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Town Manager

NEW GLOUCESTER'S OLDEST CITIZEN RECEIVES AWARD



Left to Right: Selectman Stephen Hathorne, award recipient Lillian Picard, and Selectman Laura (Jane) Sturgis

The Boston Post Cane Certificate for New Gloucester's oldest living citizen was recently awarded to Mrs. Lillian Picard of New Gloucester, Maine.

Born in 1919, Mrs. Picard will be 97 years old in September. According to Town staff, voting records indicate that she is New Gloucester's oldest living citizen.

The Boston Post Cane was distributed throughout the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island in 1909 by the Boston Post newspaper, for the Selectmen in each Municipality

to give to the oldest living citizen. It is a rich tradition that has been carried forth in New Gloucester. While the original cane resides in a Town Hall display case for public viewing, a certificate is awarded to honor the recipient.

In the 107 years of the Boston Post Cane's existence, there have only been 18 recipients including Mrs. Lillian Picard.

Following the presentation of the Boston Post Cane award I with 96 year old Lillian Picard, New Gloucester's oldest citizen, about her life here in Maine.

According to Mrs. Picard, she and her four sisters were raised by their mother in Lewiston. Mrs. Picard never knew her father. He died when she was a young child. When they were sixteen, the girls went to work to help support the family. They were tough times and everyone had to contribute.

“Eventually, I found my Romeo,” said Mrs. Picard. After leaving home, she married Romeo Picard. They were married for fifty-three and half years, until her husband Romeo's passing. Their son, Richard Benner, and wife Diane have two daughters. Mrs. Picard also has four great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, including a young boy named Romeo.

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When asked if she had any advice for young families today, the advice that she offered was 'not to give advice to young families.'

During World War II, she went to work in the Androscoggin Mill in Lewiston. "My job was to inspect and trim fabric squares for making parachutes" for the troops. "I remember a big parade when the war ended."

When asked about other memorable historical events, she responded, "I shook hands with President John Fitzgerald Kennedy when he visited the Auburn Airport. I was wearing white gloves. I said that I would never take off those gloves!"

Mrs. Picard had a favorite teacher, "Mrs. Georgette LePage, my sixth grade arithmetic teacher at Jordan Grammar. She was so nice and I learned so much from her."

Readers may wish to know Mrs. Picard's secret for longevity. "I never had a drink and I never smoked." Later in the interview, she recited the lyrics of her favorite song, the 1930's classic "Lady in Red."

In her spare time Mrs. Picard enjoys playing cards and doing jigsaw puzzles.

PAVING AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

I've heard it said that there are two seasons in the Northeast – winter and road construction. Below is a brief summary of projects currently underway or planned for this season.

We are currently re-constructing the Morse Road from Route 231 to the Pan Am Railroad. The project includes removal and reconstruction of the roadway bed and cutting and filling of sections to improve the vertical profile. Awarded to contractor C.H. Stevenson and John Turner Consulting Engineers,

the total project is estimated below \$700,000. The road is currently closed from Farmview Drive to the PanAm railroad tracks. Paving has been scheduled for the last week in August. We hope to have the road re-opened by Labor Day. Until that time, please continue to seek alternative routes. Closing the road allows us to do the job right and at a competitive cost.

At their July 18th meeting the Selectmen gave their approval to proceed with the planned paving of North Pownal, Mayall, and Dougherty Roads. These roads are currently being prepped for paving with needed ditching, culvert replacements and tree work. Please anticipate and use caution when approaching the crews working in these areas. Once prepped, the roads will be paved during the months of August and early September. Additionally, paving issues on Meadow and Short Bennett Roads will be addressed this summer as budget allows.

Paul First
Town Manager

Clerk's Office

ELECTIONS: Elections for two Selectmen, one Water District Trustee, three SAD #15 School Board members, School Budget Validation Referendum, and two SAD #15 Bond Questions took place on June 14th. Lenora Conger and Steven Libby were elected to three-year terms to the Board of Selectmen. Vaughn Hardesty was elected to serve as a Water District Trustee. Amy Arata, John Cavanaugh and Barbra Thompson were elected to three-year terms to the SAD #15 Board of Directors. The SAD #15 School Budget Validation

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Referendum passed. The SAD #15 bond questions: Question 1, capital renovations and capital improvements to school buildings, passed; and Question 2, a bond to improve and create new ball fields for the District, failed.

Congratulations to those elected. Thank you for serving our community. Voting results can be found on the Town website www.newgloucester.com.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE: To complete an Any-Deer permit application, you will need the following:

1. You must possess a valid Maine Big Game Hunting License or complimentary or lifetime license
2. You may enter up to three (3) Wildlife Management District choices in order of preference
3. You will need your personal information (Name, Address, Age, etc.)
4. You will need Landowner Information (if applicable: including acres and town)
5. There are no fees to apply for the Any Deer Permit Lottery
6. It is strongly encouraged to apply online, which is quick and easy, and you will receive instant confirmation of your entry into the lottery
7. Paper option: You may printout a paper application from the Inland, Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) website www.maine.gov/ifw and send via mail; visit the IFW office in Augusta and fill out the application in person; or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Any-Deer Permit Application Request, Maine Dept. of IFW, 41 State House Station, 284 State Street, Augusta, ME 04333-0041

8. Applications must be completed by 11:59p.m. (ET) on August 15, 2016

PROPERTY TAXES: The new tax year begins on July 1, 2016 and tax bills will be mailed late August/early September. The first payment is due Friday, October 14, 2016; and the second payment is due April 14, 2017. If you do not receive your bill by mid-September or have a question regarding the tax amounts, please call (207) 926-4126 ext. 1. If you have a question regarding your assessment, please call the Assessor's Agent, Debra Parks Larrivee (207) 926-4126 ext. 3. If you purchased your house after April 1, 2016 and did not receive a bill, please call or visit the Town Office to request one. Please note: The Town of New Gloucester accepts pre-payments of any amount prior to the due date of your Property Taxes.

