

Memo

To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 10/7/2019
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Burgess BioPower presented a Preliminary Design of their plans for an onsite greenhouse project to the Planning Board at their October meeting. They are expected to return to the Planning Board in the near future for a final site plan application.
2. The EPA has sent notice to the City to reapply for its NPDES Permit which will expire in July of 2020. We intend to have the application in by the January 31, 2020 deadline.
3. Eric Demers, formerly the Assistant Manager at the Berlin Airport has taken on the role of Laborer/Apprentice at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We wish Eric well in his new career choice.
4. We are currently seeking bids for the Princess Theater acquisition/demolition project due October 10th and for the sale of 224 Madigan Street, due October 17th. We will report on the results of the bids at the next meeting.
5. There will be a joint meeting of the Berlin and Milan School Boards tomorrow evening at 6:30 at the Berlin High School Library.
6. The City of Berlin Fire Department was not selected to receive the American LaFrance Pumper. The apparatus was awarded to Temple, NH.
7. Center Rivers Power, NH LLC and Great Lakes Hydro America, LLC filed a pre-application for re-licensing with FERC. Scoping meetings have been scheduled by FERC for October 22nd, at the Town and Country Inn in Shelburne at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m.
8. The City is working with HEB Engineers, Inc. who have prepared a Receptor Survey Plan showing water supply wells within 1,000 feet of the Cates Hill Landfill. Regular landfill monitoring detected PFAS at the Cates Hill site. As a result, abutters to the Cates Hill Landfill will have their well water tested as part of our program given that PFAS is highly transmittable in water. Eastern Analytical, Inc. will perform the sampling on October 22nd and results are expected approximately three weeks after that. A copy of the letter sent to abutters is attached.
9. City Department Heads are currently working on their respective components of the FY2021 – FY2026 Capital Improvement Plan. I expect that the plan will be ready for the Planning Board's review on December 3, 2019 and accordingly it will be brought to the City Council thereafter.

10. The Community Profile event, facilitated by the UNH Extension Service, held meetings this past Friday evening and Saturday morning. There were approximately 20 to 30 attendees/participants. The next meeting for this effort is scheduled for October 23rd. The work from this effort will be informative to the City's upcoming master planning effort.
11. On October 16, 2019 the Androscoggin Valley Education Collaborative, AVEC will be hosting a public event called, **Our Education, Our Future**. The doors open at 5:30 and light snacks will be provided. Please consider attending to hear about current efforts in education.
12. The Fall Evening Series continues at the White Mountain Community College Fortier Library on October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with "That Reminds Me of a Story" with Rebecca Rule. This event is sponsored by the College, Berlin and Gorham Public Libraries and NH Humanities.
13. We want to thank Aimee Bousquet, a freshman at Gorham Middle High School, who used her talents to renovate the library's outdoor sign. Aimee is the daughter of Debbie Bousquet who is one of our Library Attendants.
14. I am pleased to announce that I have been elected to the PRIMEX Board of Trustees. As you know, PRIMEX provides our workers compensation insurance as well as our property liability insurance. In addition, they host a tremendous amount of training for municipal employees. I view my participation on this board as very complimentary to my position and look forward to serving. The full board meets quarterly, with my term beginning in February.
15. Police Department Statistics and Public Works Statistics are attached.



Berlin Board of Education
183 Hillside Avenue, Berlin, NH 03570
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**BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
JOINT BOARD MEETING
MILAN, DUMMER, & BERLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
BERLIN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TUESDAY, October 8, 2019
6:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

Call to Order

Reorganization Discussion

Berlin Public Schools Update

AVEC Update

Adjourn

City of Berlin, NH
Public Works Dept.
168 Main Street
Berlin, NH 03570
(603) 752-4450



October 4, 2019

**Re: Cates Hill Bulky Waste Facility, Berlin, New Hampshire
Groundwater Monitoring and PFAS Sampling**

To the Resident at <ADDRESS>:

The City of Berlin would like to inform you of recent activities and associated future actions related to on-going groundwater monitoring efforts at the closed Cates Hill Bulky Waste Facility at 115 Cates Hill Road (Map 406/Lot 3).

The City of Berlin closed the Cates Hill Bulky Waste Facility in 2003 in accordance with plans approved by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Since that time, groundwater monitoring has been performed at the site to evaluate levels of several potentially hazardous byproducts and substances. The results of required sampling from April 25, 2018, included detections of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from monitoring wells on the landfill property.

PFAS is a man-made compound that is used in a large number of everyday items, consisting of food packaging and commercial house hold products, like polishes, waxes, and cleaning products. For more information about PFAS, NHDES has created a PFAS Investigation website that contains extensive information. The website is, <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/>.

Based on NHDES requirements, the completion of a limited Receptor Survey is necessary to identify and sample all water supply wells for PFAS within 1,000 feet of the landfill. The City of Berlin is working with HEB Engineers, Inc. (HEB) who have prepared a Receptor Survey Plan depicting the water supply wells within 1,000 feet of the landfill

and is coordinating testing with Eastern Analytical, Inc. (EAI) to perform the sampling and testing program. You are receiving this letter because it has been determined your property is within the 1,000-foot offset of the landfill.

