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## Veterans Day Prayer Service

Words cannot explain our gratitude to each and every veteran for their service in defense of our country and to those who gave the ultimate gift to ensure our freedom.

Prince of Peace Parish at Holy Family Church located at 607 Sabattus Street in Lewiston will host a community-wide Veterans Day Prayer Service. This is the seventeenth year that we offer the "We Remember and Give Thanks" evening of reflection, honoring those who have served and those who are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

This service will be held on Friday, November 12, at 6:30 pm at Holy Family Church. This is a community service and all are invited no matter what religion or faith affiliation.

Area clergy will join together to commemorate our brave men and women in prayer and song: Fr. Patrick Finn, Parochial Vicar Prince of Peace Parish, Lewiston, Rev. Marian Marks, Pastor, Grace Lutheran

Church, Auburn, and Rev. Donald Cogle, Pastor, First Assembly of God Church, Lewiston. The choir will be directed and accompanied by Dr. Paul Caron, who will perform his own arrangement of military songs that honor the branches of our military as the various flags are presented. The Kora Temple Pipes and Drums will once again provide special renditions and Bugles Across America will sound Taps in memory of the fallen.

All veterans, active and inactive, and their families and friends are invited to attend. The whole community is invited to pray and give thanks to our veterans. All are invited no matter what denomination or faith affiliation.

**Friday, November 12**

17th Annual Veterans Day Prayer Service. 6:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Parish at Holy Family Church, 607 Sabattus Street, Lewiston. Community service. All are invited.



## New trees enhance Washington Street in Auburn

The City of Auburn used a generous \$8,000 grant from Project Canopy to plant trees on the median of Washington Street. The twelve 2-inch diameter ginkgo "Autumn Gold" trees will beautify the southern gateway to the city. The trees were selected because ginkgoes, which are tolerant of salt and traffic emissions, are well suited to this challenging location.

Project Canopy grants funded by USDA Forest Service-Urban and Community Forestry and administered by the Maine Forest Service.

The grant proposal was developed by city staff, with support from the Lewiston-Auburn Community Forest Board. The LACFB is a subcommittee of the Auburn Conservation Commission. Project Canopy's annual grants are highly competitive, and Auburn is pleased and proud to receive this generous support.



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## Data on hospitalized vaccinated individuals requested by Collins

U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Richard Burr wrote a letter to Centers for Disease Control Director, Rochelle Walensky and Food and Drug Administration Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock asking for more data on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines, particularly with respect to breakthrough cases.

The Senators acknowledged that the CDC has started to make some additional information available in tracking the rates of COVID-19 cases and deaths by vaccination status and vaccine product. However, they noted that data on hospitalizations by vaccine product remain unavailable to the public. In addition, they emphasized that only a handful of public health departments appear to be reporting information on breakthrough cases that result in hospitalizations or death to the CDC.

"We have heard from vaccinated health care professionals, seniors, and individuals who are immunocompromised or have certain chronic conditions who have questions about the data surrounding serious breakthrough infections and how the different vaccine products compare in protecting

against hospitalizations and deaths," the Senators wrote. "They also have questions about how these data have informed the recent FDA and CDC announcements on booster shots and how they will be taken into account on recommendations on the mixing and matching of vaccines."

"At a time when there has already been public confusion on the decision-making process around boosters, it is crucial that the CDC and FDA be trusted sources of accessible information on the efficacy of the three vaccines," the Senators concluded. "The public would benefit from more robust data on which vaccine was received by fully vaccinated individuals who are hospitalized due to a breakthrough case, in addition to more data overall on breakthrough cases."

The Senators asked CDC Director Walensky and FDA Acting Commissioner Woodcock the following questions. Do the CDC and FDA collect nationwide data on which vaccine was received by fully vaccinated individuals who nevertheless contract COVID-19 and are hospitalized? If not, what are the barriers to collecting and disseminating

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Precautions Against Browntail Moth Hairs This Fall

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Maine Forest Service, and 211 Maine remind Maine residents and visitors about how to limit health risks posed by browntail moth hairs this fall.

Hairs from browntail moth caterpillars can get stirred up during fall yardwork. These tiny hairs can cause a skin reaction like poison ivy and cause trouble breathing and other respiratory problems.

People in all sixteen Maine counties are at some risk of exposure to browntail moth hairs.

Browntail moth caterpillars grow and shed their hairs from April to late June or early July. The hairs remain toxic in the environment for up to three years, although they lose toxicity over time. Hairs blow around in the air and fall onto leaves and brush. Mowing, raking, sweeping, and other activities can cause the hairs to become

airborne, increasing the risk of skin and breathing problems.

Most people affected by the hairs develop a localized rash that lasts for a few hours up to several days. In some people, the rash can be severe and last for weeks. Hairs may also cause trouble breathing in some people, which may result in respiratory distress. There is no specific treatment for the rash or breathing problems caused by browntail moth hairs.

Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms.

Follow these steps to reduce exposure to browntail moth hairs while working outdoors. If possible, do yardwork when leaves are wet to prevent hairs from becoming airborne. Do not rake, use leaf blowers, or mow the lawn on dry days. Do not dry laundry outside where hairs can cling to clothing. Cover your face and any exposed skin by wearing: a long-sleeve shirt, long pants,

goggles, a respirator/dust mask, a hat, and a disposable coverall. Secure clothing around the neck, wrists, and ankles. If respirators are difficult to find, performing activities in damp conditions with a cloth face covering may reduce the risk of inhaling caterpillar hairs. Apply pre-contact poison ivy wipes to help keep hairs from sticking into exposed skin. Take a cool shower to wash off loose hairs. Change clothes after outdoor activities.

