October - Fire Prevention Month

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Northern Maine Regional Airport
650 Airport Drive, Suite 11
Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-2550
www.flypresqueisle.com

SEPTEMBER, 2011

All the leading indicators except for passenger boardings and jet A sales to the airline were up.

- Boardings for September 2011 down 5% over September 2010.
- Paid Parking Receipts up 116% over September 2010.
- Aviation Gas Sales Up 27% over September 2010.
- Jet A Sales to General Aviation customers up 79% over September 2010.
- Jet A Sales to the Airline were down 31% over September 2010.

Activities completed or continuing to be worked on in September included the following:

- Airport Staff began the task of replacing Colgan Air as they have filed to leave the Presque Isle market.
- Airport Staff continued to work with our consulting firm to develop an FAA funded project to reconstruct the General Aviation ramp.
- Airport Staff continued to work with FAA staff to complete recommendations from the Safety Inspection.
- Airport Staff continued working with Western Petroleum to select a new brand of fuel for the airport. Exxonmobil will be leaving the branded aviation fuel business. Other brands that are available through Western Petroleum include Phillips 66 and/or the World Fuel Network. Once our contract with Western Petroleum ends in June of 2012 the airport will do a RFQ to other suppliers.

OCTOBER, 2011

The leading indicators were mixed in October.

- Boardings for October 2011 down 14% over October 2010.
- Paid Parking Receipts down 44% over October 2010.
- Aviation Gas Sales Up 31% over October 2010.
- Jet A Sales to General Aviation customers down 1% over October 2010.
- Jet A Sales to the Airline were down 25% over October 2010.

Activities completed or continuing to be worked on in October included the following:

- Airport Staff stepped up efforts to obtain regional jet service to a hub in New York. Discussions with two airlines are ongoing.
- Airport Staff continued to work with a low cost carrier in order to persuade them enter the Presque Isle market.
- Airport Staff continued to work with FAA staff to complete recommendations from the Safety Inspection.
- Airport Staff continued working with Western Petroleum to select a new brand of fuel for the airport. Exxonmobil will be leaving the branded aviation fuel business. Other brands that are available through Western Petroleum include Phillips 66 and/or the World Fuel Network. Once our contract with Western Petroleum ends in June of 2012 the airport will do a RFQ to other suppliers.
SEPTEMBER, 2011

The department responded to 18 calls for service during the month of September. 33 Life Safety Inspections were also completed during the month. Fire extinguisher training for all City employees was completed as well as training for the staff at the Community College.

The FAA airport inspection was also completed this month with the inspector test the abilities of our firefighters who cover the airport, they are required to perform a bunker gear drill which requires the firefighter to don his complete firefighter gear in under 2 minutes this includes the airpak and breathing air. They also do a simulated response drill requiring the firefighter and apparatus to be on scene and spraying water within 3 minutes. The firefighters are tested on their knowledge of the airport layout and are required to perform both day and night runway inspections, and finally test their knowledge on the fuel farm and mobile fuelers where they perform a complete inspection. Lastly they look at the training records for each firefighter to see that they have met the required training for the current year. I am happy to report that the department did very well this year and had no violations or correction letters. I think this speaks volumes to the commitment and dedication from each of our firefighters.

Members of the department as always were out in the community delivering fire safety talks this month we seem to have more request then normal but I contribute this to being the 10th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. As always please feel free to stop by the station to meet the firefighters or look over the building and apparatus.

OCTOBER, 2011

The Presque Isle Fire Department responded to 24 for calls for assistance during the month of October. Staff also readied the fire apparatus for the cold and snow that will soon be upon us so that we do have freeze up or major damage that can be caused by freezing up a trucks pump system.

The department completed 30 life safety inspections in October, each month the crews are assigned 10 inspections for the month if violations are found business owners are told of the needed corrections at the time of inspection which is then followed up with a letter and finally a re-inspection to insure that the code violations have been satisfactorily corrected. Each business within Presque Isle gets inspected once a year unless an inspection is warranted do to a citizen’s complaint.

