

*Guest column*

## Discovering the trails next door

By Jeffrey Ryan

South Portland Land Trust initiatives paying dividends:

A decade ago, the South Portland Land Trust (SPLT) organized a community meeting in the area near the Maine Mall. The group had recognized that while the east side of town was well served by pedestrian and bike friendly trails, the west side was lacking. That well-attended forum launched an initiative that has created several miles of trails to be enjoyed, including a popular 1-mile hike in the vicinity of Clarks Pond. While at first blush, a bustling area such as the Maine Mall wouldn't seem to be a great location for trails, the SPLT found that there were still many stream side areas that had been spared

from development that provide wonderful escapes for residents, visitors and employees of nearby businesses.

Downloadable Map:

To commemorate this year's National Trails Day, June 6, the SPLT has created a downloadable map to the West End Trails. The map highlights the five trails the organization has created in the past fifteen years, including their newest trail, the South Branch Trail, a beautiful 1/2-mile walk along a stream next to the Clarks Pond cinema complex. The group has plans for additional trails and trail extensions and expects to make an exciting announcement soon.

Trails Don't Just Happen:

"The amount of



progress we've made in the last decade could only have been achieved with community support. The National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program has provided an incredible boost, particularly Julie Isbill, from the Brunswick office, who has helped us with outreach and consensus building.", says SPLT President, Richard Rottkov. "The trails play an important role in connecting neighborhoods, providing exercise for residents and area employees and keeping people connected with nature."

The downloadable map is available at <https://www.southportlandlandtrust.org/west-endtrails>.

Jeffrey Ryan is a Maine-based hiker, photographer, public speaker and author of several books about the outdoors. Learn more at [www.JeffRyanAuthor.com](http://www.JeffRyanAuthor.com).



## Teacher Appreciation Week



Fourth grader Jade Tibbetts paints rocks and places them at the front of Village Elementary School. Tibbetts is constantly an amazing source of kindness and positivity at Village.

Students and teachers of Village Elementary School in Gorham celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4 through 8), despite the difficulties and restrictions brought on by COVID-19. The schools may be closed but even the youngest students find ways to share their adoration and hope during these tough times.

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Kaidan Marchand (third grade) creates a heart of hope at Village Elementary School in Gorham during the Covid-19 pandemic.



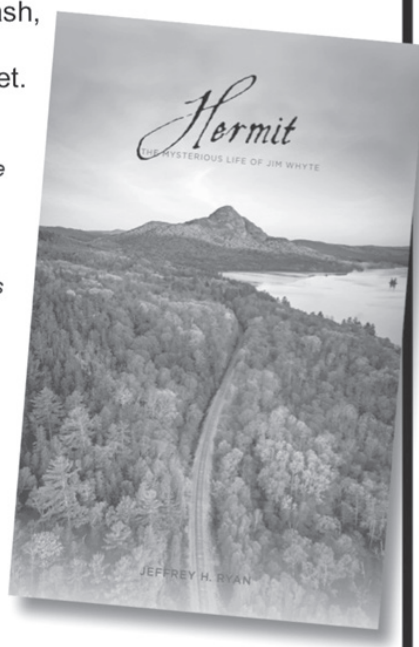
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# Governor's Address: Protecting the health and wellbeing of Maine people and to support our economy

Throughout this COVID-19 pandemic and our gradual reopening of the economy, the Maine CDC has monitored epidemiological data, including case trends and hospitalization rates, and health care readiness and capacity, to inform every one of our decisions on lifting restrictions in the State of Maine.

What do these trends look like?

In the past two weeks, Maine's count of confirmed COVID-19 cases has increased. Three counties in particular show alarming trends in these cases.

In the seven days beginning Wednesday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 26, a total of 96 new cases was reported in Androscoggin County alone, for an average daily increase there of almost 14.

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Hello, this is Governor Janet Mills. Thank you for listening.

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In the seven days beginning Wednesday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 26, a total of 96 new cases was reported in Androscoggin County alone, for an average daily increase there of almost 14.

In the same time frame, a total of 193 new cases was reported in Cumberland County, for an average daily increase of more than 27.

In that same time frame also, a total of 52 new cases occurred in York County, for an average daily increase of more than 7.

In light of those



Governor Janet Mills

trends, earlier this week, my Administration postponed the reopening of restaurants for dine-in service in York, Cumberland, and Androscoggin counties.

Restaurants in these counties were tentatively scheduled to reopen to dine-in services on June 1.

Instead, they may now offer outside dining service beginning June 1, but not dine-in eating.

I also announced that restaurants in Maine's other thirteen counties can reopen as planned on June 1st for indoor and outdoor dining with precautions.

As of this recording, Maine has reopened its economy on a par with or to an even great-

er extent than other New England states.

Still, I know that this week's announcement was unwelcome news for some restaurants in Cumberland, York and Androscoggin counties who had been preparing to fully reopen next week. I recognize and deplore the impact that this has on them.

I hear people asking: could we have given them a few more days, a little more notice? Well I would like to have been able to provide more notice, but, knowing that nothing is predictable about this pandemic except that people will get sick and many will die, I am trying to balance that fact with the need to consider the most current public health data and trends available.

So over that past week leading up to Wednesday, the trend in Androscoggin County for instance, continued to climb in a disturbing fashion. We had no choice.

Every decision has consequences that are devastating for some, but every decision is intended to protect people of Maine from a deadly virus which is often spread in enclosed spaces where people tend to sit for extended periods of time, places like indoor dining facilities.

As Governor my responsibility is to protect the health and wellbeing of Maine people and to support our economy – and I will continue to fight to strike that balance.

The easy thing to do would be to allow everything to reopen. The easy thing to do would be to say yes to every business that wants to open widely and pretend that things are the same as they were a year ago, but they're not and there is nothing easy about any of this. Our decisions however are based on fact and medical science, not on politics and not on popularity. The people of Maine expect no less of us.

So, I ask you – please – remember to wash your hands frequently, maintain six feet of distance between you and others, stay home when you can especially if you are older or have a health condition. Wear a cloth face covering when you are out in public to protect others.

Stay local, shop local. Support your local small businesses whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. We've kept our numbers low in comparison to other states because we've done the right thing and you've done the right thing.

We are in this together.

As Doctor Anthony Fauci said earlier this week "Now is the time, if ever there was one, for us to care selflessly about one another."

I couldn't agree more

## Letter to editor

As the father of two, I know how important it is for my kids to have access to high-speed internet. All children in Maine are completing their school year from home due to the coronavirus pandemic. As a parent, I'm responsible for making sure they complete their classes, stay in touch with their classmates, communicate with their teachers, and feel part of their school community as much as possible during this difficult time. My

family is fortunate to live in an area where high-speed internet is readily available, and my kids can keep up with their studies and not fall behind. Too many children in Maine don't have this opportunity because they live in areas with little to no internet service.

I'm also an occupational therapist for children with developmental and physical challenges. Until the outbreak of COVID-19, I met with my young clients in person, working to establish

a strong rapport so they felt safe. Anyone who works in this field knows how important it is to build and sustain trust with each child as well as their parents or guardian. Due to the coronavirus, I am now conducting my sessions through video chats. For many of my clients, this is a startling new world. Some of them don't recognize my face or my voice over a computer, but together, we're slowly becoming more comfortable.

