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## Tonight! Celebrate Safety, Community at National Night Out

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

AUBURN'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

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**AUBURN, ME (August 4, 2023)**  
– On Thursday, August 10, The Auburn Police Department is taking over Festival Plaza and Main Street for the city’s annual National Night Out against crime. The event – which begins at 5:30pm and goes until dusk – will be an evening of family fun, live music, and tasty food for all Auburn residents to enjoy. This is the 19th year that the Auburn PD has hosted National Night Out, a FREE, anti-crime, public safety event.

Police department staff and community partners will serve up hotdogs,

beverages, popcorn, and plenty of family-friendly activities! There will be police, fire, and public works equipment on display, and many local community partners and non-profits will be on hand. There will be plenty of games and activities for kids, including an inflatable obstacle course, bounce house, face painting, balloons from the folks at Hammond Lumber, free iced coffee provided by Starbucks of Auburn (Starbucks is a national sponsor of NNO), and more.

Attendees will have the opportunity  
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## Great Falls Balloon Festival Guide pages 7 - 12



## Youth Sailing Races Take Place in Auburn

**AUBURN, ME (August 4, 2023)**  
--The annual McGuckian Cup races for sailors thirteen years old and younger were scheduled for July 31 and August 1. Lack of wind on Monday postponed any racing until Tuesday when a shifty west-northwest breeze challenged fourteen sailors in teams of two sailing Turnabout boats over a seven race series at the Taylor Pond Yacht Club in Auburn.

Early on it looked as though the “youth movement” might hold sway. Maverick Choiniere and Florence Dowle fouled at the start, but performed their penalty turns, later caught a wind shift on the left and leap-frogged the fleet to win. Radley Papo and Audriana Bornaes claimed second. The breeze lightened up for race two and Oto Macri and John McGillicuddy broke away to a huge lead which evaporated on the second upwind leg as Maverick and Florence worked their magic once more and gained their second win to lead the series. Oto and John did come back and pick up a win in the fourth race.

With the wind then alternately blowing and resting, older sailors began to show their heels to the fleet. Lilly Ward and Rafa Hargreaves won the third, sixth, and seventh races. Korban Wolfe and Carter Hedges won the fifth and trailed Lilly and Rafa by just two points before the fi-



nale. An anticipated last race battle never happened as Lilly and Rafa scored an easy win to claim the McGuckian Cup title.

Based on in-race observation and post-race inspection of boats, Audrey Milcikis, as a skipper, and John McGillicuddy, as a crew, were honored for their seamanship. The Race Committee of Ellena Frumiento, Simon Hall, and Emma Frumiento did a great job setting the course, moving marks, facilitating boat rotations and starting races.

Frances and Joseph McGuckian were among the founding members of the Taylor Pond Yacht Club in Auburn. In 1982 Frances established the Cup for young sailors in the lessons program. For more information on sailing and lessons, visit [www.taylorpondyachtclub.com](http://www.taylorpondyachtclub.com) or email [lessons@taylorpondyachtclub.com](mailto:lessons@taylorpondyachtclub.com)

## Androscoggin’s 20th Annual Autumn Night Out Grand Gala

**LEWISTON, ME (August 4, 2023)**  
-- Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice is proud to invite the community to join them for a night of celebration and support at the 20th Annual Autumn Night Out benefit, taking place on Friday, September 8th, at 5:00 pm at the picturesque Poland Spring Resort.

This year’s Autumn Night Out promises to be a truly unforgettable experience, as guests come in honor of two decades of compassion and care provided by Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice. The event will feature an array of delicious foods and entertainment set to the sounds of live jazz music and culminating with a mesmerizing fireworks display.

Adding to the excitement, the event will be hosted by none other than the beloved 94.9 WHOM’s radio personality, Lori Voornas, who will be the Emcee for the evening.

The proceeds from this year’s Autumn Night Out will contribute to the provision of essential end-of-life care for hospice patients and their families. By attending this event, guests will play a crucial role in en-

suring compassionate and dignified care for all patients in need. Last year alone, Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice provided more than \$1.65 million in charity care, thanks to the generous support of the community.