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As always we would encourage you to stop by the station to meet the crews and look over the station and equipment.

Fire - Darrell White, Fire Chief

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www.pifd.org
In September, there were seven (7) building permit(s) for Residential Construction. Permit revenue for the City was $510.00. Construction cost was $82,600.00. In September, there were (5) building permit(s) for Commercial Construction. Permit revenue for the City was $660.00. Construction cost was $64,450.00.

Zoning Board of Appeals: There is no Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for October.
Litigation: Walter Gogan vs. City of Presque Isle. Mr. Gogan has complied with all of the courts orders.
## Fire - Code Enforcement: September, 2011

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<td>198 &amp; 200 Parsons Road</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>6/8/2010</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> The lawn has been mowed at both properties and part of the roof at 198 has been removed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aroostook Band of Micmacs</td>
<td>No Permits Issued to erect wind generator</td>
<td>10/29/2010</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> 7/21/11 went to Planning Board Requesting Setback Variance - Denied.</td>
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<td>125 Mechanic Street</td>
<td>Malfunctioning Septic</td>
<td>5/31/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> 9/13/11 Tom Griffin called for inspection.</td>
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<td>35 Academy Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>6/13/2011</td>
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<td>26 Exchange Street</td>
<td>Condemned Property</td>
<td>6/28/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> 9/6/11 Council reviewed send 30 Notice to Owner to have written plan of correction.</td>
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<tr>
<td>28 Elm Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>6/29/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> Property is being purchased by Wayne Vaughn.</td>
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<tr>
<td>20 Caron Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>6/29/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> Repairs have been made.</td>
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<td>66 Exchange Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>7/5/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> 9/6/11 Council reviewed send 30 Notice to Owner to have written plan of correction.</td>
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<td>63, 71, &amp; 73 Chapman Rd</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
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<td><strong>Mr. Gogan has complied with all of the courts orders.</strong></td>
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<td>16 Judd Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>8/5/2011</td>
<td>8/8/11 Inspect. &amp; spoke w/owner. He will make necessary repairs when eviction of tenants is finalized.</td>
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<td>20 Federal Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>8/15/2011</td>
<td>9/1/11 Owner called office will remove debris.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 Chandler Road</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>8/17/2011</td>
<td><strong>UPDATE:</strong> Roof being replaced and other repais being made.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chapman Road</td>
<td>Accident</td>
<td>9/1/2011</td>
<td>9/8/11 Tractor Trailer off road due to accident will be removed by Geary Bonville.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>121 Chapman Road</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>8/30/2011</td>
<td>9/12/11 inspected. 9/14/11 Ltr. Sent. 9/23/11 Grass mowed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>16 Pleasant Street</td>
<td>Drainage Issues</td>
<td>9/20/2011</td>
<td>9/20/11 inspected and no significant drainage issues observed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>146 Chapman Road</td>
<td>Drainage Issues</td>
<td>9/21/2011</td>
<td>9/21/11 Inspected and no drainage issues observed.</td>
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<td>205 Main Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>7/30/2011</td>
<td>Verbal request to secure bldg. owner asked for a month to complete. 9/30/11 Ltr. Sent as owner has not done anything to secure bldg.</td>
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**RESOLVED**
Fire - Code Enforcement: October, 2011

**Education:** There was no training offered this month.

In October, there were five (5) building permit(s) for Residential Construction. Permit revenue for the City was $1750.00. Construction cost was $11,300.00. In October, there were (5) building permit(s) for Commercial Construction. Permit revenue for the City was $2,295.00. Construction cost was $440,019.00.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** The next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2011.

