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The City of Gardiner hereby dedicates the 2021 Annual Report to...

Anne Davis

The Gardiner City Council is pleased to dedicate the 2021 City of Gardiner Annual Report to Anne Davis, our Acting City Manager and beloved, long-tenured Library Director. Anne joined the city in 1991 as a Library Technician and by 1997 was promoted to Library Director, a position she skillfully served until 2021. Over the years, Anne led significant projects to restore the Gardiner Public Library building to its original grandeur. As a student of historic preservation, she set out a methodical path to reclaim the original building designed by Henry Richards in 1881 from decades of remodeling. She worked from the bottom floor Archives to the first floor Reference Room and Hazzard Reading Room, up to the Children's Room with its grand stage, including restoring the beautiful stage curtain. She worked to shore up the infrastructure and make the library more accessible to all patrons by adding appropriate ramps, an elevator, and an accessible bathroom.

Anne is a true leader, carrying out many roles in the city over the years. From her earliest days, she led Gardiner into the digital age with the introduction of computers and the internet to our library services, teaching us all about the worldwide web, its opportunities, and pitfalls. She eventually added the Information Technology Director duties to her work portfolio, supporting the computer systems throughout the city. Whenever asked, Anne is always willing to step up and take on more responsibility. In addition to the Library Director and Information Technology Director positions, she has filled in as City Manager three times and covered for the Finance Director, the Public Works Director, and Economic Development Director when those positions were vacant. Anne clearly knows the full gamut of city operations.

Along with her leadership in Gardiner, Anne Davis is a well-recognized leader among members of the Maine Library Association. Active in the organization as a member and President, she was named Outstanding Librarian of the Year in 2015 and was also recognized by the Maine State Legislature for her work. She served on several state boards such as the InForME Board of Directors and the Network Maine Council. In Gardiner, Anne served on many boards and committees including the Board of Trade, the Rotary Club of Gardiner, and was active in coordinating many community events and celebrations. She invested her time, endless energy, and intellect into all that she did and continues to do for the City of Gardiner.

While most libraries are careful to stay quiet and still, Anne brought light and laughter to its rooms, inviting us all in to learn, to recreate, and to share in community. There is no one who has invested more of herself in this community.

We dedicate this annual report to Anne Davis and thank her for three decades of tireless service,

Mayor Patricia Hart, on behalf of the City Council.







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City of Gardiner Mayors

Robert Hallowell Gard	iner, First Mayor 1850	Charles H. Gray	1909-1910
Parker Sheldon	1851	B.E. Lamb	1911-1917 & 1921-1923
Robert Thompson	1852	G.L. Bragdon	1918-1920
Edward Swan	1853	Donald S. McNaughton	1924-1925
Noah Woods	1854-1858 & 1861-1862	Wallace N. Price	1925-1926
Henry B. Hoskins	1859-1860	William O. Cobb	1927-1934
James Nash	1863-1864	Edwin P. Ladd	1935-1940
Nathan O. Mitchell	1865-1866	Philip H. Hubbard	1940-1952
George W. Wilcox	1867	Percy K. Hanson	1953-1954
Joshua Gray	1867-1870	Russell J. Leighton	1956-1958
D.C. Palmer	1871-1873 & 1879-1880	Dwight Emery	1955 & 1959-1962
H.M. Wentworth	1874-1875	Wallace E. Shepard, Sr.	1962-1967
James B. Dingley	1876-1878 & 1893	Ralph M. Clark	1968-1969
Joseph E. Ladd	1881 & 1886	Harold J. Shapiro	1970-1975
William Perkins	1882-1883	Robert D. Mooers	1976-1977
S.E. Johnson	1884-1885	Irving B Faunce	1978-1979
John W. Berry	1887-1888	William F. MacDonald	1980-1985
A.M. Spear	1889-1892	Charles J. McLaughlin, Jr.	1986-1988
Oliver B. Clason	1894-1896	Brian MacMaster	1989-1990
James Walker	1897-1898	Patrica C. Bourgoin	1991-1992
Freeman Patten	1899-1900	Brian Rines	1993-2006
Frederic Danforth	1901-1902	Andrew MacLean	2007-2012
Edwin L. Bussell	1903-1904	Thomas Harnett	2013-2018
Charles A. Knight	1905-1906	Patricia Hart	2019-
Will G. Atkins	1907-1908		

CITY MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

It is my honor to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the City of Gardiner and our City Council in 2021 through this letter.

One year ago, things looked very different in Gardiner, in Maine, and the world as we collectively navigated the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic for the second year. The vaccines had just been authorized for use and were being given to healthcare workers and first responders, but they were not widely available as we started the year. As we waited our turn for the shot, we continued to follow the public health measures of masking and physical distancing to stay healthy and not overwhelm the healthcare system through the winter and into spring. We also felt the economic burden faced by several businesses who still faced restrictions.

Patricia Hart, City Mayor



As the winter turned to summer, we had many more ways to beat the virus – vaccines, anti-viral therapies, rapid tests, and masks - thanks to science, healthcare workers, and government support, and the work of many volunteers. Today, Maine has one of the highest vaccination rates in the country along with many opportunities to get vaccinated and boosted. Mid-year, the blanket state-level restrictions were replaced with local decision-making on the best, well-informed, ways to manage the virus.

While 2020 was the year of celebrating and supporting essential workers in all frontline positions, 2021 was the year of celebrating family and friends. Once the vaccines were available and restrictions lifted, people were again able to visit family and friends after a yearlong separation.

In the City of Gardiner, we had many successes. We celebrated the two-year project to replace the two bridges in our downtown and add a new pedestrian bridge. The Cobbossee Trail extension was completed, giving us a beautiful multi-use path along the stream. We welcomed several new businesses and sold several lots in the Libby Hill Business Park, building on the COVID-19 fueled interest in real estate.

Some of the most notable accomplishments in the city in 2021 were the groundbreaking for the new Boys and Girls Club, the announcement of the renovation start date for Johnson Hall Performing Arts Theater, and the installation of the new turf surface at Gardiner Area High School's Hoch Field. Gardiner Main Street hosted the Swine and Stein Festival with record crowds after a hiatus year. All these projects were made possible with the support of our strong, caring community members, businesses, and local government.

We were reminded throughout the year that the city of Gardiner's greatest assets are its employees and volunteers. We are fortunate to have an experienced team working for the city with a strong work ethic and a positive outlook that provides top notch services to the residents, businesses, and visitors to our small city. In 2021, the city celebrated the work anniversaries of several long-time employees including Police Chief James Toman, Library Director Anne Davis, Assistant Library Director Scott Handville, and Public Works Foreman Kendall Cromwell. We appreciate their years of service to the city, their collective brain trust, and

their leadership. We are also very fortunate to have many folks step forward to join boards and committees to share their talents, insights, and commitment to the community. With the loosening of restrictions, these volunteer boards were able to return to Council Chambers to do their good work.

Finally, the year 2021 was a year of soul searching in our country as it was here in Gardiner. One year ago, the first City Council meeting for the newly seated council was held on the evening of the fateful day, January 6th. When Council started the meeting, we knew our nation's capital was being threatened by rioters, but we did not know the scope and were uncertain if the unrest would spread. We did, however, know that we took an oath to serve the city, we knew the people in Gardiner were depending on us to make the right decisions to move forward, we knew the importance of maintaining the spirit and the very heartbeat of the place we call home – so we moved ahead with the business at hand. When I returned home after the meeting, I was astonished to see news that the full body of the U.S. Senate was back in session doing their work to certify the election. Elected officials of both parties returned to the scene where great violence had occurred earlier, to carry out their Constitutional duties, despite all they had been through that day. That was one of the most noble acts I have ever witnessed. It reminded me how important it is for officials serving at all levels of our democratically elected government, to take our oaths seriously, to uphold the laws of our jurisdiction, our states, and our Constitution. It is how good government endures the test of time. It is how we create strong communities and a good place to live.

These past few years have tested us in many ways and taught us many lessons. The challenges of the pandemic, the economic stresses, and social unrest have reminded all of us repeatedly of the importance of community, civility, and collaboration. We live in a place that holds these values. My prayer for 2022 is that we all continue to listen, to learn, and to hold ourselves, our families and neighbors dear.

I wish you all health and peace in 2022.

Johnica N. Hant

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hart,

Mayor

City Council



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District 3	Colin Frey	2021	sdolley@gardinermaine.com
District 4	Marc Rines	2021	mrines@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Rusty Greenleaf	2023	rgreenleaf@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Jonathan Ault	2021	jault@gardinermaine.com
At-Large	Timothy Cusick	2023	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 6pm. 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

Anne Davis, Acting City Manager

The City of Gardiner ended 2021 with hope and gratitude. When we welcomed in January 2021, our community expected lives to return to normal and that the worst of a horrific pandemic would be over. The Covid-19 virus kept its grip on us with a virulent resurgence that had no clear end in sight. It mandated how we offered city services; how we helped our families and how we kept each other safe. Every department within the City of Gardiner readjusted how they conducted business and never once faltered.



As emergency calls and police calls continued escalating, our building permits and business permits also increased...our local economy and our housing sales continue to grow in a hopeful fashion. Though we still have neighbors that need help and we also have businesses struggling to offer services in a different fashion, our downtown business district had a lucrative holiday season that thrived because our whole community gathered to support local business.

We all gathered to celebrate our students' graduation and we all hoisted a glass of cheer to our thriving local micro-breweries. We safely gathered to watch a live show at Johnson Hall and we lifted a shovel to help break ground for a brand new Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley. We couldn't wait to drive over two new bridges coming into town and we began to make plans to extend our walking trails along the Cobbossee Stream.

Staff pivoted quite quickly and conducted or attended Zoom meetings so that they could continue offering exemplary city services to anyone needing our help. Councilors, along with committee and board members, did not miss a beat and returned to in-person meetings as soon as it was safe to do so. Gardiner continues to be a fully transparent municipality where no one feels left out and everyone can find the answers that they seek.

Though I continue in my capacity of Acting City Manager, 2021 is the year that I retired as the library director for our beloved Gardiner Public Library. I was so fortunate to hire a director that has the energy and the hopefulness to lead this great institution. I accepted the resignation of our extraordinary Finance Director, Denise Brown. With the help of a great group of citizens, I hired a new Finance/HR Director and LucyAnn Cook fills out our roster of great department heads.

In my third (or is it my fourth?) stint as an interim city manager, this final round has certainly been a challenge and ever-changing. I am so proud of the trust that Gardiner City Council has in me to do this job well; I am grateful for the support of the employees who quickly accepted me as their boss and who had enough trust in me to make the right decisions.

