

To: Mayor Isganifis and Members of the Council
From: James D. Chaousis II, City Manager
Date: September 18, 2015
RE: City Manager's Weekly Report

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

- The peaches are ripe and/or ripening quickly. 'Tis the season where we put out the gifts of the Children's Garden tree, for all to enjoy. They have a delicious flavor, so come get yours as soon as you can, before they are gone until next year.
- Keith Drago offered Drop-in Tech Help—this is available on Monday evenings; patrons may also make appointments for personal assistance.
- Catinka Knoth's Children's class drew Farm scenes of barnyard animals such as cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, roosters, geese, and ducks; the Adult drawing class took the theme of Harjula's barn.
- On Tuesday evening, the Library hosted an Historical Society Talk: *Kosti Ruohomaa: Photographer Poet*, co-sponsored by the Library and the Rockland Historical Society.
Deanna Bonner Ganter, curator of photographs and art at the Maine State Museum, shared the life of Rockland photographer Kosti Ruohomaa, with pictures. Bonner-Ganter's newly published book, *Kosti Ruohomaa: The Photographer Poet*, was available for purchase and signing after the event
- For the last Wednesday Storytime of the summer, Jean Young chose books with a flower theme for our recurring guest reader, Judith Andersen, who always has favorites tucked in her arms to read as well. There was an interesting selection: couple of Dahlov Ipcar's with fantastic colors, one that is considered to have boy-appeal (junkyard robots clearing trash, making room for gardens, swings, fish ponds), and some with flowing verse and popping illustrations. After stories, the children came to the craft table to construct "flower fans" which included using glue, choosing photos, and placing sticker bugs and fairies on their flower fans.
- Patty King and I met with Alexis Iammarino regarding the planned community art project/Library stairwell mural. I'm very excited about this project, which will involve the RASA students with whom Alexis is working, the Saturday Studio folks, and any community member who wants to join in. On October 21, there will be a site visit here; we'll have more publicity closer to the event, but please feel free to join in, and add your ideas.
- Dave Larrabee and I met about the replacement of the entire run of pipes from the building to the chillers. In light of the second major leak in a couple of years, it is time to replace them, and prevent further leakage. We hope to be able to coordinate this with some repair work on the chillers themselves, which work Cordjia is planning to complete.
- I attended the meeting of the Friends' Board of Directors.
- The Library was a venue for the Camden International Film Festival for the first time this year. Three screenings were held on Thursday morning and early afternoon: *Nanook of the North*, *The Hunters*, and *Community of Praise* were shown. These

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films are part of *Being There*, a retrospective sidebar program and workshop series focused on the past, present and future of ethnographic documentary film.

- The Thursday Evening Arts and Cultural Event was a Musical Performance: *Among Friend*, a group of local musicians who, separately, have been playing music at local jam sessions and other events for many years. They recently have combined instruments and talents in a group music-making effort.
- Jean Young offered *Baby Storytime* on Friday.
- On Saturday, Jean presented a *Dr. Seuss Party*. *Dr. Seuss Party*, celebrating the newly found book, *What Pet Should I Get?* Kids were invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal, or a photo of their pet. Events included stories, games, puzzles, and snacks.
- Upcoming: *Chewonki Program* for families: *Bugmobile!* Also, the friends are looking for homes. The *Holiday House Tour* takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If you'd like to decorate your home for the holidays early, and be a part of the tour, please let me know, and I'll connect you to the *Friend* on point for this fun, fund-raising event.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Officers responded to 221 calls for service. Rockland Police Officers responded to 6 motor vehicle crashes and 12 animal complaints. 29 traffic stops and traffic violations were conducted. Officers charged or made arrests of 13 individuals for various offenses, to include, Bail violations, Alcohol violations, Child Abuse, Domestic Assault, Warrants of arrest and Operating under the Influence.

Administration –

- Continued working with *Cordjia Capital Projects Group* as they finalize their study of the heating and cooling system at the 1 Park Dr. complex. Procured an identical boiler to the one we are using now. This boiler will be kept on sight in case the existing boiler fails over the winter as a parts boiler. This was no cost to the city or the condo association.
- Facilitated department wide training to ensure that staff is in compliance with the Department of Labor and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. This included 7 training modules.
- Continued to oversee Rockland P.D.'s involvement in a multi-jurisdictional task force established to identify and apprehend those responsible for commercial burglaries state wide including Rockland. This involved communicating with command staff from several different agencies in an effort to coordinate recourses.
- Communicated with several community members regarding events / activities that are being planned in Rockland.

Patrol Division –

- Sgt. Smith and Sgt. Lindahl attended the *Leading by Legacy* program that is taught by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. This three day training program is a leadership program with its primary focus being subordinate development.

