

The Sorrento Newsletter

APRIL 2018

Sorrento Town Office (422-6889)

Fax: (207) 422-3737

79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, Maine 04677-3126

We do not accept credit or debit cards.



If you drive in to the Town Office during office hours and don't see a vehicle and think we are closed, think again. Check the red signs in the windows for **OPEN**. Many times the clerk is at the office with no vehicle.

NOTARIZING-The Town Clerk's notary has expired and needs to be renewed. You can go to the Sullivan Town Office (or any other town office) for your notarizing (be sure to take identification).

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY--8am to 12noon &
2pm to 5pm**

TUESDAY--12noon to 6pm

WEDNESDAY--8am to 12 noon

**THURSDAY--8am to 12noon &
2pm to 5pm**

FRIDAY--8am to 12noon

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

***** **CHECK THESE DATES** *****

Friday, March 30

Tues., April 10 open 2-6PM

Tues., April 24 open 2-6PM

Friday, May 4

If there is need of an unexpected closing, notice will be posted on the Town Hall doors, and it will be on the telephone message, when possible.



During heavy snow storms or freezing weather, please call the Town Office to see if it is open. We may be closed due to the storm or may be late in opening while waiting for

plowing, shoveling and sanding/salting to be done.

SUMMER BULKY TRASH PICK UP DATES

July 14 and August 11

TAKE NOTE!

Beverly Merchant, Animal Control Officer, has a new cell phone number – 812-1360



Trash Bags (stickered) must be set out in out in trash cans, as stated by our town ordinance.

TAKE NOTE

BURNING TRASH IS ILLEGAL!!

State Laws (12 MRSA 9321-25) governing the backyard burning of household trash are enforced by the Maine Forest Service.

If you think someone is burning trash **please call 973-3700 immediately!** 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.

MOORING & ROWBOAT APPLICATIONS are expected to be mailed out by the third week of April. Make sure you take note of the new fees. (See the Selectmen's meeting notes.) Stickers have not yet arrived for the moorings and rowboats.

TAKE NOTE

Due to changes from Augusta as to how marriage licenses and copies of birth, marriage and death certificates are done, this notice is to inform you that, especially with marriage licenses, we will need at least three business days from the time you give us your completed intentions papers to the time you may pick up your marriage license or other copies.

The **2017 PROPERTY TAX BILLS** have been mailed. They were **due December 18, 2017**. **Interest at 7% yearly** is now being added to your tax amount.

The **2015 PROPERTY TAXES liens** are recorded in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. Mortgage holders were notified. These property taxes and all

related costs **must be paid before June 8, 2018** to avoid foreclosure.

The **2016 PROPERTY TAXES** were mailed November 3, 2016. They were due on January 17, 2017.

2016 property tax liens are now recorded at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds. Mortgage holders have been notified.

DOGS

Animal Control Officers –

Marie Zwicker Cell 266-5027 460-8920

Beverly Merchant (when Marie is away) Cell 812-1360
(home)422-9504



2018 DOG LICENSES



2018 Dog Licenses and tags have been received in this office. They are due by January 1. Starting February 1, the State charges a \$25 late fee per dog, along with the license fee.

****Dogs must be licensed by January 1 or when they reach 6 months of age.**

The list of unlicensed dogs will be given to the Animal Control Officer in March. Along with the extra \$25 State fee per dog, you may be summonsed to court, which can incur additional costs.

If you license your dog(s) **after January 31** (unless it is a new dog), you will pay a **\$25 late fee** per dog along with the license fee, per State law.

****When licensing your dog, you must bring with you your dog's rabies certificate showing the tag number and date of expiration and your certificate of proof of spay or neuter, unless these are already on file at the Town Office.**

****If you lived and paid for your dog's license/tag in another town in Maine and now live in Sorrento, you must come in to the Town Office and exchange for a Sorrento license/tag. There is no fee for this.**

****Any dog living in the Town of Sorrento must have a**

Sorrento license/tag.



Spayed/neutered dog fee - \$6.00

Unaltered dog fee – \$11.00

PLEASE INFORM THE TOWN OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG. Thank you.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

03/07/2018 – In attendance: Dan Bierman, Sr., Craig Clement, Greg Ring, Esther Clement
Approved minutes from last meeting.
Received yearly payment from Charter Communications (formerly Time Warner Cable).
Signed disbursement warrant.

