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Christmas Joy from Parks & Rec

Tina LeBlanc, Director of Parks and Recreation



The Wells Recreation Department had a busy Thanksgiving weekend selling over 130 trees in just 2 days. As of Monday, November 29th we have just over 60 trees left! All trees are \$45 that were cut just over a week ago in Canada. Come to the Walter Marsh Recreation Area on Branch Road to get your beautiful tree as they are going fast!

We are really excited that Santa will be coming to town and stopping at the Recreation Department to sit with boys and girls on the evening of December 3rd from 6pm-7:30pm. You must pre-register for a time slot for your child's free visit at www.wellsrec.org. If you miss him that evening you can still have your child talk to him on December 8th by [filling out a form](#) from our website as Santa will gladly call your child with some Christmas cheer between the 6PM-7PM! Happy Holidays!

Are You Road Ready for Winter?

Carol Murray, Director of Public Works

We saw our first dusting of snow before November passed the ball to December. This is the time to be sure both you and your vehicle are ready for

winter's snow and ice. Astronomical winter begins December 21st, but that doesn't mean that Mother Nature will wait until then to deliver snow and ice. As we hear every winter; leave extra time to get to your destination, be sure your tires are winter ready, don't crowd the plows, they may not be able to see you, remember how to react if you begin to skid, totally defrost your windshield, clean all the snow off your roof, and likely more that I am forgetting. Please do think about all these things as winter closes in. Not just for the DPW, but for everyone you share the road with!

Finance Department

Jodie Sanborn, Finance Director



As the end of November is here the atmosphere in the department is quite different than last year. Staff has started to decorate the office with handmade gnome holiday decorations in preparation for the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting on November 30th.

The department congratulates Brandy Bourassa for her one year anniversary with the department this month! Brandy joined the department last year just as the Town Office was preparing for the two weeks in office/two weeks out of office schedule that continued through April. Her ability to jump into a challenging situation and to thrive while doing so is just one of the reasons we are grateful to have her on our team.

The department wants to remind taxpayers that the last day to pay the first installment of 2022 tax bills without interest was on Monday, November 29th. Tax payments can still be made by mail or in our office though interest will apply.

Assessing Department

Keeley Lambert, Town Assessor

The Assessing office has been busy trying to get all the returned tax bills back out to the rightful owners at the correct addresses. If you still haven't received your tax bill, please reach out to us at 646-6081 as soon as possible. We will help you in any way we can.

We are also busy going on inspections with the code enforcement office. With the amount of construction and building permits being pulled we are trying a new approach to our yearly pick up process. This involves us doing inspections throughout the year rather than just the spring.

As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens and taxpayers in the Town of Wells. Our jobs are made easier by all the help you give to us while we are out doing inspections or when we need to reach out to you for other reasons. Also, a hearty thanks to all the employees in the Town of Wells. We are very grateful to be able to reach out to various departments and get the information or help we need.

On a closing note, Alex Martin our Deputy Assessor has now become a Certified Maine Assessor. We are very proud of him and are very happy he is here in the Town of Wells.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

A Guide to Hiring a Building Contractor

Jodine Adams, Director of Code Enforcement

Whether you're planning an addition for a growing family or simply getting new storm windows, finding a competent and reliable contractor is the first step to a successful and satisfying home construction or repair project. This document is designed as part of our Town-wide effort to help improve customer service and is intended to serve as a general reference guide to anyone looking to build, repair or improve their home in Wells.

The Maine Home Construction Contracts Act requires that any home construction or repair work for more than \$3,000 in materials or labor must be based on a written contract containing specific information such as price, a description of the work and estimated completion date unless, the homeowner and the contractor agree to an exemption. Any "change orders" that change the contract price must also be in writing. If contractors do not use a written contract to meet the requirements of this law they are subject to civil penalties.

For more information on the Home Construction Contract Law, (Chapter 17 of the Consumer Law Guide), change orders or a sample of a standard contract for home construction, repair or remodeling, visit [the Maine Attorney General's Office](#) online.

[Click here for the complete article](#)

Community Partner News

Wells Friends of the Library



Are you one of the 152 folks who visited area museums with a [pass from the library](#)? Did you know these are funded by the Friends of the Wells Public Library?

The Friends also fund all of the children's programs at the library, many of the adult programs, as well as other incidentals. We are actively

recruiting new members. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:15 in the meeting room at the library. It's easy to [sign up online!](#)

We are holding a "book tasting" December 2nd from 3-5 pm in the Wells Public Library community room. Sound intriguing? Come join us. Lots of freebies.



The Wells Ogunquit Senior Center

300 Post Road

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday December 4 ~ 10 am - 2 pm



Santa's List

- ✓ Amazing Raffle Basket
- ✓ Pies & Christmas Cookies
- ✓ Craft Items
- ✓ Coffee & Eggnog to Go
- ✓ Limited Tables to rent

FMI 207-646-7775

Merry!
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Did we
mention
PIES??



13th Annual Benefit Dinner

At Billy's Chowder House

Mile Road in Wells

Sponsored by Dick & Sherri Varano

Tuesday December 7, 2021

HELP KEEP OUR FRIENDS AT THE
WELLS-OGUNQUIT SENIOR CENTER
WARM THIS WINTER

100% OF THE PROCEEDS DONATED TO THE WELLS-OGUNQUIT SENIOR CENTER

Menu

Cheese & Crackers

An amazing array of
hot & cold passed hors d'oeuvres
from Billy's and Varano's

Our chefs' have come together to prepare a
most incredible feast including
Clam Chowder, Prime Rib,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable

Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread

Assorted Desserts

Coffee, Tea or Soda

\$25 Donation Per Person

Tickets Available at

Billy's Chowder House
(207) 646-7558

Varano's
(207) 641-8550

Wells-Ogunquit Senior
Center
(207) 646-7775

Social Hour
5 PM

Dinner
5:45 PM

Door
Prizes

For More Information

Call the Wells Ogunquit Senior Center at (207) 646-7775

Wells Ogunquit Historical Society



Join us for our Holiday Market at the Meetinghouse on Sunday, December 12 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm! Browse all the wonderful local vendors for crafts and other goodies, and enjoy hot cocoa, doughnuts, and popcorn. Our historic 1862 Meetinghouse is the perfect spot to watch the start of the Town of Wells Christmas Parade at 2:00pm.

Vendor spaces are available at \$25 each with all proceeds to benefit the educational programs at the Historical Society. All who are interested are asked to [contact us](#) to register for a vendor space.



36th Annual

CHRISTMAS PARADE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

2:00pm

**Route 1-Wells Plaza north to Wells
Junior High School**

207-646-2451

www.wellschristmasparade.com

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