

## Bishop to Preside at Rally in Gorham on August 12



**GORHAM, ME (July 19, 2023)**— All are welcome to participate in a special procession and Rosary Rally with Bishop Robert Deeley in Gorham on Saturday, August 12.

Presented by Maine Needs Fatima, the procession will begin at 11 a.m. at Gorham High School on 41 Morrill Avenue with participants walking one mile to St. Anne Church on 299 Main Street, where a Rosary rally will begin at noon. All are welcome to participate in the procession or just meet the group outside the church on the front lawn at the start of the Rosary Rally. Everyone is welcome, including people who have never prayed the rosary. Rosaries and guidance will be available for anyone interested.

The event is the latest organized by “Maine Needs Fatima,” a group which began hosting outdoor rallies in 2017 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Mary to three young visionaries in the town of Fatima, Portugal. Hundreds have gathered at the spirited events, which continue to add new experiences for attendees. “Maine Needs Fatima” is now offering in-home visitations of the group’s beautiful Our Lady of Fatima statue. For more information about the event, “Maine Needs Fatima,” or in-home visitations of the statue, visit [www.maine-needsfatima.org](http://www.maine-needsfatima.org).

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Community Redistribution Fund Announces 2023 Grantees

**STATEWIDE, Maine (July 14, 2023)** – Good Shepherd Food Bank’s Community Table is proud to announce the 2023 Community Redistribution Fund grantees. As part of its focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion, the Food Bank created a Community Redistribution Fund aimed at breaking down barriers and increasing access to culturally appropriate foods for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous people and People of Color), immigrant, and refugee communities throughout Maine. According to the Ending Hunger in Maine by 2030 Task Force Report, 28 percent of households headed by people of color are food insecure, and 40 percent of households headed by Black Mainers are food insecure.

“Food insecurity disproportionately impacts communities of color. Community Redistribution Grants, while not a permanent solution, help break down barriers to accessing culturally appropriate foods and bridge the gap as we make strides to center equity in the Food Bank’s work and address the root causes of hunger in Maine,” stated

Marpheen Chann, one of Good Shepherd Food Bank’s community impact managers. “We are proud to partner with leaders, advocates, and partners from communities of color throughout our community-led grantmaking process and in the fight to end hunger in Maine.”

In total, 59 organizations across Maine will receive investments from the Food Bank’s Community Redistribution Fund. Of the \$750,000 available, \$170,000 will be granted to Maine tribes and Indigenous-led organizations to support traditional food and foodways. Bangor, Northern, and Downeast Maine, with most Maine tribal communities and Indigenous-led organizations included, will be granted \$210,000, and \$245,000 will be granted to Black-led organizations.

2023 Community Redistribution Fund Grantees  
 A.C.T Heaven First Church  
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 AK Health and Social Services  
 Angolan Community of Maine  
 Azerbaijan Society of

Maine  
 Bangor School Department  
 Black Owned Maine Brunswick School Department  
 Capital Area New Mainers Project  
 Congolese Community of Maine  
 Cultivating Community  
 Eastern Woodlands Rematriation Collective  
 Five Pillars Butchery Gateway Community Service Maine  
 Greater Portland Family Promise Health Corner  
 In Her Presence Intercultural Community Center  
 Khmer Maine Land In Common  
 Lewiston Auburn Youth Network  
 Lewiston Public Schools  
 Living With Peace International  
 Maine Association for New Americans (MANA)  
 Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services  
 Maine Immigrants’ Rights Coalition (MIRC)  
 Maine Medical Center Food Pantry  
 Maine Multicultural Center

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 Mawiomi Garden Mawita’nej Epij’ij  
 Mi’kmaq Nation Multicultural Community and Support Services  
 Multilingual & Multicultural Center, Portland Public Schools  
 New England Arab American Organization (NEAAO)  
 New Roots Cooperative Farm  
 Nibezun  
 Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Masjid  
 Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township  
 Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point  
 Presente! Maine  
 Sacred Heart/St. Dominic’s Church  
 Somali Bantu Community Association of Maine  
 South Portland School Department  
 South Sudanese Group of Friends  
 St. Ann’s/Penobscot Food Pantry  
 Sustainable Livelihoods Relief Organization (SLRO)  
 The Third Place  
 Tree Street Youth, Inc.  
 Ummah Farm Enter-

prise  
 United Asian Communities  
 Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness  
 Welcoming Immigrants, Our New Neighbors  
 Westbrook School Department  
 Zambian Community of Maine  
 Zone 6 Farms

In 2020, Good Shepherd Food Bank established the Community Redistribution Fund to support organizations’ efforts to increase access to culturally important foods to community members in need. The fund is intended for organizations working closely and primarily with BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities. Thank you to our Community Redistribution Fund Grant Advisory Committee for reviewing and approving the funds. Members include Crystal Cron, Penobscot Tribe Ambassador Maulian Dana, Alice Kabore, Charles Mugabe, and Grace Valenzuela, whose terms on the committee concluded at the end of June 2023.

Organizations that fit the criteria for eligibility could apply for grant funds to help support equitable

food access for BIPOC, immigrant, and refugee communities. Priority was given to organizations that were not part of the Food Bank’s network and organizations that were led by and serving Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

Use of grant funds could include but was not limited to the purchase of food for direct distribution or meal preparation; gift cards/credits to culturally specific markets for community members; food sovereignty projects; farming/agriculture projects; transportation costs. Up to 20% of grant funds could be used for general operating expenses.

The Community Redistribution Fund and the grants made through the program are funded by Good Shepherd Food Bank’s Campaign to End Hunger. Key priorities of the campaign include building the capacity of partners and communities to strengthen food security and investing in communities of color, which are disproportionately impacted by hunger.

For more information, please visit [www.feedingmaine.org/crf](http://www.feedingmaine.org/crf).

## Parishes Offer Free Meals, Soup Kitchens, Food Pantries for All

**PORTLAND, ME (July 14, 2023)**—In an effort to do all they can to help Maine individuals and families receive the food they need, parishes across the state offer free community meals, soup kitchens, and food pantries for tens of thousands of people of all faiths to utilize. As schedules are updated and assistance opportunities at Maine parishes are added, they will be listed here:

[www.portlanddiocese.org/parish-food-assistance](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/parish-food-assistance).

Food Pantries  
 Lewiston: St. Mary’s Nutrition Center, 208 Bates Street. Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information or to help out: (207) 513-3848

In addition, Catholic Charities Maine’s Food Bank, supported by the annual Catholic Appeal, provides food assistance to

tens of thousands of people in Aroostook County and beyond through nearly 30 food pantries. St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Gorham, Westbrook, and Windham supply 300 bagged lunches for local homeless every Tuesday. Many parishes host weekly and monthly lunches for seniors and offer food assistance on special occasions like preparing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.