Use extra caution when bringing in items stored outdoors, such as firewood, or working in areas sheltered from the rain, like under decks. Contact 211 Maine for answers to frequently asked questions on browntail moths. Dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695). Text your ZIP code to 898-211. [www.maine.gov/dhhs/browntailmoth](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/browntailmoth) or [www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest\\_health/invasive\\_threats/browntail\\_moth\\_info.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm).

## Maine Online Burn Permits Become Free of Charge

LD 268, "An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State," sponsored by Senator Jim Dill, takes effect at midnight on Sunday, October 17, when open burning permits obtained online become free of charge. The online burn permit system is made possible by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Maine Forest Service. Burn permits are available at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com), required by law, and are valid for 24 hours. Handwritten burn permits may also be obtained through local fire departments and town offices.

The daily fire danger rating ([www.maine-fire-weather.org](http://www.maine-fire-weather.org)) could change after 24 hours, and online burn permits become invalid if the fire danger rating becomes high, very high, or extreme. Fewer days of burning will also lower the number of escaped debris burns. Escaped debris burns are the state's top cause of wildfires.

Over 90% of all wildfires in Maine occur between 9 am and 5 pm when the temperatures are warmest, the wind picks up, and the relative humidity drops. Since the "wait to burn until after 5 pm" policy was enacted, there has been a significant decrease in escaped debris burns. It is unlawful to allow your brush pile to burn between 9 am and 5

pm unless there is steady rain, or the ground is completely covered by snow.

You have 24 hours to complete your burn. This requirement is because the weather could change, and the predicted class day could increase high fire danger. The online burn permit system was designed to provide a convenient way to obtain a burn permit from your computer or cell phone. You can still get a handwritten

burn permit from your local Town Fire Warden for free. If you live in an unorganized township, you can obtain a handwritten burn permit from the nearest Maine Forest Ranger station or regional office without charge.

This system is only for burning brush, wood debris, and grass/agricultural fields. Contact the nearest Maine Forest Service Regional office for information on obtaining campfire permits. Not

having a printed and authorized permit at the burn violates title 12 S 9321. The guidance for allowable open burning in Maine is posted on the Maine Forest Service website. You can call the Maine Forest Service or your local fire department for more information. In general, you cannot burn trash, paint, metal, plastic, or pressure-treated wood (i.e., anything that creates unhealthy smoke).

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Letter to the Editor

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## Legislature passes Work and Save

Today, nearly 30% of Mainers over the age of 65 are living exclusively off Social Security. Our financial future as a community is grim. For instance, it is a sobering fact that more than 207,000 working Mainers between the ages of 18 and 64 currently have no access to a retirement savings program where they work. Few of these employees save on their own meaning thousands of our friends and neighbors will more than

likely rely nearly entirely on Social Security for their income late in life.

And if we're honest, it's not going to get better without some smart changes to how Mainers are able to save for their future. Our state's new "Work and Save" legislation, passed with strong bi-partisan support recently, is one of those smart changes.

Maine is the 14th state in the nation to pass legislation such as this, designed to help

workers, small businesses, and our communities, become more financially stable. In a time of instability, this is something we all can get behind.

This Work and Save program provides a common-sense public-private solution to the thousands of working Mainers who are ready to start saving for the future, using Roth IRAs with private-sector investments.

In this tight labor market, we know that small

businesses need every leg up they can get to attract the skilled workers and talent they need. Maine's Work and Save law can help business owners compete while helping workers save for the future.

There is also a benefit for Maine taxpayers. In fact, the AARP Public Policy Institute estimates that Maine could save \$23 million over a 14-year period by helping people save for their own retirement.


AARP Maine thanks the state legislature for seeing the value in this important "Work and Save" concept for the state of Maine. We applaud the tireless efforts of Senator Eloise Vitelli, and thank Treasurer Beck, Attorney General Frey, and the many small business owners who stepped forward in support of the bill this session.

**Japhet Els, AARP Maine Advocacy and Outreach Director (207) 239-9569**

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## Auburn's new futsal court



The City of Auburn's first Futsal Court – located in the Chestnut "Gully" Park - has been completed. Futsal is a popular version of soccer that is played on a court (indoor or outdoor) with fewer players and a smaller, weighted

ball. This court will help serve the growing demand of soccer related programs in the area, along with supplying a familiar activity to our growing new Maine population.

The City of Auburn partnered with MUSCO

Sports Lighting and the U.S. Soccer Foundation on their Mini-Pitch System Program to install a 104' x 96' surface that offers a double court playing area. The court surface is similar to an outdoor basketball court, with an asphalt

base and acrylic surface that will include lines and logos of partners (to be painted in Spring 2022). The courts come as a modular system, complete with lighting, fencing, goals, benches, ADA-compliant access, and lockable storage.

"It was important for us to find additional support to secure two courts due to the city's high demand for space to play soccer," said Recreation Director, Sabrina Best. "In the few days the court has been completed, the space has already seen a high level of play with the neighborhood kids coming out to enjoy the new structure."

The project was funded by a variety of sources including a \$20,000 grant from MUSCO Sports Lighting and U.S. Soccer Foundation. Soccer Maine contributed another \$47,000, which

helped fund a double court system instead of a single court. The rest of the funding was provided by city of Auburn CIP funds.

