

## ADA complaint resolved with Maine DHHS

From US DOJ

WASHINGTON – The United States Department of Justice today reached an agreement with the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) last week to resolve alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

A young man with intellectual disabilities (ID) filed a complaint with the Justice Department alleging that Maine imposed restrictions that placed him at serious risk of having to move from his own home into a congregate setting in order to receive the services he needs. Congregate settings are multi-person homes or facilities where residents receive needed services. This agreement will help ensure that Mainers with ID and autism can receive the personal assistance they need in their own homes.

While Maine's Medicaid program allows unlimited personal assistance services for people living in congregate settings, the state's community service program for people with ID and autism limits those same services when they are provided in a person's own home. As a result, people with disabilities who need more personal assistance, like the young man who filed the complaint, may be forced to leave their homes and move to a segregated setting.

"The ADA requires states to provide disability services in the most integrated setting appropriate," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "This often means ensuring that people with disabilities can receive services in their own homes rather than in congregate settings. The Civil Rights Division will vigorously enforce the ADA to avoid unnecessary segregation of people with disabilities and ensure their full integration into the community."

"We appreciate Maine DHHS's cooperation with the department's investigation," said Acting U.S. Attorney Donald E. Clark for the District of Maine. "The settlement agreement ensures that this young man, and other Mainers with disabilities, will be able to obtain needed services in their own homes."

After receiving the complaint, the department opened an investigation under the ADA. Maine fully cooperated with the Justice Department's investigation. In February 2020, the department issued a letter of find-

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## Sensory-Friendly Theatre for Kids

From MSMT

BRUNWSICK - Maine State Music Theatre will produce three sensory-friendly performances of its Theatre for Young Audiences' shows this summer and fall.

These performances are specifically designed for families with children with autism or other disabilities that create sensory sensitivities. All sensory-friendly performances are free of charge, but reservations are required since space is limited.

The presentations are designed to be interactive and to engage children in the imaginative creative process. The events will include the opportunity for a pre-performance exchange with the actors in costume and time for the children to acclimate themselves to the setting, followed by a short performance. At the end of the show, children will be able to meet the actors and take photos. A quiet room is available if children wish to leave the performance at any time.

The first sensory-friendly performance will be Robin & Clark's version of Beauty and the Beast on Aug. 5 at 2:30 p.m. and the second will be Shrek, Jr. on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 2:30 p.m. – both taking place at MSMT's Rehearsal Hall at 22 Elm Street in Brunswick.

The third performance will be Robin & Clark's version of Alice in Wonderland on Saturday, October 9 at 9:30 AM at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center in Westbrook at 471 Stroudwater St., Westbrook, ME.

Additional materials – including study guides – are available online and at the show.

The project, now in its fifth year, is supported by generous grants from the



Children interact with actors during a sensory-friendly performance of Alice in Wonderland at the Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick. (Photo by MSMT)

Maine Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Anna-Maria Moggio Foundation and the Onion Foun-

dation.

To reserve a seat, visit [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org) or call 207-725-8769.

## Baxter Library news and events

GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library on South Street is slowly returning to normal activities as pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Saturday hours resumed at the end of May, and it is now okay to browse, study, or use library computers without strict time limits because the building may safely contain more people.

While visiting the Youth Services Department, masks are required of children ages 5-12 and requested of all others.

For those who are not vaccinated, masks are recommended inside the build-

ing, especially for close contact. Staff will wear masks to assist visitors when distancing is not possible.

Meeting rooms and quiet study space are now open. Availability may be limited at times to accommodate Municipal business.

FRIDAY JUNE 18

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Curbside Summer Reading Sign-ups

Pick up everything you need to get started for Summer Reading! You will find library staff on the front lawn of the li-

brary (South Street) in costume and ready to hand you your game sheet to record your reading! Happy Reading!

MONDAY JUNE 21

9:30-9:50 a.m.

Babies on the Lawn

Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0- 18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Guest Essay

# New Recycling Program Could Cost Mainers

From Maine C of C

AUGUSTA – A new study released last week estimates that a bill being considered by the Maine Legislature could increase the cost of consumer products by between \$99 million and \$134 million a year.

According to the study, this could lead to a potential cost increase for a family of four of between \$32 per month and \$59 per month.

The study, conducted by Dr. Calvin Lakan at York University in Toronto, examined the implications of Maine LD 1541, which would create the first extended producer responsibility (EPR) law on packaging materials in the United States.

“This study clearly shows that if LD 1541 were to pass, it would increase the direct cost of

living for Maine families. As a member of the Governor’s Economic Recovery Committee, I can say unequivocally that now is not the time to increase these costs on Maine families and businesses,” said Dana Connors, president and CEO of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

There is no evidence that the bill in its current form will improve the recycling system, reduce local taxes, or decrease the amount of packaging material sent to landfills.

“Shoppers are facing the highest increase in pricing for consumer goods that they’ve seen in the last nine years. Establishing an EPR program for packaging is a policy of great magnitude and complexity, and it is imperative that it is not expedited through the legislative process at the risk of significant financial impact on Maine fam-

ilies,” said Christine Cummings executive director of the Maine Grocers & Food Producers Association. “Maine’s economy is not large enough to single-handedly redefine the packaging market nor recycling markets. This policy simply shifts millions of dollars via a hidden tax on consumer products and neglects to create long-term solutions for a circular economy. Prices at the grocery store are already going up and this will drive them even higher.”

Under LD 1541, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection would be responsible for managing the new EPR program and assessing fees to product producers. The study bases its cost conclusions on the volume of such packaging materials in the state and the presumption that producers would pass the costs of the

new state-mandated fees onto consumers.

“Maine retailers, small and large, would be required to police all the products sold in Maine as being compliant or non-compliant,” said Curtis Picard, president and CEO of the Retail Association of Maine. “Every product would need to register their UPC code with the state before it could be sold in Maine. Maintaining a list of tens of millions of products is completely unworkable and impractical.”