No leader does a good job in a vacuum and they only do great things when they have the support and hopefulness from folks who matter to our community. In 2021, I was able to make a positive impact on a community that still grapples with a pandemic because I had the assistance from professional employees; invested volunteers working on committees; residents and visitors that respect what Gardiner's vision might be. Most importantly I got to work with department heads that are the best of the best and who deserve all the credit for a positive 2021!

Chief James Toman leads a police department that is compassionate, intuitive and always helpful. On what may be the worst day of a resident's life, Chief Toman's 30+ years of leadership assures everyone that they will be treated respectfully and fairly. Chief Richard Sieberg enthusiastically took over our fire and ambulance services with the same compassion and thoughtfulness we have grown to expect from this department. He immediately identified a possible solution to a statewide ambulance crisis and worked towards a positive solution. Tracey Desigrdins continues her determination to get every lot sold at Libby Hill and to make Gardiner a business destination. Her ability to bring many people to the table cannot be surpassed. Jerry Douglass introduced us to a newly invigorated crew and made us much more aware of the science of road maintenance. He willingly listens to residents' concerns and reacts swiftly when he can do so. Doug Clark managed a huge upgrade project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that left the building without a wall for many months. His patience with our residents is enviable as he tries to solve issues for them. In 2021 we welcomed Library Director Justin Hoenke all the way from New Zealand! His kind leadership and great respect for tradition means that the library will continue to garner great admiration from our regional community and all the libraries in Maine. LucyAnn Cook took up the adventure of being Gardiner's new Finance/Human Resources Director and her commitment to honesty and transparency became apparent immediately.

Mayor Patricia Hart and the whole Gardiner City Council put great faith in my abilities to steer Gardiner to a hopeful 2022 and for that, I am honored and grateful. Though we agreed on most things, Gardiner City Council may have respectfully disagreed with me, but they were never disagreeable. I am proud to have had a positive impact on Gardiner, Maine for 30 years and I am hopeful that 2022 holds even greater achievements for all that live, work, play and love Gardiner as much as I do.

Anne Davis,

Acting City Manager

Assessing Department

Curt Lebel, City Assessor

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.

Property resale value continued to increase during the period preceding the April 1, 2020 (FY21) assessment. An assessment ratio study conducted by Maine Revenue Services showed a 5% decrease (appreciation) in the residential average assessment ratio from the previous year and was reported to be 81% of market value. The growth in taxable valuation base was only \$466,800 from Fiscal year 2020, due to an increase in the homestead exemption, which reduced taxable valuation by 6 million dollars valuation.

Assessment Statistics for Fiscal Year 2021

Assessment Date: April 1, 2020 Homestead Exemptions: 1,212

Commitment Date: July 30, 2020 Veterans Exemptions: 175

Taxable Valuation: \$357,527,800 Blind Exemptions: 2

Net Assessment: \$7,758,353.26 Parsonages: 4

Tax Rate: .0217 Tree Growth Parcels: 11

Assessment Ratio: 98% Certified Ratio Farmland Parcels: 11

Transfers Processed: 192 (Apr 19-Mar 20) Open Space Parcels: 4

Permit Checks: approximately 400

FY 2021 Municipal Levy Limit: \$4,119,300.11

FY 2021 Municipal Levy: \$2,757,405.32

FY 2021 Municipal Levy was: \$1,361,894.79 less than allowable limit.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

LucyAnn Cook, Finance Director

This report is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Gardiner for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We 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 and is available on the city's website. Questions concerning any of information provided or requests for additional financial information please reach out to the Finance Director, 6 Church Street, Gardiner, ME 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 \$21,175,492 (net position). Of this amount, \$1,482,975 (unrestricted net position) is available to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City of Gardiner, Maine's total net position decreased \$332,892. This represents a decrease of \$99,929 in governmental activities and a decrease of \$232,963 in business-type activities.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Gardiner, Maine's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,951,204, an increase of \$272,791.
- At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,359,137 or 22% of total General Fund expenditures of \$10,602,842.

The General Fund acquired the following capital items:

- A new SUV purchased for the Police Department using \$33,804 in one-time expenses.
- A new SUV acquired for \$32,179 after the loss of an older cruiser in an accident. Insurance proceeds paid \$18,163 of the cost and other funding covered the balance of \$14,016.
- A Radio equipment upgrade of \$60,388 for Fire and Ambulance Public Safety services with half of the cost paid out of the General Fund and half out of the Ambulance Fund.
- \$42,225 used on sidewalk upgrades during FY21.
- A new plow truck purchased for the Public Works department for \$153,283.
- Another \$1,102,636 was spent on the Wastewater upgrade project with a total cost of \$1,382,216 at June 30, 2021.
- The Wastewater Fund purchased a new GMC Sierra pickup for \$43,598.

Financial Overview

The General Fund is the city's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those 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 is 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.

The City has two business-type activities: the operations of the Ambulance service and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

For the current fiscal year, revenues exceeded budgetary projections by \$444,379 and expenditures were below appropriations by \$215,608. This created a positive variance of \$659,987 to fund balance. However, use of fund balance, carryforwards and transfers to other funds netted an increase of \$272,517 to fund balance.

Exhibit A-2

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, 2021

	ror the	year ended June 3	0, 2021			
					Variance with final budget	
		Budge			positive	
	-	Original	Final	Actual	(negative)	2020
		onga	******	Actour	(inegative)	2020
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$	8,910,353	8,910,353	9,085,784	175,431	8,965,47
Licenses and permits		40,000	40,000	120,196	80,196	52,73
Intergovernmental		1,362,712	1,362,712	1,613,710	250,998	1,277,93
Charges for services		52,200	52,200	45,803	(6,397)	46,49
Interest earned		60,000	60,000	6,362	(53,638)	54,11
Unclassified		241,185	241,185	238,974	(2,211)	131,91
Total revenues		10,666,450	10,666,450	11,110,829	444,379	10,528,68
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government		1,137,341	1,137,341	1,127,138	10,203	1,055,10
Technology		93,550	93,550	90,784	2,766	104,96
Public safety		2,513,384	2,523,284	2,544,243	(20,959)	2,321,2
Public works		1.935.803	2,051,803	1,885,546	166,257	1,804,0
Community services		659,707	652,307	650,817	1,490	592,1
Education		3,758,064	3,758,064	3,758,064		3,770,47
County tax		395,413	395,413	395,413		362,0
Unclassified		50,818	68,818	12,967	55,851	15,9
Capital expenditures						49,6
Total expenditures		10,544,080	10,680,580	10,464,972	215,608	10,075,6
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures		122,370	(14,130)	645,857	659,987	453,07
Other financing sources (uses):						
Use of fund balance		250.000	316,500		(316,500)	
Use of carryforwards			70,000		(70,000)	
Transfer from other funds		429,028	429,028	428.058	(970)	340.8
Transfer to other funds		(801,398)	(801,398)	(801,398)	(370)	(690,5
Total other financing sources (uses)		(122,370)	14,130	(373,340)	(387,470)	(349,6
Net change in fund balance				272,517	272,517	103,4
Fund balance, beginning of year				2,818,220		2,714,8
Fund balance, end of year	\$			3,090,737		2,818,2

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

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The City of Gardiner, Maine, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$21,175,492 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The City's restricted net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* of \$1,482,975 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The City of Gardiner, Maine's net position decreased \$332,892 during the current fiscal year. This change is broken out in the following categories:

- **Governmental activities:** The City's governmental activities decreased the net position by \$99,929.
- **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 \$232,963.

Changes in Net Position

	Governn		Busines		Primary Go	
	Activi	2020	Activi	2020	Tot	2020
Revenues:	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 171,999	105,228	3,239,969	3,023,213	3,411,968	3,128,441
Operating grants & cont.	363,182	357,161	-	-	363,182	357,161
Capital grants	51,543	206,315		-	51,543	206,315
General revenues:						
Property taxes	7,755,236	7,767,222	-	-	7,755,236	7,767,222
Other taxes	1,263,548	1,135,285		-	1,263,548	1,135,285
Grants & cont.	1,381,975	1,073,070	-	-	1,381,975	1,073,070
Other	298,708	193,157		_	298,708	193,157
Total revenues	11,286,191	10,837,438	3,239,969	3,023,213	14,526,160	13,860,651
Expenses:		27277779				
General government	1,311,335	1,161,242	-	-	1,311,335	1,161,242
Technology	90,784	104,963	-	-	90,784	104,963
Public safety	2,682,448	2,474,278	-	-	2,682,448	2,474,278
Public works	2,442,700	2,108,124	-	-	2,442,700	2,108,124
Community services	772,350	701,791	-	-	772,350	701,791
Education	3,758,064	3,770,478	-	-	3,758,064	3,770,478
County tax	395,413	362,004	-	-	395,413	362,004
Unclassified	16,405	19,410	-	-	16,405	19,410
Misc. capital costs	-	659,934	_	-	-	659,934
Interest on debt	79,861	83,079	-	-	79,861	83,079
Ambulance	-	-	1,646,117	1,485,551	1,646,117	1,485,551
Wastewater	15	• (1,663,575	1,689,805	1,663,575	1,689,805
Total expenses	11,549,360	11,445,303	3,309,692	3,175,356	14,859,052	14,620,659
Increase (decrease) in net position	(263,169)	(607,865)	(69,723)	(152,143)	(332,892)	(760,008)
Transfers in (out)	163,240	154,224	(163,240)	(154,224)	-	-
Net position, beg. of year	11,316,646	11,770,287	10,191,738	10,498,105	21,508,384	22,268,392
Net position, end of year	\$ 11,216,717	11,316,646	9,958,775	10,191,738	21,175,492	21,508,384

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's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,951,204.

