

DECEMBER 2009

Gouldsboro Newsletter

SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER

In November we met with representatives from Fairpoint regarding the lack of high-speed services in some areas of Gouldsboro. Fairpoint is currently awaiting a decision from a stimulus application they recently applied for. If the funds are awarded to Fairpoint it will enable the expansion of high-speed services throughout Maine. We want to keep Gouldsboro high on the priority radar with Fairpoint and the best way to accomplish that is to continue to collect names of folks who do not have high speed but would be interested in activating those services if they became available. If you have not yet signed up and are interested, please send your name, address, telephone and email address to: town.manager@gouldsborotown.com. You can also sign up at the Town Office or visit the Fairpoint website at: www.iwantmybroadbandfromFairpoint.com.

Acadia Passes will be available at a discounted price again through our Town Office during the month of December. This decal pass covers a family vehicle and all of its passengers and is valid for one year from the month it is purchased. Funds generated from the sale of passes are used for a variety of projects that rehabilitate roads, trails, historic structures and other facilities. Eighty percent of each pass sale remains right here in Acadia while the other twenty percent benefits other National Parks. Checks may be made payable to: National Park Service. Please include your social security number on the check (a requirement of the US Treasury).

Please help support the Veteran's Memorial project!

Take a peek at our new Veteran's Memorial sign attached to the Town Office billboard in Prospect Harbor. Thanks to our volunteer resident Joe Depasquale and his expert sign painting, we can witness the fund raising efforts for our new memorial as we see the thermometer grow. The design has not yet been determined, however the Board anticipates a walkway to the Memorial will be paved by bricks dedicated by families of veterans, past and present. A memorial brick can be reserved for \$50 and forms are available at the Town Office. Other bricks may be purchased that will be used outside the veteran's area for folks who would like to dedicate a brick to someone other than a veteran.

Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund "Circuitbreaker" Applications are now available on-line at www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/homepage.html. You may qualify for a refund up to \$1,600 if:

- *You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2008 household income was \$61,400 or less; or,
- *You have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2008 household income was \$81,850 or less;

AND

- *Your 2008 property tax was more than 4% of your 2008 household income; or,
- *The rent you paid in 2008 was more than 20% of your 2008 household income.

Note: Low income seniors do not need to meet these requirements.

Additional information: 624-7894 or write Maine Revenue Services, SHS 24, Augusta, ME 04333

CODE ENFORCEMENT Permit activity from 10-6 through 11-19-2009

Rinehart	14 Corea Road	Addition
Steffell	387 Paul Bunyan Road	Dormer
Bagley	102 Summer Harbor Road	Fill
Young	US Route 1	Residence
Jacobs	Pond Road	Mobile Home
D. Poneman	151 South Gouldsboro Road	Residence
B. Thayer	51 Darthia Farm Road	Utility Building
Young's Market	130 Route 1	Demolition
Harmon	1 Point Francis Road	Storage Building
Joy	44 Joy Road	Shed and Wind Turbine
Young	361 Main Street	Trailer

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

November 8th thru the 14th was Maine Recycles Week. During that week an active recycling program was used in all grades at the Peninsula school. Additionally, free recycling totes were given out to students and families who signed the recycling pledge. On Tuesday November 17th a large recycling unit was donated by the Park Service to the school and installed for use. The community effort in recycling continues to make a significant reduction in the volume of materials being sent to PERC, a decrease of more than 27% thru October 30th. We have saved more than \$16,600 in tipping fees. Efforts are currently underway to obtain truck scales so we can more accurately determine the volume of recyclables that go to Coastal each week.

*****Just a reminder that holiday wrapping paper is not recyclable*****

TOWN CLERK

We have recycling bins and lids for sale at \$15 a set. If you have not yet signed a recycling pledge and received a free bin, you can do so now. For unique gift ideas, you can purchase a 2010 hunting/fishing license for the sportsperson in your life, and who wouldn't love a sheet of the ever popular green trash tags, one size fits all!!!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

The holiday season is upon us so precautions are needed. Be sure your heating systems and wood stoves are cleaned. Hopefully your smoke detectors have new batteries. Check your Christmas lights for frayed wires or bad bulbs before you put them up. Also DO NOT OVERLOAD YOUR ELECTRICAL OUTLETS—they overheat quickly. Unplug your lights when they are not lit. The Fire Department has made arrangements for Santa to visit again this year around the 13th of December. A schedule of stops will be posted. All of the volunteer fire fighters wish you a most happy and safe holiday.

RECYCLING FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ONLY
PLEASE HAVE EVERYTHING CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM

DORCAS LIBRARY

Visitors to Dorcas Library are often surprised to see how much our library has to offer – the newest books, many current DVD’s, a selection of audiobooks, large print titles, magazines, a lively and engaging children’s program, a wide range of young adult and children’s books, and high-speed internet connection. We are proud of our library and grateful to all of those who support us in so many ways. We appreciate you all year long!

WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL - DEC. 19th

This year's Winter Lights Festival will be more festive than ever with lavish decorations, a sound stage, and food tent. Santa Claus will arrive by boat and Mrs. Claus will make a special appearance to hand out gifts to all of the children. The event will be held Saturday, Dec.19th 2:30 PM-5:30 PM at the Prospect Harbor pier with a storm date set for Dec. 20th. Come early for free fish “chowdah”, hot chocolate, cider, coffee, cookies, and caroling. Bring family, friends, singing voices, holiday cheer, and cookies to share. See you there! Call Dean with any questions at 963-7575.

ACADIAN COMMUNITY WOMENS CLUB

For the fourth year we will organize a gift giving campaign. Last year we purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts to sixteen families and roughly forty children; many gifts donated by club members and residents. The ACWC has a Community Aid Fund which subsidizes the “Santa Fund” and in recent years has also helped pay for winter boots, hats and mittens for children from Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro as well as heating oil, Bangor Hydro bills, rent, gas cards for area residents traveling to Bangor for cancer treatments, scout uniforms and the like. In these difficult financial times we ask that when making donations for the holiday season you consider a contribution to the ACWC Community Aid Fund so that we can continue efforts to assist our neighbors in their time of need. Donations may be mailed to The Acadian Community Woman’s Club, PO Box 264, Winter Harbor, ME 04693. FMI contact Megan Moshier at 963-2036.

BOSTON POST CANE

Nominations are being accepted for the award of the Boston Post Cane. The Cane will be awarded to the oldest Gouldsboro resident within the next couple of months. Please send your nominations before December 20th to town.manager@gouldsborotown.com.

LAST FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE

Friday, December 18th: Winter Harbor - Folk Singer & Songwriter David Mallett in Hammond Hall, presented by Schoodic Arts for All at 7:30 PM. Suggested donation for this event is \$15. Kids under twelve are admitted free. Great desserts!! No reservations needed. Doors open at 6:30 PM. For further infomation, call 963-7670, 963-2569, or go to www.schoodicarts.org & www.davidmallett.com .

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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” [Anne Frank](#)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS (DECEMBER 2009)

Tuesday	1 st	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Monday	7 th	Solid Waste Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Wednesday	9 th	Shellfish Meeting- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	10 th	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Tuesday	15 th	Planning Board- Town Office	7:00 PM
Thursday	17 th	Neighborhood Watch Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Friday	18 th	Last Friday Coffeeshouse- Hammond Hall	7:30 PM
Saturday	19 th	Winter Lights Festival- Town Pier	2:30-5:30 PM
Tuesday	22 nd	Selectmens Meeting- Town Office	6:00 PM
Thursday	24 th	Town Office Closed at Noon	
Friday	25 th	Christmas Day- Town Office Closed	

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