A poll conducted by the Campaign for Recycling and the Environment, an industry-backed nonprofit organization that supports a modernized recycling system and investment in improved recycling infrastructure, found that by a more than two-to-one margin (64%-31%) voters oppose a state-run recycling program that

would increase their costs. The proposal was widely unpopular with Republicans (86%-11%) and independents (63%-31%), while Democrats (48%-49%) were evenly split on the idea.

Even among those willing to pay more, only 11% said they would support paying \$31-\$40 more a month, only 8% said they would be willing to pay between \$41-\$50 more per month, and only 5% said they’d be willing to pay \$50 or more a month.

Forty-one percent of voters said that they were unwilling to pay any additional costs for a new state-run recycling program.

The poll also found that Mainers are split on the question of whether or not the state’s recycling system “needs significant improvement” or is working “pretty well as it is.” Forty-seven percent say

that it needs improvement, while 43 percent say it’s working pretty well.

The poll was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies of 500 registered Mainer voters on May 24-25. The poll included responses from 250 landlines and 250 cell phones, and has a margin of error of ±4.38%.

Founded in 1889, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce is Maine’s largest business association, serving as The Voice of Maine Business on behalf of thousands of employers of all sizes and sectors across the state. The Maine State Chamber focuses on three pillars - Advocacy, Access, and Awareness - to advance a positive business climate and secure a strong state economy in which Maine businesses can compete and succeed. For more information, please visit [www.mainechamber.org](http://www.mainechamber.org).

## Guest Column

# Pardon my harsh letters

By Grammar Guy

My wife and I are in a stage of parenting where we can’t get away with spelling words aloud around the kids anymore. Our son is a great reader and can sniff out a secret-parent-spelling code faster than you can spell i-c-e c-r-e-a-m.

Because of this, we use a language where we spell out words, except that consonants are pronounced with their letter plus the sound “ong” at the end of

them, while vowels are just pronounced normally. So, my name would be “Cong-u-rong-tong-i-song.” The kids will never catch o-nong.

Letters are powerful. In fact, in polite society, many people are still too shy to say delicate or harsh words, opting instead to use initials. Have you ever heard someone’s boss described as a “real S.O.B.?” Believe me, “S.O.B.” doesn’t stand for “super outstanding boss.”

When we use initial-

isms like this as a substitute for harsh or bad words, it’s called a “eusystolism” (pronounced yoo-SIST-olism). A eusystolism is the offspring of an initialism and a euphemism.

Eusystolisms have made it into popular culture. Kenya Barris, creator of the ABC sitcom “Black-ish,” created and stars in a Netflix sitcom called “#blackAF.” Let’s just say the “AF” doesn’t stand for “Abercrombie and Fitch.” In fact, people avoid uttering this particular profanity

by merely saying, “Oh F!”

Mr. T portrayed the memorable character Bosco Albert “B.A.” Baracus in the 1980s action-adventure show “The A-Team.” Although “B.A.” were the initials of the character’s first and middle name, the “B.A.” supposedly stood for “bad attitude.” I agree that the “B” stood for “bad,” but my opinion is that the “A” stood for something you couldn’t say on TV in the ‘80s. Perhaps it’s still unacceptable in a newspaper in 2021, so

I’ll just say the “A” is the animal that talked to Balaam in the biblical book of Numbers chapter 22.

Eusystolisms serve our texting culture well. The briefer the better, right? Chat room culture of the late ‘90s gave us LOL, which means “laughing out loud.” Today, if someone texts “LMAO,” they’re sending you a eusystolism stating that they are laughing their Balaam’s animal off. While we’re at it — no — WTF does not stand for “why the face?” Instead,

it’s a eusystolism for “what the (fill-in-the-blank).” Using these initialisms gets around the loophole of George Carlin’s “Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television.” Pardon the harsh letters, but now you know all about eusystolisms.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Interim president, new board members at Maine CF

**From Maine CF**

PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH—An interim president, new leadership of the Board of Directors, and the election of three board members mark a significant transition at the Maine Community Foundation.

Starting this month, Sterling Speirn, former president and CEO of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Peninsula Community Foundation, will become MaineCF's interim president and CEO. He replaces Steve Rowe, who is retiring after nearly six years at MaineCF. A search for a new MaineCF president and CEO will start this fall.

Gregg Collins of Caribou and Adilah Muhammad of Lewiston have been appointed chair and vice-chair of MaineCF's Board of Directors.

Collins is vice president of S.W. Collins Co., a fifth-generation lumber and building supply dealer with locations in Lincoln,

Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou, and Fort Kent. He currently is an advisory committee member of Presque Isle High School Regional Trades Program and the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. Collins joined MaineCF's Aroostook County Committee in 2006 and was chair from 2012-2014. He has a B.S. in business administration from the University of Maine.

Muhammad is the president and founder of The Third Place in Portland and is an independent planning and research consultant. She has served on the Androscoggin County Committee since 2018 and is a current advisor for Indigo Arts Alliance. She is past chair of the Lewiston Downtown Neighborhood Action Committee and a former board director of L/A Arts and Raise-Op Housing Cooperative. Muhammad is a graduate of DePauw University and holds a master's in policy, planning, and management from the Muskie School of

Public Service at the University of Southern Maine.

The MaineCF Board of Directors welcomed three new members at its June meeting: Julie Mallett, an attorney for Legal Services for the Elderly in Bangor; Claude Rwaganje, founder and executive director of ProsperityME in Portland; and Ben Sprague, vice president at First National Bank in Bangor.

Mallett is also broker and consultant at Mallett Real Estate, LLC. She received her B.A. from Colby College and law degree from University of Maine School of Law. She served on the board of the Center Theatre and as a volunteer with Piscataquis YMCA youth activities. Mallett was an advisor for the MaineCF's Piscataquis County Committee for nine years, including a term as chair.

Rwaganje is serving a three-year term on the Westbrook City Council. He sits on the board of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and United Way of

Greater Portland and is a former member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Community Development Advisory Council. Rwaganje holds a master's in business administration from Phoenix University and is a certified coach and housing counselor through NeighborWorks America.