03/21/2018 - In attendance: Dan Bierman, Sr., Greg Ring, Esther Clement, Joey Clark,
Guests: Louis Sutherland, Jr.; Diana Gazis
Approved minutes from the last meeting.
Louis in re: new mooring/rowboat fees. The Select Board approved the new fees. Resident Sorrento Harbor moorings \$75; resident all other harbors moorings \$60. Non-resident moorings Sorrento Harbor \$250; non-resident rowboats \$75. Non-resident moorings all other harbors \$125.
Louis will also look into prices re: extending the launch ramp.
Reviewed correspondence.
Signed disbursement warrant.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(as available)

Sorrento Code Enforcement Officer/Shoreland Zoning Officer—

Rebecca Albright – cell 907-8078 or home 537-3263 or
Email dreaminadrum@gmail.com

A REMINDER

**TO EVERYONE APPLYING FOR
A BUILDING PERMIT –
NO WORK IS TO BE STARTED UNTIL YOUR
PERMIT IS ISSUED.
STARTING THE WORK BEFORE THE
PERMIT IS ISSUED CAN RESULT IN FINES.
THE PERMIT IS TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE
PREMISES OF THE CONSTRUCTION.**

REMINDER: All contractors doing soil work in the shore land **must** have State Certification and **must** furnish a copy to code enforcement for **every** shore land project.

Sorrento Community Building Committee

--No report submitted this month--

Sorrento Harbor Committee

--No report submitted this month--

From Coastal Recycling

(Sorrento Director-Marc Calcia)

Sorrento Fire Department

STATE BURNING PERMITS

Traditional hand-written burn permits are still available, but the online system (\$7) allows permits to be acquired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state, provided that the fire danger is not high.

For more information, call 287-4989 or visit www.maineburnpermit.com.

FIRE PERMITS

from the Sorrento Fire Dept.

**COMMERCIAL BURN PERMITS
EXPIRE APRIL 15**

COMMERCIAL BURN PERMITS RUN

OCTOBER 15 TO APRIL 15. 

***Regular burn permits are available
year-round.***

FOR BURN PERMITS ANY TIME OF THE YEAR:

You are required by Maine law to have a permit to burn, even for a small pile of grass clippings or leaves. A Forestry Warden will be called if you burn without a permit, possibly resulting in you being summonsed to court and fined.

The person who signs the fire permit is responsible for the fire. Do not leave any fire unattended.

To obtain a burn permit contact:

Fire Chief Joey Clark (422-0110 or cell 812-2208)
Dep. Fire Chief Dwayne Clement (422-6889 or
422-3622 or cell 479-6049)

Asst. Fire Chief Mike Parker (422-6755)
Asst. Fire Chief Brian Clement (422-3503)
Chief Engineer Craig Clement (460-8851)

Required for burning:

*****at least two adults to attend the burn,***

*****some form of water supply and hand tools must be on hand,***

*****and it is recommended you have a cellular phone or other communication device to call for assistance should the fire escape.***

YOU are responsible to see that the fire is out before leaving.

Following are the calls, classes, work sessions, & training for the Sorrento Fire Dept. for the month of March:

03/03/18 – Sorrento Fire responded to a call for a tree

down on the Sorrento town property side of Treasure Island Road. Responding with Forestry 860 were Brian Clement, Jon Mickel

03/04/18 – Start and run Rescue Boat 860. Attending were Dwayne Clement and Brian Clement.

03/11/18 – **Cold Water Rescue Training** held in Franklin by the Franklin Fire Department. Attending this year from Sorrento were Jesse Cummings and Sam Hanna.

03/14/18 – Sorrento Fire responded to a tree down on the East Side Road in Sorrento. Responding were Dwayne Clement, Jon Mickel and Jesse Cummings with Forestry truck 864.

03/14/18 – Sorrento Fire responded to a report of a gas alarm at a residence on West Shore Road. Responding with Engine 824 and Forestry 864 were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Mike Parker, Jon Mickel and Sam Hanna.

03/15/18 – SRESA (Schoodic Region Emergency Services Association) meeting. Attending in Hancock from Sorrento Fire were Joey Clark and Dwayne Clement.