As part of the 20th-year celebration, Androscoggin is proud to support its unique “Life Happens” program. This initiative, driven by clinicians and providers across the organization, focuses on enhancing the quality of life for patients beyond medical care. The program encompasses little essentials, thoughtful gestures of kindness, and the removal of stressors to bring comfort and solace during vulnerable times.

Tickets for Androscoggin’s 20th Annual Autumn Night Out are now available for purchase at [androscoggin.org/get-involved/ano/](http://androscoggin.org/get-involved/ano/). Attendees will not only enjoy an enchanting evening but also contribute to a noble cause that touches the lives of countless individuals and families throughout the state of Maine.

For more information or any inquiries about the event, please contact Elif Mogensen at [elif.mogensen@androscoggin.org](mailto:elif.mogensen@androscoggin.org).



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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## USDA Begins Annual Oral Rabies Vaccine Drop for ME Wildlife

**AUGUSTA, ME (August 4, 2023)** — In cooperation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), officials from U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Wildlife Services will begin their annual raccoon rabies vaccine baiting program this week in northern and western Maine. Wildlife Services will distribute approximately 365,000 oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits across northeastern Maine from August 5 through August 10, in portions of Aroostook, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties. Wildlife Services also will distribute more than 50,000 ORV baits in northern Franklin County during the same timeframe in response to a rabid raccoon detected near the Quebec border in June.

Crews will spread the baits by air and ground over each distribution area. This event is part of ongoing rabies control efforts to reduce the spread of raccoon rabies in Maine. The ORV baits come in two forms. The bait used in the northeastern area is a fish-

meal-coated cube or sachet about one to two inches in size. The bait used in Franklin County is a blister pack with a sweet, waxy coating. Humans and pets cannot get rabies from contact with the bait but should not touch or move them. Studies show that both vaccine baits are safe in many species of animals, including domestic dogs and cats. While dogs may get an upset stomach if they eat several bait packs, there are no known long-term health risks. If a person has skin contact with the bait, rinse the area affected with warm water and soap.

The northeastern distribution area includes Easton, Houlton, Linneus, Mars Hill, Medway, Millinocket, Patten, Stacyville, T3 R1 NBPP, T7 R3 NBPP, and Weston. The northwestern distribution area includes the communities of Eustis, Stratton, Route 27 to the border with Quebec, and portions of the Penobscot Nation Trust Lands. Wildlife Services will spread the baits by airplanes in rural, wooded areas and by vehicle in the more populated areas of



**Bait types (top left to bottom right): fishmeal-coated sachet, fishmeal-coated cube, blister pack.**

Houlton, Eustis, and Stratton.

Rabies is a virus that infects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. It spreads mainly through a bite from an infected animal. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal. Timely

post-exposure treatment can prevent disease in people. Approximately 90 percent of reported animal rabies cases in the U.S. occur in wildlife. As of August 1, 2023, 43 animals tested positive for rabies this year in nine counties. These animals include bats,

raccoons, skunks, woodchucks, grey foxes, a cat, and a goat.

To help protect yourself and your pet against rabies:

- Keep your pets' rabies vaccination up to date.

- Feed pets indoors.

- Keep garbage cans or other sources of food tightly secured.

- Do not feed, touch, or adopt wild animals. Be cautious of stray dogs and cats.

- Do not move wildlife. This can spread rabies into new areas.

- Wash bite or scratch wounds with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes.

Who to contact:

If an animal bites or scratches you, contact your health care provider.

If an animal bites or scratches your pet, contact your veterinarian.

To report a dead or suspicious-acting animal in northern Maine, contact Wildlife Services.

Maine CDC is also available to answer questions.

Rabies virus poses a threat to human and animal health. Since 2003, Wildlife Services has worked to eliminate raccoon rabies from northern Maine. Wildlife Services also collaborates with Canadian officials in New Brunswick and Quebec to reduce the presence of rabies across Maine and Canada. As part of the Wildlife Services' National Rabies Management Program, the ORV distribution program in Maine is part of a larger effort to prevent the westward spread of raccoon rabies. This effort creates a barrier along the Appalachian Mountains from the Canadian border to Alabama.