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2021

			Other	Total
			Governmental	Governmental
		General	Funds	Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,415,295	455,632	3,870,927
Receivables:	•	5,425,255	455,052	2,0,0,52,
Taxes		175,343		175,343
Tax liens		301,578		301,578
Accounts		145,068	42,394	187,462
Notes		145,000	52,053	52,053
Interfund loans receivable			420,897	420,897
			120,000	120,000
Total assets	\$	4,037,284	970,976	5,008,260
HARMETER				
Accounts payable		104.453	60.036	253 470
Accrued payroll and related liabilities		184,452 69,072	69,026	253,478
• •				69,072
Taxes paid in advance Due to other governments		44,940 1,441		44,940
Interfund loans payable		231,642	41,483	1,441
Total liabilities		531,547	110,509	273,125 642,056
Total liabilities		331,347	110,505	042,030
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		415,000		415,000
Total deferred inflows of resources		415,000	-	415,000
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)				
Nonspendable		-	307,399	307,399
Restricted		-	351,273	351,273
Committed		150,000	235,558	385,558
Assigned		581,600		581,600
Unassigned		2,359,137	(33,763)	2,325,374
Total fund balances (deficit)		3,090,737	860,467	3,951,204
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of				
resources, and fund balances		4 027 204	070.076	
resources, and rund balances	\$	4,037,284	970,976	•

CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the year ended June 30, 2021

			Other	Total
			Governmental	Governmental
		General	Funds	Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	5	9,085,784		9,085,784
Licenses and permits		120,196		120,196
Intergovernmental		1,613,710	25,180	1,638,890
Charges for services		45,803	6,000	51,803
Interest earned		6,362	1,686	8,048
Unclassified		238,974	205,737	444,711
Total revenues		11,110,829	238,603	11,349,432
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government		1,099,243	132,515	1,231,758
Technology		90,784	-	90,784
Public safety		2,537,117	16,430	2,553,547
Public works		1,848,546	293,649	2,142,195
Community services		650,817	113,500	764,317
Education		3,758,064	,	3,758,064
County tax		395,413	_	395,413
Unclassified		12,967	3,438	16,405
Debt service		-	245,173	245,173
Capital expenditures		209,891	42,225	252,116
Total expenditures		10,602,842	846,930	11,449,772
Europe (deficiency) of commune		14 99	1.17	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		507,987	(608,327)	(100,340
over formers experiences		207,207	(000,021)	(200,210
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from issuance of notes		209,891	-	209,891
Transfers in		428,058	876,419	1,304,477
Transfers out		(873,419)	(267,818)	(1,141,237
Total other financing sources (uses)		(235,470)	608,601	373,131
Net change in fund balances		272,517	274	272,791
Fund balances, beginning of year		2,818,220	860,193	3,678,413
Fund balances, end of year	\$	3,090,737	860,467	3,951,204

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

The General Fund increased \$272,517 during the current fiscal year, and other governmental funds increased \$274. This resulted in a total increase to all funds of \$272,791.

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, 2021 amounts to \$14,083,569 (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
SUV-Police Crusier	PD	Plow Truck	PW
SUV-Police Crusier	PD	Sidewalk Upcrades	PW
Radio Upgrade	FD	WW Upgrade	ww
Radio Upgrade	Amb	GMC Sierra Pickup	ww

Total capital asset additions for FY 2021 in the City's governmental activities was \$291,685. After accounting for current year depreciation of \$941,761 and the disposal of an asset, governmental activities' net capital assets decreased by \$664,480 from the prior fiscal year.

Total capital asset additions for FY 2021 in the City's business-type activities (Ambulance and Wastewater) was \$1,176,428. After accounting for current year depreciation of \$677,031, business-type activities' net capital assets increased by \$499,397 from the prior fiscal year.

		Data of	Original	Data of	Daid then	Principal	Interest	Total
		Date of Issue	Amount Issued	Date of Maturity	Paid thru FY21	Balance 6/30/2021	Balance 6/30/2021	Outstanding 6/30/2021
General Fund								
2007 GO	Northwest Quadrant	9/26/2007	319,700	11/1/2027	207,805	111,895	14,645	111,895
2010 GO	Ladder Truck	10/28/2010	767,000	11/1/2025	511,333	255,667	17,589	255,667
2011 GO	Harrison Ave	5/25/2011	260,000	11/1/2039	83,571	176,429	19,175	176,429
2015 GO	Fire Equipment	10/20/2015	91,620	10/20/2021	78,532	13,089	310	13,088
2017 GO	Fire Truck	3/30/2017	163,080	3/31/2022	129,857	33,223	617	33,223
2017 GO	Road Projects	5/22/2017	1,194,339	5/22/2026	514,546	679,793	51,224	679,793
2017 GO	Sidewalks	5/22/2017	600,132	5/22/2031	159,025	441,107	71,187	441,107
2018 GO	Loader	12/1/2018	129,500	12/1/2024	43,167	86,333	6,371	86,333
2019 GO	LED Street Lights	2/28/2019	294,074	2/28/2029	58,815	235,259	38,389	235,259
Capital Lease	Plow Truck	11/10/2015	71,693	11/15/2022	23,195	48,498	1,171	48,498
Capital Lease	Volvo Excavatior	9/20/2017	60,100	9/20/2022	34,957	25,144	1,171	25,143
Capital Lease	Chevrolet Tahoe	2/20/2018		8/1/2022				4,566
	Wacker-Nelson Loader	10/10/2019	62,054	10/1/2024	11,807	-	3,968	50,248
Capital Lease	Freightliner Plow Truck	4/1/2020	123,861	8/1/2024	25,211		6,521	98,650
Capital Lease	Ford Explorer Police Cruiser	8/28/2020		10/1/2024	0	33,804		33,804
Capital Lease	Freightliner Plow Truck	12/23/2020	153,283	8/15/2025	0	153,283		153,283
Capital Lease	Radio Comm Equipment	9/15/2020			7,390			
oupital Educa	read of this Equipment	OT TOTE OF TO	00,101	1011012021	1,000	2,469,777	243,152	
TIF Fund						2,100,111	210,102	2,100,100
	Libby Hill	5/27/2010	4,067,093	11/1/2034	1 780 521	2,277,572	521,452	2,277,572
2010 00	LIDDY I IIII	5/2//2010	4,007,000	11/1/2004	1,700,021	2,277,572	521,452	2,277,572
Wastewater Fund						2,211,512	321,432	2,211,512
	Harrision Ave	5/26/2011	236,000	5/26/2040	56,158	179,842	75,283	170.04/
	Refinanced Rd Bonds		2,482,414					179,842
2014 SRLF				9/1/2031	876,146			1,606,268
2016 RD	Cobbossee	8/25/2016	391,000	2/1/2045				341,237
2016 RD	Cobbossee	8/25/2016	188,000	2/1/2045	23,926			164,074
2016 RD	CSO	12/16/2016			443,250			
	GMC Sierra Plow Truck	10/5/2018	43,598	10/15/2024	10,313			33,285
						4,639,456	757,469	4,639,456
Ambulance Fund	01	A IA A IA A I	48 444	A111888	48.555			
	Chevrolet Tahoe	2/20/2018	,	8/1/2022	12,578		164	4,566
	Rescue 1 Ambulance	1/22/2020	197,254	8/1/2025	32,796	164,458	16,422	164,458
	Rescue 1 Ambulance	1/22/2020		8/1/2025	33,084	165,901	16,422	165,901
Capital Lease	Radio Comm Equipment	9/15/2020	30,194	10/15/2024	7,390			
						357,730	34,127	357,729
Total All Funds						9,744,534	1,556,201	9,744,54

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 2022 budget resulted in a flat tax rate, remaining at 21.7/mil. Highlights of the FY22 budget include the following:

- ♦ General Fund budget of \$10,863,763
- ♦ \$6,611,167 (City)
- ♦ \$3,838,596 (Education)
- ♦ \$414,000 (County)
- ◆ Ambulance Enterprise Fund budget of \$1,516,633
- ♦ Wastewater Enterprise Fund budget of \$1,749,454

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Gardiner, Maine's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the **Finance Director**, 6 Church Street, Gardiner, Maine 04345.

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 tax bills, administering the tax club, sending out 30-Day Demand notices, filing liens and processing foreclosures, working with mortgage holders to provide tax information, and assisting residents with registrations of motor vehicles, boats, snow mobiles, and ATVs. It is our mission to provide every taxpayer with the highest level of customer service while exploring ways to control and minimize costs.

Tax Collector Cutler continues to serve as President of both the Maine Municipal Tax Collector and Treasurer's Association and the Northeast Regional Tax Collector's and Treasurer's Association. These affiliations ensure that this office provides the most current information pertaining to property taxes, motor vehicles and any programs that could potentially offer tax relief for our citizens.

Covid 19 continued to offer challenges but we were prepared. We continued to process payments via the drop box and mail and encouraged those residents who were uncomfortable coming into the office to use the online payment option.

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 FY21, we sent out 2,933 tax bills, filed 121 liens, and sent 25 foreclosure notices. If you would like to receive information about tax-acquired properties, please go to www.gardinermaine.com. On the top right corner of the home page, there is a link to subscribe to email alerts. Once you provide your email address there will be a drop down box that allows you to select which office you would like to receive notices from. Select "tax collector" and you will receive notices when we dispose of tax acquired properties.

In FY21, we processed 7,080 motor vehicle transactions for a total of \$994,266

We continue to work on outreach with elder residents and are always looking for ways to provide tax relief. The city currently offers a Tax Discount Program. In 2021, 28 residents qualified for relief and received a combined \$13,047 in refunds. For information on this program please call city hall.

Tax Collectors Report

			2020	2021
Assessed value		\$ 3	57,994,600	357,527,800
Tax rate (per \$1,000)			21.70	21.70
Commitment			7,768,483	7,758,353
Supplemental taxes			3735	1,964
			7,772,218	7,760,317
Less:				
Abatements/write offs			2,938	4,863
Collections			7,508,385	7,565,584
Current year taxes receivable at end	of year		260,895	189,870
Total taxes and liens receivable		\$	549,240	476,921
Due date	1st halfSep	tembe	r 16, 2019 Sep	otember 15, 2020
	2nd half	Ma	rch 16, 2020	March 15, 2021
Interest rate on delinquent taxes Collection rate			9.00% 96.64%	8.00% 97.55%

186 INVESTMENTS LLC	9422.65
23 RIVERVIEW GARDINER LLC	5,468.52
41 HIGHLAND AVE LLC	6123.28
ABBOTT ,JACOB T & MELISSA B	1595.98
ARSENEAU DIANE	4,958.42
ASPIRE CORPORATION	5830.89
BAILEY GERALD PERSON IN	3,058.45
BAILEY STEPHEN E	252.51
BAKER KRISTIE	861.07
BALLEW CASEY B	3,119.60
BEAULIEU NICHOLAS J	1653.94
BENSEN MICHAEL	114.40
BERNARD ,ASHLEY L PERSONAL	1029.34
BERNARD ASHLEY L	4,688.74
BERNARD ASHLEY L PERSONAL	3,124.40
BERNARD ASHLEY L PERSONAL	1,580.79
BIBBER BRANDON G	250.77
BIRD MARY	4,678.79
BLAKE JOHN	1,616.80
BOUDREAU DENNIS BOUDREAU	255.11
BRENDAHL, CRICKETT	13898.79
BRIGHT DONALD	1,048.11
BUCKLEY JOSEPH S	7199.26
BUCKLEY SHAWN	2,846.09
BUECHLER, CATHERINE PERSON IN	12934.36
BUMFORD, MICHAELA	2229.06
C B MAREIC INC	756.58
CANYON LLC	7306.11
CAPITAL AREAS PROPERTIES LLC	11086.67
CHAMBERS IVAN E	1,832.70
CLOUTIER LARRY B	1,377.00
CLUKEY CHERYL D	3009.79
COLD CREEK PLANTATION LLC	3819.20
COTTLE ADAM	2317.56
DICENT, VALERIO PERSON IN	39886.84
DICK T W CO INC	22,704.05
DOLLEY, DAVID A	891.70