03/20/18 – Monthly truck and station checks. Attending were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Craig Clement, Ken Monroe, Jon Mickel, Jesse Cummings and Sam Hanna. 6:30 to 8:30pm.

03/21/18 – Lift assist on the East Side Road. Attending were Ken Monroe, Jon Mickel, Jesse Cummings and Todd Daley III.

03/26/18 – Monthly truck check of Rescue 845. Dwayne Clement.

03/27/2018 – Responding to a residence on the East Side Road for a lift assist was Jesse Cummings.

Tips on emergency preparedness can be found at <http://www.maineprepares.com>.

Sorrento Planning Board

Dan Bierman, Jr., Chair (422-2238); Elisabeth Heyward (Secretary), John Dedam, James West, Beth Clark
Connie Dedam (Alternate)

Minutes of:

Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Program

(Mike Hall, Shellfish Warden, 400-6183 or (h) 963-7104

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK UP



The months of **October through May** will have curbside recycling pick up **only the 4th Thursday** of those months.

The months of **June through September** have pickups the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of those months.

Dates for the next two months are –

April 26
and
May 24

EXPIRATION DATES

VEHICLES: Expire a year from when they are registered
(unless you are transferring)

TRAILERS: Can be registered for 1 or 2 years, same
month, except over 2000 lb. trailers expire
in Feb. (1 or 2 years)

BOATS: Expire Dec. 31st

ATVs: Expire June 30th

SNOWMOBILES: Expire June 30th

MOTORCYCLES: Expire March of every year,
except antique.

DOGS: Licenses expire Dec. 31st. New license tags are
usually received by the middle of Oct. Up-to-date rabies
forms required. Also spay/neuter forms required if not
on file in this office.

State required late fee of \$25 above the cost of license
beginning Feb. 1

ALSO, TAKE NOTE...

When transferring your auto registration from your
vehicle to a new/newer vehicle, you **MUST** bring in the
registration of the vehicle you are transferring from.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HEAT ASSISTANCE:

Call 211 – a 24/7 call center program providing
information about programs and services
available to Maine people.

**LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program)** Fuel assistance with oil,
kerosene, wood, pellets, propane or electricity.

**Home Weatherization & Energy Related
Repairs** – Programs to fund improvements to
make a home more energy efficient and
comfortable. These could include home
insulation, caulking, weather stripping and
furnace repair or replacement.

**Eligibility Screening for Other
Assistance Programs.** Approved LIHEAP
applications opens opportunities for other
available programs.

**Energy Crisis Intervention Program
(T.H.A.W. Fund)** – is a one time, emergency
assistance benefit for ¼ tanks or less or
disconnection. This is a low-income, first come,
first served basis program funded by donations
to WHCA for fuel assistance.

**Call WHCA for more info @ 546-7544 or the
Ellsworth office @ 664-2424.**

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER SORRENTO

To schedule use of the church, contact
Thelma White
(207)422-3616
(207)546-0536
sorrento155@gmail.com

Our condolences
are extended to the family of
Gardner L. Creamer
March 11, 2018

Outside Sorrento

Michael Eastman, RSU #24 Superintendent

Greetings from RSU #24

It is hard to believe that we are already past the half-
way point of March. Where does the time go!! Weather
has certainly taken a toll on our school calendar. As it
stands, with the storm of March 14, the last student day
will be on June 15th. Let's hope that we are done with the
snowy weather!!

The work on the Sumner Memorial High School new
building project continues. We are in the process of
negotiating with one of the abutting property owners to our
current Sumner lot. The straw vote scheduled for March 20
has been postponed. Our architect has indicated to us that
this will not create a major problem. Our hope is to come
to some form of agreement in the near future so that we
can call for a public meeting and straw poll on the building
site. Please be sure and check our **webpage**
(www.rsu24.org) or our **Facebook page** to stay abreast of
any current changes. Once a date is set for the public
meeting and straw vote, we will send out a flyer in the
mail.

As always, if you have any question/concerns, please
don't hesitate to email us at superintendent@rsu24.org or
call us at 422-2017.

Michael Eastman, Superintendent
Regional School Unit #24
2165 US Highway 1
Sullivan, Maine 04664
Email: meastman@rsu24.org

DOWNEAST SENIOR COLLEGE 667-3897

Offers courses & activities to persons at least 50 years
of age living in Hancock & Southern Washington
Counties. No exams, grades or degrees required.