"With this new playing area available to our community, securing local support for soccer programming became essential," said Best. Auburn teacher Todd Whitcomb - also from Soccer Maine - has been organizing a soccer "skills and drills program" at the Auburn PAL Center for several years. Whitcomb was able to partner with the Yarmouth Colts girls' travel soccer program to secure a \$10,000 grant from Dick's Sporting Goods to help cover equipment costs for programming for local kids. "There are items that are needed to play the sport which are often too much of an expense for families, such as cleats, shin guards, sports bras, sport Hijabs, etc. This grant will be able

to fund those," added Best.

Yet another benefit of the new futsal court is that it can be used as an outdoor ice rink this winter. According to Auburn PAL Coordinator Shawn Boyd, "The soccer players in the neighborhood are very happy and they think this is a nice set-up. Excitement about an ice rink has been even greater, as it appeals to kids and adults. Overall, I think this new court will inspire even more outdoor activity in the Gully, especially in the winter."

The city will host an official grand opening ceremony in spring of 2022, once the court's acrylic surface and logos are painted. Soccer clinics and games will soon follow. For more information on Auburn's Futsal Project, please reach out to Sabrina Best, Auburn Recreation Director, at sbest@auburn-maine.gov or 333-6611.

# Veterans' monument unveiling

Help welcome home a group of veterans who did their job and received a nation's scorn on their return. The Marine Corps league,

central Maine detachment 810 will host the unveiling of Lewiston/Auburn Veterans council's newest monument and park bench. It will

be held at Veterans Memorial Park on November 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They would consider it an honor if individuals

take part in their tribute to our men and women who served during America's most controversial war.

**Thursday, November 11**

Unveiling of Lewiston/Auburn Veterans council's newest monument and park bench. Held at Veterans Memorial Park at 2-20

Main St, Lewiston, on November 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Hosted by the Marine Corps league, central Maine detachment 810.

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# Halloween safety tips from the Red Cross

Trick-or-treating is back this Halloween, however the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means there are extra factors to consider when planning your activities. The American Red Cross offers these tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe. "Halloween is one of the most popular holidays in the U.S. and with most communities returning to normal activities this school year, people should expect a higher volume of visitors in search of tricks and treats," said Stephanie Couturier, Regional CEO, American Red Cross of Northern New England. "Whether you're handing out goodies or going door-

to-door, with just a few simple considerations you can make sure your family and those around you are safe and sound." Here are the top tips for parents to keep in mind while getting their kids ready for Halloween this year. Make your cloth mask part of your costume. A costume mask is not a safe substitute for a cloth mask. Avoid wearing a costume mask over a cloth mask as it can make breathing difficult. Plan outdoor activities and avoid indoor events where the risk of virus transmission is higher. Bring hand sanitizer with you while trick-or-treating and use it after touching objects or other people. Wash your

hands when you get home. Avoid trick-or-treating in large groups and social distance from others around the neighborhood. Make sure trick-or-treaters can see and be seen. Give kids a flashlight to light their way and consider adding reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. Plan the trick-or-treat route in advance and make sure adults know where their children are going. A parent or responsible adult should accompany young children door-to-door. It's not only vampires and monsters people have to look out for. Be cautious around animals, especially dogs. Walk only on the sidewalks, not in the street.

Avoid running. Look both ways before crossing the street, and cross only at the corner. Don't cross between parked cars. Only visit homes that have a porch light on, and never go inside. Make sure a grown-up checks the goodies before eating. Make sure to remove loose candy, open packages and choking hazards. Discard any items with brand names that you are not familiar with. For those planning to welcome trick-or-treaters to their homes, follow these safety steps. Give out treats outdoors, if possible. Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters by setting up an area with individually bagged treats

for kids to take. Wash your hands before handling treats. Maintain social distancing and wear a cloth mask. Light the area well so young visitors can see. Sweep leaves from your sidewalks and steps. Clear your porch or front yard of obstacles someone could trip over. Download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to expert advice in case your ghost, goblin or superhero has a mishap. Use the Emergency app for weather alerts and to let others know you are safe if severe weather occurs. Find these and all of the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross

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# Maine CDC urges precautions against ticks this fall

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) urges residents and visitors to take precautions against disease-carrying deer ticks this fall. Maine experiences a second peak in adult deer tick activity in late September through November. Deer ticks are commonly found in wood-

ed, leafy, and shrubby areas. This may include areas around the yard.

Deer ticks can carry the germs that cause diseases such as Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis. These germs spread through the bite of an infected deer tick. As of October 12, Maine CDC recorded 1,054 cases of

Lyme disease, 559 cases of anaplasmosis, 163 cases of babesiosis, and 3 cases of Powassan encephalitis this year. This is a record high for babesiosis cases.

The most reported symptom of Lyme disease in Maine is a "bull's-eye" rash. Other common symptoms of tickborne disease include body aches, chills,

fever, headache, and swollen lymph nodes. If you experience any of these symptoms, Maine CDC recommends that you mention a recent tick bite or time spent in tick habitat to a health care provider.


Take steps to limit exposure to ticks this fall. The following four strategies help prevent exposure to


ticks and tickborne diseases. Know when you are in tick habitat and use caution. Use an EPA-approved repellent like DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Wear light-colored clothing that covers the arms and legs and tuck pants into socks. Perform tick checks daily and after any outdoor activity. Vis-

it [www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/vectorborne) for information and resources about tickborne diseases. Visit [www.maine.gov/dhhs/tickfaq](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/tickfaq) for frequently asked questions about ticks. Visit [ticks.umaine.edu](http://ticks.umaine.edu) for more information about tick identification and testing through the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Lab.