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## Law to Build Solar Projects on Contaminated Farmland

**AUGUSTA, ME (July 21, 2023)** — Gov. Janet Mills has signed into law a joint proposal from Sen. Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic, and Sen. Stacy Brenner, D-Scarborough, that would advance Maine's energy independence by promoting building solar energy projects on farmland that has been contaminated by PFAS.

The proposal is a combination of Sen. Brenner's LD 1591, "An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development," and Sen.

Vitelli's LD 1830, "An Act to Advance Maine's Clean Energy Goals." The proposal is being carried on an amended version of Sen. Brenner's bill.

"We know that PFAS contamination has already impacted more than 50 farms across the state. This new law will help make them whole, as we pursue remediation research and investment," said Sen. Brenner. "I'm grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature who gave this bill such strong support, and to the Governor for signing this bill into law."

"When we pursue innovative solutions, we can address more than one problem at once. This bill is a great example of that kind of opportunity. We're investing in Maine farmers and our state's energy independence," said Sen. Vitelli. "I'm thankful to Sen. Brenner for her leadership on this bill, and I'm excited to see it signed into law."

In the 129th Legislature, Sen. Vitelli sponsored LD 1494, which set in statute the requirement that 80% of Maine's electricity come from renew-

able resources by 2030, with a goal of 100% by 2050. As highlighted by the Renewable Energy Goals Market Assessment, additional clean energy sources are required to meet these goals.

There are more than 700 sites across the state that were licensed for land application of Class B biosolids, which includes wastewater sludge and septage, meaning that PFAS contamination is likely widespread. There is currently no way to remediate PFAS contamination in soils.

LD 1591 has three intersecting goals: to advance Maine's clean energy development; to ensure benefits to ratepayers; and to make use of PFAS-contaminated lands. The bill would promote the economic reuse of contaminated land, including farmland impacted by PFAS contamination, through renewable energy projects that guarantee ratepayer savings.

The procurement in LD 1591 would be open to all PFAS-contaminated land. This proposal leverages federal opportunities,

such as the Inflation Reduction Act. These operations would also be eligible for storage.

In order to approve a contract for this procurement, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) must determine that the contract will provide financial benefits to ratepayers.

The proposal is also supported by the Governor's Energy Office and the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

LD 1591 will go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns sine die.

## Three New Conservation Projects in Gorham and Westbrook

**GORHAM, ME (July 21, 2023)** -- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is announcing three new conservation projects near downtown Gorham and Westbrook. Join us this summer in our 2023 Conservation Campaign Learn more and support this with the rare opportunity to conserve 104 acres of forestland and provide miles of trails in three projects all this year at: [www.prlt.org/2023-conservation-projects](http://www.prlt.org/2023-conservation-projects)

+ Rivermeadow Nature Conservation Project, Westbrook

+ Trout Run Conser-

vation Project, Gorham + Deer Woods Conservation Project, Gorham  
**CONSERVE:** Gorham and Westbrook are two of the fastest-growing communities in the state, yet less than 5% of the land in these communities is conserved, while triple that has been conserved in Cumberland County.

**WILDLIFE:** Over one mile of Presumpscot River and Little River shoreline and 30 acres of wetlands will be protected. While these projects are close to population centers, they still provide important hab-

itats for a diversity of species, from deer and hawks to quickly declining species of reptiles, amphibians, pollinators, and migrating birds.

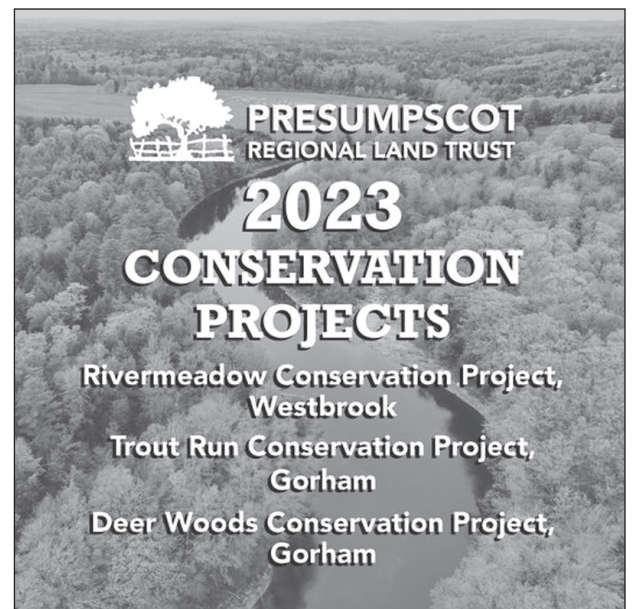
**ACCESS:** Four new miles of trails will be accessible to thousands of people within a mile of these projects because they are located near downtown Gorham and Westbrook.

**HELP MAKE THESE PROJECTS A REALITY:** It costs nearly \$2 million to conserve all three projects, and we have already secured 95% of the funds needed. Our Land Trust

now has \$110,000 left to raise from individuals for land conservation, trail building, community engagement, and long-term stewardship.

**TIMELINE:** Your support is needed this summer, so our Land Trust can conserve these projects this fall, build trails next spring, and have project grand openings next summer.

Please join us, the Board of Directors, and the staff in making a one time gift to conserve these three projects at: [www.prlt.org/2023-conservation-projects](http://www.prlt.org/2023-conservation-projects)



## HART's Annual Yard Sale at Cumberland Fairgrounds is Back

**CUMBERLAND, ME (July 20, 2023)** -- The Homeless Animal Rescue Team (HART) of Maine, an adoption center & shelter for cats in Cumberland, is pleased to announce their huge annual Yard Sale is back at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, Thursday, August 10 through Sunday, August 13, 2023. Admission is free. All proceeds from items sold at HART's flagship fundraising event will go directly to providing essential care for the hundreds of cats they take in every year. The money raised will help pay for food, litter, general medical care, and the costs associated with the more complex medical needs that some surrendered cats require to survive, thrive,

and be ready for adoption. Joann Wallace, HART Board Member, long-time volunteer, and organizer of HART's Yard Sale, noted, "It's been amazing to see the excitement and enthusiasm for this event grow every year. Last year we generated just over \$52,000 for HART. This year, we are hoping to exceed that amount, with a goal of \$60,000. And I know we can do it, based on the generous support of our community and our many dedicated volunteers, who make it all happen."

