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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Town Officers

Maine's 102nd Town
Preceding Maine Statehood by 24 Years
Incorporated February 3, 1796
From Washington Plantation
Above The Signature and by the Authority of
The Architect of the American Revolution
And Then Governor of Massachusetts,

SAMUEL ADAMS

BELGRADE: From the French BEL - fair, fine, beautiful-and GRADE - step in preferment

FOR THE YEAR 2001
A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

From the birth of this nation to the present there have been many time when the sons and daughters of Belgrade and the nation have responded to the summons of their country. To establish independence, to preserve the union during its civic strife, and to establish freedom and to rid the world of tyranny, these young Americans have been resolute, brave and honorable.

As they embarked upon their mission they soon realized that not only were they fulfilling their obligation, but protecting and becoming team members with their comrades. Battle tactics have changed drastically over the years, but the mission to "kill or be killed" remains as always. Our troops were never to shrink from danger.

Always in their thoughts would be the time of returning to Belgrade and other home towns across this great nation, where they would resume their life's activities and participate in their community and nation.

Belgrade salutes those veterans whose roots were here, those who have come to mingle with us in this utopia, veterans wherever they may be and especially those who fell in battle and have since passed on.
The Boston Post Cane Has a Home and a Social Life

In April of 2001, the Boston Post Cane was presented to Helen Lundgren at her home by Selectmen, Dennis Purington and Richard "Spike" Carey. If you call on Helen, she will show you her cane, and you will be sure to spend some time hearing all about this honor which is named for the Boston Post newspaper which originally distributed these canes in 1909 to 431 New England towns to present to the oldest man in each community. In 1930, the honor was changed so the oldest resident, male or female, could receive the cane.

In an article in the Kennebec Journal in April, Helen stated that she believes her longevity is the result of good eating habits and a healthy lifestyle. She moved to Belgrade in 1955, and lived on the Knowles Road with her husband Carl, who passed away. Her Grandson, Eric, lives in Tennessee.

Helen spends much of her time knitting. She knitted caps, mittens and scarves for the Maine Children's Home For Little Wanderers for close to 40 years. She no longer knits caps and mittens, because her eyes are failing, but she can still stitch a scarf. She says she can do that with her eyes closed.

Helen has difficulty walking, but she continues to exercise. She makes a path from the front of her house to the back porch, where she gets her fresh air. And when the weather is good, she takes strolls down the gravel driveway.

We wish you many visitors, Helen, and years and years of happiness!
REFERENCE NUMBERS

Belgrade Town Office ......................... 495-2258 (Office)
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................................................ belgrade@mint.net (E-Mail)
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Fire Wardens-Burning Permits
   Jeff Stevens .............................. 495-2085 (Home)
   Mark Day .................................. 495-3840 (Home)
   Ed Ketch, Jr .............................. 495-3861 (Home)
   Roger Pelletier ......................... 465-3420 (Home)

Emergency Management Director
   Dwight Alexander (Director) ........ 465-2724 (Home)
   Ed Ketch, Jr. (Asst. Director) ...... 495-3861 (Home)

Road Commissioner
   Maurice Childs ......................... 495-2095/2145 (Home)

Code Enforcement Officer - Building Permits
   Gary Fuller ............................. 495-3868 (Home)

Health Officer
   Lois Doran ............................. 465-3297 (Home)

Plumbing Inspector
   Robert Martin ......................... 495-2244 (Home)

Animal Control
   James Minot ............................ 495-2214 (Home)

Civil Constables
   James Minot ............................ 495-2214 (Home)

Transfer Station ............................ 495-3326
Belgrade Central School .................. 495-2321
SAD #47 Superintendent .................. 465-7384
Messalonskee High School ................ 465-7381

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MAINE LAW REQUIRES THAT BURNING PERMITS BE ISSUED FOR ALL OUTDOOR FIRES
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

BELGRADE FIRE DEPARTMENT .................... 911
BELGRADE RESCUE SQUAD ..................... 465-2555
KENNEBEC SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT ........ 1-800-498-1930
MAINE STATE POLICE .......................... 1-800-452-4664
STATE WARDEN SERVICE ..................... 1-800-292-7436

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MONDAY   8AM - 5PM
TUESDAY  9AM - 5PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM - 5PM
THURSDAY 9AM - 7PM
FRIDAY   8AM - 5PM
SATURDAY OPEN THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM
         9AM - 12 NOON

SELECTPERSON BOARD MEETINGS: THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 7:00PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 7:00PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE.

TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

  WEDNESDAY  7:00AM - 3:00PM
  SATURDAY   7:00AM - 3:00PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: EACH THURSDAY EVENING FROM
5-7PM IN THE TOWN OFFICE.

FOOD PANTRY: EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9:00AM - 11:00AM IN THE TOWN
OFFICE.

BELGRADE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER: 495-3323

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
8:00 - 12:30 AND 1:30 - 4:30

ADELPHIA CABLE CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-336-9988 OR 623-5145

BELGRADE POST OFFICE/POSTMASTER BETTY COLE: 495-2011

BELGRADE LAKES POST OFFICE
POSTMASTER DEXTER BRIDGES: 495-2064
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495-3861

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Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2929

William Gee, Jr.
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Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2167

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

William Gee, Jr.
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Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2167

Steve Jenney
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Belgrade, ME 04917
495-3572

Lanny Hanna
P.O. Box 406
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2472

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young
West Rd.
Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2189
HEATING CONTRACTORS

KDNR Heating & Irrigation, Keith Kadnar  
P.O. Box 71  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
465-9326

R & E Heating, Eric Nilson  
P.O. Box 558  
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918  
495-7747

Belgrade Plumbing & Heating, Steve Young West Rd.  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
495-2189

BUILDING & CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS

Charles Bell  
E.P.Construction/Eric Pelletier  
RR 1 Box 825  
RR 1 Box 809  
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
495-2991  
495-2702

Ronald Bellavance  
Bellavance Construction Co.  
P.O. Box 164  
Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918  
495-2492

Larry Stanley  
P.O. Box 345  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
495-2976

Perry Biegon  
P.O. Box 240  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
495-2838

Paul Stevens  
RR 2 Box 3560  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
465-9395

Craig’s Carpentry  
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Belgrade, ME 04917  
465-3749  
1-800-417-2880

Dan Trembly  
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Belgrade, ME 04917  
465-9522

Guido’s Construction  
West Road  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
446-0307

John Gawler (Sheet Metal Roofing)  
West Road  
Belgrade, ME 04917  
495-3885
BUILDING & CARPENTRY CONTRACTORS
cont'd

Thomas Kenney
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Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918
495-2997

R. E. Violette
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Belgrade, ME 04917
495-2349

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495-3521

James Vogel
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Belgrade, Me. 04917
495-2913

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Augusta, ME 04330 623-9475

Greg Carey
Carey Land Surveyor
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Waterville, ME 04901 873-2613

Lloyd Rowe
Rowe & Wendell Engineering & Surveying
179 Main St.
Waterville, ME 04901 873-5808

Mr. Elliot Thayer
Thayer Engineering Co.
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Farmingdale, ME 04344

Northeast Land Surveys
RR 7 Box 1965
Augusta, ME 04330 1-800-425-3500

K & K Land Surveyors
P.O. Box 596
Oakland, Me. 04963

Malcolm Harriman
Land Surveyor
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Manchester, ME 04351 622-2049

If you would like your business added to this list,
please contact the Town Office at 495-2258
# GENERAL CONTRACTORS

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ABOUT BELGRADE

Belgrade is located just a few miles northwest of Maine's capital city, Augusta. Our current population is estimated to be about 2700 year-round citizens, and that number nearly doubles when non-residents arrive to spend the summer months at their cottages.

The first settlers came to Belgrade in 1774, and the Town was incorporated in 1796. In the early days, most of its citizens earned a living by farming or working in its several grist and lumber mills. Gradually, however, residents started commuting to nearby cities for employment. Now, no working farms remain in Belgrade, and the town has become what many call a "bedroom community" composed of people who reside here but who work elsewhere. Employment in town is limited, with two lumber companies and a manufacturer of concrete products employing most locals. Small businesses such as restaurants and country stores provide a few year-round jobs, with rental cottages, boys/girls camps, marinas and a golf course adding part-time positions in the summer.

Belgrade covers about sixty square miles, with a large part of this area composed of lakes, streams and wetlands. Its five lakes and their inlet/outlet streams offer several species of fish for those who enjoy fishing, plenty of water surface for boaters, and excellent opportunities for those people interested in bird watching. With our forest acreage expanding, as former farmland reverts to tree growth, deer, moose and birds have become more plentiful for people to enjoy. There is a new 18-hole golf course, just south of Belgrade Lakes Village, with entrance from the West Road.

Although the Town has two constables, their authority is limited, with nearly all law enforcement being provided by the Maine State Police, the Kennebec County Sheriff and State Game Wardens. Our Fire Department and Rescue Unit are manned by local volunteers, and they operate from facilities in three locations - Belgrade Depot, Belgrade Lakes Village and North Belgrade. The Town does not have a municipal water district, a sewage disposal system or a public works department, although we do have a Road Commissioner. Belgrade also has a transfer station for disposal of rubbish, garbage and items which can be recycled.

Belgrade has retained the traditional Town Meeting form of government with oversight provided by a board of Selectpersons. Day-to-day Town administration is provided by a Town Manager, with staff of an Administrative Assistant, a Tax Collector/Town Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a part-time Clerk and a Treasurer. Citizen volunteers serving on our several boards and committees provide technical advice and assistance on specialized matters to the Town Manager and Selectpersons.
MORE ABOUT BELGRADE

Size: 27,917 Acres of Land; 9,638 acres of Water; 1,158 Acres of Bog or Swamp, for a total of
38,713 Acres.

Registered Voters: 2692

Schools:
Belgrade Central School (K-6), Belgrade
Williams Junior High School, Oakland
Messalonskee High School, Oakland
All schools are in School Administration District #47

Churches:
Old South Church - Intersection Rt. 135 and West Rd.
Union Methodist Church - Belgrade Lakes Village
St. Helena's Church - Belgrade Lakes Village
North Belgrade Baptist Church - Intersection Rt. 11 and North Belgrade Station Rd.
Belgrade Bible Church - Rt. 27, 1 mile north of intersection of Rt. 135 and Rt. 27.