Unfortunately,

some sessions have been disastrous because of a client's poor internet service. Sessions abruptly ceased, or my face froze on the screen, or all they could see was "snow." If the kids cannot see and hear me, I cannot provide the services they need and deserve.

I urge all Mainers to support the referendum to expand high-speed internet service to unserved and underserved areas in Maine. Please Vote Yes on 1.

Ray Smith, Windham, Maine.

## Lewiston organizations receive \$45,000 in grants

Three Lewiston organizations received a total of \$45,000 in grants from the John T. Gorman Foundation. These organizations are providing vital services during the pandemic.

The following are the three Lewiston organizations who each received a portion of the grant.

St. Martin de Porres Residence, Lewiston received \$10,000 to provide

general operating support.

The Root Cellar, Lewiston received \$25,000 to support efforts to address the food insecurity of families in the Tree Streets and Bayside neighborhoods in Lewiston and Portland during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trinity Jubilee Center, Lewiston received \$10,000 to provide general operating support.

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Town of Gorham municipal facilities reopened on Monday, June 1, by appointment only. In order to enter any indoor Town facility, all members of the public are required to make an appointment, wear a face covering per Executive Order #49 FY 19/20, and social distancing requirements must be followed. Please observe maximum occupancy limits posted at all offices. Town staff and vendors are also required to wear a face covering when within six feet of others. We strongly encourage residents to utilize our online services whenever possible which can be found at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

### Making Appointments:

Appointments can be made as follows:

For appointments with the Town Clerk's Office, go to <https://gorham.youcanbook.me/> or call 222-1670. The Clerk's Office will make every effort to schedule seniors and vulnerable populations early in the morning before the general public.

For appointments with Community Development Offices (Code, Assessing, Planning and/or Economic Development divisions), go to <https://communitydev.youcanbook.me/> or call 222-1620.

For appointments with the Recreation Office, go to <https://gorhamrec.youcanbook.me/>

or call 222-1630.

Call 222-1600 to reach a Town department directory to request an appointment directly with the office in which you need assistance. Many services can be performed online at <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/pages/online-transactions>.

### Preparing for Your Appointment:

Town office occupancy limits, physical distancing requirements and face covering policies will be posted at entrances and throughout Town facilities. When in line for a scheduled appointment, please follow social distancing markers.

The Gorham Municipal Center's traffic flow has been modified to minimize contact between staff, contractors and visitors. Upon arrival, please follow signage at the main "rotunda" to the office for your appointment. When finished, follow signage to the designated exit while maintaining social distancing.

One restroom on the first floor will be designated for public handwashing-only at the Gorham Municipal Center during this initial stage of reopening.

To expedite motor vehicle registration appointments, visit [https://www.gorham-me.org/town-clerk/pages/motor-vehicle-registration#anchor\\_Motor\\_Vehicle\\_Registra-](https://www.gorham-me.org/town-clerk/pages/motor-vehicle-registration#anchor_Motor_Vehicle_Registra-)

tion\_Paperwork for a list of information to bring with you.

May 15 tax payments are interest free to June 15. Payments can be:

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2. Placed in the Book Drop at Baxter Memorial Library (71 South Street).
3. Sent via U.S. Mail to Town of Gorham, Attention Tax Collector.
4. Credit Card payment via Maine PayPort Service at <https://epayment.informe.org/payportonline/welcome>, or over the phone by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 (fees apply).

The Governor extended the deadline to apply for certain tax exemptions. To learn more, go to <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-extends-states-property-tax-exemption-deadline-2020-04-01>. Please call the Assessing Office at 222-1603, or the Cumberland County Regional Assessing Office at 207-699-2475 for assistance.

### Recreation Office and Facilities:

The Recreation Office will reopen by appointment only. All outdoor facilities will open June 1 providing social distancing requirements are followed. See **Reopening**, page 11

# Gorham Town Council update

### Outdoor Dining Policy:

The Economic Development Department provided the attached Outdoor Dining Policy with the goal to encourage more outdoor dining options in support of our local business community while keeping patrons safe. The policy has been posted on the Town website, website listserv and Town Facebook page.

### Gorham Municipal Facilities To Reopen June 1st By Appointment Only:

This week, the attached Press Release was published announcing that municipal facilities will reopen on Monday, June 1st by appointment only. In order to enter any indoor Town facility, all members of the public are required to make an appointment, wear a face covering per Executive Order #49 FY 19/20, and social distancing requirements must be followed. Town staff and

vendors are also required to wear a face covering when within six feet of others. We strongly encourage residents to utilize our online services whenever possible which can be found at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

Appointments can be booked online at <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/pages/new-book-appointment> or by phone by calling 222-1600 to reach a Department Directory.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

June 1, 7 p.m., Planning Board Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 2, 6:30 p.m., Regular Town Council Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 10, 7 p.m., School Committee Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 16, 8 a.m., Ordinance Committee Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 17, 8 a.m., Gorham Economic Development Corporation Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 18, 7 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

June 22, 5:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 3, Independence Day Holiday Observed Municipal Center, Administrative Offices and Library closed.

July 6, 7 p.m., Planning Board Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 7, 6:30 p.m., Regular Town Council Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 8, 7 p.m., School Committee Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 14, 7 p.m., Gorham Conservation Commission Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 15, 8 a.m., Gorham Economic Development Corporations Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

July 16, 6:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoom Webinar.

July 21, 8 a.m., Ordinance Committee Meeting, Zoom Webinar.

# Fort Hill Community Church reopening

With Phase two having started on June 1 and allowing groups of less than 50 to gather,

Fort Hill Community Church will begin gathering again on June 7 and every Sunday thereafter

at the Old Robie School at 10 a.m., following all Maine and CDC guidelines.

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# What's Going On

## Senator Collins visits Hampden USPS Processing Plant



Hampden Plant Manager Michael Mitchell with U.S. Senator Susan Collins.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited the USPS Processing Plant in Hampden to thank the employees for their work to maintain this essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. During her visit, Senator Collins remained outside the plant and greeted workers between shifts while following social distancing guidelines.

"Postal Service employees in Maine and throughout the country continue to go to work each day, facing increased risk as they continue to serve. The USPS is needed now more than ever, especially in our rural communities where local access to grocery stores, pharmacies, and other vital services may

be limited or nonexistent," said Senator Collins. "I am honored to have had the opportunity to thank several of the hardworking men and women at the Hampden USPS Processing Plant for their continued efforts during this challenging time."

Senator Collins has long championed provisions supporting our postal workers. Earlier this month, Senators Collins and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) led a bipartisan letter urging Senate Leadership to include relief for the Postal Service in the next COVID-19 package, including emergency funding, additional borrowing authority, and debt forgiveness. The letter also urges that

the next package include funding to ensure supplies of personal protective equipment, reimbursement for sick and family medical leave related to COVID-19, and hazard pay for certain front-line postal workers who face exposure to the virus simply through doing their jobs.

In 2012, Senator Collins worked to save the Hampden Processing Plant from closure as part of the USPS nationwide consolidation plan.

Send all items for What's Going On to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

## New Great Clips salons open in Portland

The first Great Clips salons in Maine are now open, bringing two new options for great haircuts at a convenient place and time to members of the Portland community. The two salons join a network of more than 4,500 Great Clips salons throughout the United States and Canada.