**SIP & SHOP PREVIEW**

On Wednesday evening, August 9, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., HART will open the Yard Sale doors early for a Sip

& Shop Preview event. A \$28 presale admission fee (\$30 at the door) will allow shoppers exclusive early access to the Yard Sale and a complimentary beverage and snacks. This is always a fun evening, complete with a DJ, a gourmet pie sale, exciting raffles, and great conversation with treasure seekers and fellow cat lovers alike. Presale tickets are available on HART's website: <https://hartofme.org/calendar-of-events/2023-yard-sale-sip-and-shop>

**DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS STILL WELCOME**

HART is accepting donations of items to sell at the Yard Sale through Noon on Sunday, August 6, at their shelter at 302 Range Road in Cumberland. Then, HART will continue to accept items (especially furniture) at the Cumberland Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, Monday, August 7 through Wednesday, August 9, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Thursday, August 10, 8 a.m. – 12 Noon.

They are looking for previously loved yet delicately used furniture, home decor, kitchen gadgets, small appliances, clothing,

toys, tools, garden equipment, holiday decorations, collectibles, books, and more. For a complete list of needed items, as well as those not accepted, visit their website: <https://hartofme.org/calendar-of-events/2023-yard-sale>

Volunteers are still welcome to help set up for and during the event. For more information on volunteering, visit their website: <https://hartofme.org/calendar-of-events/2023-yard-sale>

**ABOUT HART'S ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Admission to HART's Annual Yard Sale is free.

*The event runs Thursday, August 10 – Saturday August 12, 2023 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 8 a.m. – Noon. The Yard Sale is located in the Exhibition Hall at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, 175 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine 04021.*

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

## Return of the Puffins



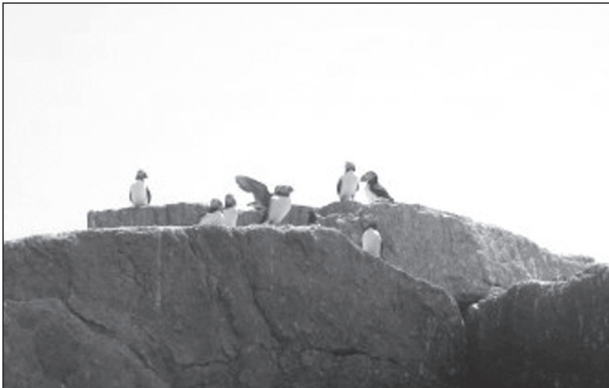
A puffin stares back at an approaching kayaker



Paddlers enter open water in route to Eastern Egg Rock



Puffins are encountered floating in the water approaching Eastern Egg Rock



Puffins seemingly posing for photos on the rugged island



Kayakers paddle through Friendship Harbor

By Ron Chase  
A tiny seemingly nondescript barren atoll located in outer Muscongus Bay, Eastern Egg Rock is one of a handful of locations along the Maine coast where Atlantic Puffins come to nest. It hasn't always been that way.

The colorful seabirds stopped returning to the rock around 1890. A variety of circumstances had driven them from their natural roosting habitat. Until 1973, there was no reason to believe they would ever return.

That summer, a team led by Stephen Kress began a painstaking effort to bring

puffins back to the rock. Members of Project Puffin traveled to a large puffin colony on Great Island in Newfoundland where they removed chicks from their burrows and brought them back to Maine.

For over a decade, Project Puffin relocated chicks from Newfoundland and raised them on Eastern Egg Rock. The goal was to instill an instinctive desire to return to breed. Despite their diligent efforts, twelve years passed before puffin pairs returned. Today, around 150 puffin parents raise their chicks on the rock each year.

I started visiting the

puffins on Eastern Egg by sea kayak about twenty years ago. My first journey there was an illuminating experience. I found the short, stocky, exceptionally intelligent little birds captivating. They're only on the rock a few weeks each year. Once their chicks are strong enough, they leave for the open ocean only to return to breed the following season. June and July is primetime.

Several years ago,

I began organizing annual Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society (PPCS) sea kayak trips to Eastern Egg Rock. When the club trip schedule is formulated early in the year, I list a trip for late June. Then I wait to see if the puffins return.

In mid-June, I emailed a friend who is an Audubon Society volunteer on the island to inquire if the glamorous ocean clowns had returned. Her response was precisely what I wanted to hear, "The puffins are here, around 250 of them!"

I immediately announced a PPCS trip subject to obtaining an acceptable weather forecast. One of the club's most popular trips, ten members expressed interest.

Planning a sea kayak trip to Eastern Egg Rock requires considering several important factors. Since it's a long paddle with substantial exposure, weather is the most significant issue. My requirements are light winds, gentle seas, and an absence of fog. Deciding where to launch and whether to complete the journey in one day or take two and camp are additional issues to examine. I decided to depart from Friendship, a 17-mile roundtrip. My choice was to camp and enjoy two shorter paddling days. That plan also allows for two chances to accomplish the open water sprint to the rock and provides an opportunity for further Muscongus Bay exploration.

When I identified an acceptable weather day, only six Chowderheads were able to arrange their schedules to participate. The weather was perfect when we met at the landing but there was a fly in the ointment; a last minute forecast for patchy fog. No fog at the moment, we de-

A kayaker navigates along Eastern Egg Rock, a barren atoll located in outer Muscongus Bay

decided to kayak four miles to Black Island, our intended campsite, and then make a decision on a quest for the rock or wait another day.

Departing in shallow water shortly after low tide, we navigated a circuitous route through exposed sand bars into bustling Friendship Harbor. Our cruise along Friendship Long Island and past Cranberry Island to Black went smoothly. Although there were fog banks to our west and east, the route to Eastern Egg appeared clear. Two in the group decided to return to Friendship, but for four of us it was puffins or bust!

We paddled into a light headwind and cruised through a channel between Harbor and Hall Islands out into open water. Distinctive Franklin Island Light was on our left as we took a compass bearing for tiny Eastern Egg approximately three miles south.

Although there was about a mile of minor turbulence, our traverse to the rock was otherwise problem-free. As we approached the rugged island, six floating puffins were seemingly waiting for us. Shortly after passing them, we entered an enchanting world of puffins swimming along the shore and flying to and from their nests, their beaks usually filled with fish.

After completing a

circumnavigation of the rock, we began our journey back to Black Island. Mission accomplished, our conversation turned to what new adventures awaited us during the remainder of our outing.