It has been scheduled for Eastern Analytical, Inc. to be collecting samples from water sources (exterior spigots or interior sinks) **October 22nd, 2019** between 9AM and 3PM. **Please make sure it is possible for Eastern Analytical, Inc. to obtain a water sample from your property on this date.** Once the sampling is complete, the test results are expected to be received within three (3) weeks, and submitted within five (5) days to NHDES for review thereafter.

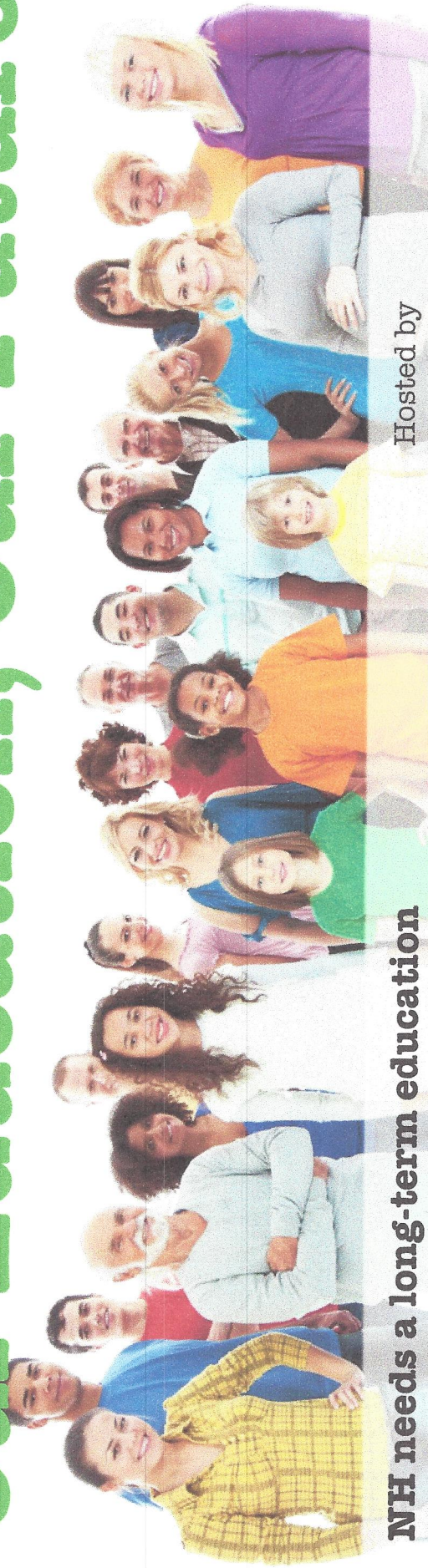
If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City of Berlin at (603) 752-8551.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Hall

Benjamin Hall
Public Works Director
City of Berlin

Our Education, Our Future



NH needs a long-term education funding solution. In Androscoggin Valley, we're working together to build a strong education system locally.

Learn more about this collaborative effort between SAU 3, SAU 20, and White Mountains Community College with:

Doug Hall *NH School Funding Fairness Project, Board Member*

Julie King *Superintendent SAU 3*

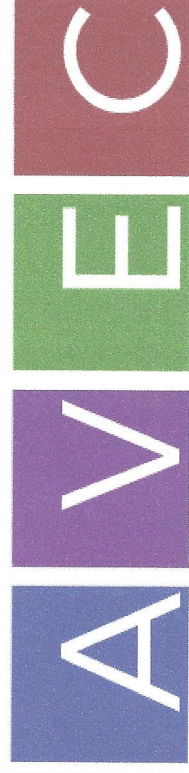
David Backler *Superintendent SAU 20*

Charles Lloyd *President of White Mountains Community College*

**AVEC
WANTS
TO HEAR
FROM YOU**

- Hear about the 'Open Campus' concept and examples of collaboration underway
- Update on NH's short-term education funding fix and what's next for creating a long-term solution for NH's education funding
- Share your hopes, concerns, and questions for how Androscoggin Valley educational institutions can work together to build the best educational experience for all

Hosted by



Androscoggin Valley Education Collaborative

**Wednesday
October 16, 2019**

White Mountains Community College Cafeteria

5:30 PM Doors Open, 6:00 – 8:00 PM Program

Free | Light snacks provided | All welcome

www.aveccollaborative.org

No pre-registration required, walk-ins welcome.
Planning to attend? Let us know or questions email

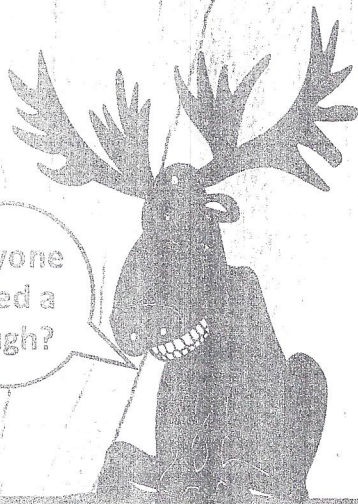
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HUMOR

IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

Fall 2019 Evening Series

Anyone
need a
laugh?