Sprague is a former member of the Bangor City Council. After graduating with a B.A. in government from Harvard University, he worked for the Boston Red Sox and taught high school diploma and career development classes. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Food Bank board and is the founder and race director for Erin's Run, an annual road race that raises money for a local domestic violence resource center and the Bangor YMCA.

Headquartered in Ellsworth, with additional personnel in Portland, Dover-Foxcroft, Rockport, and Mars Hill, the Maine Community Foundation works with donors and other partners to provide



Sterling Speirn was recently selected as interim president and CEO of the Maine Community Foundation. A search for a new Maine CF president and CEO will start in the fall. (Photo courtesy of Maine CF)

strong investments, personalized service, local expertise, and strategic giving to improve the quality of life for all Maine people. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

## Haddock Supper on June 26

**From LWC**

BUXTON – Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton is hosting a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, June 26.

The supper begins at 5 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$8 for an adult, \$4 for a child, or \$20 for a family.

The church will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

Wearing of face masks for those who are not vaccinated is required.

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# 8th annual Blackjack 5k run

**From Sabattus Rec**      ning Program will host its 8th annual Blackjack 5k Run/Walk at the Oak Hill Middle School on Ball Park Road in Sabattus on Thursday, July 22. Beginning at 6 p.m., this will be more of a so-

cial, non-competitive run, with the main focus being to get out and get some exercise and maybe some

winning cards in the process. This event is becoming a popular, fun event for competitive and beginner runners/walkers alike. It is a great way for families to get their kids into a race in which they can have fun.

The Blackjack 5k is the first of the Running Program's fun-run summer series events. The Prediction Run will be held on Thursday, August 19, at 6 p.m. at the Middle School.

Blackjack participants will receive a card at the two-mile mark, and another at the three-mile mark. If they get a Blackjack (Ace and 10 or face card) at the three-mile mark, they can call out and will win a prize. If they do not get Blackjack, they can receive a third card at the finish line to try for a total of 21. If their three cards total 21, they will win a prize.

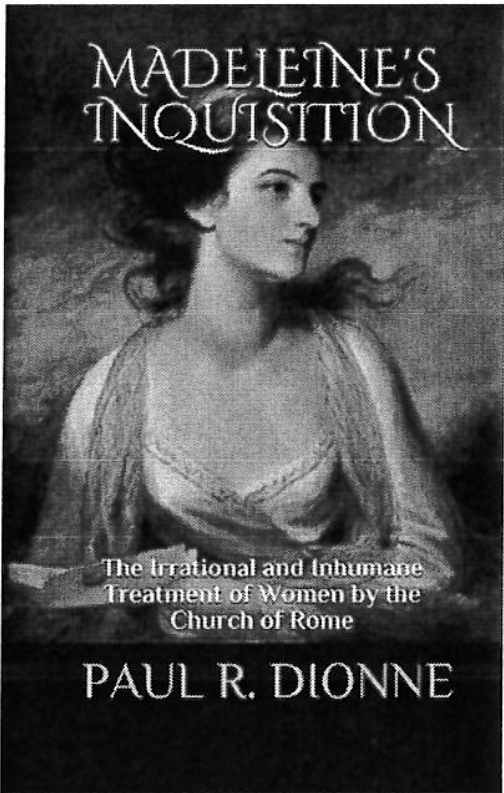
The course is a moderately hilly 3.1 miles. The first male and female finishers will also win prizes, but fast times will not be needed to win Blackjack prizes. There will also be several raffle prizes and other giveaways.

The Blackjack 5K is open to runners/walkers of all ages. Those under 18 will need parental permission. This will be a show-up, sign-up event, with no pre-registration required.

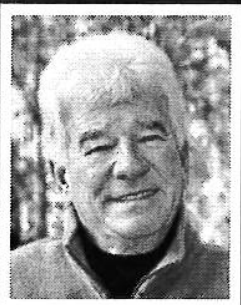
Registration will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a low, \$5 entry fee.

The club is also looking for anyone interested in volunteering for either event.

For more information: Email Running@sabattusrec.com, go to sabattusrec.com and click on teams, and then the running tab, or check out the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program page on Facebook.



## A New Novel by Paul Dionne



### About the book:

Madeleine Moreau, poverty stricken and alone, struggles to provide for herself and her children, her future bleak, foreboding and empty. She draws strength in her darkest hour when the Monsignor of Paris charges her with witchcraft and threatens to tear her family apart. The novel follows the lives of Madeleine Moreau and her antagonist, the Monsignor of Paris... Marc Moreau, Madeleine's husband, and his journey home from Russia following Napoleon's defeat... Madame Leblanc and her disavowal of aristocracy for the cause of liberty... Michel Bois, a popular French sculptor, who forsakes Madeleine for the salvation of France... and the two young priests, whose lives are changed by the chronicles of witchcraft, the vestiges of the Inquisition and the inhumane treatment of women by the Church – bringing them to moral crossroads where each must choose his or her own destiny. Influenced by the enlightened philosophers of the times, these characters uncover the bigotry of the Church, suffer religious persecution and experience the horrors of war.

### Background:

As an avocation, for over twenty years, the author has researched the role of women in the Early Church and the scandal of their subordination in the rise of Christianity. This resulted in his first work entitled *The Priestess and the Pope*. *Madeleine's Inquisition*, a sequel, bolsters the already persuasive case of the leadership role of women and sets forth the injustice, superstition and the inhumanity of the Church towards women. As a decorated combat veteran, the author felt compelled to deal with the horrors and the aftermath of war in an era plagued by constant wars.

## Guest Column Home Country

By Slim Randles

Ran into Herb Collins the other day down by the school. He volunteers there, from time to time, helping kids with their math homework, and trying to recruit future members of The Great World of Business.

He loved business, back in the days when he lived in the city and ran the pawn shop. For years now, ever since he hung up his jeweler's loupe, he's told us that there was an excitement to making the right deal.