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## Film Screening on fake news, privacy and democracy

Media Literacy Week is hosted by the National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE), with a mission of highlighting the power of media literacy education and its essential role in education all across the country. This year, it takes place from October 25-29.

Please join us for a screening of the film, Digital Disconnect, followed by a short discussion of the film. "Digital Disconnect, based on the acclaimed book by media scholar Robert McChesney, trains its sights on the relationship between the internet and democracy in the age of fake news, filter bubbles, and Facebook security breaches." (<https://www.mediaed.org/digital-disconnect/>)

This program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room at the Auburn Public Library. Registration is required. Visit the events page at [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org), call Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4 or email [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

**Thursday, October 28**  
Film screening on fake news, privacy and democracy for Media Literacy Week from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Androscoggin Community Room at the Auburn Public Library. Registration is required. Visit the events page at [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org), call Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4 or email [dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org](mailto:dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org).

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# Chocolate Church Presents Broadway Musical Revue

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6. The two shows, presented in collaboration with Studio Theatre of Bath, will feature performances from popular Broadway shows by some of the best actors and singers from past productions staged by the two organizations.

Performers have been asked to select songs that are from their "dream roles", or from shows that have a special meaning to them. Selections come from such beloved Broadway productions as *Wicked*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Phantom*

*of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Annie*, and *Hamilton*. Performers include Courtney Babbidge, Jane Clukey, Hope Horton, Becca Lewis, Cathy Matero, Mark McNeil, and Chris Petterson.

In addition to performing, Courtney Babbidge will also provide musical accompaniment. Babbidge has been musical director for dozens of CCAC and Studio Theatre of Bath shows and will lend his impressive arrangement and piano skills to this show.

The show will be appropriate for audiences of all ages and will provide the joy and excitement of live theatrical performance during a time when many large-scale

productions have been postponed or outright canceled.

CCAC is requiring that all attendees show proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test taken within 48 hours prior to a performance at the door. For this show, face coverings are strongly recommended while seated, and required while purchasing concessions and merchandise, or while otherwise interacting with any event personnel.

The Chocolate Church Arts Center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Tickets for *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* are \$12 in advance or \$15 day of show and are available at

chocolatechurcharts.org or by calling 207-442-8455.

### Friday, November 5

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* 7:30 p.m. 804 Washington Street in Bath. \$12 in advance or \$15 day of show chocolatechurcharts.org or 207-442-8455.

### Saturday, November 6

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will present *Impossible Dreams: A Musical Revue* 7:30 p.m. 804 Washington Street in Bath. \$12 in advance or \$15 day of show chocolatechurcharts.org or 207-442-8455.



# Creating winter holiday decorations webinar Nov. 1



University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar about creating winter holiday decorations from available natural materials from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on November 1.

"Tips and Tipping for Long-Lasting Holiday Decorations" will show how to harvest and handle evergreens, and how to create both traditional and contemporary decorations. Presenters will be Dave

Fuller, UMaine Extension agriculture and nontimber forest products professional; Lynne Holland, Extension horticulture and social media professional; and Molly Friedland, owner-operator of The Little Red Flower Truck, Ellsworth.

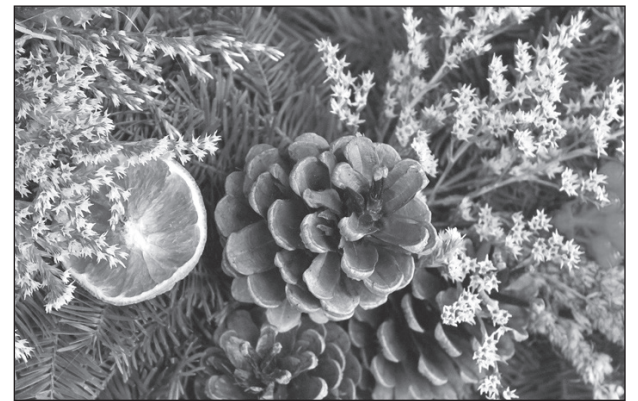
Registration is required; a sliding scale fee is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive a link to the recording. This is the first in a six-part winter gardening webinar series offered

monthly through March for Maine and New Hampshire gardeners. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207-781-6099 or extension.gardening@maine.edu.

### Monday, November 1

University of Maine Cooperative Extension and University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will offer a webinar about creating winter holiday decorations from available natural materials

from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Registration is required; a sliding scale fee is optional. Register on the event webpage to attend live or receive a link to the recording. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Pamela Hargest, 207-781-6099 or extension.gardening@maine.edu.



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## Lewiston Library seeks teen ambassadors

The Lewiston Public Library is seeking youth and young adults between the ages of thirteen and nineteen to become teen library ambassadors. Teen library ambassadors will

attend meetings once per month and assist with self-chosen and directed projects as informal volunteers under the supervision of the teen librarian. Teen library ambassadors will

advise the teen librarian on youth trends and interests in the community, helping to develop programs and events that are needs-based and better reflect local teen needs. Teen library ambas-

sadors have opportunities both in-person and virtually to work on writing reviews of books, movies, comics, manga, and video games. They also will be taking pictures and making graphics for library social media and TikTok or Reelz style videos for library social media. Ambassadors will be moderating discussions and running events on our LPL teen discord server. They will be suggesting materials to purchase for the teen library collections and planning virtual and in-person events, programs, competitions, tournaments, and more.

