# LYMAN CONNECTION

# Dear Community,

As we close out another vibrant quarter in our community, we are filled with gratitude for the spirit and engagement that makes Lyman such a special place to call home.

This fall and early winter brought our community together in wonderful ways. Our Octoberfest celebration was a tremendous success, with children's faces lighting up as they enjoyed face painting, pumpkin carving, and other festive activities. The historical cemetery walk at Goodwins Mills Cemetery offered a unique glimpse into our town's rich past, as talented resident actors brought to life the stories of significant figures who shaped Lyman history. Our Comprehensive Plan Committee also continued its commitment to local engagement and public education, hosting outreach efforts—including a community-focused fundraiser—to spark conversation, raise awareness, and encourage residents to share their voice in shaping the next chapter of Lyman's Comprehensive Plan."

The holiday season began beautifully with our Christmas tree lighting ceremony, made even more magical when Santa arrived aboard the Goodwins Mills Fire Department truck, much to the delight of children and families. We extend our sincere appreciation to our Fire Department for not only making Santa's visit possible but also for hosting their annual open house. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to see firsthand the impressive equipment, skills, and dedication of the firefighters who serve our community with such professionalism and care.

We're also pleased to share that the Fire Department is now offering free sand and salt bucket delivery to elderly and disabled residents, thanks to generous donations from Home Depot. This service exemplifies the caring spirit of our community and helps ensure the safety of our most vulnerable neighbors during challenging winter weather conditions. Additional details for this generous service can be found in this newsletter edition.

Beyond these celebrations, our town continues to move forward with important initiatives and improvements that enhance the quality of life for all residents. From environmental programs, educational opportunities and community assistance efforts, Lyman is growing and adapting to meet the needs of our neighbors while preserving the small-town character we all cherish.

These events and initiatives remind us that Lyman's strength lies in our people—those who organize, volunteer, participate, and contribute to making our town thrive. Every person who gives their time and energy to improve our community plays a vital role in shaping Lyman's future. Speaking of volunteers, we encourage anyone interested in serving their community to consider joining one of our town committees or boards. There are numerous opportunities to make a meaningful difference in Lyman's future, and we welcome your involvement at any level that works for you.

In this newsletter, we've worked to keep you informed about the many things happening in our community. You'll find updates on town programs and services, information about upcoming events and opportunities, important safety reminders, and news about state legislation that may impact our town. We believe that an informed community is a strong community, and we hope you find this information helpful as we navigate the winter months together and look ahead to the new year.

Thank you for making Lyman a community we are all proud to be part of. Your engagement, support, and neighborly spirit make all the difference.

Thank you,

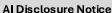
The Lyman Select Board and Town Manager

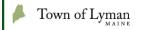
# **LINK TO TOWN OFFICIAL CALENDAR:**

Events for January 2026 - Town of Lyman Maine
Events for February 2026 - Town of Lyman Maine
Events for March 2026 - Town of Lyman Maine

Watch live or recorded town meetings on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/@LymanTownHall/streams





# **THANK YOU**



# From Sue Bellarose to our Community:

I would like to say "Thank you" to the residents of Lyman! I have strived to service this community with integrity, compassion, pride, and patience. I consider you all to be a "neighbor" of mine and grateful for the trust you put in me. In the future, if you see me out-and-about in the local stores, please say "hello!"

I have enjoyed working at the office for the past seventeen years, starting as a part-time employee in December of 2008 and then a full-time Tax Collector in July 2009. Two years ago, I also became Town Clerk; I could not have achieved this commitment without the support of the Town Manager and my deputies plus the experience of all the election workers, wardens, and moderators. A great big Thank You to all!

Thank you especially to the staff at the Lyman Town Office who I currently work with and to the past employees and board members that have been here over the years. We have had some great times, and I will dearly miss you all!

Retiring is bittersweet as I still love my job and coming to work every day. It has been an honor and a privilege, Lyman! I am so blessed!



# 🔰 Sue Bellarose













## A Heartfelt Thank You to Sue Bellerose

Dear Sue,

On behalf of the Town of Lyman, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your nearly 17 years of dedicated service to our community. As our Town Clerk and Tax Collector, you have been an essential part of what makes Lyman work.

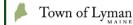
Throughout your time as both Tax Collector and Town Clerk, you have been a steady, reliable presence at Town Hall, someone residents and staff alike could always count on for your knowledge, patience, and kindness. In a small town like ours, every team member makes a difference, and you have certainly made yours.

What truly set you a part was the personal connection you built with so many of our residents. You didn't just process paperwork—you knew the people walking through our doors. You knew their names, their families, their stories. That relationship you fostered between Town Hall and our community has been invaluable. You've helped thousands of our 4,000 residents navigate the sometimes complicated world of municipal services with patience, professionalism, and a personal touch that only comes from truly caring about the people you serve.

Your institutional knowledge, reliability, and commitment have been invaluable to our town. You've been more than an employee—you've been a steady presence that residents could count on, year after year. Your work has touched nearly every corner of our community, and we are deeply appreciative of all you have contributed over the years.

On behalf of the Town of Lyman, we wish you the very best in your retirement. May this next chapter be filled with joy, relaxation, and all the things you have earned many times over. While we'll miss having you as part of our town team, we wish you all the best in this next chapter.

# Thank you, Sue, for everything.





# New Town Hall Hours Beginning March 2



Please be advised that effective Monday March 2, 2026, Town Hall Office hours will be adjusted

The new hours will be as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8:00am 4:00pm
- Wednesday: 8:00am 6:00pm
- Friday: Closed

These updated hours reflect the Town's effort to support public service needs by providing early morning access and maintaining evening availability, while keeping operational costs down. Many municipalities have experienced similar shifts in service delivery models, including transitions to four-day work weeks, as part of a broader effort to sustain efficient and responsible operations.

In addition, several services remain available online, including property tax payments, dog licensing, vehicle re-registrations, and hunting & fishing licensing. We appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation as this transition is implemented.

Town of Lyman 11 So. Waterboro Rd Lyman, ME 04002 (207)-499-7562 www.lyman-me.gov



# TOWN REPORT DEDICATION: SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS

The Town of Lyman is beginning preparations for the Annual Town Report and is looking for community input on this year's dedication. Each year, the dedication recognizes an individual, committee, organization, or group that has made a meaningful and positive impact on our community.

We will be rolling out a brief survey in January to gather your suggestions. If you know someone who deserves recognition, please keep an eye out for the survey and share their name and contribution with us. You may also submit your suggestions by email to <a href="mailto:townmanager@lyman-me.gov">townmanager@lyman-me.gov</a>

Responses will be due by **February 11, 2026**, so the Select Board can review recommendations. Thank you for helping us honor those who make Lyman a great place to live.

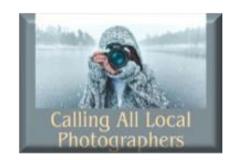
# **COVER PHOTO WANTED FOR 2026 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

Calling all photographers! We're searching for captivating images to feature on the cover of our next Annual Town Report, coming out in May 2026.

We would love to see your photography that captures the character and spirit of our town. Whether you are an experienced photographer or just someone who loves capturing beautiful moments around Lyman, we want to see what you've got!