Please visit the Town's website for announcements or information www.newgloucester.com or the Town's cable access TV Channel 3. Please call us at (207) 926-4126 ext. 1 with any questions.

Sharlene Myers
Deputy Clerk

Kimberly Getchell
Deputy Clerk



Code Enforcement Office

WHERE DO I FIND THE CODES: Since the codes are copyrighted materials you usually have to pay a lot of money. However, anyone with access to a computer can view the I-codes and the NFPA codes on line for free! This is a great tool for contractors, design professionals, and codes officials. You can access the NFPA codes on the NFPA web-site (nfpa.org). You can see the I-codes on line at: www.publiccodes.cyberregs.com. The ICC website is www.iccsafe.org. This is a great way to see what a particular code text says, which sometimes is all you need. Information is power. Know where to get it.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat for Humanity is always looking for volunteers to help build houses. They currently have a project going in Scarborough. If you'd like to help out, contact Laura Duplissis at the Portland Habitat office (207) 772-2151. You can learn more about it at their website www.habitatportlandme.org.

DUMPSTERS ANONYMOUS: From the Make Something Pretty Out Of Something Ugly file, check out this cool pool made from a dumpster! Takes some of the stigma out of dumpster diving, no?



*Debra Parks Larrivee
Code Enforcement Officer*

Fire/Rescue Department

The issue of residents and commercial businesses not having the proper posting of their address has been a concern of the department for quite some time. Please assure that the street name is accurately posted at the intersection. Having property numbers posted should be a priority for the property owner. If your street is missing the street sign, contact the Town or local road association to have the sign replaced.

The numbers on your house or business should be easily visible from the road during the day or at night. The department will continue to respond promptly to all calls, but unnecessary delays caused by poor or missing signage can be minimized by property owners taking the initiative, making sure their property is well marked. The minutes saved in an emergency could be vital to your neighbors or your own family.



*James Ladewig
Fire/Rescue Chief*

Parks & Recreation

We currently have two canoes and two kayaks, along with personal floatation devices, that are located at the New Gloucester Fairgrounds and available for use. To sign-out the boats and equipment, please visit the New Gloucester Public Library. We would like to thank the Royal River Conservation Trust and LL Bean for their generosity in making this program possible.

Library Hours

Tues, Wed, and Thurs 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 8 pm
Friday 9 am– noon and 1 pm– 5 pm
Saturday 9 am– noon



*Harvey Price
Parks & Recreation Director*



Public Library

The library was recently notified that we have won a Sisters in Crime award. This award comes with \$1,000 check to purchase books. Sisters in Crime will come during the summer to award the check to us. Watch our Facebook page and channel 3 for details.



Carla, Baxter and Suzan (in disguise)

The Library's summer reading program sign-up will run from June 7 to July 9. It is open to all ages, babes in arms to Great Aunt Gertie. Come in and see what trouble NGPL Guy has gotten into.

The official kick-off program was held Tuesday, June 21st, with local artist, Jim Gallant performing in the Gazebo.

The Annual Pet Show was held Tuesday, July 12th, at Gazebo. A variety of animals was present and enjoyed by all those who attended.

The casting call for Library Players, is being held on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 6:30 pm. All those wishing to participate are guaranteed a part in the play. There are speaking and nonspeaking roles available.

Public Library (cont'd)

Our annual End of Summer Reading Program ends on, Tuesday, August 23, at 6:30 pm. There will be Awards, the Library Players play (see how the story of our hero NGPL Guy ends), and more.

Watch our calendar (found on the web site www.newgloucesterlibrary.org) and our Facebook page for information on the Summer Reading Program and all of our other programs. As of right now, I would say to expect sign up to start June 7.

For more information, please call the Library at (207) 926-4840.

Suzan Hawkins
Library Director

Carla McAllister
Assistant Librarian



Transfer Station

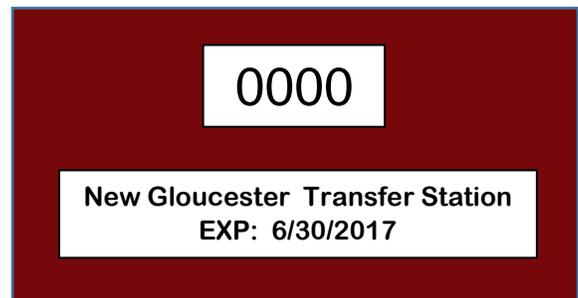
The New Gloucester Transfer Station accepts the following items through their Bulky Waste program. Bulky Waste stickers are \$5 and expire June 30th each year. The following is a list of items covered by the bulky sticker:

Baby Car Seats
Automobile/Truck Car Seats
Carpets
Chairs
Computers
Couches
Mattress
Metal
Televisions
Toilets
Tires (**4 per trip**)
White Goods
Wood (**clean**)

Brush (no larger than 4" in diameter)
(No stumps, leaves or pine needles)

**No large drums or closed metal containers
allowed**

The Bulky Waste Stickers are available for purchase at the Town Office and Transfer Station. This year's color is maroon (see below).



Jeff Pratt
Transfer Station Supervisor