Teen library ambassadors will be expected to keep in communication with the librarian via email, social media, or discord in order to be considered active members. Any teen library ambassadors who wish to be featured identifiably in library social media promotion must first fill out a photo release form. Meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month from 3:30

p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us virtually on the LPL teen discord for a drop-in information session on Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15 in the second-floor teen lounge. Teens can fill out the Google form or pick up an application at the second-floor reference desk to join. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street. For more information, email teen librarian Harper at [hchance@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:hchance@lewistonmaine.gov) or call the adult and teen services department at 207-513-3135.

### Wednesday, November 17

Virtual drop-in information session about volunteering as teen library ambassadors on the Lewiston Public Library discord 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Lewiston Public Library is located at 200 Lisbon Street. For more information, email teen librarian Harper at [hchance@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:hchance@lewistonmaine.gov) or call the adult and teen services department at 207-513-3135.

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## 80s Night at The Franco Center with band Clockwork



Clockwork performing at a previous 80s-night event

The Franco Center will be hosting 80s-night Friday, November 5. The band Clockwork will be performing with their big sound, big lights, and high energy. This event is sponsored by Champoux Insurance Group. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with music starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. There will be a full bar. The Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston.

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# UMaine agricultural leadership program starts Nov. 2



UMaine 4H participant picking blueberries

University of Maine Cooperative Extension 4-H is offering a new agricultural leadership program for Maine teens meeting weekly from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. November 2 through December 14.

The “Fall Agricultural Leadership Ambassador Program” is designed to provide agricultural education and leadership experiences online and in person to Maine youth ages

14–18. Participants will explore their shared interest in agriculture, including career pathways and post-secondary options, and examine current issues in food systems, livestock and crop sciences, aquaculture and more. Current 4-H membership is not required.

The program is free, registration is required. Register on the program webpage. Current CDC

and University of Maine health guidelines will be followed for all in-person events. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Sara Conant, 207.781.6099; sara.conant@maine.edu.

As a trusted resource for over 100 years, University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine’s land and sea grant public education role

by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine county. UMaine Extension helps support, sustain, and grow the food-based economy. It is the only entity in our state that touches every aspect of the Maine Food System, where policy, research, production, processing, commerce, nutrition, and food security and safety are integral and interrelated. UMaine Extension also conducts the most successful out-of-school youth educational program in Maine through 4-H.

The University of Maine, founded in Orono

in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot Nation. As Maine’s flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 75 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,741 undergraduate

and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100-degree programs through which students can earn master’s, doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campus wide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).



UMaine 4H participant operating farm equipment

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# Library cinema presents: No Greater Love



**Tuesday, November 16th**  
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The Lewiston Public Library is providing a free, public screening of the documentary film *No Greater Love* (2015) on Tuesday, November 16. This screening will start at 4:30 p.m. with an introduction from Dr. Chris Price in Callahan Hall at the Lewiston Public Library.

*No Greater Love* is the first documentary directed by an active-duty soldier in combat. This

film tells the story of how an Army chaplain and his men fight their way through a tour in one of the most dangerous places in Afghanistan and what it's like for them as they struggle to find their way home again. *No Greater Love* is brought to you by Samuel Goldwyn Films, directed by Justin Roberts, and has a running time of 98 minutes.

Dr. Chris Price, visiting assistant professor

of politics at Bates College, will provide a brief introduction to the film at the beginning of the screening, focusing on the ethical complexities of conflict as they relate to American soldiers. Dr. Chris earned his Ph.D. at Yale University and has since been the Wisconsin International Relations Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Chicago.

At Bates, Chris teaches courses on conflict, security, and ethnicity. Chris studies the dynamics and legacies of political violence and is particularly interested in how violence affects ethnic and other group identities.

Kanopy, an on-demand streaming video platform available to all Lewiston Public Library cardholders, will be used to stream the film. Due to the graphic nature of the film, viewer discretion is advised. Under current masking requirements refreshments will not be provided or permitted during the screening.

Library cinema presents is a film screening program sponsored by the Lewiston Public Library.

The Lewiston Public Library is located at 200 Lisbon Street. More information on this program is available by contacting [LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov) or 513-3135.

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# NECEC making property tax payments

The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) has begun making property tax payments to communities where work is ongoing along the Clean Energy Corridor. As of mid-October, over fifteen communities have submitted their tax assessments to the project which total more than \$5 million. The NECEC has already paid more than half of those assessments. More than thirty municipalities will eventually submit assessments to the project.

The city of Lewiston is the biggest benefactor, having been paid more than \$1.5 million in September. Another similar payment will be made in March. The towns of Moscow, Anson, Wiscasset, and Greene have each been paid more than \$100,000 by NECEC for their property tax assessments. Other communities that have received payments include Embden, New Sharon,

Cumberland, Pownal, West Forks, Industry, Jay, Manchester, Livermore Falls and Durham. More than \$600,000 has been paid to the Maine Revenue Service for work done in unorganized territories. In total, over \$3.1 million has been paid to municipalities across the state.

“We know that voting yes on Question 1 impacts leases of other facilities, disrupts future investments in Maine, and eliminates jobs for Mainers working right now,” said Adrienne Bennett, Mainers for Fair Laws spokesperson. “And property taxpayers lose, as well. In more than 30 Maine towns and cities, passing Question 1 would mean millions less in property tax relief for our communities. Voting no helps Mainers reduce our tax burden, create local jobs, and secure our energy future.