Health Facility: Belgrade Regional Health Center, School St., Belgrade Lakes Village.
BELGRADE'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATOR KENNETH T. GAGNON (D)
DISTRICT 14
Senate Chamber, State House Station #3, Augusta, ME 04333
or
1 Clearview Avenue, Waterville, ME 04901
872-2338

REPRESENTATIVE ELAINE FULLER (D)
DISTRICT 80
House of Representatives, State House Station #2
Augusta, ME 04333
or
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622-0293

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2001 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

Board of Selectpersons................................................................. Dennis Purington, Chair (03)
                   Richard "Spike" Carey (03), Roger J. Nadeau (04)
                   Jean Saucier (02), Kate Gawler (04)

Budget Committee................................................................. G. Donald Taylor (04), Phil Cobb (03)
                   Willard Arnold (02), Ralph Boss (02)
                   John Sutton (04), Charles Heino (02)
                   Jonathan Perkins (04) Mary DeRosier (Alt.)

Road Commissioner............................................................ Maurice Childs

Sexton ..................................................................................... James Minot

SAD #47 Board of Directors-Belgrade Members............................ Frank Fekete (02)
                   Regina Coppens (03), Laura Corbett (04)

Town Meeting Moderator ....................................................... Carl Yeaton

Appointed Officials

Town Manager............................................................................. Kathleen P. Farrin

Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant & Tax Collector............... Ellen M. Edgerly

Treasurer.............................................................................. Pamela G. Tracy

Deputy Clerk & Registrar of Voters........................................... Jane E. Bickford

Town Historian ........................................................................ Nancy Mairs

Health Officer.......................................................................... Lois Doran, RN

Civil Constables....................................................................... James Minot

Code Enforcement Officer....................................................... Gary Fuller

Tree Warden............................................................................ tish carr

Plumbing Inspector.................................................................. Robert Martin

Secretary, Board of Selectpersons/Clerk ................................. Mary Vogel

Secretary, Planning Board ..................................................... Karen Damren

Assessor .................................................................................. Robert Duplisea, CMA

Auditor ................................................................................... Keel J. Hood, CPA
Appointed Boards, Committees & Department Heads

Planning Board........................................... Albert Languet III, Chair (02), Roy Bouchard (03)
     Stephen Foster (04), Roger Shannon (02), Tasha Stevens (02)
     Karen Damren Alt., Germaine Orloff Alt.

Board of Appeals............................... Robert Martin, Chair (02), David Roy (04),
     Dennis Keschl (04), James Minot (04), Peter Sargent (03),
     Gloria McGraw (02)

Board of Assessment Review         Vacant (01), James Minot (02), Betty Grant (03)

Cemetery Committee..............................Kenneth Workman (02), James Minot, Sexton,
     Marion Minot (01), Raymond Nutter (02)
     Laurel Wadleigh (03)

Dams Committee .............................................................................Richard Mackenzie, Chair (Rome),
     Percy Ackerman (Belgrade (02), Dennis Purington (Belgrade (04), George Hoy
     (Belgrade (04), Roger Pelletier (Belgrade (03), Dolores Lemon (Oakland) (03)

Don C. Stevens Trust Committee..................................................Pam Prescott, Chair
     Denise Lord, Molly Durin, Linda McMullin
     Sue Wittle Bradshaw

Board of Parks & Recreation .................Betty Jo Howard Chair, (03), J. Duncan Morrison (02)
     Justin Poirier, Student Member (02), Michelle Urbanek,
     Student Member (02), Robert Steinberg (02), Nancy Findlan V.
     Chair (04) Cathy Urbanek (02), Linda Sinclair, Alt, Betty Wells
   03)
     Jan Sunby Alt.

Recycling Committee ...........................Adam Doran, Chair, Dawn Burnham, Gene Burgess,
     Mike Burnham, Clarence Burnham, Eric Nutting, Harold (Pal) Tripp,
     Cedric Young, Ralph Endicott, Katie Farrin Town Mgr.

Municipal Fire Department Officers ........................................Jeffrey Stevens, Chief (06)
     William Pulsifer, Deputy Chief (02)
     Bruce Galouch, Ass't Chief/Belgrade Depot (04)
     Edward Ketch, Ass't Chief/ Belgrade Lakes (02)
     Roger Pelletier, Ass't Chief/North Belgrade (02)
     Gene Burgess, Ass't Chief/Director of Rescue (03)

Long Range Planning Committee.................................Jack Sutton, Chair (03),
     Adelaide Lalime (03),
     Nancy Mairs (02), Dianne Oliver (04),
     Don Perkins (02), Bruce Hazard (04)

Recreation Director ...............................Cathie Pinkham
Librarian............................................................Melanie Coombs
Library Trustees.............................................Timothy Corbett (02), Nancy Mairs (01), Stuart McConnell (03), Fred Perkins (01), John Willey (03) Patricia Pow (03), Linda Sprague (03)
We thank Jean Saucier for her hard work and dedication to the town of Belgrade during her service as a Selectperson.

The Community Center for All Seasons and the Belgrade Public Library had a successful year. The Board is pleased that both are being utilized by many of our towns' people.

The Board wants all of you to be aware that the town is currently developing a Land Use Ordinance. The Ordinance is being developed as required by Article 19 passed at the March 6, 1999 Town Meeting. A number of public meetings have been conducted to solicit public input. Public attendance has been sparse. There will be a public hearing and a vote on the ordinance later this year.

Towns like Belgrade depend heavily upon volunteers to serve as firefighters, as rescue squad members and on various boards in the town. Without these dedicated volunteers the town would not be able to function as it does now. The Board appreciates and thanks every volunteer who gives his or her time to the service of the town.

Please stay informed and involved in town decisions. Come to the Town Meeting and public hearings.

Sincerely,

Dennis Purington-Board Chair

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Dennis Purington, Chair, Richard Carey V. Chair, Jean Hayes Saucier, Roger Nadeau, Kate Gawler
The year 2001 was a year full of growth and change for our community. This year we had some extremely busy committees and boards as we moved through developmental processes needed to enhance all facets of the Town of Belgrade. The Planning Board spearheaded the development of the Commercial Development Review Ordinance, which was accepted by the voters last March. The Long Range Planning Committee examined its goals early in the year and focused on implementing a grant from which funds were used to develop a Hazard Tree Assessment for all roadside trees and a Forest Management Plan for 60 acres of Town-owned property out by the Transfer Station and 6 acres adjacent to Pine Grove Cemetery. The second half of the year found this committee working in conjunction with the Planning Board and the Ordinance Steering Committee to create a land use ordinance, the foundation of which will be the goal of preserving water quality in the Belgrade Lakes Region. The Board of Appeals, which started out quietly the first half of the year, has been very busy these past few months. Working diligently, the Enhanced Neighborhood Policing Committee keeps an eye on areas of safety which need improvement throughout the Town and provides a tremendous resource for the Board of Selectpersons. The False Alarm Ordinance was drafted by this committee during the year and, if the voters agree, will help alleviate some excessive costs associated with unnecessary responses. It was also this committee that pressed me to pester the Department of Transportation to complete work we have been waiting for on the Bartlett Railroad Crossing (now in progress). The Recycling Committee is working to provide support to our new and existing programs at the Transfer Station. This committee will play an important part as we begin using our mercury-added products storage shed. The Budget Committee and the Selectboard agreed to the creation of a 5-year budget plan for our community. This plan was created last spring and will be updated yearly.

The Board of Parks and Recreation has been devoting its time to refining existing policies for all recreation facilities and providing support, volunteerism, and fresh programming and fundraising ideas to our Recreation Director. The first year of operation of the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons provided us with the experience we need to build on for future improvements and enhancements. Growth at the Library has been phenomenal. Story hour has been a great success. Circulation for the first year - truly amazing. Our Library Board of Trustees has worked with our Library Director to make the limited space available as productive as possible. The E-911 Committee is finalizing the emergency response addressing process. This group has spent years getting this up and running. The street signs have been erected and final coordination with the post office and phone company is underway.

Our Fire and Rescue volunteers are among the finest in the State. I will encourage you not to take these men and women for granted. They are on call 24 hours a day to provide services to this community. Since the September 11th tragedy, security has been stepped up and additional training seminars have been developed to help us prepare for the unexpected. This places increasing demands on our emergency responders who tirelessly take time away from their families and professions to safeguard the Town of Belgrade.
The Town Office staff is the heart and soul of the Town of Belgrade. These awesome women and our Facility Maintenance Supervisor provide unwavering support for every committee, board and citizen. They patiently respond to all kinds of questions and concerns.

The Board of Selectpersons wades through long agendas full of information provided for decision-making. They are extremely approachable and eager to educate themselves in regard to every issue. This Board support all of my efforts by attending committee meetings and making themselves available for consultation.

It is taking me a very long time to say that the Town of Belgrade is a "cutting edge" community. We are proactive as we address issues and concerns. We are not complacent. We are not afraid to try something new, and not afraid to admit that something is not working well and move in another direction. We can always change a decision, but we cannot change "doing nothing". If we do things the way we have always done them, we will never be more than we are today. Growth comes from change. Every citizen, board, and committee plays an integral part as we improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Town operations. Thank you, everyone, for your participation and enthusiasm as we move forward together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Farrin
Town Manager
In 2001 there was a lot of work completed on the Guptill Road and on the Sahagian Road.

The Guptill Road had much ditching, roadbed repair, culvert replacement and then paving. The Sahagian Road also had ditching, culvert replacement, roadbed repair and paving completed.

Brush and tree trimming continued on the Dunn Road, Lakeshore Drive and the north end of the West Road. The north end of the West Road will first be reclaimed and then it will be paved. This should help to get rid of the cracks and put the road in more uniform shape. Repair work is planned for two section of the Dunn Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Childs
Road Commissioner
The Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office received 486 complaints for Belgrade for 2001, which is a 23.04% increase over 2000 which was 395. The largest part of our calls were traffic accidents with damage which totaled 66.

Sincerely yours,

Everett B. Flannery, Jr., Sheriff
Kennebec County
Well, another year has come and gone. Last year we passed the Commercial Development Review Ordinance and in November we "tweaked" the ordinance slightly. We had two commercial applications come under the new review process this year.

We now have a full planning board including: Roy Bouchard, Karen Damren, Tasha Stevens, Germaine Orloff, Roger Shannon, Steve Foster and myself. I want to thank the board for their dedications and service this year.

There is a steering committee composed of one member each from the planning board, long range planning committee and the selectpersons. They are looking at creating an ordinance to control phosphorous and protect our lakes. Your input is greatly desired.

In the next year, the planning board will be looking for ways to improve the existing ordinances through clarifications and updates. If you would like to have some input, please feel free to attend one of our meetings, held the first and third Thursday's of the month.