Ron Chase resides in Topsham. His latest book, "Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine" is available at [www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco](http://www.northcountrypress.com/maine-al-fresco) or in bookstores and through online retailers. His previous books are "The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery" and "Mountains for Mortals - New England." Visit his website at [www.ronchase-outdoors.com](http://www.ronchase-outdoors.com) or he can be reached at [ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchaseoutdoors@comcast.net)

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# New Village Shops Open their Doors during WAW on July 27



Kate Bell, owner of High Tide Printing Co., welcomes visitors to her new shop at 6 Railroad Ave. during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

**WISCASSET, ME (July 21, 2023)** – Two new colorful businesses in Wiscasset Village have opened their doors this month and will be greeting visitors during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. Both shops carry on the tradition of unique and owner-managed shops in Wiscasset’s historic district.

Angelo Santo is located at 100 Main St., the former Hasenfus Gallery. Owner Maria Vettese said she hadn’t been looking for a new shop location in Midcoast Maine after owning a shop in Yarmouth and Portland for eight years, but she had been imagining what her next shop might be. “The space presented itself and I thought my idea would be perfect in this space,” she said, crediting her friend, Erika Soule, owner of Rock Paper Scissors and the Angelo Santo building, of making the connection.

Maria said she’d been contemplating a shop that presented an artful experience to the visitors who walk through the door. As curator of this “open art studio,” Maria’s intention is that Angelo Santo is an out-of-the-ordinary space that feels like an artist’s presentation of someone else’s collection.

If people enter with “curiosity and a wandering eye,” she hopes they will be affected by the overall visual presentation and the contents, whether the flowers, the beautiful and thought-provoking books, or the hand-made items, all personal choices by the curator. Maria has created an environment in which the visual presentation emphasizes the human experience of making art while encouraging visitors to be part of that experience by seeing and enjoying.

Just around the corner, at 6 Railroad Ave., visitors will find High



Angelo Santo, a new shop in the former Hasenfus Gallery in Wiscasset Village, will be open during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

Tide Printing Company and owner/printer Kate Bell. This is Kate’s first brick and mortar shop although she’s been screen printing for more than 10 years. For eight of those years, she was screen printing in the basement of her Wiscasset home and also working a second job.

Although Kate began her screen-printing career quite by chance, once she started, she found it so creative and enjoyable that she returned to school to study graphic design to increase her visual proficiency.

When people ask Kate how she screen prints a T-shirt, she invites them to watch, or, even better, she’ll print a customer’s shirt while they wait.

She’s screen printing full-time now and has given up her 2nd job. Her shop on Railroad Ave. is “a dream come true in my dream location,” Kate says. She has two little boys who she’s teaching to follow their dreams, so she had to follow hers – and she did!

Wiscasset Art Walk on July 27 will also be hosting Forest Weston playing didgeridoo and Heather MacLeod on tin whistle. The sidewalk is their stage! Portrait pho-



Thought-provoking books and other beautiful items are featured in Angelo Santo, a new shop in Wiscasset Village. The shop will be open during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

tographer Amy Lewis will be walking around the Village making instant, take-home portraits for visitors as a WAW souvenir. Artisans and community volunteers will be lining the sidewalks to share their passions with visitors. And the hand-made raw log Amadinda and cajóns will return for the playing pleasure of the music-maker in all of us!

In 2023, the business sponsors who support the many free WAW activities and performers are Lead Sponsor Fogg and Dalton Art Restoration and Major Sponsors Ames True Value, Big Barn Coffee, Bradbury Art & Antiques, Carriage House Gardens, Cod Cove Inn, First National Bank, J. Edward Knight Insurance, Jodie’s Café, Peter Eaton Antiques, Red’s Eats, Rock Paper Scissors, Sherri Dunbar/Tim Dunham Realty, IndustrialME, BIRCH Home Furnishings & Gifts, and Water Street Kitchen & Bar.

For more information about Wiscasset Art Walk, visit [www.wiscassetartwalk.org](http://www.wiscassetartwalk.org) or email to [wiscassetartwalk@gmail.com](mailto:wiscassetartwalk@gmail.com). Wiscasset Art Walk is a program of Wiscasset Creative Alliance.



Maria Vettese, owner of Angelo Santo, arranges items for sale in her new shop at 64 Main St. in Wiscasset Village. The shop will be open during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)



High Tide Printing, a new shop in Wiscasset Village and located at 6 Railroad Ave., will be open for visitors during Wiscasset Art Walk on Thursday, July 27, 5-8pm. (Wiscasset Art Walk photo)

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We focus on clothes and accessories (gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) and welcome your donations during our operat-

ing hours. Clean clothes in good shape help the most, as they go right out to help people locally or in nearby communities. An attempt is made to have season appropriate clothes available to you. After we have displayed them for a time, they are donated to serve the people in need in Ukraine.

In addition to helping folks find clothes, we want to spend time with you! There are tables to sit, talk and to share a cup of coffee and usually a goodie with volunteers or

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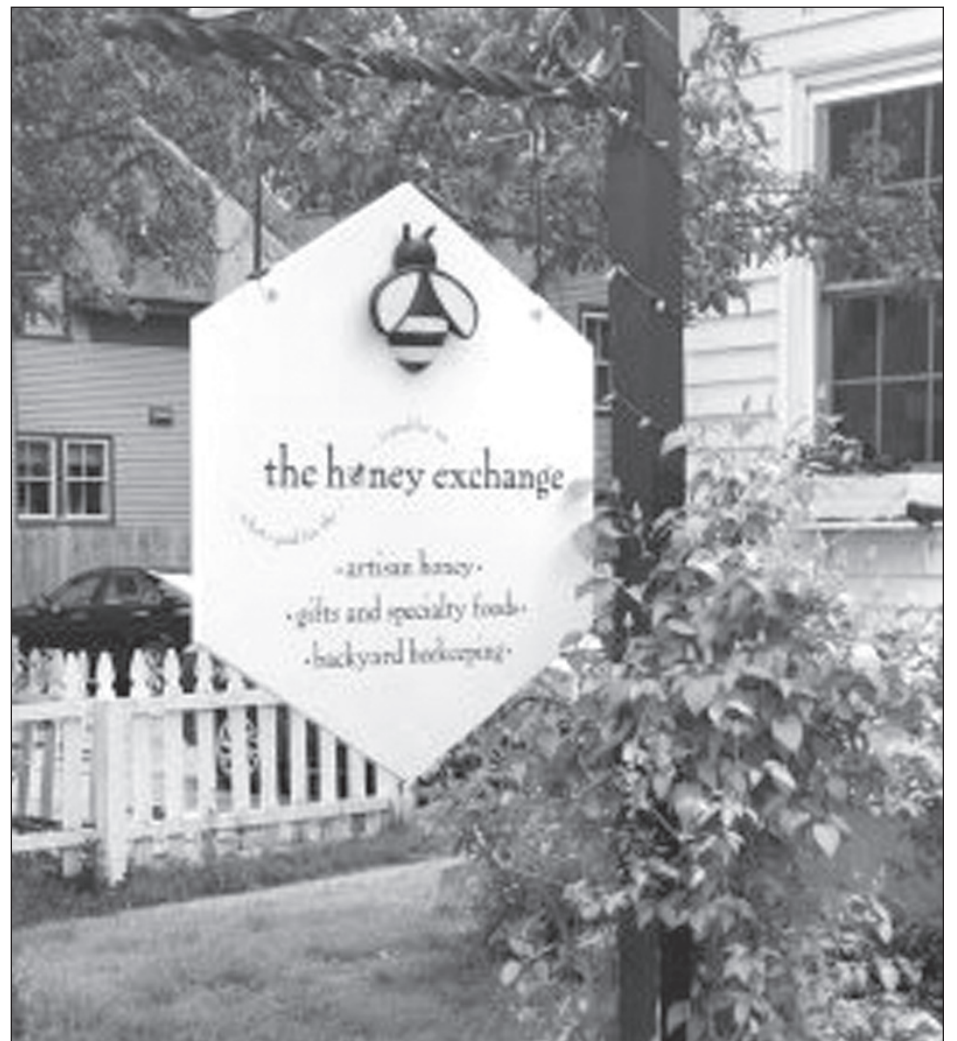
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**AUGUSTA, ME (July 20, 2023)**—New Ventures Maine will offer free online workshops and classes statewide over the next eight weeks that are designed to help people in Maine start a business, build a career, and manage money. The full class schedule is accessible online: [bit.ly/NVME-Classes](http://bit.ly/NVME-Classes).