For more information:

USDA Rabies webpage: [www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage/rabies](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage/rabies)

Maine CDC Rabies webpage: [www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/rabies)

USDA Wildlife Services: 1-866-487-3297

Maine CDC disease reporting & consultation line: 1-800-821-5821 (available 24/7)

## Maine Offers Free Collection of Unwanted Pesticides

**AUGUSTA, MAINE (August 4, 2023)** -- Maine residents can participate in the Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program, a joint initiative by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The program aims to safeguard Maine's natural resources and prevent agricultural pollution by promoting the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides.

Homeowners and

family-owned farms are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity by bringing their unwanted pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, disinfectants, and similar products used in agricultural production or around the home, to collection sites in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland.

Key Information:

The next obsolete pesticide collection days will be held during October 2023, with one-day events in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, and Portland.

Pre-registration is required by September 29 to participate; drop-ins are not permitted.

The program only accepts pesticides and spray adjuvants.

Registration instructions and forms can be found on the program webpage: [thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://thinkfirstspraylast.org).

Each registration must be from the person currently possessing the pesticides, and materials collected on behalf of others will not be accepted.

More details, including drop-off locations and

the obsolete pesticides inventory form, will be provided soon on the BPC website at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org).

About Maine's Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program

Removing obsolete and unwanted pesticides is essential for protecting public health, wildlife, and the environment. Improper handling and disposal of pesticides can contaminate land and water resources. The Maine Obsolete Pesticide Collection Program ensures these hazardous materials are handled and

disposed of safely. Since its inception in 1982, the program has successfully diverted over 250,000 lbs. of pesticides from entering the waste stream. Collected pesticides are transported to licensed, out-of-state disposal facilities through a hazardous waste disposal contractor.

Disposing of Pesticides Safely

Always follow the label instructions for the proper use, storage, and disposal of any pesticides you use. For more information about safe pesticide disposal, visit the EPA

website at <https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/safe-disposal-pesticides>.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## City of Lewiston Seeks to Fill 11 Committee Vacancies

**LEWISTON, ME (August 4, 2023)**—Mayor Carl L. Sheline and City Council members are seeking local citizens to fill 11 volunteer positions on several city board and committees. Applications are requested to be submitted by August 11 at 9 AM; however, applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

The following city boards and committees have current openings:

**Board of Appeals** - The Board of Appeals is charged with hearing citizen appeals regarding orders, rules or failures of certain municipal entities to act relating to the zoning and land use code, building code, property maintenance code, fire prevention codes, etc.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Review Committee** - The CDBG applicants

must be residents of Census Tracts 201-204 (downtown area). The Community Development Block Grant Review Committee assists the City of Lewiston in developing specific goals and objectives for the CDBG Consolidated Plan, which is updated every five years, and to annually review and score CDBG funding requests in order to make a recommendation to the City Council as to how CDBG funds should be invested each year to best meet plan goals.

**Historic Preservation Review Board** - The Historic Preservation Review Board works with city staff to preserve, protect and enhance buildings and areas which represent or reflect distinctive and important elements of the city's architectural, archaeological, cultural, social, economic, ethnic and political history. The board works to



safeguard the city's historic and cultural heritage and to provide procedures for local review of changes to significant structures and of new construction, reconstruction, building alternation and demolition within designated historic districts.

**Housing Committee** - The Housing Committee has two dedicated open seats - one opening for a financial institution rep and another for the owner of a multi-unit property. The Housing Committee is charged with advising the City Council on the full range of housing issues facing the community with the goal of ensuring the quality and safety of the city's residential housing stock, expanding the diversity of housing options and types, and providing

safe and healthy housing alternatives for current and future residents of every socioeconomic status.

**Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee** - The Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee's charge is to establish, maintain and implement a short and long-range bus transit development program; apply for, receive and administer Federal and State grants-in-aid for mass transit on behalf of the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn; and provide adequate and efficient bus mass transit for the Lewiston-Auburn area.