The first salon is in Millcreek Plaza, at 180 Waterman Drive in Portland, and is owned by franchisees Jeff and Muriel McDonald. The second salon is in the Falmouth Shopping Center, at 251 US Rt 1 in Falmouth, and is owned by franchisees Tim and Hannah Renyi.

"As Maine residents and local business owners, we're excited to bring the style and convenience of Great Clips to this community, especially as everyone is ready to freshen up their look," said Tim Renyi, Great Clips franchisee. "Along with our stylists,

we look forward to welcoming everyone into the salons."

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To download the Great Clips Online Check-In app and check in before visiting the new Portland-area salons, visit <https://www.greatclips.com/find-a-salon-online-check-in>.

Great Clips, Inc. was established in 1982

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## Maine communities are essential to America's economy

Maine is facing considerable challenges restarting the economy and enabling Mainers to return to work. Cities, towns, and villages all across Maine play an essential role in opening our communities and keeping them safe.

In the latest unemployment filings, data from Maine indicates 19.5% of the total labor force submitted first time unemployment claims.

Communities in Maine face budget shortfalls of 18%. That means Mainers will face cuts to

basic quality of life services such as: Longer response times when residents call 9-1-1; fewer EMS responders to help those in need; fewer sanitation workers to keep communities clean; fewer numbers of inspectors to help drive new development.

Maine's essential municipal workers are our everyday heroes, keeping our country running. Without direct, flexible relief to cities and towns, many of those essential workers are set to lose their jobs. These are not just nameless, faceless workers, they are American he-

roes who keep our communities safe during a time of crisis.

America's small towns and villages are struggling just as much as big cities. Our nation was built on small towns. Now, many of our nation's smallest communities are facing the real possibility of being wiped out.

Join cities on the front line.

The town of Kennebunkport, Maine has created a process that would allow businesses to request temporary allowances from the town. The town wants to balance the budget. *See Economy, page 13*

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## Matthew Leonard: Governor's actions completely irresponsible



Matthew Leonard, candidate for Maine state senate, responds to Governor Mills' announcement last week suspending the opening of dine-in services for local restaurants completely irresponsible. Leonard is running against incumbent Ned Claxton (D) to represent Auburn, Minot, Mechanic Falls, Poland, and New Gloucester.

Leonard said, "I've talked with dozens of local business owners who have been financially

reeling from the restrictions thrust on them. At best, with limited operations, they've been lucky to make 25-30% of what they normally do. This while their costs remain greater than any income they can manage to bring in."

"The Governor's conscious actions [last week] illustrate a complete lack of understanding of business operations as well as continued contempt toward one of Maine's most important

industries that drives Maine's economy. Local restaurants have purchased food, purchased alcohol, and brought back staff in preparation for a planned opening on Monday."

"With PPP running out on June 7, restaurant workers who thought there was light at the end of the tunnel now have to go through the mental anguish of applying for unemployment in a system that doesn't and hasn't worked."

"Under the guise of 'being responsible' the Governor's actions are the exact opposite; utterly irresponsible. Compounding the horrible decision making coming from the executive branch is the complete abdication of duty by local elected representatives to serve the peoples' interests by deciding to hold a partisan party line instead, by failing to bring the legislature back into session."

Matthew Leonard, of Auburn, was born and raised in Maine, is a multi-tour combat veteran, former chamber of commerce president, business owner, and current candidate for the Maine State Senate.

## GrowSmart Maine seeks nominations

On June 1, nominations opened for GrowSmart Maine's 3rd annual statewide Smart Growth Award competition.

Past years' Smart Growth Awards recognized a mixed-use infill project in Portland's Deering Center, a community forest project that preserved nearly 1000 acres of land for conservation, recreation, and wildlife, and an individual achievement award for an influential Main Street organizer and champion of downtown revitalization. As in the past, this year's criteria will be grounded in the GrowSmart Maine's principles of Smart Growth.

The 2020 Maine Smart Growth Award recipients will be announced at the 2020 GrowSmart Maine Summit on October 22. The Summit will be based with limited in-person attendance at the Pepperell Mill in Biddeford, with

external attendance via teleconference.

"The great success of the first two years of the awards program has been really exciting and we look forward to continuing the tradition in 2020" said Ethan Boxer-Macomber, Board Chair of GrowSmart Maine, the statewide

organization sponsoring the awards. "Showcasing and celebrating fantastic Smart Growth oriented projects, plans and people across Maine provides us with tangible and highly inspirational examples of the many community, environmental, and eco- See *Grow*, page 13

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## Guest column

## Let's get the PPP right for Maine's small businesses

By Senator King

It's starting to feel like summertime in Maine, which means that beaches should be bustling, shops should be packed, and traffic on Route 1 should be bumper-to-bumper within 10 miles of Red's Eats. The last weekends in May typically kick off Maine's peak season, but this year, our usual seasonal visitors didn't come – instead, they stayed home, like most of us who are doing our part to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities from the coronavirus pandemic. This is the right decision, for their health and for ours, but even still, the lack of tourism revenue is devastating to our state's small businesses – the lifeblood of our state's economy – especially during the busy (and brief) summer season.

These unprecedented challenges are why Congress created the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The pro-

gram has already done a lot of good and has been a vital source of important economic relief to help businesses weather this storm; since it became law, 25,615 Maine businesses have received more than \$2.2 billion in PPP funds to help them get through the pandemic's economic fallout. But like any piece of major legislation, it is creating unintended consequences that stand in the way of its intended goals. In this case, several of the PPP's strict requirements prevent small business owners from addressing their most pressing needs or planning for the long-term economic obstacles that are sure to come.

Fortunately, we have a chance to fix the PPP and help it work the way it should – so let's do it. That's why I've introduced the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act, which would help remove some of the most challenging regulations that I've been hearing about from Maine's small businesses over the

last few months. The bill has some serious bipartisan momentum – it's cosponsored in the Senate by three Republicans, two Democrats, and myself. Even more promising is that the House of Representatives passed its version of the bill last Thursday by a count of 417-This is a big deal, bringing us one step closer to making important changes like:

1) Eliminating spending restrictions so businesses can spend PPP funds on what they need. Under existing regulations, businesses must spend 75% of their PPP loans on payroll expenses. That's a problem for many businesses, because that's just not how their expenses break down. The limit means that many businesses have money meant to pay the bills, but aren't allowed to use a penny more than 25% of their loan to cover expenses like rent if they want to get their loans refunded – even if paying that bill

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*See Library, page 11*

## El Rayo open for outdoor seating



El Rayo is excited to be welcoming customers for outdoor dining as of June 1! Call 883-8226 or visit <https://elrayotaqueria.com> for more information.

Gardening this year?



A lot of people are taking up gardening this year - Here's a few tips to set yourself up for success

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## Ben & Jerry's offers scoops of gratitude



Ben & Jerry's will give away a quarter of a million scoops of ice cream as its iconic Scoop Shops reopen across the country in the coming weeks.

"It's the Ben & Jerry-est way to say 'thank you' to the essential workers who've kept everyone safe and fed during the coronavirus pandemic," said Carey Lockard of the Ben & Jerry's on Nathan Nye Street in Freeport. Nationwide, Scoop Shops

will deliver ice cream to their local hospitals, fire stations, nursing homes and more as part of the company's "Project Joy."