**Litigation:** There is no litigation at this time.
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<td>8 &amp; 10 Greenbrier Apts.</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>6/13/2011</td>
<td>Inspected. 6/14/11 Ltr. Sent. 6/23/11 E-mail from C. Nelson, Manager Requesting more time to order doors &amp; windows. 6/27/11 Door put in waiting for windows. 7/1/11 C. Nelson, Manager waiting for grant money for windows.</td>
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<td>26 Exchange Street</td>
<td>Condemned Property</td>
<td>6/28/2011</td>
<td>UPDATE: 9/6/11 Council reviewed send 30 Notice to Owner to have written plan of correction. Tax Lien on Property, if not paid by 11/7/11 City will own and move forward to demolish.</td>
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<td>UPDATE: 9/6/11 Council reviewed send 30 Notice to Owner to have written plan of correction. 10/11/11 Owner severed has until 11/11/11 to either repair building or demolish.</td>
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<td>7/27/2011</td>
<td>8/15/11 - Order to correct. City has been working w/owner, but owner uncooperative. 9/16/11 Mtg. w/City Attorney to serve papers. 10/26/11 City went and repaired sewer lines will be sending bill to owner.</td>
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<td>205 Main Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>7/30/2011</td>
<td>Verbal request to secure bldg. owner asked for a month to complete. 9/30/11 Ltr. Sent as owner has not done anything to secure bldg. 10/12/11 Spoke w/owner who is boarding up windows and will be siding soon.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Between 240 &amp; 257 Chapman Road</td>
<td>Garbage</td>
<td>10/4/2011</td>
<td>Picked Up Bags and took to Transfer Station</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 State Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>10/14/2011</td>
<td>Ceiling Leaking-Owners have sent someone to repair.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Turner Street</td>
<td>Possible Bedbugs</td>
<td>10/17/2011</td>
<td>Informed tenant to obtain sample to have identified. Have not heard from tenant.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>57 Parsons Street</td>
<td>Electrical</td>
<td>10/17/2011</td>
<td>10/19/11 Spoke w/Owner to Schedule 10/28/11 Inspected Bldg. 10/31/11 Ltr. Sent to Owner.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Lincoln Street</td>
<td>Property Maintenance</td>
<td>10/21/2011</td>
<td>10/21/11 Inspected. 10/25/11 Spoke w/owner out of town but will correct when he returns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 Maple Street</td>
<td>Operation of Business in Residential Zone - No Zoning Board Approval</td>
<td>10/26/2011</td>
<td>10/29/11 Inspected. 10/31/11 Ltr. Sent to Owner. 11/1/11 Owner contacted office stated not operating business, next door neighbor operating the business. Actual address 31 Maple St. - Does have ZBA approval.</td>
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**RESOLVED**
Circulation:
Total circulation for the month of September was 7,394. Number of books checked out totaled 2,551. Number of books renewed (in person, online, or by phone) totaled 1,454. Number of “walk-ins” totaled 3,022.

Building Project:
Wrap up meeting with contractor, City Manager, architect, and Trustees and staff to occur October 20th at 4:00pm.

Grand Re-opening:
Very pleased at the turnout for the Grand Re-opening. We had between 200-300 people visit during the afternoon and evening. The art display by artist Raphael Gribetz will remain in the gallery throughout the winter. There is also a film created about the making of the donor wall, unveiled at the Opening.

Library Volunteer Information for September 2011:
The unexpected passing of our volunteer, patron and friend, Dan Gauvin, has stricken us all with a sad disbelief. He was well liked by all, respected for his tremendous knowledge and worked almost endlessly reading shelves and ‘fixing’ whatever was wrong in the stacks. He was categorized as a ‘Non-Affiliated’ Volunteer, which meant that he was working at the Library simply because he wanted to be here. His cheerful nature and conversation will be missed around the Library. -- Norma

ABLE/Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP):
Our two ABLE staff/volunteers shared in covering the circulation desks and doing what was asked of them. Their total: 132 hours.

Addison Point Program:
Our Addison Point volunteer, with her teacher, worked 14 hours.

ASPIRE:
We had no ASPIRE workers in September.