DONOHOE JOHN	7,310.99
DONOVAN-KALOUST GREGG M	1245.42
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE	294.92
FIELDER BILLY JO	2,645.02
FITZHERBERT PHILIP J	3137.64
FLES JACOB	6,659.91
FORTIN MAX	1975.66
FOWLIE GAIL J	1,360.23
GAITHER MICHAEL L	1045.46
GILLEY BRIDGETTE M	692.91
GOEDECKE STEVEN M	812.57
GOODALL BENJAMIN	1772.19
GREEN ON THE HILL PROPERTIES	3495.74
GUILMETTE, BRENDA L	12,959.88
HANSON DARRYL	717.56
HARVEY DISTRIBUTING COMPANY	2611.45
HASKELL CHRISTOPHER K	659.84
HIGGINSON MICHAEL J PERSONAL	2201.74
HILL TOP LOG HOMES INC	622.24
HINSON, DAVID A PERSON IN	5038.74
HOLT, PAULINE L	2,214.03
HOWARD DEBRA PERSONAL REP	2667.18
JOSEPH JASON S	1012.66
KAMP HOLDINGS LLC	453.64
LAGASSEE ANITA J PERSON IN	2,885.22
LAWRENCE JOHN T	8,917.08
LEAVITT MONICA M	5,380.74
LINTON GARY R & NANCY J	1,531.58
LOVECHENKO EUGENE	3,650.14
MACDONALD CLAIRE HEIRS OF	6,923.01
MACMASTER JASON T	7,836.88
MACMASTER MICHAEL	10345.80
MALCOLM MARION	3141.56
MASCHINO, ELMER E	11454.20
MCKECHNIE SANDRA	2116.54
MOODY GRACE M	1,754.22
MOODY THOMAS P	4,066.24

MORANG JEFFREY	7478.05
NICKLESS RICHARD D JR	2122.60
NORTON, JEROMIAH	5512.03
OBEN, PAULINE	208.85
PELLETIER PAUL A	2747.69
PRESBY APRIL	1741.88
PRUE ,JENNIFER	5040.31
QUALITY PROPERTY LLC	6,290.06
R.L. WILLIAMS GROUP LLC	5,610.99
RESENDEZ VERONICA	4,131.94
RTM GARDINER LLC	1,736.95
SERGENT, PENNY	13,340.61
SBR HOMES LLC	1229.20
SCHOOLS BETTY J	1628.05
SEIGARS TAMARA	8,692.48
SLIVA JOHN S JR	2,515.93
SMITH, RICHARD A JR & MARY JOAN	10835.79
SOLOMON CHRISTINE L	2,677.63
SPEAR, RONALD & KIMBERLY	3,217.08
STEBBINS DANIEL	4,109.31
STONIER JONATHAN M	1,922.39
SUKEFORTH CYNTHIA	2373.39
TWC PROPERTIES LLC	14,685.45
VEREGEE BARBARA H	3061.03
WATERMAN, MEGAN L	18,918.57
WHEELER LAURIE	4884.92
WHITNEY, PHILIP T	1,140.99
WILLARD ,HEATHER A	3640.67
WILLARD, RICHARD T PERSONAL	2,824.19
WILLIAMS WILLIAMS S	3014.01
WLODYLO DEBRA	1,148.81
BALANCE	476921.00

CITY CLERK

Alisha Ballard, City Clerk

Office Staff

Alisha Ballard,

City Clerk & Registrar of Voters

Kathleen Cutler,

Tax Collector & Deputy Treasurer

Bri Gagne,

Front Office Clerk
Deputy Tax
Collector & Deputy
City Clerk

Sherry Emmons,

Executive Secretary, GA Administrator, & Utility Clerk

Angelia Christopher,

Planning &
Economic
Development/Code
Enforcement/
Assessing
Administrative
Assistant

P: (207) 582-4200 F: (207) 582-6895 Despite Covid, in 2021 the City of Gardiner worked hard to stay open for the residents. Thank you to the front office staff for all that you do for the citizens of Gardiner.

Many thanks to my warden Deirdre O'Brien Berglund and the Election Clerks for a great election year. I would not be able to hold the election without you and all that you do.

Dog Licenses

In 2021, the front office staff registered 523 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 2021, 72 new Gardiner residents were born. The City of Gardiner issued 70 marriage licenses with 8 weddings performed here at City Hall.

There were 60 recorded deaths.

Inland Fisheries

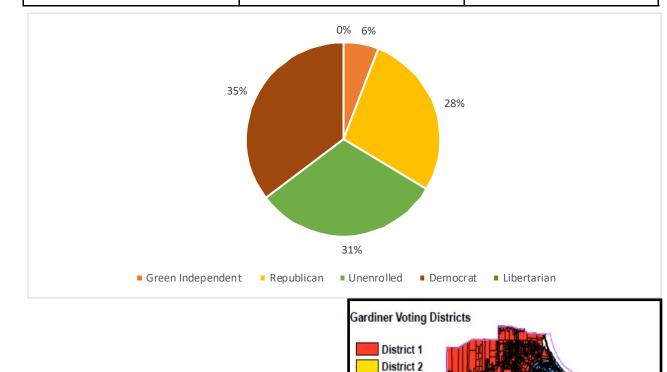
Licenses & Registrations Sold in Calendar Year 2021

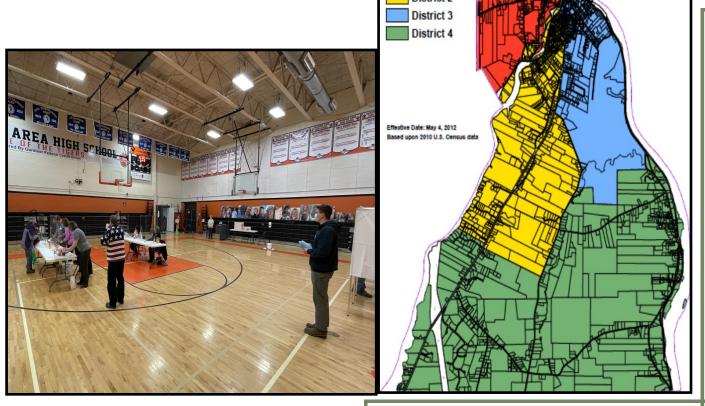
Hunting/Fishing 232
Boats 281
ATVs 126
Snowmobiles 83



4,886 Registered Voters in Gardiner

Election Day March 9, 2021 1060 Ballots Cast 22% Voter Turn-Out Election Day June 8, 2021 111 Ballots Cast 2% Voter Turn-Out Election Day November 2, 2021 1650 Ballots Cast 34% Voter Turn-Out





City of Gardiner Employees Recognized for Years of Service in 2021

Name	Position	Years of Service
John Gorman	PW truck driver	10
Douglas MacMaster	WW Operator	10
Lawrence Whitmore	WW Mechanic	15

New City of Gardiner Employees Hired in 2021

Name	Position	Month Hired
Connor Osborne	FF/Paramedic	May
John Cameron, Jr.	PW Truck Driver	June
Iris Ireland	PT Library Aide	June
Erin Overlock	PT Library Aide	July
Scott Getchell	Police Officer	August
Johnathan Jamison	BG Maintenance Asst.	October
Barbara Gipson	PT Library Aide	November
Justin Hoenke	Library Director	November
Lucyann Cook	Finance Director	December









GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Sherry Emmons, General Assistance Director

The General Assistance Program is available Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment — or anytime for emergencies — by calling 582-1000, to assist eligible residents who are in need of basic needs such as rent, heating fuel, electricity, food or 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 immediate needs or emergencies.

Salvation Army funds have assisted with keeping numbers down in the heating line by approximately \$2,000.00. This assistance is always greatly appreciated.

Due to the Federal Food Supplemental Program, food voucher requests have been down this year, while housing has seen a huge increase over the previous year.

Number of Applications: 48

Number of Residents Assisted: 81

Expenditures for 2021

Housing	\$ 23,597.00
Heating	244.50
Electric	156.79
Household / Personal Supplies	100.00
Food	0.00
Burial	315.00
Other	0.00

Total \$ 24,413.29

Funding Sources for the above expenditures include:

State of Maine, DHHS (Reimbursement 70%) \$(17,089.30)

Net Cost to Gardiner \$7,323.99

GARDINER PUBLIC LIBRARY Justin Hoenke, Librarian

The Gardiner Public Library is a truly regional institution, serving the municipalities of Gardiner, Farmingdale, Litchfield, Pittston, Randolph and West Gardiner. The library provides services to a population of more than 20,000 people and is a big economic driver for Gardiner's historic downtown. We remain an extraordinarily busy library, despite the impact of COVID-19, and are a true community center for Gardiner and the region.

2021 marked the retirement of longtime Library Director Anne Davis and Assistant Director Scott Handville. Over the last 40 years, this dynamic duo guided the Gardiner Public Library through it all. As they head into retirement, Anne and Scott leave the library in a wonderful place, with a strong history of service and progress and in a steadfast position to continue growing and serving our community. As the new Library leadership team, Library Director Justin Hoenke and Assistant Director Dawn Thistle are both honored and eager to steward the Gardiner Public Library moving forward.

We continue to adapt library services to our community's needs. Pandemic or not, we are there to guide and help folks through all times. We have expanded our Digital Library services via Hoopla and CloudLibrary, which provide access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, and more. A Gardiner Public Library card unlocks all these services and, in 2021, patrons borrowed over 7,300 titles via Hoopla alone. We also loan various technology tools, from Chromebooks and mobile hotspots to iPads and Kindles. In addition to digital, we continue to provide an amazing physical collection of over 45,000 books, movies, audiobooks, and music CDs (all of which continue to grow) as well as access to library materials from all over the state (and nation) via InterLibrary Loan. What's more, any and all of these items may be quickly and safely obtained at our Pick-Up Window—another great and recent adaptation!

Our Community Archives Room remains one of our most prized resources. This space, managed by Assistant Director/Special Collections Librarian, Dawn Thistle, is a destination spot for anyone researching the rich and unique history of our community or of their own family. In addition to the many physical items in our collection, we have digitized our local newspapers dating back to 1827 and provide free online access at gardiner.advantage-preservation.com. As our library and services continue to grow, we plan to expand our local history and genealogy offerings. When our community members are better able to understand their past, they can better contribute to a strong and positive future for Gardiner.