Interested in submitting a photo, or know someone who might be? Please reach out to the Town Manager's office—we can't wait to see what you share! Please submit your photos to: <a href="mailto:townmanager@lyman-me.gov">townmanager@lyman-me.gov</a> or 207-247-0642

Deadline for submission is April 1, 2026





## **SAVETHE DATE**

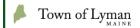
**Public Workshop:** Enhancing Lyman's Resilience to Climate Change Located at the Lyman Town Hall **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **2026** at **5:30pm** 

We invite all Lyman community members to attend a public workshop focused on enhancing our town's resilience to climate change. This session will be hosted by the Town Manager in partnership with the York County Soil and Water Conservation District as part of Lyman's commitment to enrolling in the Community Resilience Partnership. This is a unique opportunity for you to share your ideas and help shape projects that could receive state grant funding.

During the workshop, we will discuss important initiative options such as:

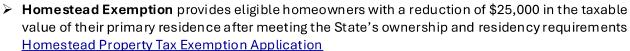
- Improving town walkability
- Reducing energy usage in town buildings through energy efficient and clean energy upgrades
- ☐ Land conservation and waste reduction
- Identifying and reducing climate risks that impact residents and critical infrastructure
- ☐ Improving communication between the town and residents during severe weather events

Your input is crucial in making Lyman a stronger, more resilient community. We look forward to seeing you there!



# **UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS IN LYMAN**

Did you know you might qualify for a property tax exemption? The Town of Lyman offers several state-authorized programs that can help reduce the taxable value of your property.





- Veterans Exemption is available to qualifying veterans or their surviving spouses and applies a reduction of \$6,000 based on service-related criteria Property Tax Exemption Application Armed Forces Veterans
- **Blind Exemption** offers tax relief to residents who are legally blind, which applies a reduction of \$4,000 Land-use programs
- > Open Space, Tree Growth Forestry, and Farmland—provide tax benefits to property owners who maintain and manage their land according to State guidelines designed to preserve natural resources and agricultural uses.



## UNDERSTANDING LYMAN'S ASSESSMENT RATIO

Lyman's current real estate property **assessment ratio is 67%**, meaning properties are assessed at 67% of market value. The Town is actively working to update its cost tables as part of a broader effort to stabilize values and bring the ratio back toward 100%, ensuring assessments better reflect current market conditions.

If you currently receive an exemption, such as the Homestead Exemption, you may notice that the full exemption amount is not reflected on your assessed value. This is because all exemptions are adjusted to match the Lyman's assessment ratio. Once the assessment ratio is restored to 100%, exemption amounts will appear at their full value on property assessments.

Each program has its own eligibility requirements, deadlines, and documentation needs. You can find applications and detailed information about all exemptions on the <u>Assessor's page</u> of our Town website.

## **LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A BOARD OR COMMITTEE?**



🌊 Your Town Needs You: Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Lyman is seeking residents to serve on town committees. These volunteer positions offer meaningful ways to serve your community and have a direct impact on Lyman's future. No prior experience necessary – just a commitment to making our town better.

Please fill out a <u>Committee Application form</u> and send a copy to the Town Manager. You can submit a copy by dropping the form off at the Town office, or by mail, or by email to: <u>townmanager@lyman-me.gov</u> or call 207-247-0642. Scan the QR code on this page for more information!

Members of a committee must be a registered voter of the Town of Lyman pursuant to Lyman's Municipal Charter.





Save time with Lyman's online registration & payment options

The Town of Lyman is pleased to offer a variety of online services to make routine tasks quicker and more convenient for residents. You can now register your dog online, along with several other options such as online property tax payments, hunting and fishing licenses, and rapid renewal for vehicle and trailer re-registrations.

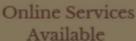
Our online services offer a convenient way to take care of routine tasks from home, but you're always welcome to visit us in person.

Once processed, your registrations will be mailed directly to you. Please note that standard credit card processing fees apply to all online transactions.

We hope these expanded services make your interactions with the Town of Lyman easier and more convenient.

# Questions about registrations & payments?

If you have questions about online payments or need assistance, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 499-3004 or (207) 247-0644, or email townclerk@lyman-me.gov.



Rapid Renewal
Vehicle & Trailer Re-Registrations



Dog Registration

New Dogs & Re-Registrations

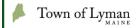


Online Tax Payment Real Estate & Personal Property



Inland Fisheriers & Wildlife Hunting & Fishing Licenses





# TOWN UPDATES

# DAYS MILLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

In response to a resident's request for information on the Days Mills Bridge project, we contacted project manager Josh Marceau of Wyman & Simpson, Inc.

"Please be advised that Days Mills Bridge, #2221, on Alewive Rd. (State Route 35) over Kennebunk River, in Kennebunk & Arundel, ME - approximately 0.02 of a mile north of Days Mills Rd. will be closing Monday, September 15th for removal and replacement of the existing bridge. It will reopen on, or before - June 29, 2026. Alewive Rd. (State Route 35) will be closed to all vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic during this closure. Please follow the signed detour utilizing The Maine Turnpike & State Route 111." December 1, 2025



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# COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE: HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



The Town of Lyman is partnering with First County Food Pantry to host a community food drive. Join us in supporting local families facing food insecurity!

## When and Where to Donate

Drop off non-perishable food donations at

- Lyman Town Hall, 11 South Waterboro Road
- Monday, January 12 through Friday, January 23, 2026.
- > Place donations in the provided bins during office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# Making a Difference

Every donation makes a real difference! Your generosity helps ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. This is part of our ongoing partnership with First County Food Pantry, with quarterly collections throughout the year.

Questions? Contact the Town Office at 207-247-0642 or townmanager@lyman-me.gov, or KerryJo Sampson kerryios@lvman-me.gov

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

# Most Needed Items (please ensure all donated items are not expired):

Applesauce	Jelly
Canned meats	Mashed potato flakes
Canned pasta	Oatmeal
Canned tomato products	Pasta
Canned vegetables / fruit	Peanut butter
Cereal	Pet food
Condiments	Rice white/seasoned
Fruit and pudding cups	Salad dressing
Granola bars/fruit bars	Soups canned/dry
Gravy packets/canned	Stuffing box/bagged
Taco kits	Toiletries



# FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM

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# FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Food Waste Diversion program is currently waiting for the Town to receive its Transfer Station license amendment from the Department of Environmental Protection. The Town's license amendment application was accepted by the Department of Environmental Protection on August 15, 2025. Almost all of the materials for the Food Waste Diversion program have been purchased and once the Town receives notification that the Transfer Station license has been amended, the next steps will be to have the area at the Transfer Station that will house the Food Waste Diversion program made ready for delivery of a container building which will house the Food Waste Diversion program and schedule the first educational session of the program. It will be very exciting to see how much food we can divert from the Town's waste stream and how much money we will be able to save on our municipal solid waste. Please email <a href="mailto:Lyman.ECOME.Rep@lyman-me.gov">Lyman.ECOME.Rep@lyman-me.gov</a> for more information, to put your name on the list for the first educational session or to volunteer to help with the program in any way.

Want to get involved? Email <u>Lyman.ECOME.Rep@lyman-me.gov</u> to learn more, sign up for our first educational session, or volunteer to help with the program. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to launch!



# Turn Food Waste

# Into Savings



OF FOOD WASTE DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Learn how communities are turning food waste into opportunities for savings and sustainability. Food waste diversion programs reduce Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), lower disposal costs, and benefit the environment by keeping food out of landfills. By diverting food waste from the MSW, Lyman could achieve significant savings.