Classes include online, daytime, evening and self-paced options in three program areas:

**Build Your Career**

**Making Career Choices:** Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Online. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered August 17, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

**Job Search Series:** Wednesdays, August 16 - 30, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Online. Ready for a new

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**Exploring Self-employment:** Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Online. This class covers the pros and cons of own-

ing your own business, the steps needed for startup, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed.

**Manage Your Money**

**My Money Works:** Thursdays, August 3 - 31, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Online. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set personal financial goals with a plan to achieve greater financial

stability.

**Money Management Workshops:** Wednesdays, August 16 - 30, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Online. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three workshops. August 16: Budgeting Basics; August 23: Let's Talk About Credit; August 30: Build Your Savings.

For the full schedule of classes and to sign up, visit [bit.ly/NVME-Classes](http://bit.ly/NVME-Classes) or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.

# \$28.4M Advances for Maine Community Development Projects

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 21, 2023)** — U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Vice Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced that she advanced \$28,398,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending for requests to support community and economic development throughout Maine in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill. The bill, which was officially approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday, now awaits consideration by the full Senate and House.

“This important funding would support the revitalization of infrastruc-

ture and community assets across the State of Maine, helping to spur economic development and job creation,” said Senator Collins. “As the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for this funding as the appropriations process moves forward.”

This funding advanced through the Committee's markup of the FY24 THUD appropriations bill—an important step that now allows the bill to be considered by the full Senate. Committee consideration of legislation is a key part of regular order, which helps our government function efficiently and deliver results for the people of Maine

and America.

Local funding secured by Senator Collins for Maine community and economic development projects in the FY 2024 THUD appropriations bill is as follows:

**Simard Payne Park Improvements,** City of Lewiston, Lewiston, ME; Amount Requested: \$3,900,000. Project Purpose: To revitalize Simard Payne Park to better connect it to the riverfront and community, which aligns with Lewiston's Riverfront Island Master Plan.

**Norway Downtown Economic Development and Revitalization,** Norway, ME; Amount Requested: \$1,788,000. Proj-

ect Purpose: To renovate a 19th-century historic building to support economic development.

**Rumford Area Community and Economic Development Initiative,** Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford, ME; Amount Requested: \$775,000. Project Purpose: To promote economic development in Rumford through infrastructure improvements at Black Mountain of Maine.

**Riverwalk Expansion,** City of Auburn, Auburn, ME; Amount Requested: \$3,900,000. Project Purpose: To extend the existing Auburn Riverwalk and link it to other local trails.

**Skowhegan Com-**

**munity Center Complex,** Town of Skowhegan, Skowhegan, ME; Amount Requested: \$3,000,000. Project Purpose: To construct a multi-use facility for economic and community development.

**Maine Trail Center,** Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Skowhegan, ME; Amount Requested: \$475,000. Project Purpose: To construct a facility to support maintenance of Maine's 267-mile portion of the Appalachian Trail.

**Portland Museum of Art Cultural Center,** Recipient: Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME; Amount Requested: \$2,000,000. Project Purpose: To construct a community cultural center.

**Conservatory and Discovery Center,** Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, ME; Amount Requested: \$1,559,000. Project Purpose: To support the expansion of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' Conservatory and Discovery Center.

In 2021, Congress re-instituted Congressionally Directed Spending. Following this decision, Senator Collins has secured more than \$500 million for hundreds of Maine projects for FY2022 and FY2023. As the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins is committed to championing targeted investments that will benefit Maine communities.

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# MSMT to Present Sensory Friendly Three Little Pigs



**(July 21, 2023)** -- Maine State Music Theatre will present a Sensory Friendly performance for the Theatre for Young Audiences productions of The Three Little Pigs on July 24 at 6:00 PM in the Pickard Theater. As

previously announced, the move to the main stage represents a change of venue for this program which, for the past seven years, had been held in MSMT's Large Rehearsal Studio at 22 Elm Street, and had gradually outgrown the

capacity of that space. The wheelchair-accessible and ADA compliant Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus offers a nurturing, welcoming environment suitable for children and families with special needs, as well as

increased seating capacity. The Sensory Friendly performance of Rapunzel in June drew over 130 attendees – more than a 130% increase in audience numbers over previous years – with audience members from across the state, with counties as far away as Oxford, Penobscot, and Aroostook.

Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark said MSMT is thrilled by the exponential growth of this sensory friendly series. "Maine State Music Theatre has always been committed to providing opportunities for young audiences to access live theatre. Furthermore, this program makes musical theatre accessible for children who might not otherwise be able to experience the magic. It's our way of building a theatre that is more inclusive and welcoming of everyone."

These sensory friendly performances are specially created for families with children with autism or other cognitive or physical disabilities. The hour-long presentations are designed to be interactive and to engage the children in the imaginative creative process. Lighting and sound levels are adjusted to accommodate sensory sensitivities, and there is the ability to stop and

start the performance or for the audience to enter and leave at will. Clark hosts the event and chats with the children, who are also invited to meet the actors and take photos afterwards. Other amenities include a quiet room, study guide and activity booklet, and fidget toys.