Best Regards;

Bert Languet, Chair, Planning Board
The Town of Belgrade contracts its assessing function. Robert Duplisea of Pittsfield is currently Belgrade's Certified Assessors' Agent. Individual Selectpersons performed the Town's assessment functions prior to 1989. All assessment records, tax maps, and reports are available for public inspection during normal Town Office operating hours. Property owners are encouraged to occasionally visit with the Assessor to review their property and become familiar with the assessment process. Mr. Duplisea is available to the public at the Town Office a minimum of once per month. Please contact the Town Clerk if an appointment with Mr. Duplisea is desired.
During 2001 the Budget Committee participated with the Selectpersons to set the annual mil rate and to review the financial impacts of articles proposed for the 2002 Town Meeting. As in the past several years, the groups met jointly to hear article proponents, consider alternatives and debate the issues. This process usually leads to consensus recommendations on most articles, with split votes reserved for deeper differences of opinion on questions that are best settled at the Town Meeting.

The primary goal of this process is to recommend appropriate funding for effective and efficient conduct of essential Town services and to recognize wishes of townspeople as expressed in the latest comprehensive plan. The parallel goal is to stabilize Belgrade's tax rate, in so far as possible. However, the town-controlled portion of the total property tax commitment is less than one-third when MSAD 47 and Kennebec County assessments are added. Belgrade is a growing community with increasing local demands. There is overshadowing concern about the potential for school and county assessments to overwhelm local capacity to moderate tax rate increases. Schools account for nearly two-thirds of Belgrade's tax load. Townspeople can and should participate in the school budgeting process-through Belgrade's school directors, local MSAD 47 budget meetings and final balloting on the school district budget later this year.

A few of the noteworthy budget discussions over 2002 Town Meeting articles included:

- **Street lights:** it was agreed that the Town needs a policy to guide the acceptance of new street lights, especially those proposed for largely private benefit.
- **Crack sealing:** after specifying an amount for crack sealing in recent road budget articles, it was agreed to leave this maintenance tool to the road commissioner's discretion within the resurfacing budget.
- **Social services:** recommendations accompanying individual articles show that most social service requests are unanimously endorsed when representatives of requesting organizations personally appear at the budget meeting in support. However, the Selectpersons normally exclude unsupported request from the Town Meeting warrant.
- **Emergency generator for Center for All Seasons:** the group was divided on recommendations for this $15,000 proposal, hence lively discussion is expected at the March Town Meeting.

The Budget Committee and Selectpersons meet again mid-year to review total revenue requirements and sources for 2002, when the Selectpersons set the year's tax rate.

Respectfully submitted

Willard Arnold (02), Ralph Boss (02), Phil Cobb (03), Charles Heino (02), Jonathan Perkins (04), Mary Derosier (Alternate), Jack Sutton (04), Chair, G. Donald Taylor (04)
The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is appointed by and advisory to the Board of Selectpersons. In 2001 Adelaide Lalime was appointed, Bruce Hazard, Diane Oliver and Jack Sutton were re-appointed and Kirk Sperrey resigned from the LRPC. We thank Kirk for his participation and contributions. The LRPC meets monthly at the town Office or Center for All Season. Public participation is welcome and candidacy of interested townspeople for LRPC openings is invited.

LRPC is pleased to recognize Belgrade's adoption of the commercial site plan review ordinance proposed by the Planning Board—a key element of the Comprehensive Plan. During 2001 the LRPC continued to focus on outstanding issues relating to Belgrade's Comprehensive Plan, including:

- Participation with town officials, consultant KVCOG and others to further implement the Comprehensive Plan by developing a new land use ordinance. This effort recognized that lake water quality protection is essential to maintain Belgrade's tax base. The amount of phosphorous runoff each lake can accept without serious degradation is limited. Development activity throughout the town, not just along lakeshore lines, must take runoff conditions into account to stay safely below those limits. The committee's goal is to complete a draft of the proposed ordinance by mid 2002, for possible action by townspeople at a special meeting late in the year. Funding for consulting services for this work and the commercial site plan review ordinance development ($3,125 Town + $9,375 State Planning Office grant) was authorized by the March, 1999 Town Meeting.

- Work was completed under a grant to develop management plans for the 60+ acres of Town-owned woodland adjoining the transfer station, the 6+/− acres south of Pine Grove Cemetery and to survey problem trees along town roadsides. Consulting forester Vite Vitale prepared the forestry management plans and Town Tree Warden tish Carr conducted the roadside tree survey. Both reports are on file at the Town Office. Actions by the Board of Selectpersons and Town Meeting will govern implementation steps for these plans.

- LRPC recommended to the Selectpersons that the Town's sand/gravel pit, located beyond 300 feet from Pine Grove Cemetery, be closed in a way that will optimize the property's value for a future municipal or other purposes, as the Town may later decide. Closing procedures could include agreements with one or more adjoining landowners to improve entrance way visibility from Route 27, and for removal of material along common property lines to optimize usable surface area. The March, 2002 Town Warrant will include an article authorizing the Selectpersons to implement these recommendations.

- Thanks to Town Manager Katie Smith and staff for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully, Bruce Hazard (04), Nancy Mairs (Secretary (02), Dianne Oliver (04), Don Perkins (02), Adalaide Lalime (03), Jack Sutton (Chair (03))
During the year of 2001 the Fire and Rescue responded to a combined total of 205 calls. The following is a list of those calls:

- Vehicle accidents (10-55) 38
- Vehicle fire 02
- Chimney fires 04
- Structure fires 05
- Smoke alarms 03
- CO alarms 01
- Fire alarms 02
- Brush/grass fires/land fill 09
- Downed wires 02
- Pole Fires 01
- Stove and electrical fires 02
- Misc. 05
- False alarms 01

Rescue calls (Medical, chest pains, cut and broken limbs, 10-48, etc.) 162

Mutual Aid Response, Fire & Rescue, (Manchester 2, Mt. Vernon 1, Oakland 7, Rome 8, Sidney 1, Vienna 2, Waterville 1) 19

**TOTAL RESPONSE** 266

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As you can see above, in the year 2001, there was an increase in some types of call and a decrease in others.

It was a very busy year because of the new laws and guidelines pertaining to the training of Fire and Rescue personnel. Numerous training's and meetings were held. Most fire fighters and rescue personnel had physicals and were fit tested in order to be SCBA (Self contained Breathing Apparatus) certified. A defensive driving course was offered to all fire fighters, most have obtained their Class B (CDL) driver license as a result of this course.

Two major fires, Margaret Damren's structure fire, and Camp Bomazeen's 4 acre woods fire, proved to us how much Mutual Aid is depended on and how the community works together in an emergency situation. At Camp Bomazeen, along, nine town (totaling 65 manpower) responded to our call for help including a helicopter from the Forestry Department.
Our Fire Fighter of the Year is Training Officer, Lieutenant Dan McKenzie, Rescue Person of the Year is Ralph Boss, Junior Firefighters of the Year are Brandon Galouch and MaryAnn Boss. Two specialty awards were given to Assistant chief Ed Ketch and Captain Chris Henninger for the many hours they put into the planning and purchasing of two fire and rescue apparatus. Rescue 6 was delivered March 6, 2001 and the new Pumper 62, which will be located in the North Belgrade Station, will be delivered August of 2002.

In the coming year, we have numerous projects. we hope to purchase an Imaging Camera and Rescue Boat. We have already started a fund for the Imaging Camera, thanks to the family of Paul Hammond. Hopefully, we will have a fund started for a Rescue boat with the help and donations of area businesses. we would like to bring Rescue 6 to the Depot Station so it will be in a more centralized location in town. An addition to the Depot Station is in the planning states, and with help of donated material and labor, we will begin this project in the Spring of 2002.

As we do each year, we would like to thank Hammond Lumber Company and other local businesses who release Rescue and Fire fighter personnel during the day to respond to call. If it wasn't for them we would have a huge daytime problem and we appreciate their support.

due to the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, fire fighting and EMS agencies have had many changes in the way they operate and the training needed for personnel. We would like to assure the people of Belgrade that we are doing everything in our power to keep Belgrade a safe and healthy town to play in, live in, and enjoy.

On behalf of the Belgrade Fire Department we would like to thank you for your continued support

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey C. Stevens, Fire Chief
W.P. Pulsifer, Deputy Chief,
Gene Burgess, Asst. Chief, Director of Rescue
Edward Ketch, Jr., Asst. Chief, Belgrade Lakes
Bruce Galouch, Asst. Chief, Belgrade Depot
Roger Pelletier, Asst. Chief, North Belgrade
The following number of permits were issued in the Town of Belgrade during the period January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

**SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER**
- New Systems: 30
- Replacement Systems: 17
- Replacement Tanks: 03
- Primitive Systems: 01
- Holding Tanks: 03
- Replacement Fields: 03
- Engineered Systems: 01

**INTERNAL**
- New Installations: 27
- Mobile Homes: 05

During the year there was a total of 90 permits issued as compared to 108 permits issued during 2000.

One of the best ways to keep the septic system operating efficiently is to prevent solids in the septic tank from reaching the leaching field. This can be accomplished by regular pumping of the solids from the septic tank and limiting the amount of grease entering the tank. The Plumbing Code does not recommend the use of any additives to the waste water disposal systems of residential property.

Permits for plumbing work issued in 2001 will expire on the Permit anniversary date in 2002, if the work has not been started by that date. New permits will then be required if the work is to be in compliance with the State Plumbing code. Please remember that all permits for Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Systems need a review and update by the Site Evaluator within two years of the issuing date or renewal date.

The State Plumbing Code provides for two inspections of a Subsurface Waste Water Disposal System. The first inspection is at the stage of construction when the hay of fabric cover has been placed on the bed or chambers with the second inspection made within six months after the completion of the grading of the project. The second inspection is to determine that the construction site has been stabilized against erosion.

On January 31, 2002 my State of Maine Plumbing Inspectors License expires and I have chosen not to renew which means that I will no longer be qualified to provide the town with the inspection service.

Thanks to all the property owners, plumbers, and contractors for the cooperation I have received during the past eighteen years.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Martin, LPI 698
Plumbing Inspector, Town of Belgrade
The recycling committee was involved in various projects throughout 2001. The Town approved a new glass-recycling vendor early in 2001. Newsletter articles reiterated the use of clear bags for disposal rather than dark bags, procedures for painted wood disposal, updates on the brush burning restrictions due to the dry conditions of 2001, and collection of oil in clear jugs with names and phone numbers. The metal recycling vendor that the Town of Belgrade uses sent information concerning not accepting unprocessed propane cylinders and the addition of a transportation surcharge due to market influences.

Members of the transfer station attended Maine Department of Environmental Protection workshops for transfer station operations and for universal waste handling and numerous OSHA safety programs including lockout/tagout and bloodborne pathogens. Safety equipment purchases were made for the transfer station employees throughout the year. Protective rubber covers were acquired for the glass crusher. The committee worked with Keith Levassuer and Joe Levassuer of the boy scouts to erect a sign at the transfer station for the trading of goods amongst the town residents entitle "Cedric's Swap and Sell."

Please feel free to start utilizing the sign located on the left just before the recycling center storage trailers.

