.00 each and make fantastic gifts. The two groups also worked together this summer at several yard sales at the Historic Town Hall. Thank you to all who came out to support us as well as for your donations.

Our next event will be the 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the Historic Town Hall. As in the past, we will have sweet treats for all, a visit from Santa and some entertainment! Save the date, Sunday, December 6th at 3:30PM.

Thank You, Bunny Barclay

# HOLDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Holden Historical Society has been offered an opportunity to take over the ownership of the Historic Holden Town Hall from the Town. There are many details to work out, but we are excited to have the opportunity to continue the work begun by the Town on the building restoration and to guide the project to a place where the building can be utilized for events and displays of historic interest.

We will be in need of many interested individuals to make the dreams a reality. The goals are: fundraising and grant writing for monies to repair the inside of the building; including restoring the front doors and windows, updating the electrical systems, bathroom facilities and plastering. And that is just the beginning!

Please contact the President, Kerry Zimmerman, 843-7316 or Secretary, Pat Sirois 843-5518 or by snail mail at PO Box 41, Holden, ME 04429 for more information.

The Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM at the Holden Police Station Conference Room. Please join us!

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Michael Palonis

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