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LEWISTON MAYORAL INAUGURAL AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

LEWISTON - The City of Lewiston announces the Mayoral Inaugural & Elected Officials Oath of Office Ceremony will take place on Monday, January 3, 2022. The evening ceremony will begin at 6:30pm and will be live streamed on the city's website.

DAI members of the public are invited to watch the presentation of this evening of celebration to acknowledge the newly elected and returning members of Lewiston City Government. The Inauguration is the first celebration for the City of Lewiston to mark the new year and all members of the public are welcome to join by viewing the live broadcast of the ceremony. Due to precautions regarding the elevated COVID rates within the community, members of the public are asked to view the ceremony from home. In-person attendance of the event is limited to family members and friends of the elected officials. The link to view the ceremony is available on the city's website at <https://www.lewistonmaine.gov/1179/2022-Inauguration-Ceremony>

Elected Officials taking their oath of office during the ceremony include Mayor-Elect Carl L. Sheline, members of the City Council and members of the School Committee. The 2022-2024 City Councilors are Linda M. Scott, Ward One; Robert A. McCarthy, Ward Two; Scott A. Harriman, Ward Three; Ricky R. LaChapelle, Ward Four; Laurier P. Pease, Ward Five; Kerry Lee Clement, Ward Six and Stephanie J. Gelinas, Ward Seven. The members of the 2022-2024 School Committee are Megan D. Parks, member At-Large; Bruce C. Damon, Ward One; Janet I. Beaudoin, Ward Two, Elizabeth A. Eames, Ward Three; Tanya M. Whitlow, Ward Four; Ashley R. Medina, Ward Five; Meghan P. Hird, Ward Six and Paul R. Beauparlant, Ward Seven.

During the ceremony, outgoing Mayor Mark Cayer will present his farewell remarks and incoming Mayor Carl Sheline will present his Inaugural Address highlighting his goals and objectives for the City for the next two years. The City Council will be nominating and electing the City Council president for the 2022-2024 term. In addition, the School Committee will be nominating and electing the School Committee Chairperson for the 2022-2024 term. Both of these officials will also be presenting brief speeches as well.

The evening will begin with Lewiston High School student Narya Gagnon singing the National Anthem to officially open the Inaugural Ceremony. Bates College Multifaith Chaplain, Reverend Doctor Brittany Longsdorf, will deliver the invocation. A poetry performance by Lewiston's Student Poet Laureate Ryleigh Emmert will be delivered. The Lewiston Fire and Police Department Honor Guards will conduct the presentation and retirement of the flags. This combined unit will also serve to officially escort the Mayor-Elect during the entrance procession of elected officials.

The Lewiston High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Vocal Music Director Erin Morrison and accompanied by Rebecca Caron, will present a musical performance during the ceremony. Members of the Lewiston High School Law Enforcement Cadets will serve as ushers and program distributors for the evening. The flowers and plants have been provided by Blais Flower Shop and video production of the ceremony is by F.Y.M Entertainment & Sound Productions. The City's Economic and Community Development Department has prepared the Lewiston City Showcase slideshow which features highlights from the past year and will run before the start of the ceremony. Special thanks to the Gendron Franco Center for hosting this event for the city for almost twenty years.

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