1,573 ons in MSW **Lyman disposes** on average approximately 1,573 tons of Municipal Solid Waste annually, with tipping fees steadily increasing



Current Municipal cost on average impact the budget by \$153,417 annually



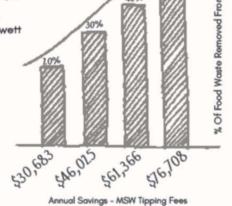
ECO Maine statistics show %20 - %40 of household trash is made up of food waste



If you'd like to sign up to the program and receive a composting bin, contact our ECO ME Rep, Amber Swett



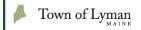












# **ECOMAINE REPORT**

## **RECYCLING IN LYMAN: ROOM TO GROW**

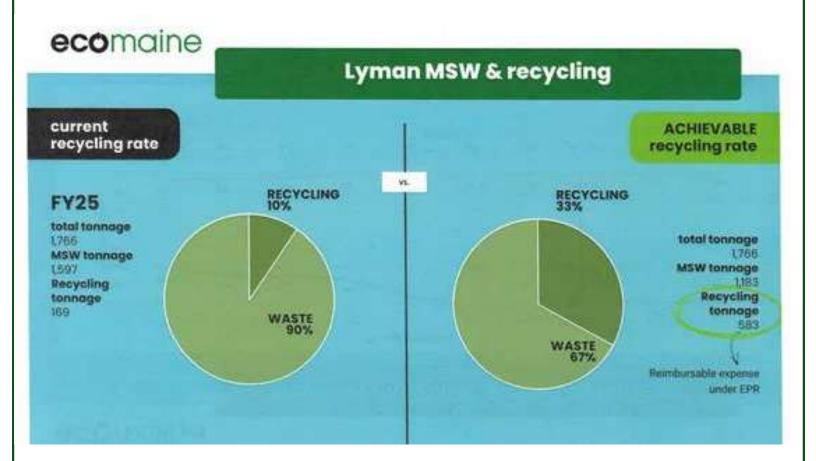
Recycling is one of the simplest ways we can help our environment while saving our town money. Many Lyman residents are already recycling regularly, but we have significant room to grow. The graph below shows our current recycling rate compared to what we could potentially achieve with greater participation.

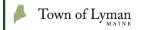
Every item you recycle—from cardboard boxes and plastic bottles to glass jars and metal cans—makes a real difference. Recycling diverts waste from landfills, conserves natural resources, and helps lower our town's disposal costs. The less waste we send to the landfill, the less our community pays in tipping fees, freeing up funds for other town services.

If you are not currently recycling, now is a great time to start! Most households can recycle paper, cardboard, plastic containers (marked with recycling symbols), glass bottles and jars, and metal cans. Simply rinse containers to remove food residue and place them in your recycling bin or bring them to your local recycling facility.

When more households recycle consistently, we reduce our environmental footprint and demonstrate Lyman's commitment to sustainability. Plus, with the new state reimbursement program starting in 2026 (more details on the next page), every item you recycle will contribute to financial benefits for our town.

Have questions about what can be recycled? Contact our local ecomaine representative at <a href="mailto:lyman.ecomaine.rep@lyman-me.gov">lyman.ecomaine.rep@lyman-me.gov</a> or visit <a href="mailto:www.ecomaine.org">www.ecomaine.org</a> for helpful resources and guidelines.





# RECYCLING BENEFITS

# NEW STATE PROGRAM WILL REIMBURSE LYMAN FOR RECYCLING COSTS

Starting January 1, 2026, Maine's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law goes into effect, bringing financial benefits to municipalities across the state—including Lyman.

## What is EPR?

Extended Producer Responsibility makes manufacturers responsible for managing the products and packaging they produce. Instead of municipalities bearing the full cost of recycling programs, companies that create packaging materials will now help fund the collection, processing, and recycling of those materials.

## How Will This Benefit Lyman?

Our town will begin receiving reimbursement payments for recycling services we provide to residents. This means we will recoup a portion of the money we currently pay for recycling collection, transportation, and processing. The more our community recycles, the greater the reimbursement our town receives. Every bottle, can, and cardboard box you recycle contributes to bringing money back to Lyman. As we approach January 2026, the Town of Lyman will be working with ecomaine and the state to maximize the benefits of this program. In the meantime, please keep recycling—or start if you haven't already!

## Want to Learn More?

Visit <u>www.ecomaine.org/epr</u> or contact our local ecomaine representative at <u>lyman.ecomaine.rep@lyman-me.gov</u>. Together, we can make Lyman a leader in recycling while bringing financial benefits back to our community!

# **Extended Producer Responsibility**

A RECYCLING GAME-CHANGER FOR MAINE COMMUNITIES

# What is EPR?

The idea of Extended
Producer Responsibility is
simple: it means that the
companies that create
materials shoulder some of
the cost of sustainably
disposing of those
materials.

An Extended Producer
Responsibility for Packaging
bill that was signed into
Maine law in 2021 and will
begin implementation in
2026.

# How will EPR for packaging work in Maine?

## PRODUCERS PAY.

Producers will be assessed fees based on how many tons of packaging they introduce in Maine's municipal waste stream. There are exceptions and scaled fees for small businesses.

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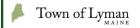
# PEOPLE RECYCLE.

The greater your community's recycling rate, the more you and your residents stand to benefit from EPR — so it's a better time than ever to increase education about and access to recycling.

# COMMUNITIES RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT.

Communities will be responsible for recording all of their expenses related to recycling starting in January 2026. Beginning in fall 2027, communities will begin to receive reimbursement for a percentage of their recycling expenses.





# MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **UNDERSTANDING MAINE LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS (LDS)**

You may have heard references to "LDs" when discussing state legislation, but what does that mean? LD stands for "Legislative Document"—the formal term for bills introduced in the Maine Legislature. Each LD is assigned a number when it is submitted, and these bills can propose new laws, amend existing ones, or repeal outdated statutes. Below, we've included brief summaries of several LDs that may be of interest to Lyman residents. Understanding these legislative documents helps you stay informed about proposed changes that could affect our community. For more information, visit <a href="http://legislature.maine.gov/">http://legislature.maine.gov/</a>

# **Understanding LD 427**

An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums

# Overview

Maine passed LD 427 in June 2025 as part of the 132nd Legislature. This law preempts local zoning that establishes parking space minimums for residential uses. It intends to remove municipal zoning barriers to housing production, as parking is an expensive part of any development. It disallows requirements for more than one parking space per residential unit within growth areas. There is rulemaking for LD 427.

### **Bill Citation:**

Public Law 2025, Chapter 374 (LD 427)

- LD 427 Documents, Disposition, Law
- LD 427 Session Law

## IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINES

Council-based Municipalities

September 24, 2025



Town Meeting Municipalities

September 24, 2025



# **Major Bill Components**

## Parking in Growth Areas

Applies to all municipalities, with or without zoning, only in designated growth areas.

Applicable development types - Residential developments.

Minimum Parking Requirement - Cannot require more than 1 off-street parking space per dwelling unit.

Offsite Parking Agreements - Must allow a developer to satisfy municipal parking requirements through an off-site parking agreement with existing facilities located within 0.25 miles of the development site.

Maximum Parking Requirement - May enact maximum parking requirements.

Parking Demand Management - May enact parking demand management strategies that do not require more than 1 off-street parking space per dwelling unit.

## Parking Outside of Growth Areas (Rural Areas)

Applies to all municipalities, with or without zoning, outside of designated growth areas.