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- Patrol continues to work closely with C.I.D. regarding the ongoing commercial burglaries. This includes a significant increase of building checks throughout the night.
- Patrol Sergeants continue to deploy motorcycle patrol, bicycle patrol and foot patrol as weather and staffing permit.
- Radar details continue to be conducted at various locations throughout the city, including Main St. and school zones.
- Officers continue to do school visits at all schools in Rockland.

C.I.D. –

- Continued their involvement in a multi-jurisdictional task force created to investigate the commercial burglaries that are occurring state wide, including Rockland.
- Participated in a joint investigation with Rockland P.D. and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.
- Assisted the Coast Guard Investigative Service regarding an ongoing investigation they are conducting.

Parking Enforcement

- On Saturday September 12th Traffic Officer Peasley volunteered at the annual Fueling Dreams to benefit Special Olympics Maine by pumping gas from 10am – 2pm at Circle K in Rockland. Participating at the event were four Special Olympic athletes from MVRA who greeted customers and washed windshields. This effort raised help raise funds for SOME, and Irving will be donating a percentage from every gallon of gas sold over the weekend.



OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Over the past six days, in addition to the general response to 23 Fire and EMS calls, conducting apparatus checks, daily cleaning, routine repairs and maintenance to the fleet and of the quarters, the following occurred:

- Bi-weekly Officers meeting Friday morning.

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- The FD hosted a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony with Councilor MacLellan-Ruf and FF Anderson speaking to those in attendance.
- On Sunday the wildland firefighting team Lt. Johnson is on, was posted to go out West and their crew left Tuesday for California.
- On Monday I turned in EMPG Grant application to the local EMA Office. This is an annual grant that recoups some of our City EMA costs.
- CEO Root and I had a meeting to review a potential Karate Dojo in the North End.
- CEO Root and I met with the owner and contractor for a new gallery on Main St.
- State inspections were performed on all apparatus with a few minor issues found and corrected.
- On Tuesday morning I attended a program on Solar Array fires at the State Fire Marshal's Office in Augusta. While these systems do not pose a significant threat of fire, when they are involved or on the roof of a structure they introduce new challenges to our fireground tactics. We will be looking to conduct pre-fire information on these systems in Rockland.
- On Tuesday we place the loaner ambulance into service. It appears we have this until Ford can figure out how to correct or replace the 2011 unit that has been so problematic.
- On Wednesday I attended both the Communications Executive Board meeting, and the Knox County Regional Communications Center User Group meeting. We on the Executive Board will be meeting again next week to finalize our position on the proposed KRCC budget for their next cycle.

OFFICE OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- John and Fire Chief Miceli met with an architect to discuss code compliance of a building in town that someone is interested in operating a self-defense/martial arts school in.
- John did a final inspection for a Certificate of Occupancy on a section of the Cedar Work's building at 12 Merrill Drive after the roof collapsed from excessive snow last winter.
- The Code Office received a Site Plan Review Application from Five County Credit Union to reconfigure their parking area at 710 Main Street. This proposal includes closing the Main Street entrance and using James Street for parking and drive-thru access as well as other landscape and lighting changes. The Planning Board will review this application at its meeting Sept. 29, 2015.
- The Code Office was made aware of an unpermitted fitness facility operating in the Industrial Park. Unfortunately this is not a permitted use in this Zone and it will need to be closed.
- There were two complaints filed this week.
- The following permits were received by the Code Office this week:
 - 9 Building permits
 - 2 Electrical permits
 - 2 Plumbing permits
 - 1 Sewer Connection permit
 - 1 Shoreland Zoning Permit

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- 1 Sign permit

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL FISH PIER DIRECTOR

- Public Services will be working on the pier patching holes as soon as they can.
- No bait from Canada this week.
- The pallets that have been stacked in different areas on the pier are being moved to one central location for future removal.

OFFICE OF THE HARBORMASTER

- The week started a little slowly, it is Rosh Hashona, the beginning of the new year, and one of the holiest days of the year. Though I'm working, I'm here by myself and just keeping up with pump-outs, and the boats and the people coming and going.
- Experimented with a new mildewcide to see if it would brighten the decking on our floats. We'll find out once the sun comes back out, If it doesn't work, we'll just go back to our routine of washing the docks down with a saltwater pump to try to keep the enemies of wood in check.
- Starting on replacing some of the trim on the Harbor Building, we're using poly-urethane boards, so hopefully they will last "forever," and we treated the ends of the rafters with a borate wood preservative.
- Repaired a little of the concrete on the Public Landing, just to make it a little safer for our guests.
- Trained another TWIC (USCG issued Transportation Worker Identification Credential) certified volunteer to help with cruise ship security at the Public Landing.
- Meeting with some members of the Rockland Yacht Club's planning committee to see where our shared missions might overlap in the future.