Court-Referred:
In September, the Library hosted one young lady who needed to do 10 hours of community service, because she was caught in possession of cigarettes.

Non-Affiliated:
In September, our 8 Non-Affiliated volunteers more than pulled their weight by working 223 hours.

Students:
Our 1 remaining student worked a total of: 25 hours.

Work-Fare:
Our General Assistance referred volunteer was told he needed to accrue more hours in order to receive help from the City – in September he worked a total of 54½ hours.

We are more than grateful for the 458 hours our volunteers gave us in September, 2011.

At Maine Minimum Wage ($7.50) x 458 hours, we would have paid our volunteers: $3,435.00

Reference:
Here are the highlights of Reference activity for September 2011:
Passport applications processed: 23
Notarizations executed: 1
Reference questions: 424
Interlibrary Loan books circulated: 59
Audio/Ebook downloads: 148
Reference questions remain popular with requests for information averaging four per day. Ancestry.com Library Edition is now live and freely available to patrons from any computer inside the library.

Children & Youth Services:
For September 2011, the children's library returned to school-year programming, including Toddler Time and the Believe and Achieve After-School Tutoring Program. Average Toddler Time attendance for September was 27 attendees per session, a 116% increase over average attendance from September 2010.

Our Believe and Achieve After-School Tutoring Program is currently serving 3 students by pairing them with a tutor provided by the University of Maine at Presque Isle work-study program.

Finally, the library partnered with Wintergreen Arts Center in hosting the 2011 Fairy House Festival at Riverside Park on September 17th. Over 150 attendees listened to stories, danced to music performed by Stephen Boody, built fairy houses, explored magical bubbles, and decorated a myriad of fairy accessories such as wings, crowns, and wands.

Misc.
Thank you for the lovely evening at the Crow’s Nest honoring staff. It was greatly appreciated by library staff and gave us all a sense of community, purpose, and that we are valued.
Finally, Youth Librarian Dianna Leighton conducted library tours for 2 groups of 20 Presque Isle Middle School students on October 12th and 13th. The tours served as a great opportunity to remind students of the variety of services, programs, and materials offered to younger teens.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT:

Reference addressed 54 uniquely categorized questions in October with the following breakdown:

- 7 Jobseeking/employment activities/questions
- 2 Study/Tutorial questions involving LearningExpress
- 10 Research questions using Ancestry.com
- 10 Requests for help with ereaders
- 24 Questions regarding local history/genealogy
- 1 Reference to legal sources
- 277 Circulation desk/general questions

Other Reference activities:

- 1 notarization executed
- 51 Interlibrary Loans circulated (in conjunction with Children's Dept)
- 21 Passport Applications processed (in conjunction with Children's Dept)
- Additionally, the library circulated 166 ebooks and audio books through InfoNet. The newly added Kindle format constituted about 25% of those downloads.

In early October, the Reference Librarian received a full scholarship to attend the New England Library Association conference in Burlington, Vermont, with the specific goal of attending a post-conference workshop on Project Compass, which is a partnership between libraries and Career Centers for job-seekers. The Reference Librarian has also been asked to develop an informational slideshow and webinar on finding legal resources in libraries and was appointed the Chair of the Reference & Adult Services Interest group (RASI) for the Maine Library Association at the 2011 Fall Conference.

ABLE/Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP):

One of our two ABLE staff/volunteers began getting Social Security recently, so her allowable working hours were reduced from 14 to 9 per week; she primarily works the main desk 3 mornings a week. Sadly, she will be complete the ABLE program in February 2012. Currently, our second ABLE worker remains at 14 hours per week; she is float, covering the children’s desk as needed, as well several other duties throughout the library. In October, they worked a total of 102 hours.

Addison Point Program: Our Addison Point volunteer, with her teacher, worked 13 hours. They work together in the children’s library.

Court-Referred: We had no Court-Referred workers in October.