The Town of Belgrade received a grant from the State of Maine to begin the transition into the mercury-added products reuse/recycle (rather than disposed of) program that will be mandatory as of January 1, 2005 for all towns in the State. The grant involved receiving a recycling shed for the storage for recycling of the mercury added product wastes generated by the town. These mercury-added wastes include (fluorescent lamps, mercury vapor and high-pressure sodium light bulbs, mercury thermostats, mercury switches, and mercury thermometers). The town has not started collecting any of the mercury-added wastes yet because the State has not chosen a vendor for the reuse/recycling of the wastes yet.
Each year Maine's communities are required to report details and tonnage of their solid waste management programs, including trash disposal, recycling and composting to the Maine State Planning Office, Waste Management & Recycling Program. Belgrade sent the various state organizations annual reports during 2000 for the compost facility, the steel recycling information database, the transfer station and recycling center and the continued monitoring of the old landfill. The Maine State Planning Office calculated the state-recycling rate to be 42% for 1997. The state's overall goal for recycling is 50 percent of its solid waste. Belgrade's adjusted recycling percentage for 2000 was 43.8%, down from 49.3% in 1999. The town also produces and distributes about 30 cubic yards of compost each year.

The town has been keeping a consistent effort at recycling. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the recycling effort; which reduces the waste stream and the overall cost of solid waste disposal for the town. Please remember that copies of the town's recycling brochure are available at the recycling center and at the town office if you have any questions about recycling. The transfer station employees are also glad to help you with any questions or concerns. The recycling committee welcomes any ideas for recycling efforts. Please contact any one of our members with ideas or attend a recycling committee meeting (second Tuesday of every month at the town Office at 4 p.m.). We appreciate your continued support and efforts in recycling.

Respectfully submitted,

Belgrade Recycling Committee
Gene Burgess, Clarence Burnham, Adam Doran, Dawn Burnham, Maurice Childs, Mike Burnham, Ralph Endicott, Eric Nutting, Cedric Young, Pal Tripp, Joe Levasseur
By February, 2001 a full Board of seven Trustees and an experienced librarian were moving Belgrade Public Library into action mode. As more and more residents discovered how rich a small collection of books can be, circulation rose steadily, from 100 books per month to 627 in July, dropping gradually to 174 in December. This seasonal variation may be the normal pattern for Belgrade. Fortunately a few summer patrons volunteered to help manage the surge of books flowing to and from the shelves. At year's end the library has 393 patrons who signed out a total of 3,493 books, magazines and tapes.

Melanie was diligent in purchasing and recommending the right books for our readers. She filled special requests through Interlibrary Loan from other libraries and initiated a State service which provides us with about forty large-print titles each month. Income tax forms were available whenever the Center was open, including evening.

New books and magazine racks have expanded the physical limits of the library. New magazines such as Kiplinger's, Consumer Report, Field and Stream, and Country Living are signed out for two weeks... In an effort to make the best use of space, the library Trustees have agreed to put highest priority on the kinds of books that circulated most. Some less-requested classic books are stored off-site (but reachable). We will strengthen our Maine collection, including its authors, history, the environment and recreation. Copies of some chapters of History of Kennebec Country, c. 1892, are ready to be signed out. Current titles and biography will remain strong.

Donated books, new and gently-used, continue to enrich the collection from many sources; in fact, thirty-seven new young-adult books were donated on December 27. We love the gifts and the givers. As time permits, books will be barcoded and entered into the computer. Goal #1 is to computerize both the public-access catalog and circulation data by the summer of 2002.

Among the events offered during 2001 were an author book-signing, a poetry night, Chewonki's rain-forest program, fall pre-school story hours, and a community gathering in remembrance of September 11.

Melanie left the Librarian's job in November, but volunteers kept the library open through December. Marcia Haigh will be the new librarian. A resident of Belgrade, she is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington and was librarian at Oakland Public Library for several years. We are delighted to find such a personable, skilled person to fill the position. The Trustees welcome her and pledge their support to continued growth and service at the library.

Thanks are due many individuals who helped to make the year such a resounding success-thanks for the books, the money, the hours of labor, the technical expertise and the moral support. We invite all townspeople to come and meet Marcia and to use your library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Library Trustees
In 2001, we repaired a leak in the North end of the spillway at Great Pond Dam and did a survey of the East gate at Wings Mill Dam because of leakage under the gate. Great Pond Dam is in need of further work across the spillway and Wings Mill Dam is in need of structural repairs to the West side of the spillway. The repairs to the gate were successful.

We will continue to do the necessary maintenance in 2002, and will explore any grants that might become available to do long-term planning or for maintenance and upgrading of the facilities.

For the year 2002, we are asking the towns to appropriate and raise $12,000 for ongoing expenses associated with the maintenance and operation of the dams.

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Respectfully submitted
Richard A. MacKenzie
Chairman, Dams Committee
During this past year the committee has worked tirelessly almost every Tuesday and Thursday to complete the addressing.

We finished putting up the road signs before the frost set in and so far have had only 4 signs stolen. As expected a few people didn't like the name that was selected for their road and we tried to accommodate them with a new name if possible. Now that the corrected map and road list has been turned into the office of GOS, in Augusta additional changes may not be possible at this time.

911 was activated in the fall with all 911 calls going to the Kennebec County Sheriffs office in Augusta. Our 465-2555 emergency number is still active and will remain so until the E911 system has been finished. Postal changes will occur this summer and at that time you will receive a notice of your new address and instructions for numbering your residence.

As new houses are constructed, addresses will be assigned when building permits are issued. As for assigning addresses for telephone locations we still have many unverified addresses because of temporary disconnected, summer residence and tenants. This will be an on going activity. In these cases the E911 portion of the system will not be effective and the caller will still have to give their location, road and house number to the Emergency Center.

I express my thanks for the efforts of the committee members: Dwight Alexander, Roger Anderson, Bill Arnold and Phil Cobb. Also many thanks to Mary Vogel for the clerical assistance and Ellen for her seemingly unlimited knowledge of where people live in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Pulsifer, Chairman
A reminder to all residents that the following diseases need to be reported to the Health Officer: Animal Rabies, Meningitis, Chicken Pox, Chlamydia, E.Coli, Viral Encephalitis, Giardiasis, Gonorrhea, Invasive Influenza, Hepatitis, HIV Infection, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Mumps, Pertussis, Rubella, Salmonella, Invasive Streptococcal Group A, Syphilis, Tuberculosis and Toxic Shock Syndrome. This is the new list of reportable diseases required by the Maine Bureau of Health. I wish to thank those residents that reported infectious diseases to me last year and inquired about diseases that needed to be reported. We cannot control the spread of infectious disease unless we are aware of where it is located.

I attended a conference in December at the Augusta Civic Center sponsored by the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council "Help! I need an IAQ Test or do I?" I have been asked by the town office staff to assess the indoor air quality at the town office, which I shall follow up on in 2002.

As Health Officer, I am now submitting articles for the Town Newsletter. If there are any topics that you would like me to address, please let me know. The food pantry continues to serve the needs of Belgrade residents and the volunteers are doing a great job. They could use food and/or money contributions and also if you are able to volunteer on Tuesday mornings, please let Marie Pulsifer know.

The Center of All Seasons has had a great year and has introduced many new programs to the residents of Belgrade. The programs are for both the younger and older residents of Belgrade. The Director is doing a fine job and the activity schedule is published in the Town Newsletter. We are very fortunate to have such a fine facility in our town.

The September 11th attacks have changed our lives forever; everything from flying to feeling safe in our local communities. We are so fortunate to have a wonderful Town Office Staff and Board of Selectpersons that are available if any needs arise. As Health Officer, I am also available if any questions arise. We all need to care for one another, especially our neighbors who are elderly or under stress of any kind. Please call me if you can help in any way; my telephone is 465-3297.
CRUISE OF THE BELGRADE

The Cherryfield Register for 1905 included this intriguing nugget of information: "Amos Dyer constructed two vessels, named the 'Robin' and 'Belgrade'; the later{sic}, a full rigged bark, carried a company of 56 miners around Cape Horn to California...This vessel received its name in honor of one of their members, who was a Belgrade man. "A pamphlet about the expedition was printed around 1910. Here is a brief account from the pamphlet:

In the year following the discovery of gold in California, thousands went west in search of riches. Here in Maine the California Mining & Navigation Company was organized by a carpenters, and seamen mostly from the Cherryfield area. Some are listed as crewmen; others were probably passengers.

The Company bought for $10,000 bark of 270 tons that was being built by Mr. Dyer. While it was being built, a unique cargo was assembled, including lumber and other building materials, guns, mill machinery, a "foundry" shipped east from Boston, stores to sustain everyone for a year, and a steam boat. This steamboat, the stern-wheeler Fashion, was disassembled and stored below deck, except for the 9-ton boiler being carried on deck.

On November 28th, 1849, the town of Cherryfield turned out to see the Belgrade set sail. A minor leak was repaired shortly and the next place mentioned is Reo, which port she departed on January 29, 1850. On February 24 Cape Horn was in view, bringing two weeks of storms and gales. By the end of May, after exactly six months at sea, Belgrade arrived at San Francisco.

The Company ultimately rebuilt and sold the Fashion, sold off the Belgrade and other property, and divided the proceeds. The members went their separate ways- some returned to Maine, some stayed out west, and some followed the sea. This account tells us that the man from Belgrade was Samuel Burbank, who "ended his career in the Sandwich Islands where he carried on a sugar plantation". According to Belgrade's vital records, Samuel was born in 1813, the last of Eleazer Burbank's eleven children.

Research by the late Lawrence Sturtevant, a local history enthusiast, also revealed information about the Burbanks. He found that Samuel's older brother Caleb had described his father as a "William Penn Quaker, complete with broad-brimmed hat and Thee and Thou", an exemplary man. When he died in 1840 he was living at the farm now owned by Rene and Kathy Burdet and is buried in the Quaker Cemetery nearby. Sturtevant also found that Caleb born in 1804, was a lawyer in Cherryfield, went to California in 1854m became a judge, and did not return to Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mairs
Town Historian
RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

The year 2001 has been very busy for us at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. We offered programs for all age levels, contracted out several rental agreements, and provided space for many fund raising events and special training sessions in our community. With our recreation facility, we were able to contribute to the life of our community and the health of all individuals. Not only was I able to witness personal growth and development among our community, I learned so much from the wonderful people that took advantage of our newest facility.

Our Summer Day camp program was very successful. We had a really good staff and several Counselors in Training this past summer and as a result our young children were given the opportunity to achieve better coordination, work on motor skill development and discover their varied strengths. The staff and children alike took the opportunity to broaden knowledge and skills together as a team. thank you to all the Staff, Counselors in Training, parents and children for such a wonderful summer. We truly enjoyed the facility, using the in-ground pool and have the public beach at our finger tips. And, lets not forget the good times we had on field trips. Thank you all so much!!