**Library Board of Trustees** - The Trustees shall act in an advisory capacity for the purpose of providing assistance to other municipal officials charged with the responsibility of furnishing qual-

ity public library service. The Trustees shall work to identify and promote general library objectives; establish the character and quality of books and other materials to be contained in the library collection; promote cooperation with other libraries; provide effective programs and services to schools and other groups who use library services; and establish and support cultural programs sponsored by the library.

**Senior Advisory Council** - The Senior Advisory Council vacant seat is for a Ward 5 resident. The Lewiston Senior Advisory Council (LSAC) serves as an advisory council to the Lewiston City Council in regard to community issues affecting senior citizens and shall serve as a liaison between the senior citizens of the community and the city. The LSAC shall also enable seniors

to send and receive recommendations from the City Council for consideration, to work toward goals that empower the community's senior population, and to undertake service projects that enhance the community.

For full descriptions and information: [www.lewistonmaine.gov/board-sandcommittees](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/board-sandcommittees)

There are two ways to apply, either in person or online. To apply in person, individuals may visit the City Clerk's Department at Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street - 2nd floor, weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. An online application may be completed at [www.lewistonmaine.gov/board-service](http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/board-service) at any time.

Residents are welcome to contact the City Clerk's Department at (207) 513-3124 with any questions.

## Waterville Creates Announces Potluck Exhibition



**WATERVILLE, ME (August 4, 2023)** - Waterville Creates is excited to announce Potluck, an exhibition centered on the work of printmaker, ceramicist, storyteller, and restaurant worker Jenny Ibsen. Potluck will be on view to the public in the Ticonic Gallery from August 2–October 2, 2023.

In addition to Ibsen's work, the exhibition features contributions from

collaborators Heather Flor, Alana Dao, and Raquel P. Miller.

"I couldn't think of a better time for this vibrant exhibition. Potluck is a nod to the importance of connection and traditions through shared meals, highlighting the work of four incredible female artists," said Marie Sugden, exhibitions coordinator at Waterville Creates.

The metaphor of the

potluck touches upon issues of care, sustenance, sustainability, and labor. These themes will be explored with shared meals and conversations through related exhibition programming including a still life drawing event on August 16 and September 27 from 6–8pm, and a community potluck to be held in Castonguay Square on Saturday, September 9 from 4–6pm.

For more information on these events, please visit [watervillecreates.org](http://watervillecreates.org)

"This show exemplifies the collaboration and generosity of Maine artists," said Diana Tuite, exhibition curator. "These individuals really view their creative practices as platforms for building community, healing, and assimilating art into daily life."

The opening reception will be held on August 4 from 5–7pm in conjunction with downtown Waterville's First Friday

event. Following opening remarks, a performance by the Elm City Strugglers will be held in the HUB lobby space at the Paul J. Schupf Art Center.

The Potluck exhibition is funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an inde-

pendent state agency supported by the national Endowment for the Arts and our exhibition sponsors: Kennebec Savings Bank, Morning Sentinel + Kennebec Journal, and PRO Moving Services.

Located inside the new Paul J. Schupf Art

Center, Ticonic Gallery is open 11am–7pm daily except Tuesdays and federal holidays. For more information on Potluck, visit [www.watervillecreates.org/shows/potluck/](http://www.watervillecreates.org/shows/potluck/) or contact Marie Sugden at [msugden@watervillecreates.org](mailto:msugden@watervillecreates.org)

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

## Sea Kayak Adventures Continue on Muscongus Bay



Kayakers enjoy a close up view of Franklin Island Light



A hike to spectacular cliffs on Harbor Island are part of a Muscongus Bay trip



A rare fog bow developed while camping on Black Island

By Ron Chase  
Four of us were sea kayaking back from remote Eastern Egg Rock in outer Muscongus Bay. A modest tailwind helped propel us north while traversing the three-mile exposed crossing to the relative security of a trio of islands. Franklin Island Light dominated the view in the east.

Members of the Penobscot Paddle & Chowder Society, we had just finished a successful visit with the colorful Atlantic Puffins who had returned to the tiny atoll to breed. An annual club trip, ours had been the triumphant culmination of months of anticipation followed by a week of planning to confirm the puffins had returned while ensuring safe weather for the voyage. A last minute patchy fog forecast had been a concern. Although ominous fog banks were observed to our east and west, we enjoyed clear seas during our cruise.

