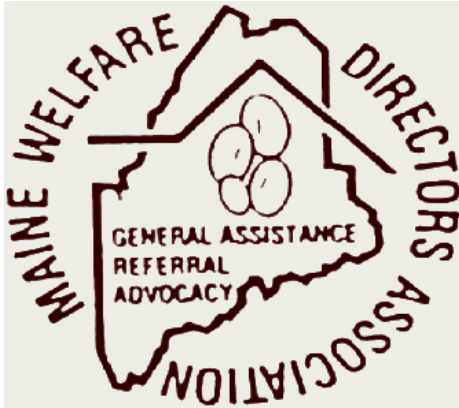


MWDA newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT *Stacey Parra*

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve as your President (again) for the 2011-2012 year. After having served under Dot I thought it was time to put my feet up, but as President, there isn't time! I want to thank the wonderful people of this organization who year after year volunteer to help, even though they have "served" their time already. They have kept me going as well as the organization, which would have not survived without them. A special thank you to Dot for all her hard work these last three years, she is continuing to be my wingman as I was hers (or tried to be).

I want to thank all those who stepped up to the plate this year to serve as Officers and members of our Committees; it's great to see new faces wanting to join and give new ideas to MWDA.

Please feel free to e-mail at executivesecretary@town.rockport.me.us or call me anytime at 236-0806 if you would like to discuss any aspect of MWDA. Any comments (good or bad) are welcome, they are what help me improve and make the organization grow. I look forward to the year ahead.

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News & Events

Announcements:

Congratulations to David MacLean, the new Program Manager for the Department of Health & Human Services who will be starting August 22nd.

New Forms:

There is a new Vendor Form for when you fill out Social Security forms. The form is enclosed as a separate attachment to this e-mail and should be used immediately.

New Law Changes:

Please stay tuned as we will be updating you soon on all the changes that will be occurring due to recent changes in Law. One of the major ones is the five year limit on TANF which is retroactive.

GA Maximums:

The GA Maximums will be sent out before October 1st. Please remember to start using these even if they have not been adopted by October 1st. Unlike Ordinances in most Towns and Cities, this one only requires a vote by the Selectmen/Board/Council. However, don't forget to follow the public hearing process, such as posting and advertising.

Upcoming Trainings:

*Basic GA – September 22nd, Rockport Town Office
MMA Convention – October 6th, Augusta Civic Cent.
Advanced GA – November 4th, MMA, Augusta*

Newsletter Ideas:

Please let us know anything in your Community that would be of interest to the group and e-mail me. We would love to share this information. This could include retirements, promotions, and resources that we could all share.

Training Ideas:

We are always looking for new topics or speakers to attend our trainings. Please let me know if you have thoughts or would be interested in training to teach classes for MWDA. We encourage people to help us out, we are getting burned out!

Committees - Thanks to all of you for volunteering for the 2011-2012 year:

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