Applicable development types - Residential developments.

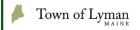
Offsite Parking Agreements - Must allow a developer to satisfy municipal parking requirements through an off-site parking agreement with existing facilities located within 0.25 miles of the development site.



## Rulemaking's Draft Definition of Parking Agreement:

"A legally binding agreement between a property developer and the owner of an off-site parking facility to provide required parking spaces within 0.25 miles of a residential development site."

For more info about legislative trainings and resources, check out www.smpdc.org/leg



# MAINE LEGISLATURE

# **Understanding LD 997**

An Act to Allow Residential Use Development in Commercial Districts

# Overview

Maine passed LD 997 in June 2025 as part of the 132nd Legislature. This law preempts local zoning that prevents residential uses in commercial zones. It intends to remove municipal zoning barriers to housing production and is designed to increase housing supply statewide. Essentially, zones for only commercial uses will no longer exist in Maine. There is rulemaking for LD 997.

## **Bill Citation:**

Public Law 2025, Chapter 364 (LD 997)

- LD 997 Documents, Disposition, Law
- LD 997 Session Law

# IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINES

Council-based Municipalities

July 2027\* This is later than LD 1829.



Town Meeting Municipalities

**July 2027** 



# **Major Bill Components**

# Residential Units in Commercial Zones

Applies to municipalities with zoning, specifically in areas zoned for commercial use.

Requirement - Residential units <u>must be allowed</u> <u>within buildings</u> located in commercially-zoned areas.

Safety - Flooding or other natural hazards may enable a community to deem it unsafe to allow residential uses in a certain commercial development.

Allowances - Municipalities may enact certain limitations and design requirements.

A municipality may:

 Establish in their ordinance a limit to the number of residential units allowed in commercial developments.



Ways to limit could be numerical, limiting residential units to a defined number of units; area-based, limiting residential units to a defined total square footage; or proportional, regulating residential units to maintain a defined ratio of commercial to residential area.

 Establish in their ordinance a restriction, prohibiting residential units from the first floor of commercial developments.



This helps preserve the most visible and commercially viable spaces for businesses, which supports the area's economic vitality.

 Establish in their ordinance siting and design requirements for residential units in commercial zones.



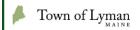
A siting and design requirement could be requiring alley-loaded driveways for residential units in commercial zones, instituting square footage maximums per unit, or setting front setback maximums. Requirements like these help an area look and feel commercially-oriented.

## Rulemaking's Draft Definition of Commercial Use:

"Commercial use" means the use of lands, buildings or structures the intent or result of which is the production of income from the buying or selling of goods or services. Commercial use does not include a home-based business, the rental of a single dwelling unit on a single lot or incidental sales of goods or services as may be allowed by permit or standard. For purposes of this rule, this definition does not include areas zoned exclusively for industrial uses.

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# MAINE LEGISLATURE

# **Understanding LD 1829**

An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density

Maine passed LD 1829 in June 2025 as part of the 132nd Legislature. This law preempts local zoning that restricts residential density. It is intended to remove municipal zoning barriers to housing production and is designed to increase housing supply statewide. There is rulemaking for LD 1829.

## **BIII Citation:**

Public Law 2025, Chapter 385 (LD 1829)

- LD 1829 Documents, Disposition, Law
- LD 1829 Session Law

# **Major Bill Components**



# **Affordable Housing Density**

Applicable areas - Applies to Qualified Affordable Housing Developments (QAHD) in any area with public water and sewer OR in a designated growth area, where multi-family dwellings are allowed.

Bonus story - A QAHD can surpass the zoning height limit by one extra story or at least 14 feet.



# Dwellings Per Lot

3 Units Per Lot - Any residential lot must allow at least 3 dwelling units.

4 Units Per Lot - Lots in growth areas or public water & sewer areas must allow at least 4 dwelling units.

Standards - Dimensional requirements for multiple units cannot be greater than those for single units.

## Growth Areas AND Areas with Public Water/Sewer:

Minimum lot size must be <= 5,000 square feet (SF). Density requirement must be <= 1,250 SF (area) per dwelling unit for first 4 units and 5,000 SF (area) per dwelling unit for subsequent units.

# Area with Public Water/Sewer but NOT Growth Area:

Minimum lot size must be <= 5,000 SF. Density requirement must be <= 5,000 SF for first 2 units.

## Growth Area WITHOUT Public Water/Sewer:

Minimum lot size must be <= State Subsurface Waste Disposal minimum lot law (20,000 SF)

# Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Owner Occupancy - Owner occupancy cannot be required in an ADU or its primary unit.

Allowed Lots' - ADUs can be attached or detached from a multi-unit structure.

Sprinklers\* - Fire sprinklers cannot be required for buildings of 1 or 2 dwelling units, including ADUs.

# **Planning Board Review Thresholds**

Review Thresholds - Cannot require Planning Board review for 4 or fewer dwelling units within a structure.

Training Requirements\* - Members of the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals must attend a training within 180 days of either September 24, 2025 (current members) or their appointments (new members).



## **Subdivision Definition**

Definition is partly unchanged - A subdivision is still the division of land into 3 or more lots within 5 years.

Definition is partly changed - A subdivision is now the creation or division of a structure into 5 or more dwelling units within 5 years; previously, the threshold was 3 or more dwelling units.

For more info about legislative trainings and resources, check out www.smpdc.org/leg

# **GOODWIN MILLS FIRE-RESCUE**

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# GOODWINS MILLS FIRE-RESCUE / COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION - PREVENT SLIPS AND FALLS THIS WINTER!

If you are a senior citizen or person with disabilities living within Dayton or Lyman, we are proud to offer free delivery of buckets with sand/salt for the winter.

It's simple, call the fire station (207) 499-2362 or email Capt. Jamie Mouzas (<u>imouzas@gmfire.org</u>) and ask about the program. We will collect your name and address and someone will deliver the bucket of sand/salt to your residence.

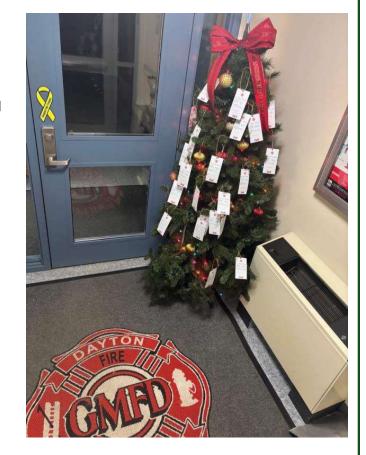
# Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue Angel Tree Program Brought Holiday Joy to Local Families

We are thrilled to announce that all angel tags were filled!

GMFR once again partnered with the Salvation Army of Sanford and the Angel Tree Program to support local families in need this holiday season.

The response from our communities was truly heartwarming. Generous residents from Lyman and Dayton stepped up to make the holidays brighter for families facing difficult times. A Christmas tree was set up in the main lobby of the Fire Station where community members could select a tag and sponsor a child or family. Each tag included age, gender, and general interests.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue for hosting this meaningful program. A special thank you to all the generous donors who participated in the Angel Tree Program. We are deeply grateful to the communities of Lyman and Dayton for their incredible compassion and generosity. Your kindness helped ensure that our neighbors in need could enjoy a happy Christmas. The spirit of giving you've shown truly embodies what makes our community special!