The next destination was Black Island where our intended campsite was located. Situated in the heart of Muscongus Bay, the 15-acre island is owned and preserved by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. The campsite on the northwestern corner is conveniently located about four miles southwest of the Bradford Point Landing in Friend-

ship and a little less than halfway to Eastern Egg Rock.

Benefiting from clear conditions, we angled right for a close up view of Franklin Island Light. The forty-five foot tower was built in 1855 as the area was identified as one of the most dangerous localities on the coast of Maine. Numerous sunken ledges that form hazardous tidal currents are the cause. That probably explained the turbulence we experienced paddling to and from Eastern Egg. Now owned by Franklin Island National Wildlife Refuge, the island is closed between April 1 and July 31 for the bird nesting season.

Proceeding north, we passed Crane Island on the left and entered a narrow channel between Harbor and Hall Islands. If conditions allowed, our plan was to return to Harbor the following day to hike to cliffs on the west side.

Navigating across a mile and a half of open water brought us to the exceptional Black Island campsite. One member of our group continued to Friendship while three of us established camp. We joined one other kayaker who was already occupying the site. Open ledges facing north and west offer wonderful views of the surrounding

area and a grassy sector provides space for several tents.

Warm temperatures and a gentle sea breeze was the recipe for an exquisite evening. The four of us enjoyed a relaxing dinner perched atop the rugged prominence. One of the longest days of the year, our evening ended with a spectacular sunset.

When I peered out of my tent early the next morning, dense fog was an unwelcome intruder. Our paddling plans were in jeopardy. The four of us consulted weather radios and various weather websites searching for reassurance the fog would soon lift. The verdict wasn't encouraging.

There truly is a silver lining in every cloud. While eating breakfast, an unusual fog bow developed in the west and lingered for about an hour. My first experience viewing the rare phenomenon, it was a pleasant distraction from the disappointing conditions.

Since it was only a four mile paddle to Friendship, we decided to delay our departure in hopes of improvement. Around mid-morning, patchy fog supplanted the soupy haze. By the time we loaded our kayaks, a window of clearing opened between



A kayaker approaches Black Island in Muscongus Bay

Black and Harbor Islands. Like the previous day, fog banks could be seen east and west.

Intent on avoiding a disadvantageous change in the fog location, we hurriedly paddled south to Cliffs Trailhead on the east side of Harbor Island. Beginning on a sandy beach, the marked trail led through a wooded area and over an ancient stone wall to a dramatic expanse of imposing cliffs. We spent about an hour scrambling over the impressive rugged terrain.

Mildly turbulent waters were experienced paddling northeast through fortuitously fog-free Otter Island Passage. Continu-

ing past Friendship Long Island to Bradford Point Landing, we completed a remarkable two-day adventure visiting the puffins on Eastern Egg Rock, experiencing a fog bow, and hiking the cliffs of Harbor Island.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* includes a narrative about another Eastern Egg Rock trip that began at Round Pond and seven more exciting sea kayak voyages along the Maine coast.

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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# MaineCF Awards \$442K to Organizations Serving POC

**PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME (August 4, 2023)** — More than \$400,000 in grants from the Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) will support organizations throughout the state that are led by and serve people of color. MaineCF's Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Fund awarded 33 grants totaling \$327,000. Another 17 grants totaling \$114,750 were made by people with donor-advised funds at MaineCF.

**2023 grantees include:**

**Generational Noor**, to engage community members in important multigenerational cultural dialogues related to substance use disorder and mental health

**Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition**, to help youth navigate incarceration and reentry

**Wabanaki Youth in Science**, to provide Native youth in grades 3-8 with two-eyed learning experiences with cultural knowledge sharers and western science professionals.

The fund supports organizations that are led by and serve people of Black, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC). The grant program is designed to help BIPOC people in Maine achieve greater equity by investing in nonprofit organizations; changing policies and practices that negatively impact BIPOC people because of their race; and supporting efforts to alleviate the impact of race-based discrimination and disparities.