Gardiner Public Library is an outstanding model of a great public/private partnership. The library is a department of the City of Gardiner, with all staff employees of the City; and the building and grounds are owned and maintained by the Gardiner Library Association, a 501©3 nonprofit organization. The Gardiner Library Association owns and cares for our gorgeous 140-year-old building. In 2022, they will be focusing efforts on repairing and restoring the brick and brownstone exterior of the building, as well as renovating our Young Adult space in the rear of the building. All the GLA's work, as with past projects, will be supported by private donations and grants; no tax dollars are expended in building improvements.

In 2022, we will continue to grow library services by listening to our community members. We have already resumed Saturday hours and hope to soon resume many other library programs and events, whether inperson and/or online, as our public prefers. And finally, our collections (both physical & digital) will continue to develop and grow according to our community's needs. The best public libraries listen and respond accordingly. That is something we will never forget at the Gardiner Public Library.

Finally, a public library is only as good as its staff. With over 160 years of library and community service combined, the Gardiner Public Library has one of the best staffs in the state, always dedicated to being there for all of the needs of our community members.

Meet the 2021 professional staff

- Justin Hoenke, Library Director
- Jessica Betit, Young Adult Librarian
- Ann Russell, Technology Librarian
- Barbara Gipson, Library Assistant
- Dawn Thistle, Assistant Director/Special Collections
- Ginni Nichols, Children's Librarian
- Robert Fagan, Library Assistant
- Marlene Patten, Library Assistant

GARDINER FIRE AND RESCUE

Richard F Sieberg, Fire Chief

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Gardiner Fire & Rescue Department 2021 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 to which we are called.

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.

Responses

Gardiner Fire/Rescue serves a population of 25,742 encompassing 173 square miles. At present, the ambulance service contracts include the towns of Litchfield, West Gardiner, Farmingdale, Randolph, Chelsea, Pittston and Richmond.

In 2021, Gardiner Fire/Rescue responded to 3,025 EMS calls and 254 fire calls.

<u>Personnel</u>

The Gardiner Fire and Rescue Department has maintained its force of 16 firefighter/paramedics. The crews work in four shifts and provide coverage 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We staff 4 firefighter/paramedics each day providing both fire and EMS services.

A Shift

Captain/Paramedic Nate Sutherburg

Lieutenant/Paramedic Eric Davis

Firefighter/Paramedic Clayton Snelling

Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Williams

B Shift

Captain/Paramedic Pat Saucier

Lieutenant/Paramedic Josh Webb

Firefighter/Advanced EMT Gary Hickey

Firefighter/Paramedic Tony Cataldi

C Shift

Captain/Paramedic Andrew Santheson
Lieutenant/Paramedic Justin Lodolce
Firefighter/Paramedic Cody Hickey
Firefighter/Paramedic Damon Ross

D Shift

Captain/Paramedic Josh Johnson

Lieutenant/Paramedic Jesse Thompson

Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Melanson

Firefighter/Paramedic Connor Osborne

Equipment

The Gardiner Fire Department maintains a fleet consisting of: two engines, one 100' ladder truck, three ambulances, one utility truck, one UTV, one boat, and one Chief's vehicle.

To say 2021 was a challenging year for equipment would be an understatement. From parts not being available to garages with no mechanics, keeping the wheels turning was an adventure. As always, our firefighters met each challenge, head-on, and with a sense of humor. Luckily, problem solving is in our wheelhouse. We always have, and continue to be, ready to respond to all emergencies.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention and Education

Firefighter/paramedic, Tony Cataldi is our Fire Prevention and Education specialist. COVID, once again, made our fire prevention outreach look a bit different this year. Tony built a very informative PowerPoint presentation that was used by several youth and senior groups. Hopefully, this year finds Tony back in the schools teaching our kiddos.

Training - Fire and EMS

The Gardiner Fire Department conducts regular training through company drills and external training opportunities to maintain 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 to which the Department responds. 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

In addition to our shift trainings, Gardiner Firefighters routinely attend various classes and seminars. This year, once again, was affected by COVID, which limited opportunities. Firefighter Cataldi attended several fire investigation classes in addition to NFPA fire code classes. Our call company holds monthly in-house trainings with the duty shift assisting.

EMS Training

Each year, Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers are required to attend continuing education. Gardiner Fire & Rescue's provider mix is comprised of 15 EMT-Paramedics and 1 Advanced EMT. In 2020, the department hosted classes in advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), pediatric advanced life support (PALS), basic life support (BLS CPR) and monthly continuing education classes that are completed online. COVID changed how we normally train, however these classes in conjunction with on-shift training kept our EMS professionals on the top of their game.

It should be noted that, in 2021, we had several members complete their Paramedic courses to become Nationally Registered Paramedics. Firefighters Osborne, Ross, Cody Hickey, Williams, and Snelling are now practicing at the Paramedic level. The amount of classroom and clinical time required to become a Paramedic is very substantial and these members should be proud of this accomplishment. We are one of the only ambulance providers in the area to have remained fully staffed throughout 2021. The level of commitment demonstrated to this department from our members is nothing short of amazing. It is truly an honor and privilege to work with these professionals every day.

Gardiner Fire & Rescue is always eager to assist you any way we can. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Chief Sieberg

207-582-4535, ext. 1120

E-mail: fire@gardinermaine.com



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

<u>Sergeants</u>

Stacey Blair Normand Gove

Detective

Sgt. Todd Pilsbury

School Resource Officers

Samuel Quintana Vacant

<u>Patrolmen</u>

Alonzo Connor Sean Dixon Kaleb Marston Scott Getchell

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

Safety Officer

Rob Pekins

Public Safety Assistant

Tara Merrill

Gardiner Police Department

Message from the Chief, James M. Toman

What a year 2021 has been! Despite the tolls that the pandemic has had on all of us, the Gardiner Police Department was able to maintain its mission of providing policing excellence in customer service and ensuring the safety and quality of life for Gardiner citizens, businesses and visitors. The Police Department is always evolving crime reduction strategies and our partnership with the community has contributed to another year of some reduction in serious criminal offenses. Because of our commitment to working with you, it is our hope that Gardiner will remain a very safe community.

The City of Gardiner and Gardiner Public Safety are committed to notifying citizens about events that are occurring and those that are going to occur. Events such as parades, road closures, snow cleanup, building closures, street sweeping, flood potentials, fire dangers, missing persons, pandemic concerns, etc., are important to know about as they may cause an inconvenience or disturbance for you or someone you know. If you would like to receive up-to-date information about what's going on in our wonderful City, please do one, or perhaps both of the following: #1 go to the Gardiner Police Department's page on Facebook and click "like". #2 go to www.NIXLE.com and sign up to receive free email and text alerts from Gardiner Public Safety. Please "like" and sign up today to stay informed! Have you recently moved to Gardiner or South Gardiner, or have you moved from one location in Gardiner to another location in Gardiner? Did you know that you are required to change your address on both your license and registration? Here is the link to assist you with that - https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/. We ask that you complete this immediately so that if we need to make contact with you, we can.

Please stay alert to your surroundings, lock up your cars and your houses, there are some people amongst us that will take what is not theirs. We need you to assist us in preventing and solving crimes. If you see or hear something suspicious, call the dispatch center immediately at 624-7076 x9 or 911 so that on-duty staff can respond as quickly as time allows. Please remember that neither our Facebook nor Facebook Messenger is monitored 24/7; as such, they are not an effective way to notify the department that something is wrong or that you need an officer for something that is going on right now. #SeeSomethingSaySomething.

As your Chief of Police, I assure you that the men and women of Gardiner PD will always

- * strive to remain a highly regarded professional organization.
- * strengthen our partnership with the community through trust, honesty, integrity and strong community relations.
- continue to respect the rights and dignity of all individuals.
- * look for continuous improvement through self-evaluation and we will plan for a future enhanced by technology, education and training, remaining open to new ideas and concepts in law enforcement.

As your Chief of Police, I am committed to making sure that all officers uphold the highest standard of conduct in all aspects of their job including, de-escalation techniques, situational use of force, mechanics of arrest and community relations, etc. If you believe that a member of Gardiner PD has not met the mission or has acted in a manner that is concerning, please report your concerns to me so they can be appropriately investigated. Working collaboratively with our citizens we strive to ensure that the members of Gardiner PD always demonstrate the ethical values that our community and its citizens are accustomed to and expects from us.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the many citizens of Gardiner that take the time to offer comments, write letters and emails to me about the good, hard work that they witness being performed by Gardiner officers. Your kind words are greatly appreciated!

Finally, I want to thank all of the dedicated members of the Gardiner Police Department, their families, all of our other City departments, the City Manager, and our elected officials for their partnership and support of the police department.

Sincerely,

Chief James M. Toman

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

About the Department

The Gardiner Police Department maintains twenty-four hour police protection 365 days a year. When at full staff, there are nine staff members (2 Sergeants and 7 officers) that are assigned to a 12-hour fixed shift. When at full staff, we also have a full-time detective, and two officers assigned as school resource officers during the school year. The safety officer is a civilian position and works 25 hours a week. For your safety, there are ALWAYS at least 1-2 officers on duty from 7am-3pm and there are 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 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 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 responds to an average of 12,000 calls for service per year. An analysis of those calls for service indicate over 90% of calls are responded to within five minutes. 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:

- ◆ 175 offense reports
- 245 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.).
- ♦ 74 traffic citations
- ◆ 153 motor vehicle accidents (includes reportable and non-reportable damage)
- ♦ 151 parking tickets

The department also issued 6 new Concealed Weapons Permits and 22 renewals/transfers.

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

Community Relations

- Facebook Page Gardiner Police Department [Maine]
- Nightly business checks
- Self-service prescription drug box available in Police Department lobby during normal business hours. Please dispose 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
- ♦ ALICE Business and School training to help survive a violent encounter

Animal Control & Parking Enforcement

The Animal Control Officer (Safety Officer) is in charge of animal welfare, stray and domesticated animals (cats and dogs) in the City of Gardiner. Any complaint of a non-domesticated animal will be referred to the Maine Warden Service.

We would like to remind dog owners that per State law, your dog must be registered with the City by December 31 of each year. Also, please keep your dog on a leash when you are off of your property and please be responsible and clean up after your dog when they make a mess while out and about on a walk. Please be sure to check out the City's dog park located on upper Water St., just west of D&H motors, as it is a park just for dogs!

Here are some friendly parking ordinance reminders: there is a 2 hour time limit for parking in the downtown on Water Street. Overnight parking is never allowed in the downtown section of Water Street. It is illegal to park on the sidewalk. It shall be unlawful to park on any street within the City of Gardiner between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 30th regardless of weather conditions. All parking violations found within the City are subject to ticketing and towing, so, please pay attention.