"It has to be right for the customer and for me, or it isn't right at all," Herb always says. "You can do that and make several people happy and earn a living. There's no need to take unfair advantage of someone just to earn a living."

Our little town is a bit tame after city life, but it's Herb's wife's home town and she wanted to come back here to live after he retired. So Herb turned to helping kids understand how wonderful business can be. He's advised kids on the most effective way

of delivering newspapers on their bicycles, he's suggested advertising gimmicks for kids with summer lemonade stands, and he's helped several boys market their skills with a lawn mower. You can take the man out of the business, I guess, but it's hard to take the business out of the man.

So after the shaking hands and the how-are-yous, we talked about kids and business, and the new crop of youngsters coming up this year. I couldn't help thinking ol' Herb might jump at the chance to dive back in the world of commerce again, but he disabused me of that right away.

"All through with that," he said, shaking his head. "I was a successful businessman and now I'm successfully retired."

Successfully retired? "That's right," he grinned. "I have a wife and a television set, and they both work."

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# Junction Bowl league scores

<b>From Junction Bowl</b>  GORHAM – Weekly league play at the Junction Bowl on Railroad Avenue in Gorham is almost wrapped up for the spring. Tuesday’s league had final play earlier this month, and leagues will start up again at the end of June. Scores include the player handicap.	174-153-128 – 455 Nate Smith 191-175-194 – 560 Anthony Dugan 193-127-177 - 497 Substitute 156-185-87 – 528 Dolls with Balls won all 3 games and the weekly team series in competition against Bumper Babes, 2365-2121.	an absent Gutter Gang, 2313-2055. <b>Bonnie’s Team</b> Bonnie Datson 206-177-182 – 567 Tiffany Chapman 200-194-185 – 579 Terry Leonhardt 184-235-208 – 627 Vacant 540 <b>Gutter Gang</b> Blind 2055 Rigonometry took the first and third games for 2 games and the weekly team series against Spare Ball’s with 1 game, 2243-2195.	180-189-170 – 539 Dean Walker 212-184-202 – 598 Substitute 196-178-146 – 520  <b>Tuesday Night Shootout</b> <b>Week 8 of play</b> In week 8 of play for the Tuesday Night Shootout league, Bumper Babes had a strong night with three players over 600 to take all 3 games and the weekly team series against Bonnie’s Team, 2484-2272.	212-237-193 – 642 Vacant 540 Rigonometry snagged all 3 games and the weekly team series from Dolls with Balls, 2268-2129. <b>Rigonometry</b> Derek Haney 213-146-229 – 588 Cody Hawes 172-211-199 – 582 Sebastian Pettit 175-196-199 – 570 Blind 528 <b>Dolls with Balls</b> Melissa Dubois 170-184-215 – 569 Michelle Ferris 169-167-175 – 511 Jessica Merrill 166-175-216 – 557 Blind 492 Split Happens grabbed 3 games and the weekly team series as it outlasted Gutter Gang, 2230-2159. <b>Split Happens</b> Frankie Darling 158-177-193 – 528	Bill Smith 200-178-172 – 550 Nicholas Hunt 194-217-197 – 608 Substitute 187-175-182 – 544 <b>Gutter Gang</b> Celeste Cutter 172-181-165 – 518 Asa Wareham 156-142-146 – 444 Asa Farley 232-159-205 – 596 Mark Cutter 165-227-209 – 601  Spare Ball’s had an easy night with all 3 games and the weekly team series against an absent The High Rollers, 2263-2079. <b>Spare Ball’s</b> Todd Walker 179-174-178 – 531 Scott Stevens 184-200-198 – 580 Dean Walker 193-185-218 – 596 Matt Nelson 166-172-218 – 556 <b>The High Rollers</b> Blind 2079
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# The Inn at Diamond Cove opens Saturday

