



February 12, 2021 Edition

## TOWN MANAGER HIGHLIGHTS

- This winter weather is a great time to visit the Parks and Recreation facility on Branch Rd! The rental shop has ice skates to use on the rink, and snow shoes and cross country skis to use on the fields and trails.
- The FY22 budget will be presented at next Tuesday's Select Board meeting. After the presentation we will be uploading the budget and presentation slides to the new budget hub on the town's website, [found here](#). The budget will be presented to the Budget Committee at their meeting the following evening, Wednesday, February 17.
- The State of Maine has extended the date for registering dogs to June 2, 2021. Dog licensing supports animal welfare efforts in the State of Maine and provides an easy way for your dog to be identified if they are ever lost.
- I've started an [Instagram account](#) to highlight year-round activities here in Wells. So far it's been mostly posts about the trails I've been enjoying around town and I'd love to hear from you some fun things that I should go explore and share. Send me an email with your recommendations, I love a new adventure!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### 2/15/2021

*Presidents Day Holiday*

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### 2/16/2021

*5PM – Selectmen Workshop  
6PM – Selectmen Meeting*

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### 2/17/2021

*9AM – Staff Review Meeting*

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On Saturday, January 30th members of the department served a homemade Italian meal to 50 individuals at the Wells/Ogunquit Senior Center for the Day of Warming. Meals were also packed up to be taken to members that were not able to attend in person. Lunch was lasagna and bread and was topped off with a wide variety of desserts. It appeared that everyone left with a full stomach as well as a meal to go for later. The entertainment was a karaoke singalong performed by some of our local talent!

Once again Tax season is upon us which makes it prime time for SCAM artists. I know I have already received three calls myself from scammers saying they are from the IRS trying to get information. Please pass along to your family and friends that the IRS will not call you, if you get a call just hang up. If you ever have a question whether something is real or a scam please call and speak with an officer.

With the change in the weather patterns lately the officers have been busy with accidents and slide-offs. Please remember to give yourself more time to get where you need to go or better yet stay home if possible. It is not worth yours or a loved one's safety to be out driving unnecessarily.

Please take a few minutes to check on your elderly neighbors and make sure their doorways are clear of snow/ice in case of an emergency.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

The Fire Department would like to thank the Sanford Fire Chief, their City Manager and their Board of Selectmen for allowing us to borrow their ladder truck while ours has been out of service. Our Town Manager, and our Board of Selectmen have also done their part to allow this to occur and the Wells firefighters are grateful for this cooperation. The use of this truck has been critical for giving our firefighters the ability to continue to do their jobs while a pivotal piece of our operating equipment has been inoperable. As many of you in our community are aware the use of the ladder truck allows our personnel to access chimneys and rooftops for many types of incidents that go beyond a working building fire. It is, and has been, utilized to respond to assist other communities as well while in our possession. The Wells Tower truck is expected to be repaired as soon as the parts arrive, so we believe the Tower will be back in service by the end of the month.

The Fire Department continues to respond to incidents within the community and was busy during the last few storms that we have had with multiple accidents and poles down. Additionally our call force has been working hard to organize the new fire station, and has taken upon itself to build some work benches and other functional items to help in this process. They have been working diligently to clean and maintain the station and apparatus and have developed a maintenance schedule for each of the members to be a part of, and be equally responsible for storm cleanup as they occur. We are also working to create signage for the new station and other items that will enhance the building and allow our members to gain a sense of pride and ownership of their new "home."