

TOWN OF CORINNA NEWS

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Selectmen Meetings:

Meetings are held at the Jones Nutter Auditorium at the Stewart Library at 6:00pm the second and fourth Wed. of the month. The Minutes and the Agendas are posted on our Town Website and on the Bulletin Board at the Town Office.



Town Meeting Information:

Friday, **March 13th, 2020** is the Municipal Election of Officers held at the Fire Annex with the polls open 8am to 8pm.

Our annual Town Meeting will be on **March 14th, 2019** at **10AM** in the School Gymnasium. *Please be sure to bring your copy of the town's annual report for this meeting.* The Town Reports will be available to the public the Monday before the meeting.

There will be a breakfast starting at 8:30am hosted by the Corinna Volunteer Fire Dept.

TOWN CLERK-PAM PARLEE



Two Elections in March

March 3, 2020-Presidential Primary and State Referendum Election

Fire Annex 8AM-8PM

March 13, 2020 Municipal Election-On the Ballot:

Vote for 2 Selectmen: 3 Year Terms:

James P Emerson

Francis Lee Kaufman

Vote for 1 RSU #19 Board Member: 3 Year Term:

Corinna Caron

Vote for 1 RSU #19 Board Member: 1 Year Term:

Kenneth Kealisher Jr.

Dog registrations for 2020:

2020 Dog registrations are now available. The 2019 tags expired on December 31st. You must show a current proof of rabies vaccination for registration.



All dogs must be registered before February 1st to avoid a \$25 late fee. If you no longer have this dog please let us know as soon as possible.

TAXATION INFORMATION:

TONY BENNETT

Personal Property Declaration forms were mailed February 12, 2020. The town is diligently trying to keep these accounts current and in compliance with Maine Statute 36 M.R.S.A. 612 which applies to all personal property taxes assessed on or after April 1st. April 1st is the deadline for filing a homestead, veteran or widowed veteran exemption, and Tree Growth applications with the Town. If you should have questions as to whether or not you may be eligible for an exemption, please call the town office. **30 day Tax Lien Notices** will be sent out April 23rd for any unpaid 2019 taxes. All taxes unpaid after the 30 days will have a lien put against your property through the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds and additional fees will be applied to your existing bill. Please contact the Town Office for any tax related questions at 278-4183.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the Stewart Free Library! We have been working on updating our Land Use Ordinance and will be looking at changing our zoning. We will have the proposed amendments ready for Town Meeting vote in March! There will be a Public Hearing on proposed amendments on January 28th, 2020 at 6PM at the Stewart Library Building. Please come and join us!

CORINNA BOARDWALK RENOVATION

A committee has been established to restore the Boardwalk, as it has fallen into disrepair and is currently unsafe for use! They are asking for your generous donations to revitalize the Boardwalk to its intended use: a serene place to enjoy walks and nature's gifts of flora and fauna. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project. Watch for future donation requests!

MID MAINE SOLID WASTE

Corinna Residents must have a Mid Maine Solid Waste sticker on your vehicle to dispose of trash. 2020 trash stickers are for sale at the Town Office for \$1.00. If you have questions regarding your refuse, call 924-3650. Hours of operation are 8am-5pm Monday thru Thursday & Saturday and closed Friday & Sunday.

CORINNA FIRE DEPT.

Did you replace your batteries in your smoke alarms with us entering the New Year?

If you need burn permits contact: Ken Clark: Town Fire Warden 341-0364, Allen Emerson 717-8883, Shawn Richards 416-8688, Shawn Henderson 416-6802 John Bridges 270-0701, Jeff Dorman 416-5148 or Paul White 270-1133.

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BUILDING PRESERVATION GROUP

Stewart Library Building Preservation Group opens Stewart Library Museum

The Levi Stewart Private Library Museum in the Stewart Library Building in Corinna is now opened to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Levi Merrick Stewart (1827-1910) was born and raised in Corinna. In 1856 he moved to Minneapolis, where he made his fortune as a real estate lawyer and investor. In the late 1890's he built the Stewart Library Building in Corinna as a memorial to his parents and as a library and cultural facility for the town.

An avid book collector, Mr. Stewart amassed a personal library of over 6,500 volumes. The collection includes books on Abraham Lincoln, Napoleon, the Civil War, histories, biographies, travel books with photographs, and Mr. Stewart's law books. Upon his death in 1910, his collection was moved to Corinna. His Private Library, closed for over 100 years, has been turned into an interpretive museum telling the story of his life with his books and artifacts on display.

The museum tells the stories of Levi Stewart, his philanthropy, his family, Corinna, the Stewart Library Building, and the 19th century movement of Mainers to the frontier of the American West.

Among other items in the collection, visitors will see Mr. Stewart's books, personal ledgers, hand-drawn records of his land holdings, his desk, and early photographs of Corinna, Minneapolis, and his family.

The museum is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 6 PM.

For more information, call the Stewart Free Library at 207-278-2454. The Stewart Free Library is open Tuesdays 9 to 2, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 to 7, and Saturdays 9 to Noon.

STEWART FREE LIBRARY

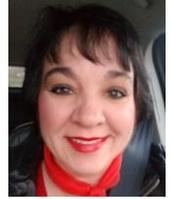
WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?

A new adult year-long reading challenge has started up for this  year. If you're interested in joining, or have questions, stop in or give us a call. Also, we are in the process of booking for our Summer Reading and Summer Concerts. If you have any ideas or would like us to try to book someone, please let us know. Reminder:

Hours for the winter are: Tuesday 9-2, Wednesday 1-7, Thursday 1-7, and Saturday 9-noon. Our number is 278-2454.

TOWN MANAGER'S CORNER

As we begin 2020, I would like to invite each of you to stop by the office and say, "Hello." My name is Lois Jones and I'm happy to be the new Town Manager for Corinna. As I get settled into learning about the Town of Corinna and its needs, I feel confident this will be a successful partnership!!



This being wintertime, I would like to remind everyone that our public works crew does all it can to keep our roads clear and free of ice and snow. That being said, there are a couple things you could do to help: please do NOT push snow across or into the road when you are clearing your driveways. This is a violation of Maine Statute 29A §2396.4, that states, "A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally." It is also dangerous - if it freezes before the town truck comes around again, it could cause an accident when the plow truck hits it, possibly injuring our workers and/or damaging the truck. Secondly, please do not leave a parked vehicle on the side of the road. This will hinder our crew from properly clearing the roadway for safe travel. As always, there may be some mailboxes that are damaged because of the efforts of our public works crew. There are recommended guidelines for height and position placement for your mailbox, to minimize the possibility of damages. Please keep in mind, it is NEVER our crew's intention to "take out" your mailbox. Mailbox damage usually occurs during heavy snowstorms and it is the weight of that snow that damages mailboxes, not the plow itself. Unfortunately for the taxpayer, the Town has no liability to repair or replace damaged mailboxes, due to their placement in the Town's right of way.

The Town Office/Boardwalk Committee is selling 50-50 tickets to help raise money for the restoration of the Boardwalk. If you are unable to help with a larger donation, but would like to donate, please consider purchasing a 50-50 ticket for \$5.00 per ticket. You would be helping to raise funds, and if drawn, you get to pocket some cash. Winner will be drawn at the Annual Town Meeting on March 14, 2020.

Happy winter and stay warm!!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

***TOWN OF CORINNA EMPLOYEES, BOARDS,
COMMITTEES AND TOWN MANAGER***