<b>From Colwen Hotels</b>  PORTLAND – Tucked away on Great Diamond Island in Casco Bay, The Inn at Diamond Cove opens on Saturday, offering a Maine Island getaway that’s free from crowds and full of outdoor fun. Just a 30-minute ferry or water taxi ride from Portland’s Old Port district, the historic Inn is the centerpiece of Diamond Cove, a small car-free private island community that was once the site of Fort McKinley. Steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty, The Inn at Diamond Cove offers luxury island condominiums including spacious suites with kitchens, a heated swimming pool with hot tub and cabana bar, and recreational amenities including tennis courts, an indoor basketball court, and game room with duck-pin bowling, pool table, and arcade games. Guests will also enjoy secluded beaches, miles of hiking trails, kayaking, paddle boarding and other activities perfect for families and couples looking for a summer escape off the beaten path. Café breakfast is served at the Inn, featuring Starbucks coffee and beverages, while lunch is <i>See Diamond Cove, page 11</i>
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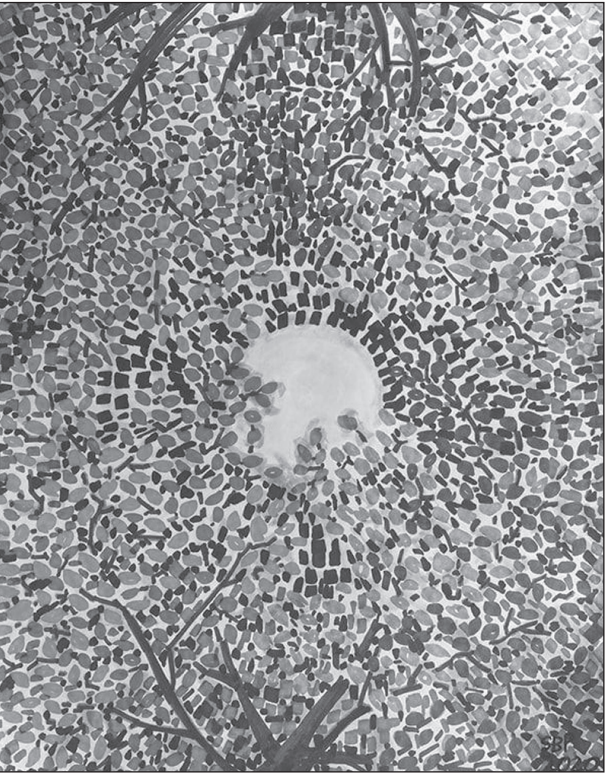
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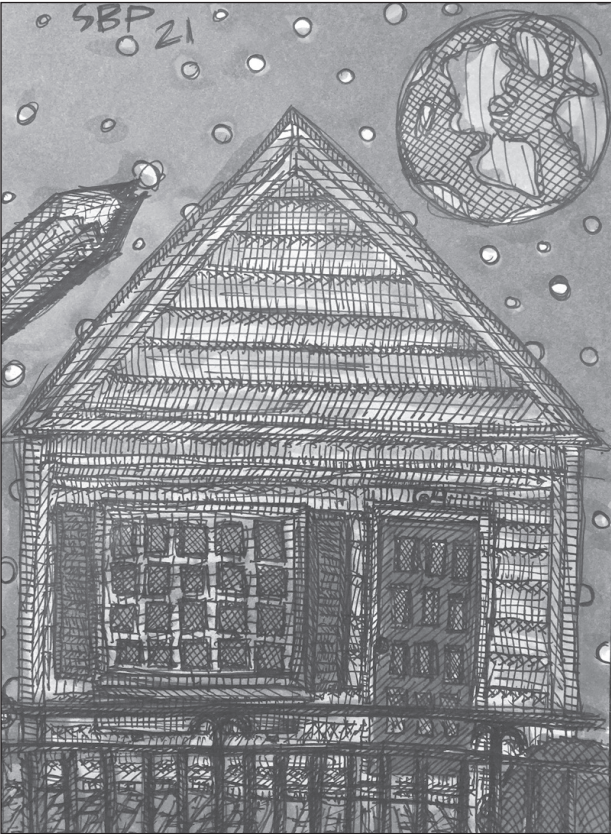
# Wiscasset Pop-Up Gallery Hosts Working Artist



A painting by artist Seth Bond Perry, who is one of the featured artists at the Wiscasset Art Walk next Thursday. (Image courtesy of Wiscasset Art Walk...)

From WAW  
WISCASSET – Wiscasset Art Walk’s pop-up Hasenfus Gallery, 64 Main St., will be hosting emerg-

welcome to stop in and say hello.  
Perry, who lives in Saco, has worked as a professional graphic designer for almost 20 years, and recently left his job “and decided to move forward as an artist with faith that people will connect with my work,” he said. To help with that transition, Perry works mostly freehand and stays away from computer programs almost entirely. “I can draw a canoe paddle once and could reproduce it endlessly and make clip-art, but I don’t want to do that,” he explains. “I’ve done that so much; I’m done with that.” Instead, Perry is reveling in a more emotionally-based approach to his work, feeling freer to create images that express his own vision.  
When not drawing and painting prolifically, Perry spends a lot of time looking at the world around him and searching inward for responses to that world. While experimenting with styles and materials, he describes his art as sometimes impetuous, often fearless, and frequently humorous. But what would you expect, explains Perry, from a guy who spent eight years as a stand-up comic making the comedy club circuit all around New England? In the end, he decided to stick with graphic design and leave the exhausting comedy career behind. “I wasn’t willing to take the risk of leaving my graphic design work for comedy, but I am willing to take that risk for art.”  
Connecting with his viewers is important to Perry. “I want to give people ‘the happy’. I really want people to enjoy themselves when they are looking at my work.” In addition to Perry’s art-making during WAW, he’ll be exhibiting and selling completed work in the gallery.  
During the Wiscasset Art Walk 2021 season, any state mandated Covid-19 precautions will be in effect as well as safety precautions requested by individual shops and galleries. So please bring a mask.  
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Artist Seth Bond Perry will be drawing and painting in the pop-up Hasenfus Gallery on Main Street, Wiscasset, next Thursday, June 24, during the Wiscasset Art Walk. (Image courtesy of Wiscasset Art Walk)

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## Letter to the Editor Religious leaders should deal with gun violence

Dear Editor,  
Now and again, one finds a priest, pastor, or rabbi who works in the area of gun violence prevention and counseling. There is a reason for this.  
Moses gave us the sixth commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” and Jesus told Peter to put his sword away.  
Something little known about the ancient world is that high priests, in addition to handling national sacrifices, doubled as law enforcement officers. This reflected the general view that people of faith, who kept their promises and agreements, were actively interested in

all aspects of life, including good citizenship, equal justice, and competent policing.  
Moses had his Levite brethren put down an unlawful rebellion, and Jesus counseled against tax revolt and revolutionary Zealot activity.  
Also, the church has always been the champion of “conscience,” or truthful reporting. We need more of that in all areas of the community.  
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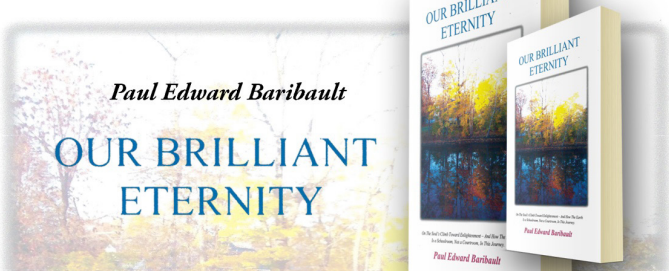
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# Summer camp at Viles Arboretum



Children from 7-11 can get their hands dirty as they explore the 224 acres of land and the botanical collections at summer camp at Viles Arboretum in Augusta. (Photo courtesy of Viles Arboretum)

AUGUSTA - Viles Arboretum, with the support of the Children’s Discovery Museum of Central Maine, is creating a brand-new opportunity for area

youth. Children from 7 to 11 are invited to get their hands dirty as they explore the lush 224 acres of preserved land and 20 botanical collections at Viles Ar-

boretum in Augusta. Becoming scientists for a week, children will collect samples, use tools like microscopes, learn real-life survey techniques and more. Coupled with summer camp classics like group games, arts and crafts, and time to just explore the woods, this week is a celebration of the great outdoors. Registration is now open, visit [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org) for more information.