Non-Affiliated: In October, our 8 Non-Affiliated volunteers once again more than pulled their weight by working 179½ hours. One of those volunteers loves being at the library, so she has volunteered 87 hours in the month of October.

Students: One college student pulled their weight by working 56 hours in the month of October.

Work-Fare: Our General Assistance referred volunteer has begun accruing more monthly hours so that he could continue to receive help from the City – in October, he worked a total of 56 hours.

We are more than grateful for the 362½ hours our volunteers gave us in October, 2011.
begins to incorporate form-based codes intended to maximize ground floor commercial spaces, encourage mixed use on upper floors and enhance pedestrian circulation and safety. After multiple public hearings, this code revision was adopted.

**Parsons/Dyer Street Business Re-zone Effort**

Also, in this same timeframe, the Department worked with properties owners in the Parsons Street and Dyer Street area to expand the business zone boundaries, while enhancing the borders of adjacent residential properties & neighborhoods. As part of the re-zoning/expansion approval and adoption process of the Business zone expansion, the business zone property owner agreed to formally and legally record provisions for the screening of the perimeter of the property to protect the integrity of the adjacent residential properties and to record those binding provisions into the property deed and record the same in the registry of deeds.

**Presque Isle Development Fund**

Although no new revolving loans were made during this timeframe, several important commercial loans were officially closed and these new investments were under construction in multiple locations throughout the city. These private developments/investments were for projects with combined values in excess of $500,000.00 and will ultimately lead to the expansion and/or retention of jobs.

**“Study Money”**

Finally, the Department staff continued to investigate application and potential funding sources for projects, such as district heating, which could aid further private developments and investments in our downtown core by positively impacting and reducing operational costs.

Research and investigation of current “best practices in community development” is a core function of the Department and continued staff emphasis will be directed in these areas.

**Downtown Retail Business Zone**

In this reporting timeframe, the Department worked diligently to re-zone the more traditional commercial center of downtown (Hall St. to Howard St.) along both sides of Main Street to a more intense commercial zone. The Downtown Retail Business Zone (DRBZ) was devised and adopted into the Land Use & Development Code in order to restore traditional development potential to a limited area. This new zone
Below you will find a few charts depicting the nature of crimes our community has experienced in September and October of 2011. As you will see, issues of theft remain the largest concern for our citizens. Generally, theft is a symptom of a poor economy but also occurs when drug abuse problems present themselves in a community. Obviously, this community has experienced illegal drug usage over the past several years.

From the perspective of the police department, by a very large margin, most of the thefts occur from unsecured vehicles and homes. Presque Isle remains a very safe community with very little violent crime but residents should take a more preventative position when it comes to their personal property by securing it whenever possible.

Visitors of the police department will notice we have worked with Carey Medical Center to obtain a sharps receptacle in our lobby. Also, courtesy of the Carey Medical Center, we have individual sharps containers for our residents to take home as needed. The receptacle in our lobby will also accept plastic containers such as detergent bottles, milk jugs, and the like if you don’t have a sharps container; please remember to use a hard plastic container when disposing of any sharps in order to prevent any injuries to our staff or those working in the Presque Isle Solid Waste Department.

The charts below indicate about $21,000 worth of valuables stolen during these two months.

![Charts showing property loss by dollar value for September and October 2011]
September, 2011

The Egypt and Henderson Roads were finally chip sealed in September. We had the opportunity to try a product that Caribou has been using for the past few years. The liquid normally used for chip sealing has a petroleum base; the product we tried has a latex base. This is 25 cents per gallon more (we paid the lower price) but the end result was much better. The completed road had more of the stone stay embedded while the liquid set up to be more flexible.

Loam and seed were spread on Second & Third Street, finally completing these projects with the exception of a piece of curbing that needed to be re-placed on the corner of Third and Academy. Erskine, a portion of Hardy, Caron and Conley Streets were paved as well as a portion of the sidewalk on Park Street. Overhanging trees were removed from Maple and Delmont Street.