“The NECEC is

bringing substantial economic benefits to Maine,” said Thorn Dickinson, CEO & President of NECEC Transmission LLC. “While opponents of the project can continue to make false claims that there are no benefits to Mainers, these payments are now helping to reduce property taxes and fund projects these communities previously couldn’t afford.”

A major supporter of NECEC is the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, which represents a network of more than 5,000 employers of all sizes and sectors across the state. The Maine State Chamber cites the significant infrastructure investments municipalities can make with these property tax payments that, combined with lower property tax rates, and the good jobs, clean energy advancements, and other important economic benefits the project brings, will help attract people, businesses, and

economic growth to Maine. Mainers statewide will see other economic benefits from the NECEC, including \$140 million for consumer rate relief and another \$50 million for low-income customers. The NECEC will also allow for a major reduction in Maine’s dependence on fossil fuels in the fight against climate change and will account for more than 3 million metric tons of carbon that will be removed from our air annually once the NECEC is operational. That’s the equivalent of taking more than 700,000 vehicles off New England’s roads each year for the 40-year life span of the project.

For more information about the New England Clean Energy Connect, please visit our website at <https://www.necleanenergyconnect.org/>.

The New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) is a \$950 mil-

lion investment that will deliver 1,200 megawatts of renewable hydropower to the New England energy grid in Lewiston, Maine. All the costs will be paid for by Massachusetts electric customers. Once built, the NECEC would be New England’s largest source of renewable energy, representing a fundamental shift away from fossil fuels while simultaneously lowering energy costs in Maine and New England.

The 145-mile transmission line is being built on land owned or controlled by Central Maine Power. The 53 miles of new corridor on working forest land uses a new clearing technique of tapered vegetation; the remaining two-thirds of the project follows existing power lines created for the state’s hydroelectric industry almost a century ago. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the Spring of 2023.

The project will create an average of more than 1,600 good-paying jobs annually during the two-and-a-half-year construction period, provide \$200 million in upgrades to Maine’s energy grid, making Maine’s electricity service more reliable. The NECEC will allow more producers of renewable energy in Maine to get their energy on the grid, and because the corridor project will use clean hydropower, it will reduce the use of fossil fuels, cutting three million metric tons of dirty emissions each year.

The NECEC will also deliver significant economic benefits to Maine, including lower electricity prices, increased local real estate taxes, and reduced energy costs, as well as benefits like expanded fiber optic cable for broadband service in Somerset and Franklin counties, and economic development funding for Western Maine.

## Family-Friendly Mystery Adventures in Norlands

A new family adventure, “Story Trails at Norlands,” will be available for a limited time this October at the Norlands Living History Center in Livermore.

Story Trails of Maine has created this new event

as a fundraiser for Norlands, as a means to bring more families in to explore this historical gem. Groups will have one hour to look for clues and solve puzzles throughout the grounds and historical buildings,

all while following a story filled with real information about the impressive Maine family who lived there.

“If you have not been to this site and explored the grounds, it is truly magi-

cal,” remarks Joe Musumeci, owner of Story Trails of Maine. “We wanted to give families an opportunity to see and learn about the history, using fun and interactive means to keep attention spans high and children engaged in the activity.”

The event is available on Saturday and Sunday October 30 and 31, with starting times from 11am - 4pm. Tickets must

be reserved in advance. Children 14 and under get in free, with adults tickets from \$20 per person. Reservations can be made online at [storytrailsme.com/maine/norlands/](http://storytrailsme.com/maine/norlands/).

Story Trails of Maine develops interactive experiences and events around the state of Maine that are accessible and customized to educate, inform, and entertain. With a focus on helping local communi-

ties and sharing the stories of Maine, Story Trails of Maine works with towns, schools, businesses, and other local organizations to engage the public in

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# Collins requests federal funding for Auburn fire station



As a senior appropriator, Senator Collins is working to secure federal funding to expand Central Fire Station into a public safety building

U.S. Senator Susan Collins, a co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, visited the Central Fire Station, which will be the site of a new public safety building. The renovated and expanded facility will include space for Auburn's fire and police departments, as well as administrative offices, an emergency operations center, and public areas.

Senator Collins submitted a congressionally directed spending request of \$2.5 million for the project. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, she is working to secure this funding through the ongoing appropriations process.

"Ensuring that Auburn's finest and bravest have adequate facilities is essential to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the emergency services

they provide," said Senator Collins. "The Auburn Police Department's current headquarters at City Hall was intended to be a temporary solution, but they have

been there for 13 years. The Central Fire Station is also in need of expansion and renovation. This project will solve both problems by creating a public safety

campus at the Central Fire Station. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I strongly advocated on Auburn's behalf to include this critical project in the funding bill, and I will continue to champion this investment as the process moves forward."

A study commissioned by Auburn found that the best option for creating a public safety campus in the city is to expand the Central Fire Station. The plan calls for the police department to move out of Auburn City Hall, which was only supposed to be a five-year solution. The building will also include fire station administrative support, a 911 call center, an emergency operations center, and common public space, as well as shared



program rooms. They will also add onto the building to support a tower truck and renovate living space.

During her visit, Senator Collins also watched a demonstration by the communications center, which recently upgraded its technology to enhance the coordination between the school

and police departments and allow law enforcement to rapidly address potential threats. Senator Collins secured \$400,000 for this upgrade in 2018 for the Auburn Police Department through the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services grant program.