For Parking or Animal Control inquiries, please contact the Safety Officer at 582-3211 ext. 1344 or the dispatch center at 624-7076, ext. 9.

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Jerry Douglass, Public Works Director

The Public Works and Building and Grounds Departments operate on a \$2,159,805.00 dollar budget, which includes capital improvements. Our primary services are to maintain the city's infrastructure, parks, and city buildings. We also respond to all sewer service calls, operate the streetlights and assist in a number of community events.

Our road paving continued by paving Libby Hill and a portion of Old Brunswick Road. We did a couple major drainage projects on Harden Hill and Summer Street, both eliminating regular street flooding. We also ditched both sides of Libby Hill Road and replaced a bunch of driveway culverts. We painted all the waterfront docks for the first time this year.

Fall cleanup was once again a huge success with many households taking advantage of our annual October event. The crew spent 2-3 days a week in a 4-week period picking up household debris amounting to 22.5 tons and 163 tickets were sold. In May, the city participated in the household hazardous waste collection in collaboration with the City of Augusta.

The winter of 2020/21 was a light snow year with few storms, however, the first snow storm of the year in December was a Nor'easter but only produced 5 inches of snow. The remaining winter only brought occasional storms that were easily manageable. The city purchased another new plow truck this year, the fourth new plow truck in the last 4 years, putting the city in a good position to treat and remove snow in the most timely and efficient way possible. Public Works is in good shape with their plow trucks and shouldn't need to purchase another for 5 years or more. Because public works changed their winter operation to a more salt priority treatment with very little to no sand used, our sweeping time was minimal. We were done sweeping in a weeks' time, typically, the crew would spend a month sweeping up the sand they put down in the winter treating roads, this is a significant savings in terms of time and money.

Crosswalk painting was not completed due to a national shortage of traffic paint. The shortage was caused by a chemical plant in Texas that provides resin for the traffic paint. The plant blew up after a major icing event shut it down. We were not able to get paint until late October, so no painting was accomplished.

The Buildings and Grounds Department was busy maintaining all our parks and cemeteries. Over 30 areas throughout the city were mowed and maintained. This department also maintains and cleans City Hall, the Police Station, and the Library. In the winter this effort continues, however they are also responsible for snow removal at these locations, as well as snow removal on the Water Street sidewalks and Arcade parking area. They also work closely with Gardiner Main Street to help set up summer and winter events and decorate the city for Christmas. Because of COVID-19, Riverfest was cancelled but Swine & Stein and the Holiday Parade took place and were huge successes. After a summer of cancelled events in 2020, there were many antique car shows and music events at the waterfront park this year. All waterfront events that happened this year were well attended and much appreciated as many residents in the Gardiner community and neighboring communities gathered in the warm sunshine to be social once again!

Gardiner Public Works is manned by 8 employees: Jerry Douglass, Director; John Cameron, Foreman/Mechanic; Dave Grover, Operator; Jay Jamison, Operator; Steve Willard, Operator; John Gorman, Truck Driver. A Mechanic position has been vacant most of the year with the foreman doing double duty to fill the gap. A Truck Driver position was also vacant for most of the year, but we were able to hire a full-time plow operator for the winter season only.

Building & Grounds is manned by 3 employees, Dan Robideau, Foreman; Tucker Fitzmaurice, Maintenance Assistant; Ariel Kinchen, Maintenance Assistant.

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.

<u>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.</u>

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

Jerry Douglass

Public Works Director

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Douglas Clark, Director

In **2021**, the City of Gardiner Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) treated **345**,982,000 gallons of sewerage and combined stormwater. That calculates to be an average daily flow of **947**,896 gallons per day. Of that, the Town of Farmingdale contributed **48**,513,700 gallons or **14**.0% of flow contribution and the Town of Randolph contributed **46**,782,472 gallons or **13**.5%.

The finished clean water or "effluent" discharged to the Kennebec River was cleaned to an average of 95% 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, 2 siphons, 4 interceptors, numerous force mains, a Stormwater CSO/RTB (Combined Sewer Overflow and Treatment Basin) 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 meaning it is safe to use for all household gardening and landscaping purposes, including food crop production. Some of the finished compost is delivered back to the Gardiner WWTF for consumer use and is available <u>free of charge</u> to all citizens of Gardiner, Randolph and Farmingdale. In **2021** the WWTF produced **746.70** wet tons (**951** cubic yards) of the raw sludge material and received back **100** cubic yards of finished Class A rated compost which was given away free to local residents.

The \$4,200,000 CSO/RTB (Combined Sewer Overflow/Retention and Treatment Basin) project completed in September 2016 at the Maine Avenue Pump Station captured, treated and returned to the system 1,030,000 gallons of combined sewerage and stormwater (CSO flow) that would have otherwise gone untreated out to the Kennebec River. An additional total of 1,565,000 gallons of CSO flow was given basic primary treatment through the CSO treatment plant (primary bypassing secondary) before discharge to the river during heavy rain events. This flow would also have been discharged directly to the river without any treatment. 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 15 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 and Treatment Plant resulting in bypasses and overflows of excess untreated flow to enter the Kennebec River.

Phase I of a \$6,200,000 major equipment upgrade was undertaken in 2021, as well, consisting of the replacement of all ten of the Rotating Biological Contactors, the influent or headworks screen and new standby emergency generator.

The Gardiner WWTF is manned by 5 employees, Douglas Clark, Director; Larry Whitmore, Mechanic/ Operator; Doug MacMaster, Operator; Chris Miller, Operator, and Ben Dice, Lab Operator. Gardiner Public Works Dept. Director Jerry Douglass, Foreman John Cameron and employees Dave Grover, Jay Jamison, Steve Willard and John Gorman, maintain the collection system (sewers).

Douglas E. Clark

Wastewater Director

Department of Economic and Community Development Office of Planning and Development

Staff Listing

Tracey Desigrations, Director of Economic Development/Planning

tdesjardins@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6888

Provides staff and budgetary oversight, serves as Brownfields project coordinator, chairs the Brownfields Advisory Committee, oversees the Community Development Block Grants and works with Economic & Community Development Committee and other various city committees. Responsible for business recruitment and retention efforts, city-wide marketing efforts, Libby Hill lot sales, and assists businesses with grant funding opportunities.

Kris McNeill Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner

kmcneill@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.

Angelia Christopher, Administrative Assistant

achristopher@gardinermaine.com or 207-582-6892

Handles public inquiries, assists staff on all matters related to the department, and provides support to several boards and committees.

Economic & Community Development

The overall economic picture for the city continues to work through the Covid-19 pandemic as well as other communities. Although we lost businesses during the pandemic we have gained businesses especially in the downtown area.

Attracting and retaining workforce continues to be a challenge for businesses. 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. The unemployment rate for Gardiner is 4.7% with the US average at 6.0%. Gardiner has seen the job market increase by 0.2% over the last year. Future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 31.9%, which is lower than the US average of 33.5%.

Gardiner's investment in Economic Development should continue to be focused as much on quality of place as on job creation.

Gardiner needs to continue to attract a diverse workforce through the growth of Libby Hill Business Park, upper floor housing in the downtown as well as new housing stock. Strategic investments in amenities such as the Cobbossee Trail, Johnson Hall, Waterfront Park and the Historic Downtown, will continue to set Gardiner apart as individuals are priced out of Southern Maine. Gardiner has also saw an increase of new housing stock in 2021.

Some specific highlights in 2021 include: Adoption of the new Downtown Master Plan. Construction projects at the Libby Hill Business Park — Black Diamond and PODS. There was also the sale of Lots 8, 9, 19 and 20. Libby Hill Business Park has only 4 available lots for sale.

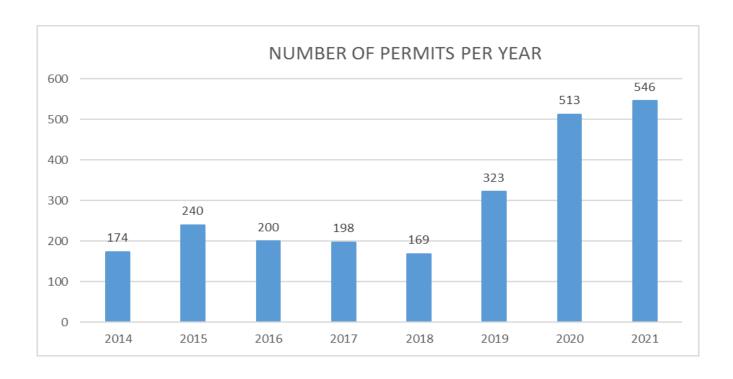
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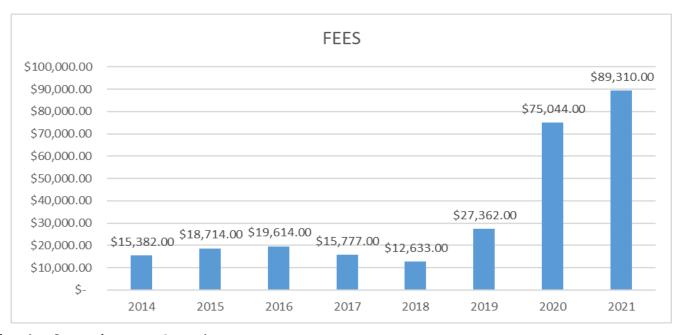
Purpose of the Department – as stated in the 2010 Land Use Ordinance:

- 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.





Planning & Development Committees

There are six (6) committees directly linked to the City's planning and development functions. They are:

- Ordinance Review Committee
- Planning Board
- Board of Appeals
- Economic & Community Development
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Housing Committee

The **Ordinance Review Committee** met eleven (11) 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.

The **Planning Board** held seventeen (17) meetings to review fourteen (14) different applications including subdivisions, planning board, and site plan review; along with ten (10) ordinance/zone changes. They approved all of the applications and ordinance changes.

The **Board of Appeals** met six (6) times during the year. They approved road setback variances and a shoreland zoning variances, overruled a denial from the planning board, and a conversion of a single family unit into a four multi-family unit.

The **Economic & Community Development Committee** was reorganized during 2021 and they meet on the second Thursday of each month. The focus for 2021 was making recommendations to the City Council on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The city is slated to receive a total of \$597,046.12 in funds, which will be paid in two segments. The first \$298,523.06 has been received. The committee will continue to work with Council on ARPA funds.

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 the original documents.

2021 Certificates of Appropriateness

HPC Certificates of Appropriateness: Four (4) applications approved

CEO Certificates of Appropriateness: There were no CEO Certificates approved

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 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 COAs for authorized work allowed by ordinance.