# **GOODWIN MILLS FIRE-RESCUE**

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# Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue Opens Doors to Community in October

Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue opened their doors to the local communities this October for a memorable open house event. Several hundred residents from the area turned out to honor our brave firefighters and learn more about the vital work they do to keep us safe.

Our dedicated fire department showcased their expertise and equipment through engaging demonstrations and hands-on activities. On display were various levels of firefighting gear, medical equipment, fire hoses, and of course their beloved mascot, Sparky! Adults and children alike enjoyed not only watching demonstrations but also getting hands-on experience with fire hoses and practicing fire safety techniques.





Highlights of the day included impressive demonstrations of the jaws-oflife and other life-saving equipment. The event was enhanced by the participation of Kennebunk Fire-Rescue, York County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Police, and York County Emergency Management, who joined in demonstrating their skills and capabilities.

We are deeply grateful to Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue for organizing this wonderful community event and for their unwavering commitment to protecting our towns. Thank you also to all the participating agencies for their time and dedication. Events like these strengthen the bond between our first responders and the community they serve with such courage and professionalism.





# **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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# **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE**



The Lyman Comprehensive Plan Committee met recently to review progress on the town's long-range planning and discuss upcoming initiatives. Members reported that their table at Oktoberfest raised \$403 for Bunganut restoration efforts and, more importantly, engaged residents—many of whom were unfamiliar with what a comprehensive plan is. The committee

finalized "Survey #3," which planned to be released in November both online and in paper form at the Town Hall and library, to gather additional input on land use, housing, and community priorities.

Members continued work on a town-wide vision statement, core community values, and topic-specific goals, including protection of water resources and aquifers, which will guide future ordinance updates and growth decisions. The goal is still to have a draft form of the complete Comprehensive Plan by November 2026, with a special election to follow in early 2027. More hearings and informational sessions will be held throughout the year, so stay tuned!



# PARKS & RECS COMMITTEE

Paint Night with Sue: This creative and relaxing event is held on the first Friday of every month from 6–8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Community Library. For \$30, participants receive all materials, plus light snacks and refreshments. So far, attendees have painted a woodland landscape, Mill Pond, and the Chapel at Bunganut Pond. Follow the Lyman Parks and Recreation Facebook page to see what next month's theme will be! November's painting was of Mill Pond.

# **Goodwins Mills Octoberfest Brought Community Together**

The annual Goodwins Mills Octoberfest took place on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10a-2p at Chadbourne Field, and what a beautiful day it was! What started years ago as pumpkin painting and scarecrow making has grown into a beloved community tradition, and this year's event drew an amazing turnout of families enjoying the sunshine and fall fun.

The Parks & Recreation Committee hosted pumpkin carving, painting, and scarecrow making activities that delighted children and families throughout the day. The activities were so popular that pumpkins were carved and painted faster than anticipated—within the first hour, we had to call Ben at Harris Farm for an emergency pumpkin delivery. Thank you, Ben, for saving the day!



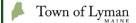


The Goodwins Mills Firefighters Relief Association provided delicious food and drinks for attendees—everything was delicious! The Community Library organized a popular bake and book sale, while local artisans and vendors gathered at the baseball field for a craft and vendor fair. We had such a great mix of crafters, non-profits, and town committees offering unique handmade items and seasonal goods.

# **Community Generosity Made It Possible**

We're deeply grateful to Andy's Farm and Garden for donating the straw for our scarecrow-making station, and to Anderson Farms for donating pumpkins. Your generosity helped make this event accessible and fun for everyone.

A heartfelt thank you to Parks & Recs committee members for organizing this wonderful event, to all the volunteers who contributed their time and energy, and to the vendors and community organizations who joined us. Events like these strengthen the bonds that make our community special, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



# New Water Access Ramps Installed at Bunganut Town Park

In 2024, the Town of Lyman received funding from the Lifelong Maine Community Connections Grant to make public spaces more welcoming and accessible for residents of all ages. The grant funded the purchase and installation of three elder-friendly water access ramps at Bunganut Town Park.

These new ramps make it easier and safer for recreational users to access the pond while also preventing erosion at existing water access points.

Thank you to Lifelong Maine and to the volunteers who pursued this grant. Your efforts positively impact our community! <a href="https://www.lifelongmaine.org/about">https://www.lifelongmaine.org/about</a>



Thanks to grants received this year, Bunganut Park now features new handicap-accessible picnic tables and three new handicap-accessible ramps, making the park more welcoming and inclusive for all community members. We encourage everyone to come check out these improvements when spring arrives.





# Santa Mailbox Brought Holiday Magic to Local Children

The Parks & Recreation Committee brought holiday magic to our youngest residents this season with the Santa Mailbox at the library. From Thanksgiving weekend through December 20th, children had the opportunity to drop off their letters to Santa in the special mailbox.

Each child who mailed a letter received a personalized reply from Santa, adding an extra touch of wonder and excitement to the holiday season. The beloved tradition continues to be a highlight for families in our community, creating cherished memories and keeping the spirit of Christmas alive for children.

# Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Kicks Off Holiday Season

Lyman's beloved annual tree lighting ceremony brought the community together to celebrate the start of the holiday season. The highlight of the evening was Santa's grand arrival aboard the Goodwins Mills Fire truck, delighting children of all ages as he made his way through town.

Families gathered to enjoy the festive atmosphere, complete with hot cocoa, cookies, and holiday music. Santa's elves spread additional cheer by passing out candy canes to excited children. The lighting of the community tree marked the official beginning of the holiday season and brought neighbors together in a warm celebration of community spirit.

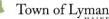












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# Lyman Holiday Light Show Brightens the Season

The Parks & Recreation Committee introduced a festive new tradition this year with the inaugural Lyman Holiday Light Show. Residents were invited to add their beautifully decorated homes to the Lyman Light Show Map, allowing neighbors to tour the displays in the evenings and enjoy the holiday spirit throughout town.

Community members could view the participating homes and vote for their favorites, creating friendly competition and bringing neighbors together in celebration of the season. The light show transformed Lyman into a winter wonderland and gave families a wonderful reason to bundle up and explore the festive decorations around town.

We're grateful to Winterwood Fuel for generously donating two oil gift certificates as prizes for the winners. Thank you to the Parks & Recreation Committee for launching this wonderful new tradition, and to all the residents who participated by decorating their homes and spreading holiday cheer throughout our community.



# HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW 204 Goodwins Mills Rd Mills Rd Goodwins Mills Rd Mills Rd Mills Rd Fox Pond Rd Meadow Run 27 John Street

# Community Ice Rink Winter Fun

The Community Ice Rink on John Street hopes to open this winter once weather conditions allow, providing a wonderful outdoor recreation opportunity for residents. The 72'x 44' NiceRink will offer families and skating enthusiasts a place to enjoy the beauty of winter right here in Lyman.

The Parks & Recreation Committee has planned special iceskating nights throughout the season, along with snowshoeing activities for those looking to explore winter in different ways. These events will bring the community together to embrace the colder months and stay active outdoors.

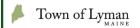
**Winter help needed**: The Parks & Recreation Committee is seeking a dedicated winter enthusiast to assist in managing and coordinating maintenance at the rink.

Volunteer responsibilities include coordinating rink setup and teardown, monitoring ice and rink conditions daily, closing the rink when necessary due to weather, coordinating ice repair and resurfacing, and organizing the skate shack. If you have a passion for ice and snow and are interested in helping, please contact parksandrec@lymanme.gov.