Although Summer Day Camp was a great success, we offered many more successful programs. For Senior trips, we visited the Bangor Garden show, had a wonderful day on the coast of Boothbay Harbor, went to the Fryeburg Fair for some cultural enrichment and to finish out the year, we went on a Holiday Shopping Trip to the Christmas Tree Shop and the Portland Mall.

The men enjoyed some truly competitive basketball scrimmages and so did our teens on teen night and Saturday open house. Our women enjoyed socializing in the sewing circle and enjoyed some aerobics and yoga, or a little walk around the gym for some good exercise. Our toddlers enjoyed coming in for some exercise in the gym or some quiet time in story hour. We offered something for everyone.

Our March Talent Show was one that you would not have wanted to miss. It was well attended and let me just say that we have a lot of talent in our community just waiting to happen. **Congratulations to Nancy Mairs and Bill Pulsifer for being selected Citizens of the Year for 2001**

During the year we have had several volunteers commit to our programs. These citizens are the backbone to our continued success in recreation. Basically, I could not have done it without you. A successful community center depends on the joint efforts of many dedicated citizens that offer many different talents. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to these many citizens who continue to provide support in recreation services.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Pinkham
Recreation Director
495-3481
A full year of program and activities has been happening at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons and we are pleased with all that has been going on. We continue to call The Center "a work in progress" as not everything we have planned to accomplish has been completed. We still have work to do on the grounds and we still have new programs to plan and offer. We continue to evaluate all we have done and to work on ways to do it better next year. The first year of any venture is just that... every day and every event is new.

You will note the new sign at the entrance to the property and new lighting at the parking lot entrance to the building. The swimming pool was open last summer and it was very well used. Docks were in at the lake and the first phases of the grounds work and walking paths were completed. Picnic tables, porch furniture, canoes and kayaks, tetherball stands, outdoor volleyball nets, etc. were in place. Playground equipment has been ordered and received and will go up in early spring. And the first "Make A Difference Day" was held in October to celebrate our first year with a luncheon after a couple hours of fall clean up. We have already decided to do this again next fall but we have moved the date to late September.

Board members have been faithful in attending meetings and in filling in at times when volunteers were needed for programs and events. And additional volunteers have helped with specific programs, worked on the grounds, opened or closed the building for events, and helped with posters and decorations. We urge you to get involved... participate in on-going programs or suggest new ones. Call Cathie at the Center if you have an idea

Respectfully submitted
Betty Jo Howard, Chair
Board of Parks and Recreation
The Veteran's Monument located in front of the former American Legion Hall was "refurbished". New edging was laid, dirt and bark replaced, shrubbery removed and/or trimmed as needed and new planting added. The site was covered for the winter to facilitate clean-up of sand and litter.

Flags were placed on Cemetery Road from the corner of Rt 11 to the Town House on Memorial Day week-end, the 4th of July week-end and from September 15 to November 12, Armistice Day. Two flags were stolen (with effort) from the poles. Such behavior raises questions. I was asked what kind of a person would steal American flags. My answer was, "the same kind of people who would steal flowers from graves at Memorial time and during the summer". The flags will be replaced and put up on the dates listed. We will deal with the vandalism as best we can. The vandalism in the cemetery is low compared to reports from other cemeteries. If you see any vandalism please report it to me. When plants are stolen it should also be reported to me even though it is unlikely that they can be located.

All efforts made by individuals to keep their lots attractive are greatly appreciated and contribute to the well groomed appearance of the cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Minot, Sexton
# IERPETUAL CARE OF BELGRADE CEMETERY LOTS
## IN THE YEAR 2000

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* Indicates that funds are earmarked for Memorial Day flowers in perpetuity.
The Troop Committee of Belgrade Scout Troop #453 would like to again thank the residents of Belgrade for their continued support during 2001. Newspaper recycling continues to provide the main financial support for the troop. You will find our scouts and adult volunteers baling newspapers at the Belgrade Recycling Center most Saturday mornings. Not only does this help fund a number of scouting activities, but provides scouts with an opportunity to take responsibility and contribute to the support of the troop. We very much appreciate the contributions of newspapers by town residents and are pleased to be able to help Belgrade by including the town's sale of magazines in our cooperative agreement for newspapers. Along with our other fund raising projects, such as selling popcorn, these funds allow us to continue to provide a meaningful scouting experience for the boy of Belgrade and adjacent areas.

This year our scouts participated in many great adventures. Scouts enjoyed a five-day canoe trip down a portion of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and skiing trips to Titcomb Ski Area in Farmington and Saddleback Mountain in Rangely. In addition the troop held a winter campout at Camp Bomazeen (during a snowstorm) and attended Summer Scout Camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation near Gilman ton Iron Work, New Hampshire. Our scouts had a great time hiking and bicycling in Acadia National Park during peak fall colors, hiked to Piazza Rock in November in light snow, and recently returned from camping and hiking near Moosehead Lake. The troop stacked firewood at the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons, participated in the Memorial Day service and helped prepare and cleanup for the annual Christmas Stroll in Belgrade Lakes.

Many scouts completed requirements for rank advancement in the troop, and earned a number of merit badges, including first aid, swimming, lifesaving, emergency preparedness, environmental science, citizenship in the community, and others. Jeff Levasseur was awarded his eagle rank at a court of honor in April.

We want to thank everyone at the Town Office and Transfer Station for their help and support and we would also extend our appreciation to the many local businesses and individuals for their generous support. A final thank-you goes to the Belgrade Lions Club for being our Troop Sponsor.

If you know of a boy between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in becoming a Boy Scout, or would like to volunteer your time and talents to troop 453, please contact Troop Scoutmaster, Joe Levasseur at 495-2673 or Committee Chariperson Glen Davis at 495-3337.
The students of Belgrade Central School benefit in many different ways from the Don C. Stevens Trust Fund. They are able to enjoy many programs, materials, and experiences above and beyond those which our school district is able to provide. The Trust truly enriches the educational experience of all Belgrade students.

The Parents Creative Arts Committee continues its excellent work in bringing different artistic and cultural experiences to our school. This past year included attending a live performance at the Monmouth Theater, two performances by the Krackerjack Theater, a dance program for our third graders, as well as a performance of "The Fisherman and His wife" by our students made possible by the Missoula Children's Theater. We thank this tremendous committee for its invaluable work.

Field trips were sponsored to the Norlands Living History Museum, the Maine State Museum, the Boston Science Museum, Old Fort Western, and the Jordan Planetarium.

This past year more planning and preparation was done on the playground renovation. This is a jointly funded project, which is spearheaded by the Belgrade Parent Teacher Organization. Due to the pending school construction, work on this project was postponed, but will resume in the spring.

The Trust makes possible the after school gymnastics program, as well as helping to fund the stamp club. We added an after school Art class as well as a summer art enrichment program in the spring. The designing and building of LINX projects continues with new materials needed each year for this intensive hands-on science activity. This past year wind-powered vehicles and catapults were designed and built by students.

Our library has begun bringing in Maine authors to interact with our students during the school year. The first few have been very successful, so we plan to continue the experience.

We have added an after school program which keeps the library and the computer lab open every Wednesday after school from 3:00 to 6:00. These areas are staffed by our school librarian and our computer teacher. This is an extremely popular and well-used program, allowing students extra time to do research and work on computer projects.

As always, the Trust provides materials which reach every student. Special funds to purchase extra art and reading materials for each classroom are made available and are well used. Classroom libraries continue to grow. The materials made with our Ellison Letter Machine now include many math manipulative. We have added special materials to make more durable art projects and math manipulative for use by our children. We have also purchased two new digital cameras to help preserve student work and experiences.

The committee truly enjoys its work, helping to provide enriching experiences for the children of Belgrade Central School.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Prescott (chair), Regina Coppen, Cal Davis, Linda McMullin, Susan Wintle Bradshaw
## DON C. STEVENS TRUST EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED 2001 BUDGET

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Robert Alonzo Guptill served as the Belgrade historian for many years. He was an advocate of education believing that the knowledge of history is essential to the understanding the past and a key to the challenges of the present and the future. Following his death his family decided to continue the work and interest that had given him enjoyment and fulfillment throughout his life by establishing the Robert A. Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

According to the terms and conditions of the trust fund, the Town of Belgrade will hold a certain sum of money in interest bearing accounts or certificates of deposit, whichever derives greatest interest. The interest income will be utilized by the Belgrade Central School for lectures, field trips, or other programs for the promotion and appreciation of history. A faculty committee appointed by the principal shall vote on the use of the funds. Faculty members include: Jean Frechette, John Lisa, and Susan Wintle-Bradshaw. The principal serves as an ex-officio voting member; and Phronie Hammond, a sister of Mr. Guptill, serves as a voting member throughout her lifetime.

During the 2001 year, the Guptill Historical Trust Fund was used for an application fee for Old Sturbridge Village and a grade five field trip to Bunker Hill. The committee will meet this spring to review additional requests, field trips and programs that meet the criteria established by Guptill Historical Trust Fund.

### Interest and Disbursements of the 2001 Year

- December 2000......Ending Balance.........$2,584.74
- Adjustment of 1/2001.................................$198.00
- Corrected Ending Balance of 1/2001........$2,386.74
- April 4, 2001...Old Sturbridge Village.........$50.00
- April 30, 2001...Bunker Hill-Grade 5..........$141.00
- Deposit-Interest Received for 2001......$875.00
- Adjustment of 12, 2001..............................$1.91
- December 2001...........Ending Balance....$3,072.64

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Callioras
Principal, Belgrade Central School
Dear Residents of Belgrade,

The Messalonskee School District has experienced tremendous change over the course of 2001-02 school year. A new eight-classroom addition is under construction at Belgrade Central School (BCS), and students are expected to occupy the new BCS classrooms before April vacation.

Belgrade's building project is part of a comprehensive facility plan that includes a six-classroom addition to the James H. Bean School, also being constructed this year, and a brand new middle school in Oakland. The new middle school groundbreaking will likely occur in April, with a planned opening in the fall of 2003. The construction projects will ultimately allow children currently in portable classrooms to be inside their respective schools and largely end the use of portable classrooms throughout the District.

Related to the need for construction are student enrollment increases. In Belgrade and Oakland, student enrollment is projected to be stable at the elementary schools. However, the James H. Bean School in Sidney continues to grow, as does the high school. James Bean is approaching 400 students, and the high school is over 900. Total enrollment, as of October, 2001, is now 2,728 students.

