



City of Augusta Augusta Maine

COVID-19 MEDIA RELEASE

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BRIEFING

Good Afternoon,

To ensure the City of Augusta is keeping everyone informed of what we are doing during this unprecedented event, I will be doing a release at least once a week. This release includes the weekly activity of the Public Works Department, Community Services Department, Development Services Department, Civic Center, Fire Department and Police Department. Also tune into CTV-7 for programming that involves interviews with our Department Directors and Staff.

Community Services Department

Updated Places to acquire food and services:

Augusta Food Bank	161 Mt. Vernon Ave	M-W 12:30 -2:45pm Reg. Distribution Th. 9am-12pm KidsPaks	207-622-5225
ABGC Teen Program	Buker Center	M-F 12-5pm, Sat. 10-12pm	207-622-0452
Augusta School ND	Cony HS Parking Lot Williams Playground Farrington Elem. Parking Lot Lincoln Elem. Parking Lot Gilbert Elem. Parking Lot	M + W 10-10:30 am	207-626-2468 ext. 1142

Salvation Army	36 Eastern Ave	Tues. & Thursday	207-623-3752
Knights of Columbus	Legion –400 Eastern Ave	Wed Evening	207-458-8537
Bridging the Gap	209 Eastern Ave	T & Th. 10 am to 2 pm Call ahead	207-248-1782
KVCAP Transportation	22 Armory Street	M-F 8 am to 5 pm	207-622-4761
Bread of Life Soup Kitchen	159 Water Street	M-F 11 am to 12 pm	207-626-3434
Family Worship Center of God	2590 N. Belfast Ave	Day/evening	207-622-6561
Community Church	South Belfast Ave (At Mission Ave)	On-Call	207-623-0911
Maine General WIC Nutrition Pr.	6 East Chestnut St.		207-622-1000

Angels Food Network Takeout Every Saturday at 4:40 P.M.

Dates	Locations
1 st , 2 nd and 5 th Saturday of the Month	South Parish Congregational, 9 Church St.
3 rd Saturday of the Month	Green Street Church, 13 Green St.
4 th Saturday of the Month	Penny Memorial Church, 303 Water St.

Public Works

- Single sort recycling has resumed at 55 North St, the PW facility.
- Hours M,T,TH,F 7:00-4:00 Wednesday hours are extended 7:00-6:00. Bagged leaves, up to 10 bags at a time, may be dropped off in the concrete bin area.
- Small household batteries and CFL (compact florescent lights) may be dropped off in marked boxes in the entry way. The building remains closed to the public.
- Drainage work on Maureen Dr. will be wrapping up. Extensive drainage and ditching will continue on Kennedy St. We continue to work on paving streets that were not finished in 2019.
- Hatch Hill is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a full service facility. Payment is by credit or debit card. Residents can now recycle their single stream recycling at Hatch Hill free of charge. People can now get compost and wood chips to use around their homes.
- Road markings on the major arterials will continue thru out the month.

- Reminder that household trash shall be curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day and bagged in proper garbage bags, 13 gallon or bigger and weighing no more than 40 Lbs. We appreciate everyone’s effort with bagging their garbage as it truly is a serious safety concern for our rubbish throwers.

Fire Department

- The Augusta Fire Department, continues to maintain staffing to be able to respond to calls for service, such as EMS and Fire related request, citizen complaints or concerns related to codes and regulations while at the same time doing our best to stay up on required training in both the EMS and fire service. We as an organization are doing what we can to fulfill request for B-day drive by events as well as Funeral events. You may notice this week and increase amount of apparatus use as we are training several members to what is referred to as Swing qualified members will become qualified on Aerial apparatus and pump operations.
- Our EMS numbers for May 25th to June 1st is 84 calls for service and in 2019 it was 118 for the same time period.
- Our call volume on the Fire side of things appears to be down from the same time last year. This time period 05/25/2020 to 06/01/2020 we are at 15 in 2019 we had 30 calls for service in the same time period.

Fire Calls:

• 100 series – Fire/Explosion	8
• 200 series – Overpressure/rupture	0
• 300 series - Rescue	4
• 400 series - Hazardous condition	0
• 500 series - Service call	0
• 600 series – Good Intent calls	0
• 700 series – False Calls/ Malicious	3
• 800 series - Weather Events	0
• 900 series – Special type/Complaint	0
• Undetermined	0
Total	15

- We have seen postings on the proper storage of hand sanitizer in vehicles as some are saying this is a fire hazard, in light of being cautious do not keep your hand sanitizer in your vehicles, especially during this hot spell coming this week. As a follow up my research does not indicate any documented proof of fires being started from hand sanitizer, all though in a personal test a small hand sanitizer will head up, the container will become deformed and some pressure will build enough to pop the cap which creates other issues.

Police Department

- On May 26, 2020, Gov. Janet Mills signed Executive Order #53-A <https://www.maine.gov/sos/documents/EO%2053%20A.pdf> , which sets guidelines for vehicle registrations during this state of emergency. According to this order, if a person can register their vehicle through their municipality or Bureau of Motor Vehicle Office they are advised to do so as soon as possible. If a registrant's municipal office or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles office is processing vehicle and trailer registrations, the registrant must complete this transaction no later than July 11, 2020 or by the deadline set by their municipality, whichever is sooner. The City of Augusta resumed City Center Services on June 1st to include vehicle and trailer registrations so all Augusta Residents will have to have their vehicles and trailers registered by July 11th, 2020.
- Our call volume and crime rate continues to return to the normal level that it was before Covid19 started.

Call activity between 05/25/2020 to 06/01/2020

- Overall we generated 1746 calls for service with some of the highlights as follows:
 - 301 building checks
 - 5 assault complaints
 - 2 burglary complaints
 - 16 welfare checks
 - 10 disorderly conduct calls
 - 7 domestic disturbances
 - 1 executive order violations
 - 21 follow-up investigations
 - 10 disturbance calls
 - 35 911 hang-up calls
 - 34 motor vehicle crash reports
 - 141 motor vehicle stops
 - 5 neighborhood watch
 - 0 Robbery
 - 39 suspicious activity calls
 - 7 theft offenses
 - 18 traffic complaints

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