# HISTORICAL CEMETERY WALK

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2025 UPDATE: GOODWINS MILLS CEMETERY, Submitted by the Cemetery Association of Goodwins Mills Village

We are pleased to provide this update to the community at large. Our sole source of income is fundraising—we do not receive any town, state, or federal funds. Therefore, local support is extremely vital to our longevity.

## 2025 Highlights:

- Total burials: 9
- Total lot sales: 4
- Total gravestone installs: 4
- Portions of new fencing were installed, with completion set for 2026. The fence encompasses the area where new cemetery lots are being sold.

# **Adopt-a-Grave Project**

Our first Adopt-a-Grave Project was a resounding success due to the generosity of local adopters. Eight gravestones in the oldest part of the cemetery (1800s) were adopted and repaired for a total cost of \$1,700. In 2026, eight more historic gravestones will be available for community adoption, all needing various types of repairs (cracks, stone resets, mortar restoration, etc.). Repair costs typically start at \$75, with higher costs for more extensive work.

Included in this adoption fundraiser is a memorial plaque finally identifying the individual buried in "The Tomb"! For more information about adopting a gravestone, please contact Ann Paquette at 207-499-7793.

# **Cemetery Association Officers:**

Rod Carpenter, President; Ann Paquette, Vice President/Secretary and Cemetery Sexton; Sue Briggs, Treasurer and Genealogical Researcher; Charlene Philbrook, Legal Counsel; Leo Thibodeau, Assistant Cemetery Sexton

## A STEP BACK IN TIME: HISTORICAL CEMETERY WALK

The Cemetery Association of Goodwins Mills Village and the Lyman Historical Society successfully hosted a guided historical tour of the Goodwins Mill Village Cemetery on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Talented volunteer actors portrayed former residents, sharing personal stories of early settlers, mill workers, and community leaders who shaped our community identity. These performances helped attendees forge genuine connections with the real people behind the headstones. The tour also featured the compelling story of the historic grange building that once stood near the cemetery grounds, providing insight into the town's agricultural roots and the strong social bonds that united farming families throughout the region's history.

We're grateful to the volunteers and actors who brought our town's history to life in such a memorable way!



For additional information, read the Waterboro Reporter, October 23, 2025 issue: REP 10-23-25.pdf

The actors that portrayed our historical residents: James Fergusen played his ancestor, James Fergusen; Bob Cyr played Goodwins Mills storekeeper, Carl Rhodes; Irene Single played Eleanor Rundgren, the first woman select person in Lyman; Lyn Lord played Lyman Grange #135 member Mildred Murch; Pat Littlefield and Nigel Sampson played Hattie and Daniel Dudley who sailed around the world after the Civil War; Joe Wagner played Dr. Eben Hurd, town physician; Sue Hammond played Lydia Dow Hanson who managed her husband's real estate and timber assets after his death; Steve Lord played Lauriston Carle, a Civil War veteran who died at the notorious Andersonville Prison; JoAnn Stearns played Ruth Stearns to honor her ancestor. The volunteer tour guides and organizers were Sue Briggs and Pricilla Miles. The crossing guards were Bryan Hammond and Tom Swan and greeters were JoAnn Johnston, Levi and Henry.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LYMAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

The library's annual Winter Reading Program begins this month with exciting new opportunities for all ages. In addition to the popular Chemistry and Cooking merit badges, we are introducing the Weather Badge! Stop by the library to sign up and explore the variety of related programs and activities we have planned.



Our Merit Badge program invites patrons of all ages to earn badges through a combination of reading books and completing projects. We encourage creative thinking when selecting your books—past participants have read romance novels for the Chemistry badge and visited planetariums as projects for the Space badge. For every badge earned, we add a book to the collection in the badge earner's name. We built this program from the ground up over a decade ago and are extremely proud of what it has become. Come check it out!

Prefer to get cozy at home? Don't forget about our digital download libraries! Your library card provides access to over 20,000 ebooks, audiobooks, and comics through CloudLibrary and ComicsPlus. Stop by or contact us and we will help get you set up.





Finally, we are considering expanding our Cribbage Club to include other games like dominoes and mahjong. We would love to hear your thoughts! Please share your ideas at <a href="mailto:librarian@lymanlibrary.org">librarian@lymanlibrary.org</a>.

We are grateful for our wonderful community library and the enriching programs they provide for residents of all ages throughout the year.



# Lyman Community Library Hosted Garlic Growing Class

The Lyman Community Library hosted a Garlic Growing Class led by Jonathan Tibbetts of Tibbetts Farm in Lyman. The informative session covered everything from planting techniques and different garlic varieties to timing for planting and harvesting.



Participants learned about the delicious culinary uses of garlic scapes, including recipes for flavorful scape dips. Attendees enjoyed taste-testing both regular and yegan versions of garlic

enjoyed taste-testing both regular and vegan versions of garlic scape dips served with fresh bread—a highlight of the event!

Andy's Farm and Garden generously donated items for the class, and the event closed with door prizes of beautifully crocheted items and Halloween candy treats for participants.

We were grateful to Jonathan Tibbetts for sharing his time and expertise, to Andy's Farm and Garden for their generous contributions, and to the Lyman Community Library for continuing to offer educational and engaging programs that bring our community together.





# **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

# MASSABESIC LITTLE LEAGUE 2026 SEASON REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 18TH

Massabesic Little League is gearing up for another exciting season! League-wide registration for the 2026 Little League season opens on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Families can take advantage of an Early Bird discount of \$10 by registering early. MLL also offers multi-player discounts to make it easier for families with multiple children to participate: \$10 off for a second child, \$20 off for a third child, and the fourth child plays free.

Registration is easy and convenient through the MLL website at <a href="https://www.massabesiclittleleague.org/">https://www.massabesiclittleleague.org/</a>. Be sure to check their Facebook page for information about 2026 winter clinics to help young players sharpen their skills before the season begins.



MLL is also accepting sponsors for the 2026 season. Community sponsorships help keep the program affordable and accessible for all families while supporting youth athletics in our area.

We appreciate Massabesic Little League's dedication to providing quality youth sports programs that build character, teamwork, and lifelong memories for our children. For more information, contact: Massabesic Little League PO Box 675, Alfred, Maine 04002, email: <a href="mailto:president@massabesiclittleleague.org">president@massabesiclittleleague.org</a>

# TAX ASSISTANCE SEMINAR COMING SOON

The Town of Lyman is working to provide a free tax assistance seminar for our community to help residents prepare for filing their 2025 state and federal taxes.

The seminar will be held at Lyman Town Hall on a date to be determined. Topics will cover the basics of tax preparation, important deductions and credits, common filing mistakes to avoid, and helpful tips for individual state and federal returns.

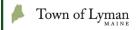
Can't attend in person? No problem! The seminar will be recorded and made available online for future viewing, so you can access the information at your convenience.



## We Need Your Help!

We are currently seeking a certified tax accountant with experience in individual state and federal returns who would be willing to lead this seminar as a volunteer service to our community. If you are a certified tax professional, or know someone who is, and would be interested in helping your neighbors navigate tax season, please reach out to us at Town Manager townmanager@lyman-me.gov or lymannewsletter@lyman-me.gov.

More details about the seminar date and registration will be shared as plans are finalized. We are excited to offer this valuable resource to our residents!