The Three Little Pigs will perform three performances open to the general public on Monday, July 24th, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 4:00 PM. Sponsored by Norway Savings Bank with generous support from Sandy Morrell Rooney & Chuck Rooney, The Three Little Pigs is written and composed by Stiles & Drewe, the multi-award winning team behind the Broadway mega-hit production of Mary Poppins, and the Olivier Award-winning Honk! Heralded as "a pig hit" by Daily Mail and "witty, clever and incredibly catchy" by Broadway World, The 3 Little Pigs is directed and choreographed by Ray Dumont, with music direction by Erik Wakar. The cast includes local actors Matthew Balfour, Emily Bartley, Joshua Bellamy, Dylan Cao, Mikayla Jane, and Jack Larecque. The 3 Little Pigs Creative Team: Flo Cooley (Costumes), Mary

Lana Rice (Lighting), Ryan Joyner (Projections), Betsy Puelle (Set Design), Ben Montmagny (Sound), Wigs and Hair (Kevin Foster). Liz Patton is the Stage Manager.

The MSMT Sensory Friendly TYA program is supported with generous gifts from Androscoggin Bank, the Davis Family Foundation, the Onion Foundation, the Sam L. Cohen Foundation, the Alfred M. Senter Fund, and the Elsie & William Viles Foundation. The Sensory Friendly performance is offered free of charge, though reservations are required. Tickets for The Three Little Pigs and all MSMT productions, can be purchased only by calling the Box Office at 207.725.8769 or by visiting [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org).

Originally commissioned by Singapore Repertory Theatre in 2011, The Three Little Pigs was presented at The National Alliance for Musical Theatre's Festival of New Musicals in 2013. Stiles & Drewes The Three Little Pigs is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com).

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# Maine State Music Theatre To Present 9 To 5: The Musical

**BRUNSWICK, ME (July 11, 2023)** – The award-winning Broadway hit based on the 1980 cult classic movie, 9 to 5: The Musical is set to keep the summer entertainment going full speed at Maine State Music Theatre.

“I get letters every year saying When are you doing 9 to 5?!?,” says MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. He continues: “The movie was one of the most hilarious ever written, and the success of the stage show is the fact that they’ve found a way to transfer the humor of that film onto the stage – it’s outstanding!”

With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, who co-authored the film, 9 to 5: The Musical opened on Broadway in 2009, after an out-of-town preview in Los Angeles. A national tour hit

the road in 2010, as well as subsequent regional, stock and international productions including a wildly successful revival on London’s West End.

9 to 5: The Musical will open with preview performances on July 19, with an official opening of July 20 at the Pickard Theatre at Bowdoin College. Performances continue through August 5, 2023.

The cast for MSMT’s 9 to 5: The Musical includes MSMT favorites Lauren Blackman as the “Lily Tomlin” character, Violet Newstead, with MSMT The Color Purple breakout star Jaden Dominique as “Jane Fonda” Judy Bernly, and Carolyn Anne Miller, fresh from her performance as Kate in Titanic, taking on the role made popular by Parton herself, Doralee Rhodes. Kevin Earley, also

featured in MSMT’s Titanic, plays the “sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss” Franklin Hart, with MSMT stalwart Charis Leos as Roz, his long-suffering office snoop.

Also featured in 9 to 5: The Musical are Alicia Babin, Micheal Di Liberto, Stephane Duret, David Girolmo, Lucy Godinez, Stephanie Maloney, Sarah Miramontes, Michael Olaribigbe, J.P. Qualters, Mandie Rapoza and Davon Williams. Rounding out the ensemble are the 2023 MSMT Singers: Collin Flanagan, Jasmine Gillenwaters, Elijah James, Jalen Kirkman, Chelsea Pena, Camila V. Romero, Albert Sterner and Cari Walton.

MSMT’s production and creative team of 9 to 5: The Musical: Kenny Ingram (Director/Choreographer), Aaron McAllister (Music Director), Amy



Jaden Dominique, Kevin Earley, Lauren Blackman & Carolyn Anne Miller in 9 to 5: The Musical at MSMT Photo: MSMT/Jared Morneau Photography

Bertacini (Production Stage Manager), Bill Mohny (Scenic Design), Ryan Joyner (Projections), Annalise V. Caudle (Lighting),

Shannon Slaton (Sound Design), Katie Dowse (Costume Design), Kevin Foster (Wig and Hair Design). Tickets for 9 to 5: The

Musical and all MSMT productions, can be purchased only by calling the Box Office at 207.725.8769 or by visiting [www.msmt.org](http://www.msmt.org).

# Arts Jubilee’s Pops Concert & Fireworks Tonight!



**NORTH CONWAY, NH (July 21, 2023)** — The Arts Jubilee Summer Concert Series presents the annual Pops Concert and Fireworks Show on Thursday, July 27th at Cranmore

Mountain Resort. Local band Cat Wolf—winners of this year’s 93.5 WMWV Local Song of the Year Contest—will open the show at 6:00 pm, followed by a performance by the Seacoast Wind Ensemble at 7:00 pm.

The Pops Concert has been an Arts Jubilee tradition since its founding in 1983. This special evening will feature the Seacoast Wind Ensemble—a 50-piece Sousa-style symphonic band. Under the direction of Artistic Director, Mark Stickney, the Sea-

coast Wind Ensemble will perform a traditional concert of pops favorites and light classics with some familiar Americana mixed in—all culminating with a spectacular fireworks show presented by Pyrotecnico.

Concert admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for kids 12 and under. Pre-order tickets online at [www.artsjubilee.org](http://www.artsjubilee.org), or pay at the gate on the night of the show (cash or credit). Online sales end at 12 pm on the day of each show, but

tickets will always be available at the front gate, which opens at 5:30 pm.

There’s plenty of free parking on site, food and beverages will be available for purchase, and there will be a raffle for a variety of great local prizes at every concert. Seating is not provided at the venue, so con-

certgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the show. Animals are not allowed on the property except for leashed service dogs. All concerts are rain or shine with the exception of rare circumstances, so guests are advised to come prepared as they would to any outdoor event.

Please note that there is an alternate drop-off/entrance for wheelchair accessibility. There will be signage and volunteers to help provide directions when you arrive. For more information visit [www.artsjubilee.org](http://www.artsjubilee.org). Special thanks to our Season Sponsor: White Mountain Oil & Propane



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# Letter to the Editor - Protecting Our Children



Op-Ed By Chris Grollnek

Did you hear about all those kids who died in that big school fire last week? No? That's because

it didn't happen. In fact, a school fire that has killed 10 or more children hasn't happened in about 65 years.