Brochure on courses at the Sullivan Town Office

FRENCHMAN BAY LIBRARY NEWS



The Library is located in the southern wing of the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center on US Hwy #1.

Hours: Monday 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Librarian: Christina McGowan and Cynthia Stanley

Email: fb librarian@frenchman.lib.me.us

Website: <http://www.frenchman.lib.me.us/>

Board Chair: Myra Hornberger

Contact: 422-2307

Frenchman's Bay Library

PO Box 215

Sullivan, ME 04664

Thank you to those of you who supported the Cabin Fever Book Sale in March. It was a very successful event. Please note that June 30 will be our annual Book, Bake and Yard Sale. This year we will have a few tables for anyone interested in renting a table. Call the library to reserve your table anytime between now and then. 422-2307

We are very pleased to announce that we once again have received a grant from the Rudman Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to add to our Audio Book collection and to our Early Readers collection. We will let you know when those titles arrive.

Magazines are fun to read but expensive. We have a nice variety of magazines that have come our way and a comfortable place to sit and read them. Thank you to the people who donate them to us. We have People, Smithsonian, Time, National Geographic to name a few. If you subscribe to Time or National Geographic and would like to send them our way when you are done, we would appreciate it as we don't have more current issues. And, remember, we get the Ellsworth American every week. A special thank you to Wayne and Judy Mabus for gifting the library a subscription to Best Friends, a magazine dedicated to animal welfare.

New additions to the library this month are:

Tuscan Child by Rhys Bowen

Paleo for Beginners by John Chatham

Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry

Aternate Side by Anna Quindlen

Dance of the Jakaranda by Peter Kimani (and a gift from a devoted patron)

Book Club: April 16, 2pm Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance. Book Club is open to anyone who likes to read or talk about books. We like Book Club because we end up reading and often liking books that we never would have

read otherwise.

Stop by and check out our Western Celebration in honor of Louis L'Amour's birthday. And who knows what the next focus will be. You can find out by stopping in or checking out our Facebook page.

We are currently accepting books that are in good condition. We love our patrons!

FYI - if school is closed due to bad weather, so is the library.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE WHEN THE LIBRARY & THRIFT SHOP ARE CLOSED!

SORRENTO-SULLIVAN RECREATION CENTER



Every Tuesday night at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center at 6pm. Doors open at 4p. Good food, raffles, sealed tickets and maybe even win some money.

BINGO on Tuesdays – put on by, and to benefit, the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center. All money raised goes to the Recreation Center for all upkeep and renovations.

Come support the Recreation Center and have an evening out!!!!!!!!!!!!

Home cooked meals and great desserts.

The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center hall is available to rent for receptions, parties, anniversaries, suppers, auctions, meeting, weddings, benefits, etc.

You do not have to be a resident of either town to rent. Call 422-6282 and we will set you up with an application. Reasonable rental fees!!! Kitchen and cleaning included in the rental fee.

Anyone wishing to join the Rec. Center Board please give Helen a call at 422-6719. If you don't want to join you can just be a helper!

(The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center Board is looking for some SORRENTO members!!)

THRIFT STORE IS OPEN
Tuesdays – Open at 12:00 to 4:00.m
& Saturdays 10am to 2:00pm.

Donations are welcome but do not leave them outside the Rec. Center door. We accept good donations anytime we are open.

We do not take electronics. Goodwill will dispose of these

for you for free.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The **Thrift Store** is run by all volunteers. They don't get paid; they give up their free time to help out. There might be days when that volunteer can't make it. There is really nothing we can do about it. If you would like to volunteer, just tell one of the workers. Thank you.

SULLIVAN SORRENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Web Site www.sullivansorrentohistory.org

E-mail info@sullivansorrentohistory.org

JOIN YOUR SOCIETY DUES

for the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical
Society are being collected for the period
June 30, 2017 through June 29, 2018.

Please mail to:

Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society
P.O. Box 44
Sullivan, Maine 04664

Enclosed are my dues as checked:

_____ Life Member \$100.00
_____ Donation
_____ Individual \$10.00
_____ Family \$10.00

Name _____

Address: _____

e-mail _____

The Museum is open by appointment. For more information call Jeanne Edwards at 422-0995.