Beavers once more reared their ugly heads (and dams) on Chapman Road. Barry McCafferty was called to take care of them, removing 3 more, bringing the total taken to 29. We also continued ditching and work on culverts, catch basins and catching up on the rest of the storm damage. Work continued on Maple Street to prepare it for paving.

October, 2011

Maple Street was paved as well as the sidewalks and new curbing. The section of curbing missing on Third Street was installed and loam and seeding done. Drivers were assigned to the Webber Oil brown field site. Site prep was done, mowing and grading of the field across the road for possible short term storage of some of the material. Catch basin and culvert work was also done at the conclusion of public works portion of the job.

Millings were taken to Lanes for crushing. Ditching, catch basin and culvert jobs were worked on in an effort to finish up for the summer. We started dressing the trucks for winter, installing the plows and changing the tires over. Leaf operations began.

Work was completed on the Burlock and Henderson Roads and the application sent to the State for the final FEMA money. We also worked with Trombley’s to complete our portion of the Pond Street project done by Water & Sewer. This took much longer than anticipated because of all the rain we had received this summer. Work also started on the sidewalk in front of the old Marston’s building. This work will be done in November.

The signage for the Park Street Bridge finally arrived. It was installed Monday and this is now a Gold Star Memorial Bridge. Finally, The storm on Sunday the 30th, though it ended up not being much of a storm, gave us a chance for a shakedown run to assure everything was working and ready.
September, 2011

- Members of our 5th & 6th Grade Soccer League had the opportunity to compete in three round robin soccer events, one in Mars Hill and Fort Fairfield. That league also finished up the regular season this month. Playoffs begin in October.

- The Men’s Flag Football League started up in September. This year there are five teams competing, Games are held on Sundays and Wednesdays at the E. Milton Grant Playground on the baseball field

- The William V. Haskell Community Center was host to several activities. Several birthday parties, Zumba classes, All-Star Gymnastics and Dog Obedience classes.

- The Forum hosted two events in September. The first was the annual Fall Trash & Treasure Show. Attendance for that event was fair. The second event was Big Time Wrestling, a professional wrestling company. This event saw over 500 fans enjoying the performances.

- Riverside Park hosted three events and Mantle Lake Park was host to two events.

- Chris Beaulieu held an Advisory Board meeting this month on the 12th.

- Chris also submitted an “In the City” article to the Star Herald.

- Brad Boyles attended the NMCRA meeting in Houlton.

- In the month of September, 1915 swimmers utilized the Indoor Pool. Usage breakdown by community for the month was as follows: Presque Isle: 43.3%, Caribou: 21.9%, Mapleton/Chapman/Castle Hill: 11.2%, Fort Fairfield: 5.1%, Easton: 4.3%, with the remaining users from varying other communities. Usage breakdown by activity was as follows: General/Lap Swim: 39.1%, Swim Lessons: 38.4%, Water Exercise: 11.7% and the remaining usage being for rental and various other programs.

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Indoor Pool
84 Mechanic Street
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The Forum
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Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-0491
League completed its third season. Silver Bullets took home the championship, its second in three years.

- The William V. Haskell Community Center has begun its fall/winter indoor activities including: Cornerstone Christian Academy P.E., Work Opportunities Center, All Star Gymnastics, Zumba and Dog Obedience. Six birthday parties were also held at the Center this month.

- The Forum held its annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show. Numbers for the event were fair.

- Signs of winter have begun as The Forum opened for the ice season this month. The season will go through mid-March.

- The Indoor Pool hosted the bi-annual Aquatics Special Olympics with a wonderful turnout of 85 swimmers taking part in the event. Dozens of volunteers gave their time to help make the event another huge success.

- The Riverside Park building was utilized by seven groups in October.

- Staff continues to complete final repairs and storage of mowers & trimmers for the season. Mantle Lake Park, Riverside Park, and Outdoor Pool Bathhouse have also had equipment put away and enclosures tightened up in preparation for the cold weather.