Literacy continues to be a major focus at Belgrade Central School. Teachers have presented at major conferences, both in Maine and in New England. This year, the faculty has expanded its focus to include writing instruction along with reading. The school has written a two-year school improvement plan for writing and math. Professional development activities are concentrated in writing and assessment for the 2001-02 year. Math instruction will be included the following year. As with any intensive professional development, Belgrade students will benefit from the teachers' research and investigation in curriculum areas on a daily basis.

The middle school successfully completed reaccredidation. The process is arduous and done by the independent New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The school received many accolades due to hard work of the staff. The major area of concern was related to the current facility. Once the new school is constructed, the issue dissipates. The middle school staff is looking forward to the construction of their new school. Once completed, many more educational opportunities will be available for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Mr. Rolfe, the principal, has been planning with the staff the transition to the new building and the inclusion of the 6th grade in 2003.
Messalonskee High School has achieved some positive results in efforts to have students achieve success at the high school. A new record for post-secondary placement was established in 2001, with over 74% of our seniors have been accepted to go on to college, up over 9% in five years. The most recent change is a semester-based schedule to begin in the fall of 2002. The new schedule will look much like a college schedule where students take four classes per semester. Students will take four classes in the fall and four different classes in the spring very much like a college model. Within recent years, the increase in student population has resulted in a decrease in the number of elective course offerings. The new schedule will allow more opportunity for electives and allow time for remediation. As a result, the Board of Directors voted to change the high school schedule to the semester based model.

The successes of the District are possible because of the contributions made by an incredibly hard working staff. Whether you're a teach, cook, bus driver, janitor, secretary, aide, or administrator, each and every one has contributed to the District's outstanding reputation. The Belgrade staff always places the interest of the child first and that is why BCS is looked to for its leadership in literacy statewide.

State funding for schools is very small compared to the last three years. As you know, the amount of funding the district receives from the state has a direct impact on local taxes. Limited state funding means more pressure on the school system to look for cost efficiencies and more pressure on the local taxpayer. In Messalonskee School District, we have a history of active involvement by town officials in the development of the school budget. The Towns and the District will continue to work together, as in the past, to assure the future educational needs of our children are met.

As we enter the year 2002-03, a major issue the District faces will be adequate state funding for state mandated initiatives. New mandates, now required with the adoption of Maine's Learning Results include the development of a Comprehensive Local Assessment system, have placed incredible burdens on the school system. While these far reaching initiatives are laudable and deserve our support, they also come with staff development costs. The District is charged with the creation, implementation, and evaluation of new assessment practices and new teaching strategies. The Maine Legislature has chosen a visionary path that requires additional educational funding.

In conclusion, I want to thank the community members for their support provided. We have over 2,700 students who, by and large, work hard and represent their parents and communities very well.

Your local Board representatives are Laura Corbett, 495-2766, Frank Fekete, 495-2117, and Regina Coppens, 495-2579. The principal for Belgrade Central School is Patricia Callioras, 495-2321.

It has been my pleasure serving you this past year as Superintendent of the Messalonskee School District.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Morse, Sr.
Superintendent of Schools
In February 2001 when planning for spring sports programs, there was so much snow on the ground that we were all very concerned. Would the fields be too wet? Would the spring activities be delayed? Would the season be shortened?

We're happy to say that the April weather cooperated beautifully. The fields were ready and another season of exciting spring sports began right on time. However, as the year marched on it became hotter and dryer than ever. This sparked Ken Workman into overtime during the summer months watering the fields and keeping them in tip-top shape through the summer and for the soccer season in the fall.

Once again the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc. successfully provided three seasons of sports programs for our youngsters. Teeball, softball and baseball in the spring, soccer in the fall and basketball in winter. These programs are primarily for children in Kindergarten through grade 6, where students have not yet reached a level where the school system is providing organized sports programs.

This year was a fairly quiet year regarding our building and grounds projects. In the fall we were able to give most of the building a much needed coat of paint, thanks to the efforts of Tim Nutter. Thank you Tim.

We would like to say a special thank you for the efforts of these members who will be handing over their duties to others after years of dedicated service. Christine Gervais-snack shack coordinator, Don Lewis-baseball coordinator, Brenda Fekete-secretary and softball coordinator, Caroline Mathes-soccer coordinator.

The officers of the Belgrade Recreation Association, Inc. Would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the many coordinators, coaches, helpers and parents who continue to provide quality sporting programs for Belgrade's youngsters.

Respectfully submitted,
Belgrade Recreation Association Inc.
The year 2001 was a tragic year for our country and so many people. It was also a sad time for the family of one of our fine volunteers. Kate Brandenberg passed on in December 2001. She and her daughter, Katie Sutton, have given the Belgrade Lake Region Information Center many hours of their time greeting visitors and planting flowers. We will always be grateful for their help and would like to dedicate this report to the memory of Kate Brandenberg. Katie has volunteered to continue the beautification of the center in her mother's memory, which we sincerely appreciate.

The past year has been a successful one for the association marked by changes in our membership and the continuation of an amazing amount of volunteer work supplied by the surrounding communities.

The association has responded to and circulated an ever increasing number of requests for information in our beautiful Belgrade Lakes Region. We also are in the process of finalizing our own web page with links to individual sites. The annual task of designing, printing and distributing our brochure (15,000) is underway. This year the brochure committee has expanded to include business members for the first time. The variety of input has been a great asset to the production.

The information booth was open this season for a total of 81 days assisting 1738 visitors to our area from thirty-four different states and ten foreign countries. This was only possible because of our wonderful volunteers who donated over 425 hours of their time to helping us keep the booth up and running. To the following individuals the association extends a big thank you for your time and efforts: Ray Weingardner, Sylvan Labun, BJ Howard, Frank Mitchell, Ann Deschaine, Reno Deschaine, Evelyn Charles, Sylvia Amon, Carol Kimball, Ellen Walters, Dick Skeel, Geoff Hill, Mike Guarino, Pastor Larry Wiles, Jean Casey, Tom Bangs, Evelyn Oberheim, Les Oberheim, Jay Bradshaw, Susan Bradshaw, Susan Dussault, Mary Leavitt, Jacinta Vogel, and Ray Cyr. Keeping the information booth alive and well requires a lot of effort whether it be cleaning, landscaping, organizing, or just unloading a truckload of brochures. We thank the following for contributions of time, equipment and sometimes just sound advice: Karen Swan, Jacelyn Healy, Harold Buzzell, Marguerite Mosher, David Plaisted, Tom Barton, and Laura Richter. Again this year we are most grateful to Joan and Mac Mackenzie of Lake and Country Realty for providing the information booth with the porta-potty.
Saturday coverage at the information booth has always been a struggle as this is the busiest day of the week for people stopping in. Again this we have a tremendous show of support from the following businesses by way of donations to keep the center staffed on this most important day of the week: Talbot's Bed and Breakfast, The Pressey House, Driftwood Lodge, The Patriot/Luna Vista, Sunny Shores Camps, Sunset Camps, Kozy Cove Cottages, Wheeler Camps, Woodrest Cottages, Castle Island Camps, Whisperwood Lodge and Cottages, Belgrade Cruise Line, Pointer Run, Belgrade Boats and Trailers, Gagne Fuel Oil, and Gagne Son Concrete.

We also thank the town of Oakland and Belgrade for their continued show of support in helping us make this a vacation destination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Directors
Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc.

President: Sylvia Amon(Belle-Vue Cottage)
Vice-President: Jan Partridge (Partridge Cottage and Rooms, The Pin Curl and Balloon & Things)
Secretary: Peg Churchill (Bear Spring Camps)
Treasurer: Ellen Walters (Information Center Volunteer)
Board Members: Evelyn Charles (Pointers Run), Martha Skeel (Belgrade Lakes House), Alfred Wheeler (Wheeler Camps)

OUR MISSION: TO PROMOTE THE BELGRADE LAKES REGION AS A VACATION DESTINATION
Our 93rd Annual Meeting, held at the Belgrade Center for All Seasons, was an occasion for both celebration and concern. 135 people attended the lobster dinner before the meeting—a social event that has now become a tradition the board looks forward to as a means of connecting with our members in a fun and informal way. But the guest speaker, Scott Williams, from the volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, in speaking about the threat of invasive aquatic plants looming around our lakes, left everyone with a real sense of the urgent need to prevent this potentially devastating problem from entering the Belgrade watershed.

The BLA participated in and hosted a series of workshops and strategy sessions aimed at establishing measures to address the threat. Boat launch volunteers went to work at the Rt 27 ramp on Messalonskee, as well as Great Pond and Long Pond ramps. The volunteers’ purpose was to perform courtesy inspections of boats, motors, and trailers for suspicious plant material—and to remove it and send it to the state for identification. The other major goals accomplished by the volunteers was to educate lake users about this critical issue. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and concern to help.

While we will continue to keep the invasive plant issue on a front burner, there also are many other projects that are ongoing and will be receiving our attention.

On a very positive and upbeat note, the BLA Board had a retreat in October to identify priorities, position ourselves for the necessary growth to address critical issues, and reconfirm our commitment to each other as a Board, and to our mission—Protect and Preserve. The major outcome of the retreat was the creation of four working committees—Water Quality, fundraising, Education and Outreach and Membership. Board members have chosen their committees, volunteered to Chair them, and started meeting. We encourage all of you to become involved in any of the committees that interest you—we have an ambitious agenda, which will take the efforts of our entire community to be successful. The way of life we all cherish in the Belgrades is at stake.

We will continue to keep you abreast of lake issues via our quarterly newsletter. In addition, we intend to increase our presence to a more comprehensive, year-round one by creating and distributing a BLA informational brochure, maintaining a permanent phone in our office in the village, encouraging the community’s attendance at our Board and committee meetings, and scheduling more events designed to engage everyone in the crucial process of saving our lakes.
We continue our support of and participation in the Conservation Corps, the Watershed Project, the Kennebec Highlands land acquisition project, swimmer's itch eradication, volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, local road construction monitoring, and other state-wide watershed protection initiatives. Look for information on all of our activities, meeting dates and resource offerings in our newsletter—if you don't get one in the mail, you can join the BLA for $10/year, or find copies in our office above the bagel shop in Belgrade Village.

Perhaps the most exciting event upcoming this summer is a return to Great Pond of the Belgrade Regatta! This traditional event is being resurrected as a symbol of the legacy and love that bind all of us to the Belgrade, hope for the future of our watershed, and most of all, to provide a fun family event that can help us focus attention where it belongs—on the water!