**Arboretum Tours**  
Viles Arboretum is offering regularly scheduled guided tours this summer. Wednesday thru Friday will offer general tours of the Arboretum, with specialty tours being offered on Saturdays. These tours will give visitors a chance to explore the Arboretum with a knowledgeable guide and learn about various topics. Tours are \$10 per person. Visit [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org) for more information.

**Help with lilacs**  
Every year, aromatic purple, pink and white flowers adorn yards all across the United States. The lilac has been wildly popular ever since its introduction to North America in the 17th century. These resilient shrubs

often out-live the residences and homesteads where they were originally planted. If you take a walk in any forested area in New England, you may spot a lilac shrub marking old home sites long before you locate a foundation. The Lilac Collection at Viles Arboretum was established in 1982, making it one of the original collections. Despite the lilacs’ hardy tendencies, they do require pruning and clearing of the understory to maintain a healthy, flowering shrub. While the lilacs at Viles bloom every spring, and produce an impressive display of unique colors, many of the plants have displayed dead or damaged growth due to age and harsh winters. A little love is all that has been needed to get this collection returned to its former glory. Thanks to an incredible group of volunteers, self-proclaimed “The Lilac Gang”, the Lilac Collection received some of the attention necessary to get this collection back on track. By pruning away dead growth, removing invasive species such as Morrow’s honeysuckle and clearing debris from the understory, the gang has set the lilac’s



A volunteer prunes plants in one of the 20 botanical collections at Viles Arboretum in Augusta. The arboretum is looking for volunteers to help prune its lilacs to keep the plants healthy. (Photo courtesy of Viles Arboretum)

up for an even more impressive display of flowers next spring. **Volunteers**  
We truly appreciate the dedication of our volunteers that help keep Viles Arboretum accessible and beautiful! If you are interested in volunteering at Viles Arboretum, fill out this form, “Volunteer at Viles”, and we will be in touch! Viles Arboretum’s mission is to promote the knowledge and appreci-

ation of trees and other plants from around the world as well as plants and animals native to the State of Maine. Our preserve land, interpretive materials, exhibits, programs & events, and our trail system are designed for people of all ages to provide opportunities for education, recreation, and inspiration. The Arboretum is a private non-profit corporation supported by membership fees, donations and gifts.

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Guest Essay

Charter Commissioner should apologize or resign

From Portland Chamber

PORTLAND - Portland's sense of community may be its greatest attraction. Our historic ability to disagree with each other while not being disagreeable should be a standard we work to keep.

Statements from newly elected commissioners that malign the motives of the City Manager are disappointing—and destructive. The process that the Charter Commission will undergo will require in-depth research and a dedication to open-mindedness if it is going to produce a document that will be both approved and embraced by the city's voters.

Robust conversation and multiple viewpoints should be encouraged to determine how best to allocate responsibilities in municipal government, but that cannot happen if Commissioners seek to vilify all who have different viewpoints. The work of the Commissioners will at times be difficult, but they were elected to make recommendations while respecting the rights of all to participate in the process.

We agree with Councilor Spencer Thibodeau, if Commissioner Sheikh-Yousef cannot reflect on and apologize for the damage her statements have done to our community fabric, she should resign

and make room for others who want to build consensus and a shared brighter future for Portland through civil dialogue and debate.

**From Community Leaders:**

"I was shocked when I saw the personal attack tweeted, and subsequently retweeted, by newly elected members of the Charter Commission. The city manager form of government in Maine and elsewhere seeks to balance and separate politics from professional administration. That said, I understand that the commission will review, and possibly recommend changes to that management structure. But, hate-filled attacks on a person's character have

no place in our community as we embark on this important process to assess and improve how municipal government functions to best serve the citizens of Portland." -Kate Snyder, Mayor of Portland

"Within two hours of being elected, Nasreen Sheikh-Yousef has demonstrated an inability to faithfully execute or perform the duties of the office entrusted to her by the citizens of Portland. I believe she should apologize or step aside to preserve the integrity of the Charter review process. Portlanders expect a thoughtful and deliberative review of our form of government free of unnecessary and untruthful personal attacks."

-Spencer Thibodeau, Portland City Councilor

"I am appalled by the hate filled tweet from a newly elected member to the Charter Commission. This person does not know me or what is in my heart. To call me a white supremacist because of the job I hold is a disgrace and an attempt to assassinate my character. I created the Team Harmony Foundation when I was a coach with the Boston Celtics. The foundation still brings together young people to take a stand against hate and bigotry by empowering their voices. I've spent a lifetime on issues that bring people together to take a stand against all forms of hate. It is so

unfortunate that hateful personal attacks that only seek to divide the city even further passes as political dialogue today." -Jon Jennings, Portland City Manager.

