



# OurVoice

## Citizens of Lebanon Maine For Better Government

The purpose of this flyer is to provide an introduction to Lebanon residents about the activities at OurVoice and to spread word about our website.

I know everyone has busy schedules and we are all under economic pressures from the recession. In times like these it is so important we manage our time and our finances wisely.

This is precisely why OurVoice was launched last fall. To provide a means for residents to stay informed and be aware of issues in our town.

Immediately after the website launch I found out about a group "Citizens for Better Government" and I wanted to help their efforts to open and improve town government and it's management. If I was a carpenter I would have likely built a billboard, but my background is information technology so I built a website.

It was evident to me after the unexpected property tax increase last year, that measures needed to be taken to improve oversight and controls in our town. Greater transparency needed to be gained on town spending and the contract bidding processes needed some scrutiny.

My thought was to allow easy participation in government by residents by leveraging technology and using a website to share opinion, organize discussions and potentially have roundtables to address issues facing the town. Further, this platform could be extended to share and promote town events like clinics, sports practice, news, activities, human interest, fundraising and more..Ultimately all this information exchange helping to shepherd our town in a better direction.

OurVoice provides residents the ability to get access to information quickly and to stay informed on their own schedule. OurVoice is NOT an official town website but rather a private website operated for the benefit of interested Lebanon residents.

I encourage you to visit the website to learn more about your Town. The OurVoice concept is truly News, Editorial and Commentary by the people and for the people.

The website has much to offer and will certainly help keep you better informed, and maybe even a little entertained.

I encourage you to visit today and lend your voice to OurVoice!!

**Audio & Video of Town Meetings — Local Events Calendar — Commentary - News**

**Human Interest — Informal Polls — RSS Feeds - Meeting Minutes — Links to Resources**

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