But of course you've heard about all the recent school shootings where so

many children have died. In fact, as of June 15, an Education Week analysis shows that there have been 23 school shootings already this year that resulted in injuries or deaths.

In the 1950s, people had had enough of children dying in school fires. Fire codes were enacted and buildings started including fire alarms, sprinklers, and other systems that automated the response to fires

and lessened their severity. So why hasn't this sort of commonsense plan been enacted nationwide for the scourge of school shootings?

We have the knowledge and the technology to help mitigate the problem. Just like smoke detectors that alert you to fire, we have cameras and gunshot detectors that can recognize when there's a gun on site.

You may wonder: Why do we need automated systems at all when someone can just call 911? Research and experience have shown that it takes four minutes for a person to realize they're in an active shooter situation and another minute to get through to 911. So we're wasting five minutes of precious time. By then, a shooter can already harm scores of children.

The newer automated security systems tie together camera systems using AI to recognize the shape of weapons and gunshot detectors that use energy

signatures, not sound, so they're much more accurate. These wireless sensors work indoors and outdoors, and alert you instantly when there's a threat. And these are not products of the future. They're already in use at some schools and other public sites.

Automated security systems can lock doors and send out customized alerts in just a couple of seconds to law enforcement, school administrators, and anyone the school wants to notify via text or email, and over PA systems. In real-time video first responders are shown exactly where the threat is so they can respond to the right spot on a campus. And they let students and teachers know, so they can move to a safer place, away from the shooter.

Even though more children are dying from gun violence than from fires, there is still no building or safety code that standardizes the use of such security systems nationwide—at least not yet. This

is despite the fact that the cost for fire safety far exceeds the cost for gunshot notification systems.

School board members, architects, and every community member can speak up about enacting new regulations that will make children safer. Gun and gunshot detection systems can be specified in building codes, just like fire systems are, and can be included at both old and new schools, making them more active shooter resistant. Solutions incorporating prevention training and technology currently exist. We just have to use them.

There have been a few first steps in the right direction with legislation like Alyssa's Law in New Jersey and similar laws in other states. These laws, however, don't go far enough. We all say that children are precious, yet we seem to be unable to make even a small investment in preventing deaths from what has become an ever-present threat. If we're going to save lives in

active shooter situations at schools, it's going to take all of us working together, agreeing that enough is enough.

Let your voice be heard. Contact your local, state, and federal representatives about active shooter prevention today. How many more of our children will have to die before these changes are made?

Chris Grollnek is an internationally recognized active shooter prevention expert and the founder of the Active Shooter Prevention Project (ASPP) LLC, an organization that brings together top law enforcement and security professionals worldwide. He has firsthand experience inside an active shooter event and is a former Marine and retired police detective. Chris holds a postgraduate degree focusing on the phenomenon of active shooter events. He is a frequent guest and contributor to numerous national television networks and syndicated radio programs to discuss these issues.

## Midcoast Symphony Orchestra Announces New Director



**BRUNSWICK, ME (July 21, 2023)** —The Midcoast Symphony Orchestra has announced that its new executive director is Mike Levine of Hollis, ME. Levine has a background in arts management, working with music organizations and theater companies dating back to the New Repertory Theater in Newton, MA, in 1987. He has been involved with the Portland Stage Company as

its General Manager, was Executive Director of the LARK Society for Chamber Music, was Co-Project Manager for the St. Lawrence Arts Parish Hall Theater Renovations, and was Founding Producing Director of Acord Productions in Portland (among other positions).

In addition to his interest in the arts, Levine has been a high school English teacher for many years,

most recently at Windham High School. He brings with him a wealth of fundraising and outreach experience.

MSO's Board President Tim Kenlan said "We look forward to seeing him work with the board and the orchestra to build upon the work that Carol Preston has done in the role for half a decade, and the work that she built upon that was done by John Teller before her."

## Grants Available to Help Repair Facilities in Rural Maine

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 20, 2023)**—U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Maine State Director Rhiannon Hampson today announced the availability of grants to help repair essential community facilities that were damaged by the severe storm and flooding in December 2022. The facilities must be in Franklin, Knox, Oxford, Somerset, Waldo, and York counties delineated in the presidentially declared disaster areas.

"The Biden-Harris Administration and USDA stand ready to deploy every resource we have available to help rural leaders and residents rebuild their communities," Rhiannon Hampson said. "The assistance I'm announcing today will help those communities that were so badly damaged by the severe winds, rain, and flooding that devastated parts of Maine in last December's storm. Under the leadership of President Biden, Vice President Harris and Secretary Vilsack, USDA

remains committed to helping America's rural communities build back better by making local infrastructure – including vital community facilities – more resilient in the face of increasingly severe floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and other risks."

USDA is making up to available nationwide through the Community Facilities Disaster Repair Grants Program, which received supplemental disaster funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Maine's allocation will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been fully utilized. There is no minimum or maximum grant limit per project.

Eligible entities may apply to receive up to 75% of total project costs to help repair community facilities that were damaged by natural disasters in 2022. Eligible organizations include public bodies, federally recognized Indian Tribes and community-based nonprofits located in towns and cities with a population of 20,000 or fewer. Other population and income re-

quirements may apply.

Example of essential community facilities that may be eligible are health care facilities; municipal buildings, vehicles, and equipment; public safety services; utility services, and local food systems.

Funds may be used to:

- Repair essential community facilities,
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# \$18M for Maine Housing Advances in Funding Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 21, 2023) — U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Vice Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced that she advanced \$18,010,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending for Maine housing projects in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) appropriations bill. The bill, which was officially approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee yesterday, now awaits consideration by the full Senate and House.

“Affordable housing is critical to supporting vulnerable individuals and families throughout Maine,” said Senator Collins. “This funding would

help to improve the quality and safety of affordable and emergency housing across the State and expand resources for residents. As the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for this funding as the appropriations process moves forward.”

*Local funding secured by Senator Collins for Maine affordable housing and emergency projects in the FY 2024 THUD appropriations bill is as follows:*

**Affordable Housing Projects:**

**Community Concepts Housing**

**Recipient:** Community Concepts, Inc.

**Project Location:** Androscoggin, Franklin, and

Oxford Counties, ME  
**Amount Requested:** \$3,721,000

**Project Purpose:** To renovate 12 of Community Concepts’ low-income rental housing properties.

**Centre Street Housing**

**Recipient:** Bath Housing Development Corporation

**Project Location:** Bath, ME

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000

**Project Purpose:** To create new rental low- to moderate-income housing in Bath.

**Kingfield Multi-Family Housing**

**Recipient:** Workforce Housing Coalition Western Maine Mountains

**Project Location:**

Kingfield, ME  
**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Project Purpose:** To construct an affordable 12-unit multi-family building.