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Seniors Not Acting Their Age

A Canoe Expedition: Part II – Big Black and St. John Rivers



Paddlers take a break on Big Black River. (Ron Chase photo)

By Ron Chase

On the third day of our expedition from Depot Lake to Allagash Village, we awoke in our tents under a protective carpet of tarps to cool sunny weather. Situated on the remnants of an ancient logging road at the site of a washed out bridge on remote Depot Stream, we were about nine miles downstream from Depot Lake. As a result of effective tarp installation, our tents and gear had remained relatively dry despite heavy rains the night before. More important, based on a tiny island in the stream I had observed when we arrived

the previous day, the water level had risen about three inches as a result of the storm. The additional flow was much needed as our crew of five canoes and two kayaks had thirteen more miles to paddle on the shallow Depot Stream before arriving at the more substantial Big Black River. After breaking camp, we began our foray down Depot Stream. The benefits of the storm were immediately apparent as the continuous steep Class II rapids were difficult to navigate despite the added depth. As had been true the day before, the only tandem team in the group

had more difficulties maneuvering the narrow passages as a result of the added weight of two paddlers. Despite boat scratching and a couple of rock collisions, we successfully completed Depot Stream and joined Big Black River early afternoon. One thing was obvious when entering Big Black; it was a much larger body of water. Strong winds and occasional rain drops were experienced during our afternoon of paddling. My old Appalachian Mountain Club guidebook indicated there was a potential campsite at the bottom of a long rap-

id called Connors Sluice. That was our hopeful destination. After a few of miles of flatwater, we passed Connors Brook on the right. Shortly beyond, the 2.5 mile Class II Connors Sluice Rapid began. The added volume in Big Black provided an exhilarating whitewater escapade. A meadow on the right below Connors Sluice appeared to be the only camping option. Completely exposed to any wind or rain, we had misgivings. Fortuitously, the skies cleared and the winds diminished. Cloudless skies that night ush-

made to push on and gamble we could find open space on Big Black Campsite, a popular stopover on the busy St. John River. The river gods smiled on us as we arrived at the luxurious campsite just a few minutes ahead of a group descending the St. John. Since the site included a wooden canopy over a picnic table and an outhouse, we were living large! We shared tent space with the latecomers but not the deluxe picnic table.

The character of the trip changed dramatically on the St. John. Wider, steeper, and higher volume, the frequent rapids and powerful flow propelled us along at a much faster pace. On the fifth day of the journey, we traveled over twenty miles in less than four hours to another exceptional campsite at Fox Brook. An early arrival and unusually warm weather provided an opportunity for some of us to refresh ourselves in the chilly river. A cold water sissy, I tiptoed along the shore.

The highlight of our final day was Big Rapid. A two mile Class III stretch of whitewater, it was a

challenge with gear laden canoes and kayaks. Everyone successfully negotiated through the surging waves and around potentially boat busting boulders in the daunting falls. The eleven mile paddle to Allagash was finished midday. Thanks to organizer Captain Al Gaskell’s vision and persistence, we had experienced one of Maine’s most unique canoe undertakings. More remarkably, it hadn’t seemed possible only a week before. For me, it was the culmination of an inspiration that originated with my late friend Terry Tzovarras thirty-one years ago. And, it was a black-fly-free voyage! Author of “The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery” and “Mountains for Mortals – New England,” Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, “The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine” is scheduled to be released by North Country Press later this year. Visit his website at [www.ronchaseoutdoors.com](http://www.ronchaseoutdoors.com) or he can be contacted at [ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net).



Eggman DeCoster canoes a section of Connors Sluice on Big Black River. (Ron Chase photo)

ered in sub-freezing temperatures and by morning there was a layer of ice in our canteens and the tents were covered with frost. The cold weather quickly warmed as we embarked on a section of river called Ninemile Deadwater. While the extensive flatwater was a bit mundane, it ended with the most exciting whitewater yet encountered on the trip beginning at the site of a washed out dam. Sporadic rapids continued as the search for a potential campsite ensued. Several prospective locations ended in disappointment. A collective decision was



Canoeists paddle one of the many fast rapids on the St. John River. (Ron Chase photo)

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**10-11 a.m.**

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# Senate passes bills to study rail lines

**From Maine Senate**

AUGUSTA — Early last week, the Maine State Senate passed two bills from Senator Ben Chipman, D-Portland, and Senator Joe Baldacci, D-Bangor, to conduct feasibility studies to determine if a passenger rail from Portland to Lewiston and Brunswick to Bangor are possible.

The bills, LD 991, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area,” and LD 227, “Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study

for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor” both passed unanimously in the Senate.

“Maine once had statewide rail service, but today only a small portion remains. It’s hard to imagine what we lost when many of these railroads closed. It’s time we made a substantial investment to figure out how to return rail to Maine,” said Senator Chipman. “Railroads provide an economically efficient movement of people and are dramatically better for the environment than individual travel. These feasibility assessments are a direct investment in our environment and local

economy. It’s common-sense policy, a win-win for everyone to invest in these studies and thus in railroad.”

“Passenger rail in Maine is long overdue. Proposals like this give a necessary and in-depth look into how we can make rail service affordable and sensible,” said Senator Baldacci. “This feasibility study lets us explore possibilities and opportunities for growth and development and connects our whole state. We’d be using existing infrastructure to invest directly in our people. With a U.S. Department of Transportation ready to invest in passenger rail, the time to act is now.”

“This bill continues the effort to expand critical rail service to Lewiston and Auburn. Giving more Mainers and visitors to our great state more options for easy, safe transportation will give our economic a much-needed boost and help us move away from car and car pollution,” said Tony Donovan of the Maine Rail Transit Coalition. “Because of funding currently being offered by the federal government, time is of the essence for us to pass this bill. We have the opportunity to be in a good position to make real investments in Maine’s future.”

“This would be great for the city of Waterville. We currently have a hous-


ing crisis here, a passenger rail would allow people to access our businesses to work and to shop which would be incredible,” said Jay Coelho, mayor of Waterville, in testimony supporting LD 227. “We also have two colleges here, so it’s very important to me to have our students be able to travel across the state to visit home or make a day trip to Bangor or Portland.”

The feasibility analyses would examine potential station locations, market demand for rail, potential economic benefits, the environmental impact, funding options, necessary capital investments, and the possibility of expanding service to Montreal and Boston. The feasibility

ity analysis will provide a passenger service development plan as well.

Both bills now face further votes in the Legislature.



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## Divers recover two drowned swimmers



A Maine Warden Service dive boat searches Messalonskee Lake last Monday night using the sidescan sonar attached to the bow. The bodies of two missing swimmers were located with the sonar. (Photo courtesy of Maine DIFW)

**From Maine DIFW**

SIDNEY, Maine – Maine Game Warden Divers recovered the bodies two young men who drowned while swimming on Messalonskee Lake early last week.