Email infor@sullivansorrentohistory.org

Copies of the Sullivan Weekly Bulletin are available for perusal at the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society. Call 422-0995 if you wish to see them.

If you have anything that you are getting rid of about Sorrento or Sullivan that you think the Historical Society might like, please call the above number and ask. Books, pictures, maps, information, etc. Remember....Once it is gone, it's gone and our ancestors won't be able to get it back.

Items Available at the Sorrento Town Hall:
Sorrento Fire and Rescue:

Magnetic Pocket COB Work Light. \$5.00

4", rubberized silicone outer casing, Chip-on-Board LED light strip on side, press button at end to light up strip, magnet at opposite end, clip for easy attaching to clothing, 5 AG13 button-cell batteries included.

The **2017/18 Pocket Calendars** are in! **Price is \$5.50**

Sorrento Fire and Rescue - Pens - \$2.75 Combination pen, flashlight, stylus.

Need your house cleaned? Now accepting new clients. From cleaning services including opening and closing to weekly and bi-weekly cleans. I offer reliable and quality cleaning services that you can trust! Please call Erica Belhumeur at **422-3552** for a free walk through consultation.

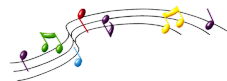
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SORRENTO CHORALE



Discover and sing great music

Calling all Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses in the Sorrento and Sullivan area! Be one of the founding members of the Sorrento Chorale. We will sing both traditional and contemporary pieces by the Masters.

Please contact Tish Noyes at 422-6832 or email glnoyes@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

(Sight reading a plus. Seeking piano accompanist.)



NOTARY SERVICES

Call for appointment - 422-6514. Weddings performed.

Willy's Mowing Service is still serving Sorrento. Larger lawns wanted. Call 460-7718

In Home Care

State of Maine Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) is available to care for you or your family member in your home. A CNA helps you maintain your independence by providing a variety of tasks, including personal care based on an individual care plan, housekeeping, food preparation, and laundry. Call 422-3219 for more information or email dedam@panax.com and ask for Liz Dedam.

Coastal Lawn Mowing and Caretaking – snowplowing available. Call Greg Ring 422-0934

SORRENTO AUTOMOBILE CLEANING SERVICE

Cleaning of the interior/exterior of your auto- wheels/tires. Wash, vacuum, deodorize, dash, door panels, windows and leather treatment.

\$150 small auto \$200 medium auto

\$250 large auto

Auto pick up and drop off at no charge.

Call 422-6893 or 266-8267.

HASTINGS CONTRACTING/CARETAKING

A family owned business serving Sorrento for over 50 years! You name it we do it. We cover all aspects of carpentry/caretaking from yard care, snow plowing to roofs, decks, additions and anything else you may need. We caretake more Sorrento homes than anyone! Call for free estimates. 422-6893 or 266-8267

COASTAL CHIPPING AND MOWING--Complete property maintenance, field mowing, wood chipping, and driveway grading. References available. Greg Ring, 422-0934.

Guyette's, Inc.

422-3908

Towing and removal of any metals, washers, dryers, junked cars, etc. At no charge. Nothing containing freon. Auto repair.

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The Swap Meet

What would you like to buy sell, or swap?

Please send or call in with your would-likes.

FOR RENT:

Shore front cottage on Doane's Point. Close to the beach. Two bedroom 1 bath handicap accessible. Sleeps 4 comfortable. Fully furnished. Contact Downeast Vacation rentals @ 855 367-5095 or 207 669-4235.

LOOKING: To purchase 3+ acre wooded lot in Sorrento. Please call Toby Hastings 266-8267

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Please **submit items by the 23rd of the month** to Esther Clement, Sorrento Town Office, 79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, ME 04677-3126 or fax 422-3737

Sorrento Post Office hours



6 hours of window service each weekday.

The retail hours will be:

9:30am to 1:30pm and

2:15pm to closing at 4:15pm,

Monday through Friday.

Saturdays will be 8am to 11:30am.

Access to delivery receptacles will not change as a result of the realignment of weekday window service hours.

Customers will have access to their mail receptacles 24 hours a day. Post Office Box mail will be available daily for pick up by 11am Monday thru Friday and at 9:30am on Saturday.

