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Special points of interest:

- Town offices will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
- **Recycling at the Transfer Station:** Please make sure your items are clean and free of debris before bringing them. Metal must be stripped of cloth, wood, and plastic. **Please follow all the rules when using the Transfer Station.**

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From the Desk of the Assistant Town Manager

Jennifer Janelle

Hello Friends and Citizens of South Berwick

Most of you may be aware that the glass crusher at the Transfer Station broke down a couple of months ago.

We have made the decision that this old machine will remain out of service. This decision is primarily based on the fact that Casella has been unsuccessful in finding a vendor that will take glass for recycling. They will continue to look for other alternatives. Up until the machine broke down they have been taking the crushed glass and bringing it to the land fill, where all the other Municipal Solid Waste goes.

Until further notice, we ask that you continue to rinse and clean out your glass containers and dispose of them in the hopper with regular household waste. You do not have to place the glass in the town blue bags.

Some state have regulations that a certain amount of recyclables are required to be put into the asphalt. Maybe Maine will make that a requirement in the future.

A Message from the Town Council

This month, we're asking you to do some homework. Reading the Town Report and attending the Town Meeting are two essential civic duties that help you to stay informed and engaged in your community. Here are some reasons why both are important:

1. Stay informed. The town report contains essential information about the budget, financial statements, and updates from Town department and other local groups. Reading the report can help you stay informed on what is happening and what your tax dollars are being spent on.
2. Participate in decision-making. Attending the town meeting allows you to participate in the budget process.
3. Meet local officials and residents. The town meeting is an excellent opportunity to see old friends and meet new residents. You can share your ideas and make the community a better place to live.
4. Strengthen democracy. By reading the town report before the town meeting, you are well informed to participate in the democratic process. Your involvement and engagement will help strengthen the process and ensure everyone has a voice in the decision-making process.

Please save the date for the Town Meeting on May 16th in the Town Hall Auditorium and download a copy of the Town Report at: <https://www.southberwickmaine.org/departments/finance/budgets.php>

New sign at the Transfer Station that Will state the rules to be followed.

1. Must be South Berwick Resident and/or property owner.
2. Admission by permit only, which shall be displayed on vehicle. (The permits will be free, and available at the Town Hall and at the Transfer Station soon)
3. Attendant instructions MUST be followed.
4. ONLY Town Bags (PAYT) accepted.
5. No Commercial or Industrial waste is disposed of in hopper.
6. No Hazardous Waste shall be delivered
7. All Safety rules must be followed.
8. Recyclables must be sorted.
9. No Dump picking
10. No Loitering, official business only.

Thank you to all of our Transfer Attendants, for all your hard work, and all that you do for the residents!

You are greatly appreciated!

BRAIN TEASERS

1. I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?

2. A red house is made from red bricks. A blue house is made from blue bricks. A yellow house is made from yellow bricks. What is a greenhouse made from?

3. First I am dried, then I am wet. The longer I swim, the more taste you get. What am I?



Learn how to spell... Auto-Correct isn't always write.

Some say the glass is half full, others say the glass is half empty. Engineers say the glass is twice as big as necessary.



1. Love
2. Glass
3. Tea

Answers

TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK

180 MAIN STREET

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Departmental Information

Police

Chief David S Ruger

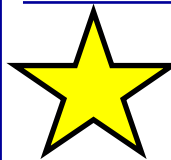
Over the past year the South Berwick Police Department committed to becoming an accredited Maine law enforcement agency. With the assistance of Dirigo Safety, we started this path to excellence and professionalism. The program, the Maine Law Enforcement Accreditation Program or (MLEAP's) is governed by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association (MCOA). MLEAP's is a triennial on-site assessment to ensure the department proves their compliance with Maine Law Enforcement's current Best Practices and Standards.

Lt. Jeff Upton was tasked with being the accreditation manager and overseeing the South Berwick Police Department's training, standard operating procedures, standards addressing life and safety issues. All officers participated in the lengthy accreditation process by extra training and reviewing updated standard operating procedures. Each member went beyond taking additional tasks and training classes. These tasks and trainings were in addition to the Maine Criminal Justice Academies annual mandatory trainings. Each officer, from reserve officers to full time officers all partook in the training and additional standard operating procedures addressed in the accreditation process.

The accreditation ensures the confidence of elected officials and residents that their police department demonstrates professional excellence and accountability. Credibility is the most significant and tangible benefit of accreditation and ensures the town's police department is the very best in Maine law enforcement.

After many months of hard work and perseverance we applied for the MLEAP accreditation. The police department submitted written documentation proofs to the assessors, then had a site visit from Dirigo Safety and MLEAP's assessors. The assessors submitted their review to the Maine Chiefs of Police Association MLEAP's members and on March 22nd, 2023, we were notified that we passed the accreditation process and were being awarded MLEAP's accreditation. On May 9th, 2023, at 6:30 pm please join us as Dirigo Safety representative and Maine Chief of Police's representative will be awarding the South Berwick Police Department with the accreditation award at the South Berwick Town Council meeting.

I cannot thank enough Lt. Jeff Upton and the entire police department personnel for the work they endured to make this accreditation award happen. Thank you, Town Manager Tim Pellerin, Assistant Town Manager Jennifer Janelle, and the Town Council for their support during the entire process.



Employee Highlight of the Month



Jay Redimarker

Jay has been an employee of the Town of South Berwick for 38 years. He started as the town Mechanic in the fall of 1986, added Foreman to his duties in 1988, became the Assistant Director in 2020, and in 2022 became the Public Works Director.

Jay enjoys plowing in the winter months the most as he feels it is very peaceful after the storm is finished, as the sunrise comes over the horizon, seeing the white sparkling landscape and the job he's done.

Jay truly enjoys taking care of the Town of South Berwick and working with his crew.

In his spare time you will find Jay in his garage working on vehicles or on the mountains skiing.

He also enjoys listening to audio books, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens being his last. He is currently binge-watching "Schitt's Creek", which is a Canadian/American sitcom that ran for 6 seasons.

In his younger years he traveled through ME, VT, and NH moun-

tain biking as well as volunteering on the rescue squad.

His favorite thing about living in Maine are the seasons. Fall and Spring being his most favorite due to the cool clean crisp air these seasons bring.

One of the places on Jay's bucket list to visit is Germany to cruise the Rhine River.

If you ask Jay, "What's one item you can't live without?" His reply will be his wife Jenn, his children and grandchildren.