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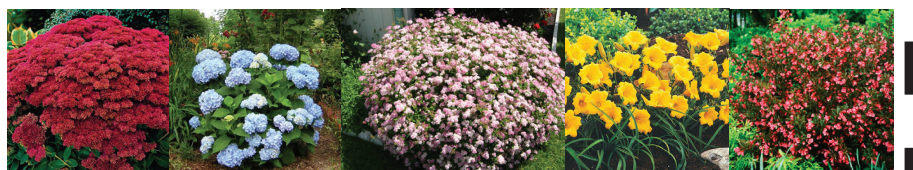
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	2020	2021	%Change	2020	2021	%Change
STATEWIDE	2290	2067	-9.74%	\$273,700	\$320,000	16.92%

ROLLING QUARTER CHART						
From July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 and July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021						
	NUMBER OF UNITS			MEDIAN SALES PRICE		
	2020	2021	%Change	2020	2021	%Change
STATEWIDE	6554	6126	-6.53%	\$265,000	\$315,000	18.87%
Androscoggin	404	387	-4.21%	\$216,805	\$251,920	16.20%
Aroostook	267	300	12.36%	\$110,000	\$121,250	10.23%
Cumberland	1370	1286	-6.13%	\$375,000	\$449,950	19.99%
Franklin	177	173	-2.26%	\$194,000	\$215,000	10.82%
Hancock	342	312	-8.77%	\$260,000	\$326,000	25.38%
Kennebec	614	575	-6.35%	\$209,650	\$260,000	24.02%
Knox	249	232	-6.83%	\$265,000	\$369,500	39.43%
Lincoln	254	185	-27.17%	\$303,000	\$360,000	18.81%
Oxford	307	291	-5.21%	\$202,000	\$258,000	27.72%
Penobscot	618	601	-2.75%	\$175,000	\$210,000	20.00%
Piscataquis	153	111	-27.45%	\$155,000	\$190,000	22.58%
Sagadahoc	132	137	3.79%	\$282,250	\$355,000	25.78%
Somerset	249	208	-16.47%	\$153,000	\$188,250	23.04%
Waldo	203	190	-6.40%	\$231,000	\$285,000	23.38%
Washington	194	182	-6.19%	\$165,500	\$160,000	-3.32%
York	1021	956	-6.37%	\$355,000	\$400,000	12.68%

Maine Real Estate Statistics from September 2021 and Housing Report from October 21, 2021.

Demand for single-family existing homes across Maine continues to be steady, exceeding pre-COVID numbers. According to Maine Listings, while sales statistics decreased 9.74 percent in September, prices increased 16.92 percent. The median sales price (MSP) for the 2,067 homes sold last month was \$320,000, which is considered a balanced market.

“There continues to be strong demand for Maine real estate,” says Aaron Bolster, Broker/Owner of Allied Realty in Skowhegan and 2021 President of the Maine Association of REALTORS. “Buyers are rapidly purchasing for-sale inventory as it comes on the market, and we’re experiencing a 2.1-month supply of for-sale single family properties that is much lower than a six-month supply,

which is considered a balanced market.

“Sales volume for September 2021 is 9.7 percent below September 2020 but is 10.7 percent above the pre-COVID September 2019, which is a better comparison since the third quarter of 2020 began the steep recovery from the COVID shutdowns. Overall, 2021 is strong for single family home sales. For January to September 2021, sales are 8.37 percent higher than January to September 2020, and sales are 11.19 percent higher than January to September 2019.”

Nationally, single-family existing home sales across the country dipped 3.1 percent over the past year. The National Association of Realtors today reported a national MSP of \$359,700 which is a jump of 13.8 percent. Sales across the regional Northeast eased 8.3 percent and the regional MSP of \$387,200 reflects a 9.2

percent increase.

“The dynamics of the tight market are challenging for buyers and for sellers,” says Bolster. “Begin working with a REALTOR® early in the process for seasoned knowledge of local market conditions to help guide success with your real estate transaction.”

Maine Listings, a subsidiary of the Maine Association of REALTORS, is a statewide Multiple Listing Service with over 5,600 licensees inputting active and sold property listing data. Statistics reflect properties reported as sold in the system within the time periods indicated.

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## Novel Jazz Septet Kicks Off UUCB Concerts for a Cause



works of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, who together wrote some 3000 compositions over their musical careers.

During Covid, the band has kept busy practicing and doing arrangements of new Ellington and Strayhorn tunes, some collected from the Smithsonian Museum of American History as well as the Library of Congress.

The band has recorded 3 CDs. Several two-hour programs dedicated to Novel Jazz have been broadcast on Maine Public Radio's jazz show, "Jazz Tonight."

Two-thirds of the proceeds from all this season's concerts will benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

Masking and proof of covid vaccine or negative test will be required at the door.

Tickets for Novel Jazz are \$15 in advance for adults and \$18 at the door. Students & Children are

\$10. Tickets are available at the Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books, or online at [ticketstripe.com/noveljazz](https://ticketstripe.com/noveljazz).

Novel Jazz Septet reopens Concerts for a Cause series at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick. Portion of proceeds benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

Saturday, November 13

Novel Jazz Septet kicks off the reopening of the Concerts for a Cause series 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance for adults and \$18 at the door. Students & Children are \$10. Tickets are available at the Brunswick Unitarian Universalist Church office 729-8515, Gulf of Maine Books or [ticketstripe.com/noveljazz](https://ticketstripe.com/noveljazz). Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street, Brunswick. Portion of proceeds benefit Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program and Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project.