**Quarry Road Assisted Housing Renovation**

**Recipient:** SKILLS, Inc.

**Project Location:** Waterville, ME

**Amount Requested:** \$1,540,000

**Project Purpose:** To construct affordable housing units for adults with disabilities.

**Emergency Housing Projects:**

**Tedford Emergency Housing**

**Recipient:** Tedford Housing

**Project Location:**

Brunswick, ME  
**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000

**Project Purpose:** To construct a 64-bed emergency housing facility.

**Joe’s Place Teen Center and Shelter**

**Recipient:** Preble Street

**Project Location:** Portland, ME

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,000

**Project Purpose:** To support construction of a new facility that would consolidate Preble Street’s daytime Teen Center and nighttime Teen Shelter into one building.

This funding advanced through the Committee’s markup of the FY24 THUD appropriations bill—an important

step that now allows the bill to be considered by the full Senate. Committee consideration of legislation is a key part of regular order, which helps our government function efficiently and deliver results for the people of Maine and America.

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# Award Winning Local Singer-Songwriter Releases Maine Song

MAINE (July 21, 2023) — Gordon Thomas Ward, a Grammy-balloted, award-winning, singer-songwriter and year-round resident of Winter Harbor, Maine, has a new song about Maine titled “Welcome Home” that was just released on June 27.

The song is available from all or most of the streaming platforms, but you can listen, download, and/or get lyrics and more information about it from its page on the musician’s website: <https://gordonthomasward.com/welcome-home>

Gordon says, “I love my home state, and have a long history here. My father was a professor of botany at the University of Maine in Machiasport, and one of my ancestors was a co-founder of the town of Blue Hill, ME, hundreds of years ago.

“Welcome Home” was written to highlight many of the major attributes that Maine offers to residents and tourists alike. The song was written in March of 2023 and

recorded in Frog Hollow Studio in Topsham, Maine.” Here’s the list of the track’s musicians and their contributions toward the song.

For more information about about Gordon, see <https://gordonthomasward.com/>

From Gordon’s bio: Dubbed “the total package” by his fans, GRAMMY-balloted, award-winning, multidimensional and recording artist Gordon Thomas Ward tours as a solo performer with four charting #1 songs. He’s charted in the Radio Guitar One Acoustic Top 30 and the Roots Music Report charts. Gordon’s songs and records have also soared in the Folk Music Charts, the Euro Indie Music Chart, DRT Global Adult Contemporary Airplay Chart, DRT Global Top 150 Country Airplay Chart, and more! His song stylings have been influenced by the singer-songwriters of the late 1960s through the 1970s, yet Gordon’s songs occupy a space all their own filled

with honesty, emotion, and personal politics from time to time.

Gordon is, at heart, a storyteller who paints musical portraits that plumb the depths of our emotions and bring the past to life while pointing to a hopeful future. His listeners travel mystical and historical roads, winding through lush, sonic landscapes. Employing his experience as a teacher, writer, paranormal investigator, storyteller, group facilitator, and radio host, it’s no wonder that his fans often comment on Gordon’s knack for establishing an endearing relationship with them through his extraordinary and captivating words and music, which fit into the contemporary folk rock, adult alternative, and Americana genres. Matheeson’s Entertainment Blog says his music “Will grab you by the heart and never let go.” At the end of his performances, audiences leave inspired, and Vents Magazine calls his work, “In a word: liberating.”

Utilizing a variety

of instruments in his shows, including six-, eight-, and twelve-string guitars and an eight-string Walkabout dulcimer, results in a varied spectrum of tonal colors. His songs have led him to work with notable musicians such as Noel Paul Stookey (Peter, Paul, and Mary), Abbie Gardner, Jud Caswell, Eric Troyer and Mik Kaminski (Electric Light Orchestra, and The Orchestra), Kevin Barry (Jackson Browne, James Taylor), William J. Hall, Caroline Cotter, share the stage and billing with Natalie Merchant and Christine Lavin, and open for noted singer-songwriter Bill Staines. Gordon’s first album Welcome to the Past was released in 2013. His celebrated, GRAMMY-balloted record Providence was released on August 30, 2018. Gordon followed that up with the release of his much-anticipated, critically acclaimed, double album titled Eiderdown on May 1, 2020, which has charted as the #1 folk record, both nationally and in Maine, and as the #3

alternative folk record in the nation. Eiderdown also spawned three #1 songs: “Dreams,” “Long, Long Ago,” and “Just for You.” Gordon’s new album Whispers from the Woods was released on September 1, 2022, and charted as the #4 alternative folk album in the nation. It was also nominated by a panel of jurors from around the world for the 6th annual Blues & Roots Radio Worldwide Album of The Year Award!

Gordon has written songs for documentary film, historical events and celebrations, and The United States World War One Centennial Commission. He is a voting member of the Recording Academy and, as the author of five books, is no stranger to television and radio, and has performed at many festivals and venues, including several appearances at Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA. He’s even appeared on stage in the role of a troubadour in Gioachino Rossini’s opera The Barber of Seville and Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss

II. Additionally, he’s often been “Artist of the Week” on radio, received enthusiastic reviews by prominent music critics, and highlighted in media articles. As an artist interested in social issues, Gordon produced and performed in a Concert Across America to End Gun Violence in 2016 and 2018.

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**BAR MILLS** -- The Original's present A PICASSO BY JEFFREY HATCHER, at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, July 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th, 29th at 7:30pm and July 23rd at 2:30pm. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org) or call 207-929-6473 for reservations.

**August 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**LEWISTON** -- The Lewiston Public Library, in partnership with ArtVan, will be offering art programs in Kennedy Park this summer for children ages 5-14 on Mondays July 10, 17, 24 and August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 3:00PM. Information can also be found on our website at [https://](https://lplonline.org)

[lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-july/](https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-july/) and <https://lplonline.org/events/artvan-in-kennedy-park-2-august/>

For any further information, please contact the Children's Department at [LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov) or call 207-513-3133.

**July 29**  
**BUXTON** -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Saturday, July 29, 2023 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family.

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**Sept 2**  
**GORHAM** -- On Saturday, September 2nd, starting at 1:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 439 Park Avenue in Auburn, the Maine Iris Society will hold its annual auction of Siberian irises and daylilies. All are welcome.

**Oct 21**  
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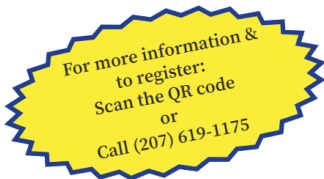
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