Please feel free to contact any Board member with your ideas, questions, concerns, or to find out how you can become involved. You can reach us at P.O. box 551, Belgrade Lakes, Maine 04918, or by calling (207)776-3783. As always, we are deeply grateful for the support of the Town of Belgrade, and its ongoing efforts to Protect and Preserve our lakes. We also thank all of you who have supported us so generously—that commitment is a constant source of resolve for the Board to stay on the path

Respectfully, Jane Eberle, President

The Board elected at the August Annual Meeting is:

President-Jane Eberle
Vice-Presidents-Maggie Shannon & Bill Swan
Secretary-Maureen Maslak
Treasurer-Scott Finlay
Directors-Brian Bernatchez, Ed Charles, Norm DeVolder, Pat Donahue, Bruce Fenn, Lee Attix, Kathy Lowell, Ed Mayer, Peter McManus, Gail Rizzo & Bill Witkin
The Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps would like to thank the Town of Belgrade for its continued support during the summer 2001. This year marked the sixth anniversary of the Conservation Corps. The three crews of high school students continued the tradition of becoming environmental ambassadors by implementing erosion control projects to reduce the amount of phosphorus running into our lakes. The cumulative effort of six years of hard work has resulted in over 300 completed sites that are really making a difference in improving the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes.

Despite all of this hard work the job is far from complete. As you travel around our lakes you will still notice many sites that need attention from the Corps. The Department of Environmental Protection has advised us that in the future they would like us to plant buffer strips along with the rip rap and rubber razor blades that our crews are installing to reduce runoff. We support this idea and believe it makes for a sound management plan. However, it does mean more work for our crews as we plan for the summer of 2002.

The Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of Dick Park who dies this past summer. Dick was one of the founding board members of the Corps. He started our annual appeal and worked tirelessly to assure that the organization received the support it needed to continue the work in which he so strongly believed. We will miss him.

We hope that you will continue to support the efforts of the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps so that it may complete more projects that will help improve the water quality of the Belgrade Lakes. The Conservation Corps is an operation of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Tipper, Chair
Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps.
The Belgrade Regional Health Center is one of eleven rural health centers operated by Health Reach Community Health Centers (HRCHC), a non-profit organization based in Waterville. An agreement between HRCHC and the Belgrade Regional Health Center Board of Directors serves as the annual operational plan. The local Board of Directors is made up of 18 dedicated, volunteer members from the local communities. The Health Center was established in 1977 to provide local access to quality health care for people of the Lakes Region regardless of their ability to pay. In its early years the Health Center received Federal funding to support its efforts. In the 1980's that funding was rescinded and the Health Center has since depended on the Board of Directors to raise sufficient monies to help offset the costs of operations. The Town of Belgrade has traditionally supported the Health Center. That support has always been greatly appreciated.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Total patient visits:
- at the Health Center for year ending June 30, 1999 (FY 1999) 6534
- at the Health Center for year ending June 20, 2000 (FY 2000) 7114
- at the Health Center for year ending June 30, 2001 (FY 2001) 8030

Patients who:
- reside in Belgrade and used the Health Center in (FY 1999) 721
- reside in Belgrade and used the Health Center in (FY 2000) 738
- residents in Belgrade and used the Health Center in (FY 2001) 776

Belgrade Residents:
- Number of patients who benefited from the reduced fee program 80 FY 99
- 98 FY 00
- 70 FY 01

Total for all Towns:
- 206 FY 99
- 260 FY 00
- 229 FY 01

Total Reduced Fee Subsidy for:
- All Health Center patients FY 1999 $14,259
- All Health Center patients FY 2000 $16,222
- All Health Center patients FY 2001 $19,257

Reduced for Belgrade patients
- (based on per capita usage) FY 1999 $5537
- (based on per capita usage) FY 2000 $6114
- (based on per capita usage) FY 2001 $5886
ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 - 4:30 plus Tuesday evening 5:30 - 7:00
Phone 495-3323
Fax: 495-3353
Please call ahead for an appointment if possible

The Board of directors and all of the staff at the Health center would like to express their appreciation for the generous support of the people of the Town of Belgrade. Your contribution is a significant factor in our ability to maintain this great community asset.

Sincerely,

Mike Wenzel-President, Board of Directors
Bill Getty-Practice Manager
Provider Staff-Diane Campbell, M.D., Sandy Picard, F.N.P., Marvin Lee, M.D.
Nursing Staff-Faye Nye, R.N., Lori McIntosh L.P.N., Kelly Seegmiller, R.N., Line Gay, R.N.
Office Staff- Wendy McDonald, Naomi Knights, Mary Decker, Pamela Dawes, Janelle Sylvester.
Ten years ago in April the Food Pantry opened its doors and the Volunteers opened their hearts to the people of this community, our friends and neighbors, who were experiencing difficulty in providing food for themselves and their families.

The Food Pantry is located at the Belgrade Town Office and is opened every Tuesday from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Our clients are allowed one visit a month at which time we try to provide enough food for one week.

Over the years, we have learned that we must provide not only food but household products and toiletries as well since food stamps can not be used to purchase these items. We strive to have a very good variety in our Mini Grocery Store where our clients are asked to bring a grocery list. We do our very best to fully meet their needs.

In the year 2001 we served individuals 129 items with a total of 349 members for approximately 7,329 meals. This averages out to 12 families a month with 29 family members. Thirty seven families came to us for assistance this year. Some were served once or twice while others were served once a month which accounts for the above figures. The Lions Club contribution to the Food Pantry enables us to give out Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to all of our clients.

The Food Pantries of Maine and throughout the United States receive food from the United States Department of Agriculture four times a year.

Our membership to the good Shepherd Food bank in Auburn has enabled us to have a much better variety of food, household products and treats. We are able to purchase these items at a minimal fee. For example, a pick-up truck load of food usually weighing approximately 800 - 900 lbs., costs us less than $200.00. This has really helped us stretch our dollar.
All of this would not be possible without the generosity and continued support of so many individuals and organizations. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following:

North Belgrade Baptist Church          Sam's Club          Day's Store
Union Church                         KVM Club           Brownie Troop 33
Bible Church                         Lions Club         Camp Runoia
Rome Baptist Church                  Long Pond Book Club
Mt. Nebo Orchards                   St. Theresa's Catholic Church
Rome Ruff Riders                     Johnny's Select Seeds  Gene Burgess
Belgrade Central School Teachers & Staff Local Gardeners  Local Bakers
Belgrade Town Office Staff           Belgrade Lakes Business Group
Betsy Stevens                        Tim Comeford
We are grateful and wish to thank the Citizens of both Belgrade and Rome who donate both food and money throughout the year.

Special thanks to all the kind, loyal and dedicated Volunteers of the Food Pantry. You are all so great and appreciated. The 2001 Volunteers:

Carolyn Alexander  Randee Bourgoin  Jan Bourne  Jean Casey
Karen Childs  Ethel Dernorsek  Ann Deschaine
Reno Deschaine  Cecile Everly  Yvette Farris  Ginny Krolak
Maureen Maslak  Melda Page  Mimi Park  Pat Pow
Marie Pulsifer  Barbara Sheblee  Barbara Smith  Joan Tripp
Richard Tripp  Chris Wanser  Betty Weaver  Lois Young
Ron Young

We regret the passing of one our faithful volunteers, Dick Park

All of the above mentioned contribute to the success of the Food Pantry. These kind and caring Citizens and Organizations of both Belgrade and Rome are instrumental in our effort to better serve our friends and neighbors in need. For this we are grateful. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Pulsifer, Chairperson  New Board Members:
Pat Pow, Secretary  Jan Bourne
Reno Deschaine, Treasurer  Maureen Maslak
Joan Tripp, Volunteer Coordinator  Ruth Stone
Barbara Smith, Publicity
Hard to believe it's time to make the annual report again letting our community know just what we Draggin' Masters have done this year in 2001. Most importantly, our thanks goes out to the many landowners of our community who have so willingly allowed us to make and maintain trails across their properties-even letting us post the trails. However, this is how we are able to maintain safety for all our trail riders from near and far. It is so fun for those of us who ride to meet people from long distances away-riders from Augusta, Sidney, Lewiston, Winthrop, Oakland, Mount Vernon, Vienna and more.

At our Club meetings we urge all our club members to help enforce safety rules-not only to their own people, but if we notice violators, we ask them as well to stay on the marked trials. ATV owners and riders must remember that snowmobile trials are not to be used for the purpose of ATV enjoyment. They must get permission from andy and all landowners to be on the property owners land. Also, all posted signs are for the safety of all who read them including persons wishing to slide, etc. If violators are noticed, please get the license numbers and call either myself at 495-3445 or Ernie Rice (or any club member), and we will try to correct the problem with the violators.

The money the town appropriates for our Club is spent on reimbursing club members for bushhogging, cutting of downed trees, repair of trails and bridges, etc.- it does not however, pay the club members for their time-this is volunteered by the club members. I wish to personally thank all members who donate so much of their time in this effort. The work si done to the trails and we are now ready for the snow-let's hope we have a great year as last year. It was one of the best!!!!!

Again, thanks to the citizens of Belgrad for your continued support allowing us to enjoy the great sport of snowmobiling.

Sincerely,
Lou Ashland, President
The North Belgrade Garden Club celebrated its 52nd year in 2001. There were five charter members. One of the five is still a member--Mildred Trask who just celebrated her 90th birthday.

Each year, we raise money for two projects--one is for flowers for the boxes around the Town--Belgrade Town Office, Belgrade Post Office, Belgrade Community Building on Route 8 and the box at the "Welcome to North Belgrade sign where route 8 and 11 part.

The second project is our Educational Assistance Fund which enables the club to give a scholarship each year to a Belgrade resident who is a graduate of Messalonskee High School. The student must have successfully completed one or more college semesters. They apply by letter to the club, giving their grades, aims and any need they might have.

The year 2001 has been a sad year for our group--Dorothy Sturtevant and Mary Chaude both passed away. Dorothy served as President of the club for quite a number of years and worked very hard for the Educational Assistance Project.

Like all clubs now, membership has been diminishing in the past five years. We are not an organized Garden club, per se, just really a social group who enjoy working on the above two projects. However, we do like attending events in this area, going out for lunch, etc. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m., except for January and February. If anyone is interested in joining us, please call Chris Wanser at 465-2166 or Grace Wendell at 465-7735.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Wanser, President
The Belgrade Lions Club celebrated their 18th anniversary by continue their efforts to serve Belgrade. In addition to Belgrade, the Club also serves Rome and Smithfield.

The following represents a partial list of the projects that were completed during the year 2001.