Lockard's Freeport Scoop Shop is now open with window service from noon to 7 p.m. Call in takeout service will start June 8. All menu items will be available to go including cones, cups, milkshakes, sundaes, pints and cakes. Customers are asked to order ahead at [www.ben-](http://www.ben-jerry.com/takeout)

[jerry.com/takeout](http://www.ben-jerry.com/takeout). Credit card purchases are preferred as a fast, touchless interaction.

After the initial phase of take-out service, Scoop Shops will open their doors to the full Ben & Jerry's euphoric experience.

"We can't tell you how happy we are to be back," said Lockard. "While we've missed serving up our chunks and swirls, we've missed our local fans and community even more."

## BikeMaine 2020 cancelled

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine today announced the cancellation of its BikeMaine 2020: Katahdin Frontier event, citing the safety of riders, volunteers, host communities, and staff during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

BikeMaine, held annually in a different region of Maine since 2013, was scheduled to take place this year from September 12 through 19, and visit the host communities of Old Town, Lincoln, Patten, Millinocket, and Dover-Foxcroft. The ride is capped each year at 450 riders, but also includes more than 70 volunteers.

"After carefully considering all options and contingencies, consulting with leaders in our host communities, and referring to Gov. Janet Mills' guidelines for hosting events in Maine in the coming months, it is clear that we cannot operate a ride that is up to our standards while also safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all participants," said BikeMaine Ride Director Will Elting in an email distributed by the BCM.

Registered riders have the option of rolling over their registration to 2021, requesting a refund, or donating all or part of their regis-

tration to the 501(c)(3) non-profit.

The Coalition plans to hold the BikeMaine: Katahdin Frontier ride from September 11 through 18, 2021 with the same route and host communities.

"Though this is a tough decision for us as a small non-profit organization, we are appreciative of the support we've already received from our members during these uncertain times," Elting said. "Provided we can do it in a safe, responsible manner, we cannot wait to bring our amazing group of cyclists to one of Maine's most scenic and rugged regions in 2021."

## New recipe guide now online from UMaine Extension

University of Maine Cooperative Extension has a new recipe guide available online that can help with meal planning options and food shopping decisions.

"Make Your Own:

A Recipe Guide" is a collection of 10 recipe categories — from salad dressings and casseroles to soups and grain bowls — with a variety of options in each food group. Customizable

recipe forms in select categories can be used to print and share personal favorites.

For more information, contact Kate Yerxa, 207.581.3109; [kate.yerxa@maine.edu](mailto:kate.yerxa@maine.edu).

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**Check out our new a la carte menu!**

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Fisherman's Platter – a huge hit!  
Burgers, wings, haddock or chicken parmigianas, and more!

We are now offering the following desserts: cheesecake with strawberries, Mile High Peanut Butter Explosion Cake, Shain's of Maine Sea Dog Biscuits, and Wicked Whoopie Pies.



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- Caramelized Onion Tart** / House Crust, Local Goat Ricotta, Pineland Feta, Balsamic Syrup, Greens / Vgt. - 13
- Sage Roasted Butternut Squash Soup** / Toasted Pepitas - 8
- Gathered Greens** / Grapes, Aged Balsamic & Olive Oil Vinaigrette, Pineland Farm Feta, Toasted Almonds / g.f - 8
- MK Wedge** / Romaine Hearts, Local Apple, Bacon Crumbs, Blue Cheese, Pickled Onion, Buttermilk Dressing / g.f - 9
- Braised Farm Beets** / Fern Hill Farm Fresh Goat Cheese, Candied Walnut Brittle, Beet Vinaigrette, Greens / g.f - 11
- Grilled Romaine Caesar** / Croutons, Shaved Parmesan, House Made Creamy Garlic Dressing / - 9 (Add Anchovy + 2)

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- Organic Quinoa Bowl** / Broccoli, Carrots, Green Beans, Cranberry, Spinach & Kale, Brussels, Almond / Vegan + g.f - 12/20
- Gnocchi Primavera** / Butter Roasted, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Seasonal Vegetables, Parmesan / Vgt. - 12/22
- Rigatoni Bolognese** / Slow Braised Tomato - Beef & Pork Sausage, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs, Parmesan / 13/24
- Handmade Ravioli** / Four Cheese Filling, Wilted Spinach Pesto Cream, Almonds, Pineland Farm Feta / Vgt. - 12/22
- Gnocchi Mac + Cheese** / Creamy Cheddar Sauce, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs / - 12/22
- Butternut Squash Risotto** / Sage Roasted Fall Squash, Butter, Parmesan, Pepitas, Fried Brussels / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26
- Mushroom Risotto** / Roasted Crimini & Shiitake Mushrooms, Butter Parmesan, Truffle Oil / Vgt. + g.f - 14/26
- Spaghetti with Braised Lamb Ragù** / Pineland Farm Feta, Chopped Mixed Olives - 24
- Orecchiette Pasta with Chicken & Broccoli** / Garlic Butter, Wilted Kale, Parmesan - 22  
(Vegetarian Orecchiette available with Pesto)

**ENTREES**

- Pan Seared Scallops** / Truffle Roasted Crimini + Shiitake Mushroom Risotto, Green Beans, Beurre Monte / g.f - 18/32\*
- Grilled Faroe Island Salmon** / Sage Roasted Butternut Squash Risotto, Fried Brussels, Pomegranate Gastrique / g.f - 27\*
- Chicken Under a Brick** / Bone-in Breast, Whipped Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Emulsion / g.f - 24
- Slow Braised Boneless Beef Short Rib** / Horseradish Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Mushroom Sauce / g.f - 28
- Grilled Filet Mignon** / Herb Roasted Fingerlings, Pearl Onions, Wilted Greens, Foie Gras Butter, Beef Sauce / g.f - 34\*
- Spice Rubbed Pork Loin** / Smoked Bacon Elbow Macaroni and Cheese, Cheddar, Fried Brussels Sprouts, BBQ Sauce / - 24
- Pulled Pork Sandwich** / Chipotle BBQ Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Grilled Brioche Bun, House Fries - 14
- MK Burger** / Cheddar, Bacon Crumbs, Shredded Romaine, Pickled Onion, House Sauce, Brioche Bun, Herb Fries - 15

**SIDES**

- Fried Brussels Sprouts** / g.f - 9 - **Pan Roasted Vegetables** / g.f - 9

**DESSERTS**

- Warm Chocolate Cake** / Marshmallow Gelato, Sea Salt Toasted Peanuts / g.f - 10
- Chocolate Mousse** / Belgium Chocolate, Whipped Cream, Candied Walnut Crumbs / g.f - 9
- Tiramisu** / Mascarpone Cream, Coffee Ladyfingers, Chocolate Sauce - 9

# Teacher Appreciation Week

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Village Elementary School's Music Teacher, Jennifer Precopio creates Village Strong T-shirts. Staff shared their strength through photos wearing their shirts creating a supportive collage as a reminder for students and their families that we may be separated but we are still strong and not divided.



# Verde chicken dip

**Prepared by Chef Dorene Mills**  
 Yields: 6 servings  
 Prep Time: 20 minutes  
 Cook Time: 15 minutes

A great dip recipe for summer to eat with tortilla chips. If you like a little heat with your dip, Chipotle powder is a great way to add it along with some nice smokiness. You can also top with fresh cilantro if you want! It's also a great way to use up any leftover chicken you might have on hand.