- The former Webber Oil property now owned by the City was re….JR McGillan was the contractor that completed the work. Finishing touches will be made in the spring with two small basketball courts being installed.

- The Forum experienced a theft by a part-time employee this month. Thanks to surveillance footage and excellent police work, the perpetrator was discovered and promptly fired. Added security measures have since been put in place to help discourage such activity in the future.

- Also at the Forum, we are now offering advertising on the inside of the hockey boards. The first company to purchase this advertising was MPG.

- Brad Boyles attended the NMCRA meeting in Fort Fairfield this month.

- The Community Center Task Force submitted its final report to the City Council. The report details all the work accomplished by the group over the last several months with its recommendations for the project.

- In the month of October, 1,779 swimmers utilized the Indoor Pool. Usage breakdown by community for the month was as follows: Presque Isle: 48.5%, Caribou: 17.1%, Mapleton/Chapman/Castle Hill: 8.8%, Fort Fairfield: 5.6%, Easton: 5.1%, with the remaining users from varying other communities. Usage breakdown by activity was as follows: General/Lap Swim: 33.3%, Swim Lessons: 37.2%, Water Exercise: 13.3% and the remaining usage being for rental and various other programs.
The Pay As You Throw (PAYT) waste disposal program, which started on March 7th in Presque Isle and the six surrounding communities of Mapleton, Chapman, Castle Hill, Washburn, Wade, and Perham, is producing some of the results that were anticipated when the program was being planned. The tonnage of landfilled waste has decreased while the tonnage of recyclables marketed at the recycling center has increased.

Monthly comparisons compared to one year ago indicate a drop in landfilled tonnage of 10.0% and 3.8% for September and October, respectively. The cumulative impact at the landfill has been a decrease of 15.3 percent of landfilled tonnage for the year. This means that landfill life will be extended by that percentage.

A comparison for the months of September and October at the recycling center compared to 2010 show the tonnage of all recyclables marketed has increased 26.6% and 37.4%, respectively. The cumulative increase for this year compared to last is 11.0 percent. Even more impressive is the cumulative increase for the PAYT months of March-October, which is 18.6 percent. This higher tonnage of recyclables has been an advantage for the City since market prices for recyclables have been high throughout the year. Blue bags for recycling that are provided at no cost for PAYT customers continue to be in high demand and are being distributed at eight times the rate that they were before PAYT.

The Police Department now has a new kiosk that can be used by the public for the disposal of hyperdermic needles and other sharps. Residents can either fill a sharps container or plastic bottle and place them in the sharps kiosk in the Police Department lobby. There is no charge for this service, which will provide for the safe disposal of sharps and keep waste handlers from exposure to needles. This is the second sharps kiosk in Aroostook County and plans are being made for additional sites.

Much of our time during the months of September and October was spent on the 2012 budget. Various alternatives were evaluated to determine how best to provide services at the least possible cost to the taxpayer. One of the biggest challenges for the City was the lower than anticipated revenues in the Solid Waste Division, particularly from the sale of PAYT bags. All aspects of the Division were analyzed for savings including the possibility of privatizing the operation of the Recycling Center. Public hearings and workshops are planned on the budget before it is adopted in December.

The State Planning Office provided us with their calculation of the City's 2010 recycling rate, which was 52.6%, which exceeded the 51.3% in 2009. This rate includes recycling done by private businesses as well as the Recycling Center.
City of Presque Isle’s Mission Statement:

It shall be the mission of the city of Presque Isle to maintain its regional economic, educational, medical and cultural significance, to provide a wide range of municipal services to make Presque Isle a safe, prosperous and attractive city in which to live, work and to visit; meeting needs by planning aggressively and by partnering with local, county, state and federal government, while involving the citizens of Presque Isle.

Firefighters at Echo Lake for September 11 10th anniversary event