*Purchased eyeglasses for needy individuals, two pairs in the past year
*Assisted fire victims
*Sponsored the local Boy Scout troop
*Sponsored the local Cub Scout troop
*Supported Belgrade Health Center
*Donated to Maine Sight and Hearing
*Awarded two $1200 scholarships to local students
*Supported Big Brothers & Big Sisters
*Contributed to RSVP, providing wool for 200 paris. of mittens
*Supported the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry
*Assisted the Salvation Army bell ringing program
*Provide toys to the "Toys for Tots" annual campaign
*Contributed 267 pair of donated eyeglasses

Raising the funds to accomplish the above programs represents a major effort. With the majority of our annual budget derived from the club's annual Fishing Derby, the success of the Derby is determined not only by the efforts of the Lions, but also by the continued support of local businesses, tradesmen, social organizations and those who participate in the Derby. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped make the Derby a continued success. During the coming year, 2002, we will continue to make every effort to insure the continuation of our community service programs at or above current levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Haggan, President Belgrade Lions Club
2001 was the start of great things for the Community of Belgrade regarding their trees. The town was the recipient of a grant from the Maine Forest Service to initiate a forest management plan for the Town Forest as well as complete a hazard tree assessment for the roadside trees. Both items were completed to the great satisfaction of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Town Manager. These documents will help provide short and long-term objectives to help perpetuate healthy forests that Belgrade is renown for.

And although we might have lost the magnificent elm tree that graced the Belgrade/Rome town line on Route 27, we have seeds from that tree scattered from Thomaston to Waterville to Farmington, and local wood workers doing their wonders with some magnificent boards that Tukey's Lumber was kind enough to saw out from the specimen elm. We also accomplished a great deal with respect to raising awareness within our community about trees.

The coming year looks like it will continue being busy. A recent award of nearly $49,000 from a Maine Forest Service grant will allow Belgrade to make much needed repairs to the trees along the right-of-ways that were damaged by the ice storm of 1998 and remove some hazards that were identified in the hazard tree assessment.

In addition, we hope to gather a small core group of Belgrade residents to be a part of Belgrade's Tree Steward program to help maintain the trees that were planted by MDOT as well as new trees that may be planted.

It's going to be tree-mendous alright!!!!

think trees...  .. tish carr, Town Tree Warden
think trees

tish carr
City Forester-Community Services
City Center Plaza
16 Cony Street
Augusta, Maine  04330-5298
(207) 626-2352
"LILLY"

Hello all of you wonderful people in Belgrade. I have so much enjoyed this year spending my days lying around the office and having you all come in to see me and make of me. I do so love all of the girls that I work with everyday they are a pretty good crew. I have had a great year and still look forward to all of you folks that make of me so much. My Secret Admirer came here again this year at Christmas time and left me an abundance of treats. Thank you Mr. Buchak!!! The office crew here has had a great year and of course are trying to get things done for the end of the year and the beginning of the new, so things have been hectic, but that is ok I can sleep through just about anything. I am always willing and waiting for attention even if I do not get up to greet you when you come through the door. I am getting on in years, but I still feel like a young pup. That contributes to being so well taken care of.

I want to thank Betty and Jan for my wonderful birthday party! I had my own birthday cake and gifts. They even took pictures of me with my cake!! Thank you so much ladies. While I am saying thanks I do not want to forget the Richter children, Bob & Avery for making me a Valentines bandana which I wear very proudly. I would also like to thank Marie Pulsifer for my Easter bandana that she gave me. I love you all!!!!!

Stop in and visit, I love company

ALWAYS,

ARF, ARF FROM LILLY DOG OF BELGRADE
Dear Constituents:

The 120th Maine State Legislature reconvened on January 2, 2002 to begin the Second Regular Session. The New Year has presented many challenges, not the least of which are the fiscal constraints that the State is now faced with. However, I will maintain my commitment to protect our most vulnerable citizens. Despite the monetary shortfall I feel that there is room in the budget to support Medicaid and other programs that provide for the well being of children and our elderly citizens.

I continue to serve on the Health and Human Services committee. My primary focus has always been to support whatever legislation is necessary to facilitate the good health and well being of the people of our state. During this session, I am particularly concerned about the revenue shortfall and protecting the funding for Medicaid. Proposed cuts to this program would be catastrophic, especially to our elderly. I have also been actively involved in public policy relating to services for children with disabilities, mental health and other conditions affecting their ability to become productive adults.

I encourage anyone to contact me with your views on any of the matters before the Legislature. I can be contacted in Augusta at 287-1400 or 1-800-423-2900, and at home at 622-0293, or by e-mail at repfuller@prexar.com. My best wishes to you all for a healthy and happy year. With some work, it is my hope that we can secure the future health and prosperity for all of Maine's citizens.

Sincerely,

Elaine Fuller, State Representative
Belgrade Lakes Business Group

Our non-profit organization has grown to 58 members. Members are business owners in the Belgrade Lakes region in good standing as outlined in our by-laws. Dedicated to "helping make memories last a lifetime", we represent a diversity of businesses which support and enhance a high quality of "Life as it should be" for everyone who resides in or visits the Belgrade Lakes Region. For the 4th year our seven annual events brought the extended community together enjoying memorable family fun. As a summary, our event schedule for 2002 is listed below. We always welcome new members and continue to embellish our current events. We are also looking for new opportunities to celebrate our beautiful Belgrade Lakes Region. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for your continued support. A very special Thank you to the residents of the village for their generosity and flexibility

2002 Events

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Officers: Karen Swan, Chair, Laura Richter, Co-chair, Diane Oliver, Secretary, Dottie Danforth, Treasurer
Directors: Ron Bellevance, Brian Bernatchez, Maryanne Gee, Tammy Holman, Gloria McGraw, Jan Partridge, Gail Rizzo, Martha Skeel

BELGRADE LAKES BUSINESS GROUP
HELPING MAKE MEMORIES LAST A LIFETIME
Dear Neighbors,

As the year of 2001 comes to a close, let's take stock and look forward to the year ahead. There is little doubt that this past year changed all of us, and as an elected official I feel a special obligation to work for meaningful change in our society; a feeling shared by many. Having spoken with colleagues, my sense is that we share a stronger appetite and a deeper commitment to sustain community values that directly reflect our quality of life.

The Maine Legislature has recently reconvened for the Second Regular Session, and as your Senator I'm hoping to hear from you about what you feel is important. The state budget will be the biggest issue before us. We are facing a revenue shortfall that makes our work as legislators even more challenging. Recently, the Governor publicized his budget plan for program cutbacks and reductions in state spending. As legislators, we will be called upon to reshape his package. This will necessitate coming together with the Governor to craft a responsible plan that not only protects essential programs but also maintains fiscal stability. The big question will be what is the most essential? Education tops my list, and I will work diligently to protect local aid to our schools. We are all aware that education is not only tied to a strong economy, but also provides local property tax relief to our residents.

While the budget will receive the most attention, we will confront other issues as well. A very quick look includes, continued property tax relief, affordable housing, child protective issues, health care, and also transportation improvement. I welcome your comments on these or any other issues. Please feel free to contact me at home, 872-2338: the State House, 287-1515; or by e-mail at senken.Gagnon@state.me.us.

Sincerely,
Kenneth T. Gagnon
State Senator
Senate District 14
As you will see the town issued the same number of permits as in 2000, however the number of new single family homes has increased.

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Please remember as we approach the upcoming year, that the town does require that a final inspection be conducted for all projects in which a permit was issued and also if your construction project involves a new driveway entrance a driveway permit is required before construction of the driveway begins.

Thank you to all the home owners and contractors for their cooperation. It has been a pleasure working with you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my home at 495-3868 or the Belgrade Town Office at 495-2258

Respectfully submitted,

Gary R. Fuller
Code Enforcement Officer
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births Recorded In 2001 ............................................................... 32
Marriages Recorded In 2001............................................................... 44
Deaths Recorded In 2001 ........................................................................................... 30

***DEATHS***

Adkins, Helen B. .......................................................... May 5, 2001 .............................................................. 66 years
Bickford, Elmer R. .......................................................... December 07, 2001 ............................................... 95 years
Boterf, Retha B. ............................................................. June 24, 2001 .......................................................... 72 years
Brandenberg, Kate ......................................................... December 10, 2001 ............................................... 88 years
Burton, Leora E. ............................................................. October 11, 2001 .................................................... 71 years
Cassani, Emma J. ............................................................. June 5, 2001 ............................................................ 28 days
Chaude, Mary D. ............................................................ September 16, 2001 ............................................. 83 years
Damren, Christine L. ....................................................... April 6, 2001 ......................................................... 89 years
French, Frederick E. Sr. ................................................... August 12, 2001 ..................................................... 61 years
Gagne, Daniel J. .............................................................. October 4, 2001 ...................................................... 46 years
Gallant, Edward ............................................................... December 6, 2001 ............................................... 76 years
Hammond, Paul R. .......................................................... September 23, 2001 ............................................. 81 years
Harris, Larry L. Sr. ........................................................... May 21, 2001 .......................................................... 57 years
Higgins, Edna Y. ............................................................. May 21, 2001 .......................................................... 82 years
Hunt, Alice M. ................................................................. October 6, 2001 ...................................................... 50 years
Hurd, Ronald E. ............................................................... April 23, 2001 .......................................................... 78 years
Hutchings, Shirley E. ....................................................... December 1, 2001 ............................................... 62 years
Johnson, Ricky E. ........................................................... May 12, 2001 .......................................................... 53 years
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Meader, Martin H. .......................................................... September 18, 2001 ............................................. 83 years
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COMPLETE AUDITOR REPORT ON FILE IN THE BELGRADE TOWN OFFICE
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HOW THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MIL RATE IS CALCULATED

MUNICIPAL + EDUCATION (MSAD #47) + COUNTY = TOTAL EXPENDITURE

STATE REVENUE SHARING
ROAD ASSISTANCE
ALL STATE/FEDERAL FUNDING
VEHICLE EXCISE TAX LICENSE/PERMIT FEES
TOWN FEES
BOAT EXCISE
OTHER MISC INCOME

= TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES = NET TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES

NET TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES + OVERLAY (MAX 5% OF NET) = COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT = MIL RATE

TOTAL OF MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS

2001 PROPERTY TAX CALCULATIONS

2001 Municipal Property Valuation = $236,684,500

Total Revenues Required (School/Municipal/Co.) = $ 4,556,485

Total Non-Property Tax Revenues = $1,088,197

$ 4,556,485 - $1,088,197 = $ 3,468,288 (Net raised through taxation)

$ 3,468,288 + $ 34,643 (Overlay) = $ 3,502,931 Commitment

$ 3,502,931 ÷ $ 236,684,500 = .0148 Mil Rate
WHERE IT COMES FROM

Property Tax.........................76%      Excise Tax..........................9.50%
State/Other Revenues...............14.50%

WHERE IT WENT IN 2001
OVERALL % ANALYSIS

County..............................6%      School..............................65%
Municipal............................29%

WHERE IT WENT IN 2001
OVERALL % ANALYSIS

General Gov't......................20.25%      Public Safety....................8.75%
Public Works......................49.00%      Social Services...............4.50%
Recreation..........................10.50%      Inter Gov't......................1.5%
Debt Service.......................2.50%      Other..............................3%