# **TIPS & INFO**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESPEOPLE

Dear Lyman Residents,

We want to provide you with important information about door-to-door salespeople and your rights as consumers. While the Town of Lyman does not have local ordinances regulating door-to-door solicitation, **Maine state laws** protect you.

# State Laws That Apply:

Maine has three key laws protecting homeowners from door-to-door sales for home repair services:

**The Consumer Solicitation Sales Act** requires door-to-door sellers of home repair services to use a written contract and wait three days before beginning work. This "cooling-off period" gives you time to reconsider, and you cannot waive this right.

**The Transient Sales Act** requires sellers without a permanent place of business in Maine to register with the state.

The Door-to-Door Seller of Home Repair Services Act requires sellers to be registered with the State of Maine if they don't have a permanent business location in the municipality where they're soliciting.

## Your Rights:

You can cancel any door-to-door home repair contract within three days, and work cannot begin until this period ends. Ask sellers: Do you have a permanent place of business in Lyman? If not, can you show me your State registration card?

## Warning Signs:

Be cautious of sellers who pressure you to sign immediately, offer to start work right away, don't provide written contracts, or cannot show proof of state registration.

# **Verify Registration:**

Contact the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation at 207-624-8603 to confirm if a seller is properly registered.

## Additional Resources:

Maine Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division:

www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/purchasing\_goods/door\_to\_door\_sales.shtml

Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation:

www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/door-to-door-home-repair-sellers

Legal Guide for Door-to-Door Sales: www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/doortodoorguide.pdf

**Remember:** Legitimate businesses will respect your right to take time and will have proper documentation. If you feel pressured, you have every right to decline and close your door.

For questions or to report suspicious activity, contact local law enforcement.



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# QUICK TIPS TO STAY SCAM-SAFE

- Think before you click.
- Verify who is contacting you.
- Never share personal information by phone, text, or email unless you initiated the contact.
- If it feels urgent, slow down Scammers pressure you to rush.
- When unsure, ask a family member or call your bank directly.

Need help? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides resources:

Call: 1-877-908-3360

Or visit their website

https://www.aarp.org/money/
scams-fraud/about-fraudwatch-network/



# Protect Yourself From Phishing Scams

# RECOGNIZE SCAMS AND KEEP YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION SAFE

In today's digital world, scams are becoming more sophisticated and more common. Criminals use "phishing" tactics to trick people into sharing personal information such as social security numbers, bank details, passwords, or credit card numbers. While these scams can target anyone, older adults are often a primary focus due to their long-standing credit history, retirement savings, and trusting nature. However, every resident, of every age, should stay vigilant.

We're here to help you understand what phishing looks like, how to recognize warning signs, and what steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones.

# What is Phishing?

Phishing is when a scammer pretends to be a trustworthy source, like your bank, a government agency, a delivery service, a charity, or even a family member, to trick you into sharing private information or sending money. Phishing attempts may come through as: Email, text messages, phone calls, pop-up ads, social media messages, fake websites, or television ads that direct you to call or visit a website.

## Common Signs of a Phishing Scam.

Phishing messages often try to create worry or excitement to make you act quickly. You may see messages claiming that your account will be shut down, that you owe money, or that you've won a prize. Scammers may pressure to respond right away, hoping you won't take the time to think.

Another sign is that something just does not feel right. The message might include spelling mistakes or awkward language. The caller may say they are from a company or agency you use but the phone number looks unusual, or they are asking you to provide information you normally wouldn't provide.

Staying Safe. To protect yourself, slow down and trust your instincts. If you did not expect the messages, do not click anything or answer questions. Never give out personal information unless you are the one who initiated the call, text or email.

If you suspect a scam, stop and check. Call your bank or the organization you think it's from (i.e. your bank, government department). And remember, your bank, social security, a medical provider, or a government department will not demand personal information by text message or email, and they will not threaten to shut off benefits immediately.



# TIPS FROM MAINE LOST DOG RECOVERY

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# Fellow Dog Owners/Lovers

Has your dog ever run off and scared the dickens out of you? It can happen in a flash! But did you know that we have a great resource to help you, if you ever need it. **Maine Lost Dog Recovery** is a 100% volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that covers the entire state of Maine. Being a Facebook-based organization, all you need to do is message them and let them know your dog is missing. They will create a flyer, post it on their FB page and email it to you, along with other very helpful tips on what to do, or not do, when your dog takes off. You can also help by sharing that post on other local pages!

Lyman Animal Control Officers: Tom Holland: 207-432-1338 or Debbie Higgins: 207-459-4317

If you love dogs, have a couple of extra hours a week and are interested in volunteering from home, MLDR can always use more Page Admins. All you need is a working understanding of PowerPoint and good communication skills. Simply, message the FB page and get the ball rolling!

# **IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TAKE**

Your lost dog may not come to you if called (this is very common), especially if the dog is shy or newly adopted. It is critical that people helping you know not to chase after or call out to the dog as this will only cause the dog to run further or into harm's way. Using tips shown in the "Calming Signals" video can help:

DO NOT CHASE YOUR DOG!!! Remember: get low or lay flat, speak softly, avoid direct eye contact and give your dog time to recognize a familiar voice/smell.

(dogs lost in an unfamiliar area tend to stay close to that area unless frightened away by people searching, being loud, calling out or chasing)

- 1.Call animal control for your town AND surrounding towns (in case the dog travels across town lines.) Dogs have been known to travel miles in just hours.
- 2.Contact the shelters local and beyond, in case she/he travels. Send electronically or deliver flyers with photos if possible. Also contact local veterinarians & emergency clinics
- 3. Place down smelly food and leave out dirty laundry & dog's bedding in the area where dog went missing.
- 4.Hang lots of flyers (between 100 300) where visible and legal to do so, covering a 3 to 5-mile radius of where your dog was lost. Make sure all major intersections are posted. Place the flyers in plastic sleeves/gallon bags, upside down, to protect them from the elements. This is a critical piece to bringing a dog home safely
- 5.Make sure you check with all nearby landowners for any places a dog could get trapped: outbuildings or old wells for example

# **LOCAL RESOURCES**

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# **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

# Town of Lyman General Assistance

**Program** is intended to assist citizens who have exhausted all other sources to help with meeting basic needs such as rent, food, heat, and other essential services. Contact Lyman Town Hall for more information 207-468-5901, or <a href="https://lyman-">https://lyman-</a>

me.gov/departments/general-assistance/

# **First County Food Pantry**

They also have a Pet Food pantry, providing cat food, dog food, cat litter and various pet supplies

5 Swetts Bridge Rd, Alfred, ME 04002 (207) 324-1137

yorkcountyshelterprograms.com Tuesday Noon - 3 PM Friday Noon - 3 PM

# **Waterboro Community Food Pantry**

26 Townhouse Rd, East Waterboro, Me 04030 (207) 247-7789

Tuesday 1PM-7PM

# **Biddeford Food Pantry**

162 Elm St, Biddeford, ME 04005 (207) 282-4771

biddefordfoodpantry.org

Tuesday 9am - 11am Wednesday 9am - 11am Thursday 9am - 11am

## **RSU 57 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

Greetings Mustang Nation! Click on the link below to view the latest edition of the RSU 57 Community Newsletter!

https://secure.smore.com/n/6f95w

## **RSU57 YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

https://www.youtube.com/@RSU57-Massabesic/streams

# Meals on Wheels – Southern Maine Agency on Aging

provides nutritious and delicious homedelivered meals to older adults in York County. Call 800-427-7411 for more information.