**Ingredients:**  
 Cold cooked Chicken, dark and white meat, diced ½ chicken, or about 2 cups  
 Neufchatel Cream

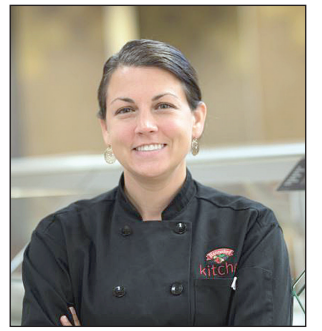
Cheese ½ brick  
 Tomatilla (Verde)  
 Salsa ½ cup  
 Fresh Lime, zested and juiced ½ each  
 Scallions, sliced 2 ea.

Cheddar cheese, shredded 1 cup, separated into ½ cups  
 Chipotle powder, optional 1 tsp.

Pull chicken off the bone and dice into smaller pieces. Place in a large bowl and set aside.

In a blender or food processor, blend Neufchatel cream cheese, tomatillo salsa, lime juice and zest, ½ cup cheddar cheese and chipotle powder if you choose, till well mixed and somewhat smooth.

Place cheese and



Chef Dorene Mills

salsa mix into larger bowl with chicken and stir till well incorporated. Place in oven able pan and sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheddar cheese.

Bake in oven at 350°F for 10 to 15 minutes till bubbly and browned on top.

Top with sliced scallions and serve hot or warm. Enjoy!

# Photographers collaborate to offer senior portraits

The wedding industry has completely tanked. Everyone in the industry is struggling due to the complete loss of wedding reservations through September, even into October. To try and gain back some of the income they have lost, photographers joined together to form Coast Blue Imagery, a senior portrait group.

Co-founder Kim Champan explains, "It all began with an idea: how can we provide a truly one-of-a-kind ex-

perience, exclusively for high school seniors? With that guiding question in mind, we created Coastal Blue Imagery, a collective of award winning and published photographers, Angela DiPhilipppo, Rachel Bell and myself. Our individual businesses of Kim Chapman Photography, Life Portraits by Angela, and Rachel Bell Photography operate under the umbrella of our seaside boutique studio, Coastal Blue Imagery. We bring a range of styles



and perspectives, which add to the artistry of this unique co-op. Whether you are looking to book See Portraits, page 11



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## QUESADILLAS flour tortilla filled with monterey jack cheese & crisped on the griddle. Served with pico de gallo salsa.


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# Nonesuch River Brewing open with new hours

Nonesuch River Brewing is now open for outdoor seating Wednesday through Sunday 12 to 3 p.m., with an hour break to clean, then 4 to 8 p.m. They will continue doing Curbside to go, including cocktails, 4 packs, dinners, desserts and more!



*New Summer Menu - Coming Soon! (Includes Maine Lobster & a Farm Fresh Rotating Salad by Scarborough's own Goronson Farm.*



*Cocktails To Go have been super popular and will be still happening as well as Zero Contact Online Ordering and Delivery. Drinks come ready to pour over ice with 2 drinks included.*



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# Making use of fresh strawberries, peas with UMaine Extension

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University of Maine Cooperative Extension publishes information to help find, grow, use and store in-season fruits and vegetables. Discover ways to preserve these June favorites:

Preserving strawberries: <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/4047e/>; Preserving Jellies, Jams, Spreads: <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/4039e/>; Freezing Fruits: <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/4383e/>; Vegetables and Fruits for Health: <https://extension.umaine.edu/publications/4256e/>.

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Send all items for Names and Faces to the Editor. Deadline is Friday by five.

# Evans joins Red Cross as executive director



Nicole Evans

Nicole Evans has joined the American Red Cross of Northern New England as executive director of the Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter.

Evans brings more than 20 years of experience in community impact, development and

communications to the role. As the chapter's executive director, she represents the Red Cross in the community, building partnerships and capacity with the chapter board and other volunteer leaders to help the Red Cross fulfill its mission.

"I am honored to be working alongside American Red Cross volunteers, donors and partners," Evans said. "Their dedication and generosity are inspiring. We are united together not just in the face of emergencies and disasters, but in helping our neighbors every day."

Evans most recently served the Mid Coast region as director of development for Midcoast Humane. She has also held leadership positions at United Way of Greater Portland and Educate Maine. Along with her nonprofit experience, Evans has provided consulting and communications support for small and large businesses throughout the country.

The Central and Mid Coast Maine Chapter serves Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford and Sagadahoc counties as well as Brunswick and Harpswell.

# Senator Collins visits New Balance in Norridgewock

U.S. Senator Susan Collins visited the New Balance factory in Norridgewock today to greet employees and meet with members of the management team. The Norridgewock factory, which typically manufactures athletic footwear, began producing face masks earlier this year to help increase the



U.S. Senator Susan Collins social distancing with New Balance factory staff.

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Our store hours have also temporarily changed to allow for more time to clean, stock shelves and give associates additional time to rest - beginning 3/21, new store hours will be 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.



supply of personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am so proud of the hardworking employees at New Balance who have stepped up to meet the challenge facing our country," said Senator Collins. "These dedicated Mainers represent the best of our manufacturing heritage, and it is inspiring to see how quickly they transitioned to making face masks to help protect health care workers, first respond-

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# Reopening

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**Summer Camps** will be offered and are currently in the planning phase. No one camp will have more than 50 people including staff. Temperatures will be taken, and all programs will follow an extensive daily checklist per CDC guidelines.

**Baxter Memorial Library:**

The Library will offer curbside pickup service, which can be requested as follows:

1. Request your items through Minerva by visiting <https://minerva.maine.edu/>.
2. Wait for a confirmation email or text that your items are available for pickup.
3. Once confirmation is received, schedule your curbside time slot at <https://baxterlibrary.youcanbook.me/>.
4. Park in one of the three spots reserved for curbside outside of the Library's main entrance, and call 222-1190 when you have arrived – your items will be brought to you.

Curbside service is not required to pick up

items – it is a service that the Library will offer for patrons who do not want to wait in line or would rather not enter the library. The library will allow up to five members of the public inside the building at a time; face coverings are required. Upon arrival, enter through the designated door on the right. Please follow the one-way aisle circulation posted inside. When finished, exit through the designated door while maintaining social distancing. Programming will continue to be held online.

**Public Safety:**  
Both the Fire and Police Station lobbies at 270 Main Street are now open. Face coverings are required and no more than two members of the public are allowed inside either lobby at a time. Please maintain social distancing. Please call 222-1660 for assistance with non-emergency inquiries.

**Public Works:**  
Currently, Public Works staff are meeting with the public outside as needed. Changes are being made to allow minor access to the lobby at a later date. Please call 892-9062 for assistance.

The primary concern is for the safety and health of Gorham citizens and employees during the changing aspects of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Town wants to thank community members for their understanding and patience during this time.

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Wednesday, June 17:

Nature Walk and Scavenger Hunt: It is the perfect time of year to take a walk on one of Gorham's many beautiful trails! Mr. Jeff has created a fun-filled scavenger hunt for you to take along on your walk. Can you find everything on the list? Print it off at home or have it downloaded onto an adult's device. (All Ages). Link will be added on library website at 10 a.m.

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Friday, June 19:

Baby Yoga: Baxter Memorial Library Youth Services Librarian (and certified children's yoga teacher) Heidi Whelan will lead this supportive community yoga class for babies and their caregivers from 9:30 to 10 a.m. This class will focus on nurturing the baby/caregiver bond through gentle massage, stretching, and singing. Restorative poses

will be included for the caregiver. Recommended for babies 6 weeks old to new walkers.