- The Commission met ten (10) times in 2021.
- The Commission also voted to move a swing set to restore a historic path in the Common, as well as secured listing of the Common/Brunswick Square on the National Historic Register.



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 Advisory Committee Marijuana Task Force Committee

Brownfields Advisory Committee Merrymeeting Trail Committee

Charter Review Commission MSDA#11 School Board of Directors

City Council New Mills Dam Committee

Cobbossee Trail Committee Ordinance Review Committee

Cobbossee Watershed Parks and Recreation Committee

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Planning Board

Conservation Committee Quimby Trust

Dog Ordinance Committee Sidewalk Committee

E911 Addressing Committee Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee

Economic Development Committee Technology Advisory Committee

Election Day Staff Tree Committee

Façade Committee Wastewater Advisory Committee

Fire Prevention/Codes Working Groups Water District Trustees

If you are interested in joining any of theses groups, please feel free to call City Hall at 582-4460 or email aballard@gardinermaine.com for more information or go to http://www.qardinermaine.com/qardiner-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.

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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 were related to economic development and, half of that number 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!





What We've Been Up To In 2021

Gardiner Main Street partners with community members, downtown businesses, and the City of Gardiner to help to grow and sustain our historic downtown while celebrating our unique cultural heritage. For this second year of the pandemic, we were prepared and ready to adapt our events and program offerings and are happy to share our accomplishments over the past year.

Bringing Back Annual Events

We were happy to once again return to hosting live, in-person events - something the community was severely missing. This October we had record attendance for Swine and Stein Brewfest's return to the street, which brought a large number of visitors from the Boston area and beyond. We hosted Gardiner as a featured city for Maine Craft Weekend with several events and open houses downtown. Most recently, Water Street was lined with people welcoming a return to the much-loved Holiday Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting event. Hosting public events is always a great way to see the impact of our efforts, and after a year of canceling all of our public activities, it was very rewarding to be able to plan traditional events again.

Gardiner's Gardeners

Our hardworking team of Streetscape volunteers once again brought color and beauty to our downtown with two dozen blooming sidewalk planters along Water Street. This team also cleans up and maintains the public gardens downtown and at the Waterfront Park. Their work also includes tending to the Palmer Fountain at the Common, advising on the reconstruction of McKay Park, as well as partnering with the City's Public Works department on downtown maintenance and holiday decorations.

Gardiner's Greeters - Our New Welcome Wagon

Our new Gardiner's Greeters program was formed this year as a welcome wagon initiative to connect with the influx of new residents over recent years. Volunteers visit recently sold homes with information including restaurant menus and business flyers. The new residents are also invited to attend upcoming events and to subscribe to our newsletter for updates.

The Most Trusted Source Of Information

Responses from the recent downtown master plan public survey revealed that Gardiner Main Street is the leading source for relevant and trusted Gardiner information. We leverage our e-newsletter, social media channels and website to update the community on business offerings and services, as well as upcoming events and activities downtown. This year we focused on strengthening Gardiner's digital presence and public image as a "place to be." We invested in the development of a new website to create a central hub for all things Gardiner. Our new interactive directory makes finding Gardiner businesses, events, jobs, real estate listings, along with many resources for residents and businesses super easy. Check it out at gardinermainstreet.org!

Supporting The Downtown Community

With so many new funding resources from pandemic relief funds and other grants and programs, we help keep our business and building owners updated with the latest information. We also help to connect those looking to bring a business to Gardiner with potential locations and business resources. And this year we officially welcomed several new businesses to Gardiner with ribbon cutting ceremonies!

















City of Gardiner Collaboration

We continue to work with the City of Gardiner on matters regarding the downtown area. Our organization was a partner for the development and public engagement on the new Downtown Master Plan, assisted with the McKay Park redevelopment planning, and our executive director sits on the Economic and Community Development Committee as they work through equitable uses for the City's ARPA fundina.

Open Door For Office Visits

Our office is located on the second floor of 192 Water Street above Domino's Pizza and is always open for visitors to stop in, learn more about our organization, and also for business and building owners to come in to share their needs and concerns.

Looking Ahead Into 2022

We will be working to engage more people in our community to help support and shape our programs and events in the new year. The City of Gardiner's new Heart of Gardiner Downtown Master Plan is an exciting new planning document for our downtown and we will be looking for ways to support future initiatives in the plan.

With the pandemic still looming and impacting so much of our lives, there will still be struggles ahead for our downtown community and for our organization. But we are thankful for the strength and support among our Gardiner residents, businesses, and the municipality to help us all get through this together.

Ready To Roll Up Your Sleeves?

With a small staff, we rely on the help of our amazing volunteers for everything that we do. You can volunteer for one of our events, make a regular commitment of hours, or get involved in one of our teams to help plan all that we do. We're always looking for more volunteer team members. We invite you to be a part of the Gardiner community in a meaningful way - you'll be glad you did! Learn about some of our volunteer opportunities at gardinermainstreet.org/volunteer, call us at 582-3100, or email us at info@gardinermainstreet.org.

Stay Up To Date!

Stay up to date on Gardiner events and other info by subscribing to our email newsletter on our website, or follow the Gardiner Main Street page on Facebook and Instagram: @gardinermainst

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As a Main Street America™ Accredited program, Gardiner Main Street is a recognized leading program among the national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities who share both a commitment to creating MAIN STREET high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservationbased economic development. All Main Street America™ Accredited programs are reviewed annually to meet a set of National Accreditation Standards of Performance as outlined by the National Main Street Center.



Hello Gardiner residents,

Spectrum Generations proudly served as a community partner last year, providing \$90,201 in benefits to residents of your town. Here's a breakdown of the services we provided to 152 members of your community last year:

- 7,118 meals worth an estimated \$47,975 were delivered to homebound seniors and adults with disabilities;
- 174 congregate meals were served, worth an estimated \$3,856;
- Aging and Disability Resource Specialists provided 252 hours of outreach and counseling on topics including elder abuse, prescription drug coverage and long-term care options. This counseling valued at \$3,813 was provided to 154 people;
- 8 community members received 527 hours of caregiver services valued at \$33,157;
- 4 community members participated in health and wellness programs worth \$1,400;
- 3 volunteers provided an estimated in service 20 hours through our organization to your community;
- Healthy Living for ME, a statewide network of local organizations, health systems and volunteers, worked together to provide 123 free or low-cost workshops to nearly 1,000 participants, empowering them to take control of their health.

Thank you for supporting our mission to promote and advance the well-being and independence of older and disabled adults, with the support of their care partners, to live in their community of choice. If you or a loved one would like to volunteer, or learn more about our services, please contact me at vabbott@spectrumqenerations.org or call (207) 620-1631.

Sincerely,

Victoria Abbott

Community Engagement Director

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March, 2022

Dear Gardiner Residents.

Since 1988, with the support of 1,100 member households and over forty Maine businesses, the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) has worked cooperatively with landowners and communities to conserve our region's natural resources. KLT holds conservation easements on, accepts gifts of, and purchases significant lands to further the mission of the organization.

Over the past two years, KLT experienced a marked increase in interest from people who recently discovered our close-to-home lands and 55 miles of trails. As our communities faced physical and mental health challenges associated with the pandemic, we heard many times that nature provided solace.

In 2020 KLT published the second edition of our popular hiking guide – Take a Hike! which features thirty-two of our properties. This guide includes the Cobbossee Stream Conservation Area, where KLT holds a conservation easement. These hiking guides continue to be popular with community members and visitors. You can purchase your own copy on our website at tklt.org/merchandise.

KLT offers a great selection of outings and educational events for the public and we collaborate with schools and other organizations to engage youth and share our conservation programs with the community. We're looking forward to being a part of Great Cobbossee Watershed Cleanup on Earth Day.

We welcome this opportunity to communicate with Gardiner residents and the Selectboard about our conservation work. Everyone is welcome to visit our properties and trails and to attend our public programs.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more information at 207-377-2848 or info@tklt.org. You can also visit our website, www.tklt.org for trail maps, directions, and more information about our organization. Thank you to all those in Gardiner who have chosen to support KLT as members or volunteers.

Sincerely,

Janet Sawyer **President**

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Top row (left to right): Jacobs-Stanley Conservation Area

(Rebecca Stanley); Tyler and KLT summer interns, Andrew, Johnny and Katie at Weston Woods, photo (Jean-Luc Theriault)

Middle row (left to right): Logger Nat Bell and forester Ken Laustsen at Curtis forestry program; new trail at the Ezra-Smith Preserve, KLT Annual Meeting (*Andy Tolman*)

Bottom row: North Acres Wildlife Conservation Area (Norm Rodrigue)

Maine School Administrative District No. 11 150 Highland Avenue

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Patricia Hopkins Superintendent of Schools Phone: (207) 582-5346 Fax: (207) 582-8305 www.msadll.org

Angela Hardy Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Superintendent's Report 2021-2022

Last summer we were hopeful that the pandemic would be behind us. Unfortunately that was not to be. The on-going pandemic continues to present many day-to-day operational challenges. Contact tracing for positive COVID-19 exposures, unfilled vacancies, a shortage of substitutes, a high daily absentee rate and a universal mask mandate, on top of the daily operating demands, created immense stress and fatigue for the entire staff. To keep our doors open, repeatedly staff willingly covered for co-workers when substitutes could not be hired, thereby temporarily eliminating their planning periods. Once in January 2022, staff outages totaled almost 20% (69 people), but thanks to the creativity of administrators and staff to find coverage and to all who pitched in to help cover classes and supervise duties, we were able to keep all our schools open and buses operating. The staffs' dedication to their students cannot go unnoticed and cannot be understated. Please join me in thanking our teachers, nurses, instructional technology staff, educational technicians, instructional coaches, administrative assistants, bus drivers, custodians, food service workers, and administrators. Also, please join me in thanking School Board members for the countless hours they spent considering COVID related policies to minimize the spread of the virus and to keep students and staff safe. Their unwavering commitment to our students and staff is always appreciated and respected.

As I reported last year, MSAD 11 used its federal COVID money to pay for various facility upgrades that were the result of the pandemic. These include air quality improvements, window replacement, paving repairs, technology upgrades and the purchase of modular units at the Pittston-Randolph Community School and the Helen Thompson School to address spacing issues. The final round of funding allowed us to invest significantly in classroom instruction. Nine additional classroom teachers, two additional social workers and two instructional coaches were hired for a two-year period. MSAD 11 also invested in system-wide instructional materials. The updated curriculum shifts us to a more inclusive approach that is driven by the science of reading and is data-driven. Our investment in instructional coaches is providing our teachers the professional learning necessary to effectively implement these new programs and they will better enable us to reach all students in addressing learning loss more efficiently.