https://www.smaaa.org/services-for-older-adults/nutrition/

# Matthew 25:35 Meal

Free hot meal service at the **St. Thomas School at 69 North Ave in Sanford on the second Tuesday of each month**. All are
welcome to attend starting at 6p. For more
information, please call the Saint
Thérèse Parish Office at 207-324-2420.
<a href="https://stthereseparishmaine.org/matthew-meal">https://stthereseparishmaine.org/matthew-meal</a>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program (SNAP) provides a monthly benefit
to help low-income households purchase
nutritious food.

https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programsservices/food-supplement

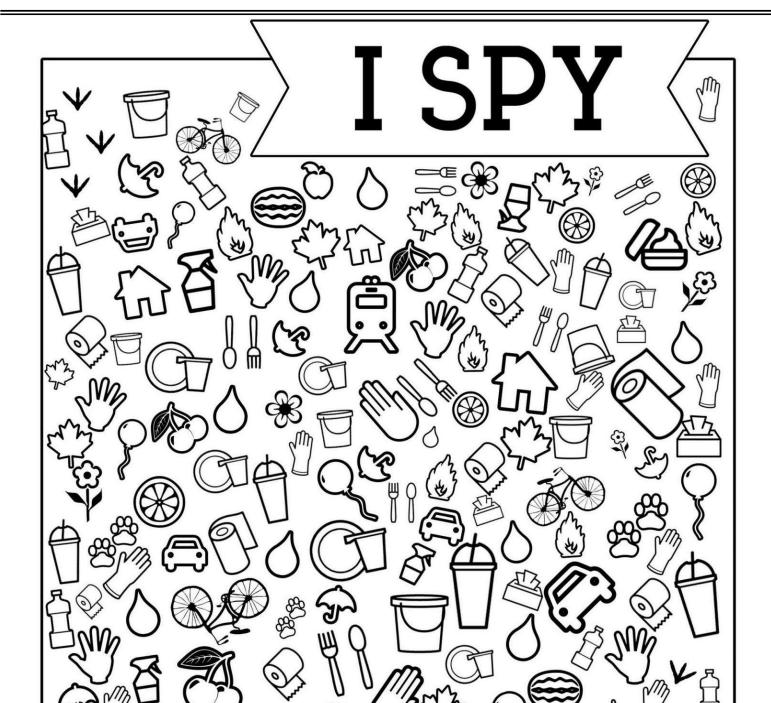
Maine Harvest Bucks gives Bonus Bucks to buy fresh fruits and vegetables when you spend your SNAP/EBT dollars on local food. Locations in Alfred, Kennebunk, Sanford, Springvale & E. Waterboro and Biddeford. https://www.maineharvestbucks.org/home

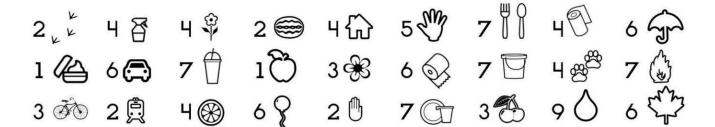
Maine Senior FarmShare provides incomeeligible older adults with the opportunity to receive share (worth \$50) of local produce at no cost from Maine farmers during the growing season. 207-287-3491 https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/foodassistance/farmshare/olderadults.shtml

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# **JUST FOR FUN!**

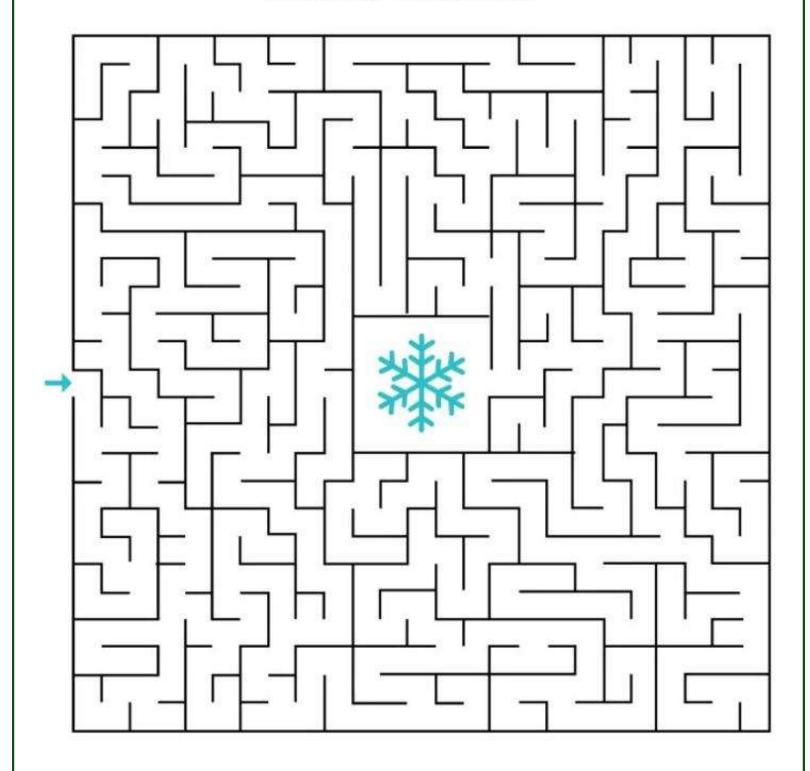
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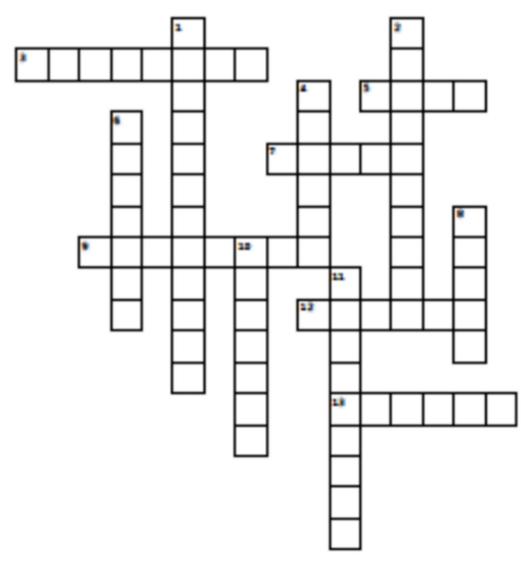
# WINTER MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the snowflake in the center.



# Test your knowledge about Lyman and Maine

(answer key on bottom of page)



## **Across**

- 3. 1st name of wealthy merchant Lyman town was named for in 1803
- 5. Fish you might catch in Bunganut Pond
- 7. Native American name "Bunganut" meaning "place of the \_\_\_\_"
- 9. Until fire of 1947 plentiful timber led to the building of these
- 12. In 1894 he sold blacksmith business to become Grange #135
- 13. 1st name of 1st Select Woman in Lyman \_\_\_ Rundgren

## <u>Down</u>

- 1. Village that straddles town lines of Lyman and Dayton
- 2. Lyman originally settled in 1767 under this name
- 4. Major league baseball player born in Lyman Bobby \_\_\_\_
- 6. In 1778 Lyman was incorporated as town of \_\_\_\_
- 8. Maine state animal
- 10. Community bldg where you might find a "paint night" event
- 11. Maine state tree (2 words)