(A registration

form for the Zoom link to this session will be posted on the website at least a week before the event).

# Portraits

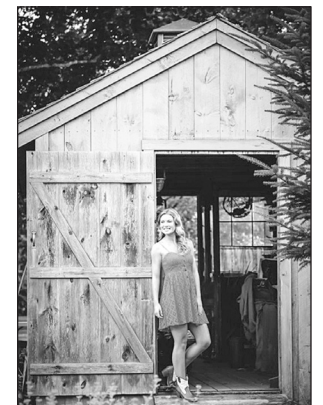
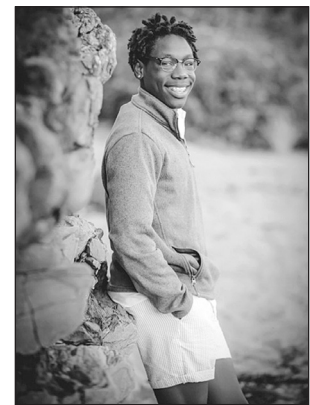
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a session with one of us individually or are interested in a Senior Portrait Party or Prom Party, we have you covered! With over 40 years of combined experience, we've photographed weddings and portraits all throughout the United States, Europe and the Caribbean Islands. Let us now help you create your own unforgettable senior memories!”

The wedding industry is a billion dollar industry in Maine, per a study by USM (<https://usm.maine.edu/publicaffairs/may-20->

2019—usm-researchers-and-maine-wedding-report-issue-marry-me-report-first-its). The state is number three in wedding destinations in the United States, behind Nevada and Hawaii. Needless to say, the wedding industry has been decimated and that means that people's livelihoods have been severely impacted. Coastal Blue Imagery is one way some people in this industry are working to help keep their business afloat while providing service for families to capture a precious, one-in-a-life-time event.

For more information, visit [www.coastalblueimagery.com](http://www.coastalblueimagery.com).



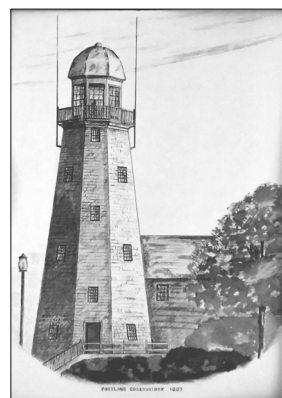
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## Online teaching from the Heart program

Registration is open for an online nonviolent communication program, Teaching from the Heart, at the University of Maine Hutchinson Center in Belfast. The three-day professional development program for educators, teachers and those working with preschool-third grade children runs June 29 through July 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$125. More information is available on the Hutchinson Center website at <https://hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu/professional-development-programs/teaching-from-the-heart/>.



Gina Simm

Instructor Gina Simm has taught in early childhood education for over 30 years. Her background in Montessori education and children's theater launched her into the world of public schools, where she spent most of her career as a first-grade teacher (including a year spent teaching English in China). Simm worked closely with Miki Kashtan, a co-founder of Bay Area Nonviolent Communication. Simm's knowledge of nonviolent communication has transformed her classroom into a place where systems of the heart create a child-centered environment for moving through conflict. Simm lives in

the Pioneer Valley Co-housing Community in Amherst, Massachusetts. More information about her work is available online at <http://www.teachingfromyourheart.org>.

Participants in the Hutchinson Center online course will learn how to manage classrooms and learning environments with a practical, simple curriculum based on Simm's book, "Heart to Heart: Three Systems for Staying Connected (A Manual for Parents and Teachers)". Skills that help maintain the heart-to-heart connections that support children's ability to self-regulate and improve their emotional intelligence are at the core of this course.

The emotional implications of the COVID-19 pandemic will require teachers to think in new ways in order to support their students. The reliable systems taught by Simm will provide participants with empathetic training to help children transition back into the classroom.

Participants will earn a UMaine certificate in nonviolent communication, and 0.7 CEU/7 contact hours are available. Reliable internet is required for all participants.

For information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Michelle Patten at [mi](mailto:mi). See *Heart*, next page

## Remote wager on horse racing now permitted

The Maine Gambling Control Board has given final approval for Mainers to place bets on horse racing from anywhere in the state. With that approval, Hollywood Races went live in Maine last Thursday, giving residents the chance to place bets on horse races taking place anywhere in the world, including tracks in Maine once harness racing returns to action. Bets can be placed, and races can be viewed by using a computer, tablet, or phone.

"We are excited to bring this form of gaming to Maine," said Christopher McErlean, Vice President of Racing for Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Penn National). "This is a tried and tested use of technology for more people to get excited about the sport of

horse racing, any time of day, any day of the year, and allows Mainers to enjoy races taking places across the world from the comfort of their own home."

Hollywood Races, a subsidiary of Penn National's interactive division, is currently active in 23 other states. Any Maine resident 18 or older can go online to set up an account, as of May 20. After an account is established, racing fans can download the Hollywood Races app on their phone or tablet, watch and wager on their computer, or call in a wager over the phone. Penn National also owns and operates Hollywood Casino Hotel and Raceway in Bangor.

"With more and more racing coming back around the world, this is

nice timing for any racing enthusiast in Maine who has missed visiting simulcast wagering facilities, OTBs, or the tracks," said McErlean. "Importantly, a percentage of revenues from Hollywood Races will go to the state and support the harness racing industry in Maine, similar to what is in place at Hollywood Casino."

Once an account has been established and the user is authenticated, people can fund their accounts through credit card transactions, ACH transfers, or — when racing resumes at Bangor Raceway — directly at the track. Users must be 18 or older and pass a background check when registering for an account. To learn more, please visit [www.hollywoodraces.com](http://www.hollywoodraces.com).

## UMaine Extension expands resources for small ruminants

University of Maine Cooperative Extension has updated and expanded resources available to keepers of small ruminants on the dedicated sheep and goat program webpage (<https://extension.umaine.edu/live->

[stock/sheep-and-goats/](https://extension.umaine.edu/live-stock/sheep-and-goats/)).

The revised site includes new publications on caring for young stock purchased off the farm, updated production and health management information, an updated sheep shearers list,

marketing resources and information on relevant UMaine Extension 4-H programs.

For more information contact Donna Coffin at (207) 262-7726 or [donna.coffin@maine.edu](mailto:donna.coffin@maine.edu).

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# Calendar

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## Ongoing, Wednesdays

Lewiston outdoor market (weather permitting) from 10 to 11 a.m. at 91 College Street, Lewiston. Neighbors who help set up the market wear gloves and masks. The market is set up to allow safe social distancing. Customers will have their temperature taken upon arrival and be given a box to fill if they are safe. If they are running a temperature, they will be sent home quickly with a box of food.

## Thursday, June 4

Saint Dominic Academy graduation will be held in the parking lot of the school's Auburn campus, located on 121 Gracelawn Road at 6 p.m., rain date June 6. For more information about graduation or the academy, visit [www.stdomsmaine.org](http://www.stdomsmaine.org).

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## Sunday, June 7

Fort Hill Community Church reopening at the Old Robie School at 10 a.m., following all Maine and CDC guidelines.