Through Monday night last week, game wardens searched an 80-acre area utilizing the sidescan sonar on the Warden Service dive boat. At about 2:00 a.m. Tuesday, game wardens with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife located a first and then a second likely object on the lake bottom and marked the areas in order to return with divers at daylight.

At approximately 8:00 a.m., Game Warden divers entered the water and at 8:15 a.m. recovered Brandon Breton, age 21 of Vassalboro and at 8:30 a.m. recovered Joseph Mayo, 19 of Rome. Divers recovered the two men in about 35 feet of water, approximately 200 feet apart in an area northwest of Greeley Island on Messalonskee Lake.

Game wardens had focused the search on an 80-acre area of the 3,500 acre lake based upon the GPS location of the 911 call, and interviews with the two surviving men.

Breton and Mayo were swimming with two other male friends off of a pontoon boat at the southern end of Messalonskee Lake near Greely Island early yesterday afternoon. A strong gust of wind pushed the pontoon boat away from the swimmers, and two of the males were able to swim to the drifting boat, but Breton and Mayo went under and never resurfaced.

“While the air temperatures may seem like summer, water temperatures are still cold, and they can impact your ability to swim,” said Game Warden Lieutenant Dan Menard. “Boater should wear their life jackets and swimmers should know their ability, and swim in areas appropriate for their experience.”

The initial search included the Maine Wardens Service using boats and an airplane. Assisting in that initial search was a Maine Forest Service helicopter, and the Belgrade, Sidney and Oakland Fire Departments.

The Maine Warden Service Dive Team is one of the specialty teams of the Maine Warden Service. It was created in 1962 to carry out the complex and technically difficult statutory responsibility of searching for persons presumed to be drowned in Maine’s inland waters. The dive team is comprised of nine Maine Game Wardens, including a Corporal who oversees the team, and a dive team trainer.



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**1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
LEWISTON – Lewiston Public Library - Virtual Book Chat. Join LPL staff via Facebook Live for a conversation about what we're reading. Make suggestions, share your thoughts, find resources, and get personalized recommendations from our librarians!

**THURSDAY**  
**June 17**  
**8 a.m.**  
AUBURN – 9-1-1 Committee meeting.  
**11:30 a.m.**  
GORHAM - Ecomaine Annual Board Meeting Online video conference.  
**6:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM - Tentative Recurring Capital Improvement Projects/ Economic Development Committee Meeting TBD.  
**7 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Community Forest Subcommittee meeting.

**FRIDAY**  
**June 18**  
**10 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Public Library - Curbside Summer Reading Signups. Pick up everything you need to get started for Summer Reading! You will find library staff on the front lawn of the library (South Street) in costume

# Calendar

Send your submissions to the Editor. More online.

and ready to hand you your game sheet to record your reading! Happy Reading!

**MONDAY**  
**June 21**  
**9:30-9:50 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Public Library - Babies on the Lawn. Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0- 18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

Program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.  
**10-10:30 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Toddlers on the Lawn. Join Ms. Dani on the lawn as she uses stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Mask will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. Ages 18 months to 3 years.

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**5:30 p.m.**  
GORHAM - Finance Committee Meeting TBD.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – City Council workshop and meeting.  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – Finance Committee Meeting - **@ City Hall Administrators Conference Room.**

**TUESDAY**  
**June 22**  
**10-11 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Hula

Hoop Workshop. Hoop there it is! Visit the library lawn to make and take a custom hula hoop! We will have all the supplies to help you make a cool hoop. We will use math, science, art and lots of tubing to make these amazing creations. During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. Ages 6-16.

Rain date: June 23, 10 a.m.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Agriculture Committee meeting.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**June 23**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
AUBURN – Auburn Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting.  
**6 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Complete Streets Committee meeting.

**THURSDAY**  
**June 24**  
**10:30 a.m.-Noon**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Art in the Park. Art in the park is an opportunity to paint outside on the lawn. We provide paint, brushes, and paper; you supply the imagination. Bring your lunch to eat while your creation dries. This is a popular family activity. During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible. All ages  
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**MONDAY**  
**June 28**  
**9:30-9:50 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter

Memorial Library - Babies on the Lawn. Bring your baby and a blanket to join us for an interactive, socially distanced, outdoor lap-sit program. Ms. Dani will present stories, songs, rhymes and fun for babies 0-18 months and their caregivers. Masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

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**5:30 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – Planning Board meeting - The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.

**TUESDAY**  
**June 29**  
**10-11 a.m.**  
GORHAM – Baxter Memorial Library - Summer Smoothies. Chill on the lawn while Learning tips and tricks on how to make your own summer smoothies. These healthy smoothies will surprise you with their sweet taste and amazing fresh flavour. Make sure to bring the whole family so they can sample these delicious fruit and veggie smoothies. #SneakyVegetables During outdoor programming, masks will only be required when physical distancing is not possible.

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**MONDAY**  
**July 5**  
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**TUESDAY**  
**July 6**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Age-Friendly Community Committee.  
**6 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Regular Town Council meeting.

**MONDAY**  
**July 12**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
LEWISTON - Planning Board Meeting via Zoom video conference. The Planning Board Agenda and information for this meeting will be available on the website on the Friday before the meeting date.  
**5:30 p.m.**  
AUBURN – City Council workshop and

meeting.  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – Finance Committee meeting @ City Hall Administrator's Conference Room  
**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Planning Board meeting.

**TUESDAY**  
**July 13**  
**6 p.m.**  
AUBURN – Planning Board meeting  
**6 p.m.**  
LEWISTON – City Council meeting. VIA ZOOM: Due to necessary COVID19 precautions, the meeting will be broadcast via ZOOM - <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/2021cc> Also, public comment will be possible at [publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lewistonmaine.gov) The meeting will be archived on the City's YouTube channel <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/YouTube> by the next day.  
**7 p.m.**  
GORHAM – Conservation Commission meeting.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**July 14**  
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