



# Greenwood Gazette

## Town Welcomes New Employees



**Fire Chief, Jim Owens**



**Constable & Highway Employee, Dick Fournier**

## Highway Department, Alan Seames, Road Foreman

### Ditches & Drains

Improper drainage is the leading cause of road deterioration. Ditches and drains are therefore critical aspects of road maintenance. Frequently the Highway Department has found that residents rake leaves and put brush in the drainage ditches alongside Greenwood roads. Under State Law—Title 23, M.R.S.A. § 3252 no person shall cultivate plants, operate farm machinery or deposit fill within the municipal ditches, drains and culverts. A willful violation of § 3252 results in a fine of \$50 and costs to the Town (\$100 and costs for each subsequent offense), plus double the amount of actual damages suffered by the

municipality. Please help us protect the Town's investment in our roads by not depositing debris in the ditches, drains and culverts.

### Be Alert for Black Ice

Overnight freezes are upon us. Even a little frozen moisture on the road can create a very dangerous situation.

Black ice is a thin, nearly invisible coating of ice on the pavement. Be alert for signs that black ice may be forming: Listen to weather and road reports. Watch for signs of freezing on your windshield, mirrors, or roadside objects, but remember sometimes only the road is icy. Be careful in areas that are shady, along embankments, on and

under bridges, and in wet areas near bodies of water. If you suspect ice, slow down, avoid making sudden changes and never slam on your brakes. If the roads are slippery, turn off the cruise control—you don't want unnecessary power to the wheels when the roads are slippery. Remember, black ice is a severe hazard for all vehicles. Four-wheel drive provides no advantage when braking on ice, under any circumstances.

Please report poor road conditions to:

### Highway Garage

**875-3555 or**

**Town Office**

**875-2773.**

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### Items in the works that will becoming before the voters in the future:

**Land Use Ordinance**—that will include Ridgeline Protection Guidelines

**Junkyard Ordinance**—that will include new State Laws governing Hobbyists.

**Safe Zone Ordinance**—that will designate safe areas, such as the Town Beach, for purposes of regulating and controlling the sale and distribution of illegal substances.