## Tuesday, June 9

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## Wednesday, June 10

L-A Community Little Theatre “Not So Little” Silent Auction goes live at 5 p.m. All auction items can be viewed at [www.32auctions.com/clntnotsolittleauction2020](http://www.32auctions.com/clntnotsolittleauction2020). Auction bidding ends at 8 p.m. on June 24.

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## PPP

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is the difference between making it through this crisis or being forced to shut down. My legislation, as amended in the House, would broaden this formula so it's more like 60/40, to make sure that businesses can weather this storm by making the best decisions for their individual situations.

2) Allow forgiveness for expenses incurred for up to 24 weeks. Right now, PPP recipients need to spend their PPP funds within 8 weeks of receiving their loans in order to qualify for forgiveness – but that doesn't work if businesses are forced to close or drastically reduce their services in order to ensure public health and safety. By providing additional flexibility and allowing use of the loan funds for up to 24 weeks, we can let these businesses make the choices that fit their unique needs.

3) Adjust metrics to account for the economic realities of the months to come. I know some think the reason businesses are hurting is because government restrictions are preventing businesses from opening, but that ignores a fundamental law of economics: businesses need customers. Whether it's economic uncertainty causing people to reduce their spending, or the looming danger of coronavirus pushing people to stay inside as polls show many Americans remain hesitant to re-engage in public life, it's clear that we are not in the business atmosphere of a few months ago – and it's likely to take some time to reach that level again. This bill would build in a mechanism to take the strength of the economy into account, so businesses aren't penalized for operating within the possibilities of a new normal.

These are just a few of the fixes in my legislation, all of which are based on the feedback

I've been getting from business leaders, workers, and consumers since this pandemic began. The bill can't magically fix the challenges we face – nothing will – but it can give our businesses more of the tools they need to adjust to this crisis and the ensuing economic struggles. There may be more adjustments and negotiations, and I'm ready to work with anyone in Congress to make the PPP stronger and more practical to help our nation's businesses get through these unexpected obstacles.

This is a challenge unlike anything we've faced in a generation – but Maine people are resilient, and always ready to work with each other to solve a problem. We're used to weathering storms, and I know we can weather this one, together – and when we do, I want to make sure that the local institutions we've relied on for years are able to welcome us back with open arms. They have the will, and the know-how; I want to make sure that they are getting the help that they need from the PPP, and that they have the freedom to make the right choices for their unique circumstances. The goals and the framework of the Paycheck Protection Flexibility Act will give them a little more certainty – and flexibility – and I'll keep pushing to make it law.

## Economy

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ance both the needs of public safety and welfare with this support.

Portland, Maine has approved three emergency small business assistance programs. The programs include the Business Assistance Program for Job Creation (BAP-Rehire), the Microenterprise Grant Program, and the Rapid Response Microloan Program.

## Grow

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conomic benefits of Smart Growth.”

Maureen Drouin, executive director of Maine Conservation is returning for her second year of judging, to be joined by Paul Schumacher of Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission, Gwen Hilton of the Maine Land Use Plan-

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ning Commission, and Chuck Lawton, Retired Economist.

Smart growth is a commonsense concept that helps communities welcome – and manage – growth while still maintaining their historic feel and natural beauty. The Smart Growth Awards are designed to recognize the diverse activities that contribute to smart growth, and also serve as real-life illustrations of the benefits it can bring.

The awards will showcase the kind of projects, plans, and policies that support smart growth in all its diversity, whether it's a plan for a walkable and inclusive village center, a development that is affordable and sustainably built, a successful new transit endeavor, or a community-supported adaptation to climate change that safeguards the built or natural environment.

The nomination process has been designed to be simple and low-barrier. The deadline to submit nominations is Thursday, June 28, 2020.

More information and access to the nomination application can be found at <http://bit.ly/MESmartGrowthAwards>.

## Collins

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ers, and others working on the front lines. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to thank them for their efforts to increase the supply of these masks that can help to save lives.”

## Heart

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chelle.patten@maine.edu or (207) 338-8002. More information about upcoming UMaine professional development programs, registration and need-based scholarship applications are available

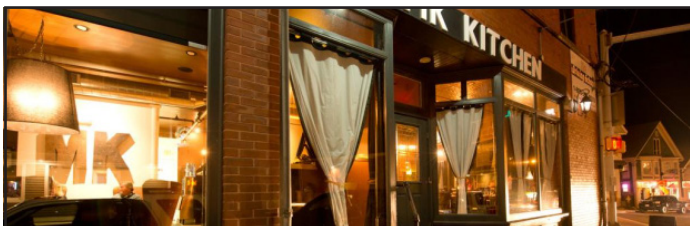
at <https://hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu/professional-development-programs/>.

The Hutchinson Center is an outreach center for the University of Maine in Orono, that serves as an educational and cultural center for the midcoast area. It is named for University of Maine President Emeritus Frederick E. Hutchinson. The mission of the Hutchinson Center is to broaden access to University of Maine academic and non-degree programs and services, lifelong learning opportunities, and professional and career development experiences using innovative approaches that increase synergy among University of Maine System entities, University of Maine departments and divisions, and that engage a wider Maine community.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant and sea grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from Maine and 49 other states, and 67 countries. It currently enrolls 11,240 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers 35 doctoral programs and master's degrees in 85 fields; more than 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