While the pandemic slowed down the installation of the Hoch Field, thanks to the help of so many, the new field has been installed and is ready for play. MSAD 11 had to walk away from the company it originally contracted with to construct and install the turf field. While disappointed, contracting with a different company allowed installation late last fall. The School Board is working with its attorney to hold the other company accountable for breach of contract and to recoup its down payment. Looking forward, phase two of the project will begin this spring. It will include the replacement of the ticket booths and the construction of a recognition wall. Phase three involves the removal of the modular unit that will be replaced with a new Booster Club concession stand and storage facility.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Friends:

When I took the oath of office as Maine's 75th governor, I never imagined that we would face a deadly pandemic. For nearly sixteen long, difficult months under a State of Civil Emergency, it was my responsibility to guide our state through this time to keep Maine people safe and healthy, and to put our economy on a path to recovery.

COVID-19 wreaked havoc on our national economy, dealing heavy losses to businesses of all sizes, and leaving millions of people unemployed. Here in Maine it has taken the lives of hundreds of people and sickened many more. Since the arrival of the first vaccines in December 2020, we have worked hard to get as many shots into the arms of Maine people as quickly as possible, getting our state and our lives back to normal. Maine can be proud of our nation-leading progress over the past year, but our work is far from done.

My Administration, in collaboration with public health experts and business leaders across the state, developed a plan to restart Maine's economy. We formed an Economic Recovery Committee charged with assessing the economic impacts of the pandemic on Maine's economy and providing recommendations for policy changes to deal with these impacts. And, joined by Republican and Democratic lawmakers, I was pleased to sign into law a balanced, bipartisan budget that charts a brighter future for all of Maine. Together, drawing on the hard work and resilience of Maine people, we will rebuild and strengthen our economy and rise from this unprecedented challenge to be a stronger, better state than ever.

I continue to be amazed by the strength and courage of the Maine people and businesses who have found different ways to do business and the brave first responders in your town and in our health care facilities. Maine people have persevered, and, although challenges remain, we will get through them together just as we did this past year. I congratulate and thank you for all that you have done to protect yourselves, your loved ones, and your fellow citizens.

Please take care,

Janet T. Mills Governor

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Dear Friends:

I am deeply honored to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share some of the areas I have been working on over the past year.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose enormous challenges for our state and our country. When the pandemic began, I co-authored the Paycheck Protection Program that helped small businesses remain afloat and keep their employees paid. In Maine, our small businesses received more than 47,000 forgivable loans totaling \$3.2 billion. I also led efforts to provide relief for loggers, lobstermen, and bus companies.

In addition, I helped secure \$700 million to assist Maine's overwhelmed hospitals and nursing homes, and a new law I led prevented Medicare payment cuts to help further ease the financial strain on our hospitals. I also urged the CDC to update its recommendations so that our students and teachers could safely return to their classrooms, and I pressed the Administration to end the closure of the U.S.-Canada border.

While addressing the pandemic has been a major focus, I've also worked hard to ensure Maine's other needs are met. A group of 10 Senators, of which I was a part, negotiated the landmark bipartisan infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November. I co-authored the section of the bill that will provide Maine with as much as \$300 million to expand high-speed internet in rural and underserved areas.

Soaring inflation is another crisis, particularly when it comes to the cost of heating oil. I have strongly supported federal programs that help Maine families stay warm. In November, Maine was awarded \$35 million to help low-income Mainers pay their energy bills. And the bipartisan infrastructure bill included \$3.5 billion to help families make energy efficiency improvements that would permanently lower their heating costs.

As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I have supported investments in Maine's communities. This year's funding bills include \$265 million I championed for 106 projects across Maine. These projects would help create jobs, improve workforce training, address the opioid crisis, and increase access to childcare and health care services. In addition, I worked to reverse proposed cuts to our Navy in order to help protect America and keep the skilled workers at Bath Iron Works on the job. The bills also include \$475 million for the construction of a new dry dock at Maine's Portsmouth Naval Shipyard that will allow the Navy to continue to carry out its submarine missions. I will keep working to get these important bills enacted.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,000th consecutive vote, becoming the only Senator in history to do so without ever having missed a roll call vote. The Lugar Center at Georgetown University once again ranked me as the most bipartisan Senator for the eighth year in a row.

In the New Year, I will keep working to solve problems and make life better for the people of Maine and America. May 2022 be a happy, healthy, and successful one for you, your family, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins

United States Senator

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January 1, 2022

Dear Friends.

On the heels of 2020's challenges, 2021 brought us both amazing progress and frustrating setbacks. The incredible rollout of several effective, FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines helped reduce the risks of this deadly pandemic – but vaccine hesitancy, combined with the dangers of new variants, have prolonged this



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sis and created new risks for Maine people. The challenges raised tension levels to boiling points during the fallout of the 2020 presidential election and the January 6th Capitol attack. But despite that, Congress was able to deliver for a nation gripped by an unprecedented pandemic. As we reflect back on the year, we see the important action that will make a difference for Maine people – as well as work still unfinished.

As COVID-19 continued to impact communities across our state and the country, Congress's first priority this year was to confront the pandemic's health threats and economic toll. We immediately got to work on the *American Rescue Plan*, crafting an emergency bill to meet the moment and get our nation back on stable footing. The legislation delivered essential support to businesses facing crises, households in need, and the medical professionals on the front lines of this fight. The funds helped get vaccine shots in arms, while also confronting the damage done to our economy. All told, the *American Rescue Plan* is bringing billions of dollars to Maine, helping the state continue to push through this crisis and bounce back stronger than ever.

After passing the *American Rescue Plan*, Congress turned its attention to a longstanding but unfulfilled priority: infrastructure. Through hard work and compromise, both parties came together to pass a bipartisan bill that finally addresses key infrastructure needs. For Maine people, the bill means an estimated \$1.5 billion to repair crumbling roads and out-of-date bridges, \$390 million to improve access to clean drinking water, and more. I am most excited about the significant funding for broadband – because, as we have seen during the pandemic, broadband is a necessity to succeed in the 21st century economy. The historic investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, combined with additional funding I pushed for in *the American Rescue Plan*, will bring an estimated \$400 million for broadband home to Maine. These funds will be nothing short of transformational, creating new opportunities across our state.

These two bills have made and will continue to make a real difference for Maine people, helping to both address the challenges of COVID-19 and lay a foundation for long-term success. I am proud of what we've accomplished this year — but I know there is still a lot of work to do and that the road ahead is challenging. Even still, I am filled with optimism because I know the true nature of our citizens, though challenged, has not changed. Despite every hardship, people in towns and communities have stepped up with strong local leadership, a willingness to help, and a Maine 'neighborhood' spirit. It is why I truly believe we can and will get through anything together. Mary and I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe 2022.

Best Regards,

Angus S. King, Jr.

United States Senator

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Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Small Business



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. It remains a privilege to represent you in Congress, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I have been working on for the people of the Second Congressional District.

This year, our small businesses, workers and families, hospitals, states, and towns continued to face challenges related to the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has been a serious threat to public health and our economy that requires a comprehensive, ongoing response. While we are not yet out of the woods, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Still, I know there are many Mainers who will continue to need assistance getting through this pandemic. I am committed to making sure our communities' most urgent needs are met to get our economy back on track.

One thing I am particularly proud of this year is that Democrats, Republicans, and the Biden Administration worked together to pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, which will make a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and support Maine jobs. This bill will bring \$1.3 billion to Maine for highways and \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs, as well as \$234 million to improve public transportation options. It will also allocate over \$100 million to help provide broadband access to the 42,000 Mainers currently without it and make 310,000 Mainers eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Benefit to help families pay for internet access. Crucially, it will also provide Maine with \$390 million to combat Maine's historically high rates of lead poisoning by replacing lead pipes and allowing Maine families access to clean drinking water.

Another one of my priorities in Congress is protecting Maine jobs. For one, shipbuilders at Bath Iron Works are a vital part of our economy, and the ships they build are critical to our national security. Throughout 2021, I led the Maine congressional delegation in pushing back against the Biden Administration's proposed decrease in DDG-51 shipbuilding, a proposal that would have had serious consequences for the shipbuilding workforce at BIW, one of the two shipyards that produces these destroyers, and American naval capabilities around the world. We fought successfully to include authorization for construction of three new DDG-51 destroyers in the final National Defense Authorization Act. I will continue to work hard with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that we protect our national security and shipbuilding jobs in Maine.

My most meaningful work in Congress continues to be providing direct assistance to Mainers. My staff and I stand ready to serve you. If you are looking for assistance with a federal agency, help for your small business, or want to keep me informed about the issues that matter to you, please reach out to one of my offices below:

• Caribou Office: 7 Hatch Drive, Suite 230, Caribou ME 04736. Phone: (207) 492-6009

• Bangor Office: 6 State Street, Bangor ME 04401. Phone: (207) 249-7400

Lewiston Office: 179 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240. Phone: (207) 241-6767

I am especially glad to share that my wife Izzy and I were pleased to welcome our daughter, Rosemary, into the world this year. Mom and baby are happy and healthy, and we're so thankful for this blessing. We look forward to showing her the beauty of Maine in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden

Member of Congress

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CITY OF GARDINER CALENDAR

<u>March</u>

Second Tax Payment Due 03/15/2022

April

City Wide Clean-Up

<u>May</u>

ATV registrations go on sale 05/01/2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection 30-Day lien notices for nonpayment of taxes

<u>June</u>

Liens filed for nonpayment of taxes

Primary & Municipal Election 06/14/2022



<u>August</u>

Applications for absentee ballots become available (November Election)

Tax Bills are mailed

September

First Tax Payment Due 09/15/2022 Nomination Papers Due

<u>October</u>

Absentee Ballots become available (November Election)
Dog licenses go on sale 10/15/2022
Fire Prevention Week
Snowmobile registrations go on sale 10/01/2022

November

State Election 11/08/2022

December

Boat registrations go on sale 12/01/2022 Hunting and Fishing licenses go on sale 12/01/2022

GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

All non-essential departments will be closed

January 17, 2022 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 21, 2022 - Presidents Day

April 18, 2022 - Patriots Day

May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day

June 20, 2022 - Juneteenth, observed

July 4, 2022 - Independence Day

September 5, 2022 - Labor Day

October 10, 2022 - Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 11, 2022 Veteran's Day

November 24-25, 2022 - Thanksgiving

December 26, 2021 - Christmas, observed

Stay safe and thank you for a wonderful 2021.



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

Please subscribe to our website 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.

Photos courtesy of City Staff Employees

2021 City of Gardiner Annual Report has been created and respectfully submitted by Alisha Ballard City Clerk