At White Mountains
Community College's
Fortier Library

All events on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

September 18: *Wacky Songs that Made Us Laugh*
with Calvin Knickerbocker

October 9: *That Reminds Me of a Story*
(book: *Could Have Been Worse*)
with Rebecca Rule

**October 30: *Granite State Giggles—Laugh Free
and Live!*** with Sandra Maisey

November 13: *Sisters Too: Story Telling Duo*
with Cora Ciampi & Laretta Phillips

DON'T TAKE HUMOR FOR GRANITE!



White
Mountains
Community College

603-342-3087

Event Sponsors

Berlin Public Library

Gorham Public Library



NEW HAMPSHIRE
humanities

Refreshments will be served

Berlin Public Library's sign receives a makeover



Aimee Bousquet (left), a freshman at Gorham Middle High School and Denise Jensen, director of the Berlin Public Library pose with the renovated library sign. Bousquet, whose mother works at the library, noticed the sign could use a little TLC and used her time, resources and talents to replace all the lettering on the sign which features the library's hours of operation. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Berlin Police Department
October 2019 Commissioner's Meeting
- August Activity Report -

	August 2019	Year To Date 1/1 - 8/31/2018	Year To Date 1/1 - 8/31/2019	Difference %
Total Calls for Service	1858	14791	14134	-4.44%
Milan Calls for Service	103	719	757	5.29%
Total Arrests	90	603	476	-21.06%
Protective Custody Arrests	12	64	81	26.56%
Felonies	13	140	156	11.43%
Misdemeanors	82	537	593	10.43%
Thefts	17	160	122	-23.75%
Burglaries	0	17	17	0.00%
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	12	92	91	-1.09%
Criminal Threatening	12	92	85	-7.61%
Sexual Assaults	6	21	28	33.33%
Assaults	12	64	76	18.75%
Domestic Violence Incidents	32	166	171	3.01%
Verbal Arguments	5	59	42	-28.81%
Restraining/Stalking Orders	10	79	65	-17.72%
Drug Complaints	20	143	119	-16.78%
Suspected Overdose	3	14	21	50.00%
Involuntary Emergency Admission (IEA)	3	35	39	11.43%
Motor Vehicle Stops	324	2015	1515	-24.81%
Motor Vehicle Violations	65	304	261	-14.14%
Motor Vehicle Warnings	312	1526	1456	-4.59%
OHRV Complaints	14	64	74	15.63%
OHRV Stops	59	59	80	35.59%
OHRV Accidents	8	20	15	-25.00%
DWI Violations	5	36	25	-30.56%
Accidents	17	133	142	6.77%
Accidents Within an Intersection	10	35	68	94.29%
Parking Tickets	10	189	199	5.29%
Dog Complaints	25	314	213	-32.17%
Animal Complaints (other)	13	228	189	-17.11%
Assists to other Berlin Departments	24	244	222	-9.02%
Assist to Berlin Ambulance	89	654	607	-7.19%
Assists to Gorham PD	5	46	57	23.91%
Assists from Gorham PD	6	44	45	2.27%
Juvenile Incidents	12	100	125	25.00%
Juvenile Arrests	3	12	13	8.33%
Officers issued 10 parking ticket for the following reason:				
Blocking Driveway	1			
Against Traffic	9			

**City of Berlin Public Works Department
2019 Activity Report**

Year	2016	2017	2018	Year to Date 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019
Total Service Requests/Work Orders	895	937	1079	709	111	122	93	79	88	70	41	53	52			
Administrative	82	60	33	13	3	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	1			
Cemetery burials/repairs	15	17	31	20	1	1	1	0	4	3	7	1	2			
Maintenance: Bldg/Furniture repair, Fences/Railings/Walls, Lawns/Trees, Signs, Vehicles	221	129	150	91	6	3	7	17	21	11	7	6	13			
Parks and Grounds	79	101	79	41	2	2	3	9	2	6	5	7	5			
Refuse/Recycle/Yard Waste	62	53	62	58	6	6	8	7	6	8	2	7	8			
Sanitary Sewer	108	86	78	38	5	4	3	7	7	4	3	2	3			
Storm Drainage System	91	80	108	77	22	10	19	4	7	7	3	3	2			
Streets and Highways: Repairs of curbs/sidewalks/streets, line painting, sweeping, sanding, sand barrels, paving and potholes	237	411	538	371	66	95	51	32	40	30	14	25	18			

City Owned Property Service Requests																
City Hall	64	53	51	43	4	2	6	3	5	9	4	3	7			
Recreation Dept.	18	20	20	9	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	1			
Library	9	9	5	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Fire Dept.	7	9	7	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1			
Schools	7	8	5	8	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3			
Parks/Fields/Other City owned	68	76	70	39	0	1	4	9	6	5	6	6	2			

CURRENT OPEN WORK ORDERS					188	202	210	240	254	246	248	232	218			
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