# Restaurant Directory

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Junction Bowl	(207) 222-7600	Gorham	No	No	No	No	Closed	<a href="http://jctbowl.com">jctbowl.com</a>
Dunkin' Gorham	(207) 839-7044	Gorham	Yes	Yes	No	No	Daily 430am-8pm	<a href="http://dunkindonuts.com">dunkindonuts.com</a>
Lucky Thai	(207) 839-6999	Gorham	Yes	Yes	No	No	Daily 11am-8pm	<a href="http://Lucky-Thai.com">Lucky-Thai.com</a>
MK Kitchen	(207) 222-2588	Gorham	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Tues-Sat. Preorder EARLY. Pick up 3:30pm -7pm	<a href="http://Mkitchen.net">Mkitchen.net</a>
Ocean Gardens	(207) 839-7651	Gorham	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Fri-Sat 3 to 7	<a href="http://Oceangardensrestaurant.com">Oceangardensrestaurant.com</a>
Jan Me II	(207) 839-4377	Gorham	No	No	No	No	None	<a href="http://janmee2.com">janmee2.com</a>
Aroma Joes - Gorham	(207) 222-2921	Gorham	Yes	Yes	No	No	Daily 4:30am-10pm	<a href="http://aromajoes.com">aromajoes.com</a>
Angelo's Pizza, Gorham	(207) 222-2232	Gorham	Yes	Yes	No	No	Wed - Sat 12pm to 7pm, Sun - 12pm to 6pm	<a href="http://www.angelospizzagorham.com">www.angelospizzagorham.com</a>
Chia Sen chinese restuarant	(207) 883-7665	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	No	No	Daily 11am-9pm	<a href="http://www.chiasenme.com">www.chiasenme.com</a>
O'Reilly's Cure Restaurant & Bar	(207) 517-2222	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Daily 12pm-7pm	<a href="http://oreillyscure.com">oreillyscure.com</a>
Subway - Scarborough	(207) 885-5818	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Daily 9AM-9PM	<a href="http://subway.com">subway.com</a>
Subway Scarborough – Rte 22	(207) 839-7900	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 11am to 7pm	<a href="http://subway.com">subway.com</a>
El Rayo Scarborough	(207) 883-8226	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Mon-Sat 11am-8pm	<a href="http://www.elrayotaqueria.com">www.elrayotaqueria.com</a>
Chia sen Chinese restaurant	(207) 883-7665	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Dailiy 11:00 am -9:00 pm	<a href="http://Www.chiasenme.com">Www.chiasenme.com</a>
Nonesuch River Brewing	(207) 219-8948	Scarborough	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Wed-Fri 3pm-8pm, Sat 12pm-8pm, Sun 12pm-7pm	<a href="http://nonesuchriverbrewing.com">nonesuchriverbrewing.com</a>
Bin Fin Poke	(207) 536-0416	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Mon-Sat 11am-8pm	<a href="http://bigfinpoke.com">bigfinpoke.com</a>
Buffalo Wild Wings	(207) 541-9464	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Daily 11am-10pm	<a href="http://buffalowildwings.com">buffalowildwings.com</a>
Chili's	(207) 773-1595	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dailiy 11AM-9pm	<a href="http://chilis.com">chilis.com</a>
Chipotle Mexican Grill	(207) 775-7730	South Portland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 10:45AM-10PM	<a href="http://chipotle.com">chipotle.com</a>
Cracker Barrel	(207) 773-7530	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Daily 8am-8pm	<a href="http://crackerbarreltogo.com">crackerbarreltogo.com</a>
Friendlys	(207) 774-7442	South Portland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 11am-10pm	<a href="http://friendlys.com">friendlys.com</a>
Longhorn Steakhouse	(207) 780-0800	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Sun-Thu 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm	<a href="http://longhornsteakhouse.com">longhornsteakhouse.com</a>
Cracker Barrel	(207) 210-7291	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Daily 8am to 8pm	<a href="http://Crackerbarreltogo.com">Crackerbarreltogo.com</a>
Mcdonalds South Portland	(207) 761-2819	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Daily 6am-10pm	<a href="http://mcdonalds.com">mcdonalds.com</a>
Moes Original BBQ	(207) 956-7623	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dailiy 11am-7pm	<a href="http://moesoriginalbbq.com">moesoriginalbbq.com</a>
IHOP - South Portland	(207) 774-7475	South Portland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 7am-2pm	<a href="http://ihop.com">ihop.com</a>
El rodeo Mexican restaurant	(614) 254-4976	South Portland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sun-Thu 11am-8pm Fri-Sat 11am-9pm	<a href="http://Elrodeome.com">Elrodeome.com</a>
Subway Standish	(207) 550-0012	Standish	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 11am to 7pm	<a href="http://subway.com">subway.com</a>
Big Fin Poké	(207) 591-0171	Westbrook	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Mon-Sat 11am-8pm	bigfinpoke@gmail.com
Subway Westbrook - Main St.	(207) 854-3287	Westbrook	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Daily 11am to 7pm	<a href="http://subway.com">subway.com</a>



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<b>Gnocchi Mac + Cheese</b> Creamy Cheddar Sauce, Hand Made Ricotta Gnocchi, Smoked Bacon Breadcrumbs ..... \$12.00 ..... \$22.00	<b>Butternut Squash Risotto</b> Sage Roasted Fall Squash, Butter, Parmesan, Pepitas, Fried Brussels / Vgt. + g.f. ..... \$14.00 ..... \$26.00

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<b>Caramelized Onion Tart</b> \$13.00 House Crust, Local Goat Ricotta, Pineland Feta, Balsamic Syrup, Greens / Vgt.	<b>Chef's Soup</b> \$8.00 Daily Creation / vegan
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Guest column

Gorham Superintendent update

**By Heather J. Perry**  
 Update on Proposed FY 21 School Budget:  
 After discussion and debate, the Gorham School Committee voted 5-2 to approve of a newly proposed FY 21 school budget that brings the mil impact to taxpayers down to 0% for FY 21. The newly approved FY 21 proposed budget would make the following changes from the originally proposed FY 21 budget:

1. It Reduces the following general fund expenditures:  
 Reduce amount paid to Town of Gorham to only include anticipated increases in summer insurance accrual amounts. Those amounts are estimated to be \$70,000.00 for FY 21. Therefore we would reduce \$80,000.00 from this originally proposed expenditure.  
 Reduce 1 Ed. Tech. III from Special Education - \$35,000.00  
 Reduce Technology Maintenance Lines by \$20,000.00
2. It Reduces the proposed CIPS (Capital Improvement Plan) bud-

get by \$252,000.00  
 3. It Adds to the designated fund balance revenue by \$310,000.00  
 These three items combined would reduce the originally proposed FY 21 School budget impact by a total of \$697,150.00 which would bring the new projected FY 21 mil impact to 0%.  
 I will be writing a letter to the Town Council on behalf of the School Committee to make them aware of the newly proposed FY 21 budget figures in time for their consideration when they vote to approve of the Town's full municipal budget on June 16. Please stay tuned and feel free to reach out with any questions!  
 Continued Work on Re-Opening Plan Development – update:  
 The work to develop a comprehensive plan to re-open the Gorham Schools continues. Right now, I am working closely with District Leadership Team members, and their school level leadership teams to try and narrow in on the top 3-4 Level II scenari-

os that we want to consider moving forward with. If you recall, the Level I plan involves a continuation of distance learning and the Level III plan involves a fairly “traditional” operation of our schools. It is the Level II plan, which is a hybrid model, that is creating the most work for us at this point in time. Within this Level II plan we will have face-to-face instruction occurring with some students while other students are continuing distance learning because we may be placed in a situation whereby, we are able to operate our schools, but not at full capacity in order to maintain stricter social distancing and sanitization protocols.  
 I sent out a survey to all staff members last week that asks them to weigh in on the options we've identified thus far in an attempt to identify the top three scenarios we may want to dive more deeply into for our planning. Once those top three scenarios are identified, I will then be sending out a survey to all parents/guardians

this week to ask your opinions on these top scenarios in order to help us nail down the one we will move forward with for planning purposes. This isn't to say that this one scenario may not change as this constantly moving pandemic seems to change all the time, but it is to say this would be the scenario we focus our future planning on. In this same survey I will likely be asking some other questions of parents that will assist me in continuing to mold a plan that will work for the Gorham community moving forward.  
 My goal will be to present a STILL DRAFT plan to the School Committee that will be shared with staff and parent/guardians more fully prior to the end of the school year so that folks can begin to wrap their heads around what things may look like when school opens this fall. This plan will clearly still be draft as it is my hope to take this initial plan and to share it with a community stakeholder advisory group/task force to really dig deeply

into over the summer in order to finalize details before the beginning of the upcoming school year.  
 I just wanted to give you an update to let you know the work continues and to let you know to be looking for an important survey to come out, today most likely, that I would strongly urge folks to participate in to help inform our ongoing planning processes.  
 I will continue to keep you informed as this work progresses, but also wanted to share something with all of you that I have shared with the DLT as we have struggled so far through our planning, especially for the level II option. That is, there are no perfect options  
 The decisions we have had to make, and the decisions we will have to make are not optimal. Optimal education is daily face-to-face instruction with highly qualified teachers who care tremendously for their children. As we look at development of our re-opening plans we continue to try to do the

best we can for all students, making sure everyone (staff, students, parents, and community members) are safe and healthy, which may mean we will continue to operate in “less than optimal” conditions from time to time.

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