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## Waterville StoryWalk® to Launch Community Trail

The Waterville Public Library and partners are delighted to announce the launch of a StoryWalk® at the North Street Community Connector Trail in Waterville, Maine. Beginning Saturday, October 23 please visit and enjoy reading the book “Daniel Finds a Poem” by Micha Archer as you walk along the trail behind the North Street playground and alongside the Messalonskee Stream. “Daniel Finds a Poem” celebrates the poetry that is in and for everyone and everything. What is poetry? If you look and listen, it is all around you!

StoryWalk® promotes reading, movement, relationships, outside time, and exploration. “A StoryWalk® is a lovely way for children and adults to wander in discovery and delight with great children’s books immersed in nature,” said Liz Davis, Children’s Librarian. A StoryWalk®

offers laminated pages of children’s books along a walking trail. As you stroll down the trail, discover the unfolding of a story with engaging prompts. The North Street Community Connector Trail StoryWalk® starts at the trailhead across the street from Quarry Road in Waterville. New stories will keep coming along. While supplies last, copies of current StoryWalk® books will be available for pick-up for free at the Waterville Public Library located at 73 Elm St.

“The Waterville StoryWalk® launch is a marvelous demonstration of positive outcomes made possible through partners coming together to empower people and strengthen community,” said Tammy Rabideau, Library Director. Waterville StoryWalk® organizers invite you to participate in the upcoming FREE fall programs for all at the North Street Com-

munity Connector StoryWalk®.

Waterville StoryWalk® is a fun way for children and adults to enjoy both the great outdoors and great children’s books. StoryWalk® helps build children’s interest in reading while encouraging healthy activity for both adults and children. Waterville StoryWalk® is made possible through a community partnership of the Waterville Public Library, Waterville Parks & Recreation, Waterville Creates, Children’s Discovery Museum, and the Colby College Civic Engagement and Community Partnerships Program along with financial support from the Mollusca Fund, Waterville Area Women’s Club, and other anonymous donors. The original StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

The Waterville Public Library, a 2017 winner of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, has been a center for community and learning in Waterville since 1896. A place where people and ideas connect, the mission of the Waterville Public Library to empower people and strengthen community through the sharing of stories, knowledge, and experiences. With the largest collection of materials in public libraries in Central Maine, the Waterville Public Library provides diverse programs for people all ages and offers an array of technological and educational support for job seekers, career changers, entrepreneurs, businesses, and creative types. Visit the website at <http://www.watervillelibrary.org/> to learn more.

## ARPA funding creates historic opportunity for Maine counties

An unprecedented level of funds are available with the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act earlier this for Maine counties and localities to address COVID-19 impacts and foster a stronger, more equitable recovery.

Effective allocation of these funds will aid recovery, address inequities, and improve prospects for individuals and businesses. To support these efforts, the Maine Center for Economic Policy (MECEP) released guidance for counties to help ensure funds adequately respond to local data-demonstrated needs and reduce inequality in Maine communities.

This is a moment

when county commissioners, municipal officials, nonprofit service providers, and residents have an opportunity to work together toward a vision for how best to use these funds to advance shared prosperity now and in the future. Most counties are currently accepting public comment from residents and community organizations on how these funds are used.

Maine counties will receive federal ARPA funds in two installments — one beginning in May 2021 and another within 12 months. Counties have until 2024 to make plans for using the money and until 2026 to spend it. In total, Maine counties will re-

ceive \$261 million. Maine cities will receive an additional \$121.5 million, and the state will receive another \$119.2 million to funnel to municipalities. The federal government will also provide funding for Tribal governments, a total of \$20 billion across all states, and is determining those amounts through a separate application process.

Compared to other states, Maine counties perform relatively fewer functions. The purview of Maine counties includes corrections and law enforcement (e.g. running county jails and sheriff’s offices); emergency management; registries of

deeds; dispatch services; probate courts; regional public health services; staffing for district attorney offices. Because counties have minimal capacity to implement programs, MECEP is recommending they prioritize partnerships with local municipalities and nonprofit organizations in allocating ARPA dollars.

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## Calendar

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### Thursday, October 28

Media press event for the LA Maples professional women’s basketball team with owners Josh Brister and Jen Buchanan. Held at the Lewiston Armory at 65 Central Avenue 2:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 6

Holiday Craft Fair at the Turner Universalist Church vestry, Turner Center, Route 117. From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Crafts, attic treasures, lunch and bake sale. Table rentals are \$15.00 Call Mary at 225-3945.

### Saturday, November 6

Art and Nature Walk 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Weather permitting). We will walk and create a mini art journal using collage methods as seen in the book, Daniel Finds a Poem. Led by Serena Sanborn, Waterville Creates. Free for all ages. Adults welcome. [Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org](mailto:Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org) or call the library at 207.872.5433

### Sunday, November 7

Free program “Honoring Veterans in Word and Song.” At Court Street Baptist Church, 129 Court

Street, Auburn, ME. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Local talent provides music and readings of a patriotic nature. Call 207-784-6661.

### Thursday, November 18

Home School Hub 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Weather permitting). Meet Mrs. Liz to walk the StoryWalk® trail followed by writing gratitude poems. Feel free to bring a snack to enjoy with each other after the program. Free for youth and their caregivers! [Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org](mailto:Storywalk@watervillelibrary.org) or call the library at 207.872.5433.

### Data

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ing this vital information? Are there limitations on the ability of the CDC and FDA to make such data publicly available? How are the CDC and FDA assessing trends in breakthrough infections and the variant or variants that are resulting in such breakthroughs?

A response was requested in advance of the next scheduled hearing of the federal COVID task force before the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

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