The fund was established in 2007 and leaders from various racial and ethnic communities around the state comprise its advisory committee. This year's BIPOC Fund was boosted by funding from the Rockefeller Family Fund, Maine Health Access Foundation and the Abbagadassett Family Fund.

To learn more about the BIPOC Fund and to view all the 2023 grantees, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org). The application for next year's grant cycle will open on Feb. 15, 2024. For more information, contact Senior Program Officer Gloria Aponte C. at 207-412-0847 or [gapontec@mainecef.org](mailto:gapontec@mainecef.org).

2023 BIPOC Fund Grantees

**Action for Life**, to serve as peer-support specialists and interpreters for

New Mainers applying for state and health benefits: \$10,000

**AK Health and Social Services**, to provide support to job seekers in the immigrant, refugee and BIPOC communities in Lewiston: \$10,000

**Bright Stars USA**, to build awareness of problems caused by domestic violence, youth drug, tobacco, and alcohol abuse, and the health consequences of unhealthy, interior living spaces: \$10,000

**Conservation Initiative**, for capacity-building events and to disseminate educational materials about environmental challenges and solutions to Black immigrant families: \$10,000

**Community Organizing Alliance**, to support underrepresented communities in grassroots, civic activities through workshops and action strategies to overcome systemic barriers: \$10,000

**Congolese Brazzaville Community of Maine**, to support and house immigrant teenagers who crossed the Mexican border without their parents: \$5,000

**Cross Cultural Community Services**, to provide anti-racism training for providers serving older black, indigenous and other people of color and to conduct focus groups: \$10,000

**Four Directions Development Corporation**, for professional development opportunities for its director of operations and grants manager: \$10,000

**Gateway Community Services Maine**, to build its operations to maintain current programs and grow: \$10,000

**Generational Noor**, to engage community members in important multigenerational cultural dialogues related to substance use disorder and mental health: \$10,000

**Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center**, to help New Mainers acquire skills needed for workplace integration, social interaction economic self-sufficiency and citizenship: \$5,000

**Indigo Arts Alliance**, to grow as an incubator for professional development and amplification of Black and brown thought leadership, artistic vision and practice: \$10,000

**Intercultural Community Center**, to expand education, health and social



**Kennedy Park Football Club** was awarded a grant from the Maine Community Foundation's BIPOC Fund to engage new and returning young adults in skill development sessions, help plan for their future and navigate higher education financial aid. Photo courtesy KPFC

services for New Mainers: \$10,000

**Kennedy Park Football Club**, to engage new and returning young adults in skill development sessions, help plan for their future and navigate higher education financial-aid opportunities: \$10,000

**LA Family Support Services**, to increase employment opportunities for New Mainers by learning work culture and job skills: \$10,000

**Ladder to the Moon Network**, to reach deeper into BIPOC communities and serve those who are accustomed to receiving information through audio and video platforms: \$10,000

**Lewiston Auburn Youth Network**, to engage underserved girls of color and address systemic barriers for underserved women, and those who are at risk of injustice: \$10,000

**Living with Peace**, to promote young adults into higher-earning jobs and into long-term, satisfying careers: \$10,000

**Maine Community Integration**, to expand the Parent Leadership program to include 10 women from Afghanistan to navigate the school system and advocate for their children: \$10,000

**Mano en Mano**, to support the area's community of farmworkers and immigrants to overcome barriers and thrive in Maine: \$10,000

**Maine Environmental Education Association**, for the Relearning Place Program, a collaborative of intergenerational individuals sharing ideas and learning related to land, place and people: \$10,000

**Maine Labor and Resource Center**, to bring awareness to Maine employers about the qualifications, transferable skills and prospective contributions of refugees and asylum-seekers

and to serve as an employment matchmaker: \$10,000

**Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition**, to help youth navigate incarceration and reentry: \$10,000

**Mayo Street Arts**, for a marketing workshop to provide photos, video and copy to support the promotion of traditional artists in Maine: \$10,000

**New England Arab American Association**, to prepare and inspire Arab and Afghan newcomers to participate fully in the economic, social and civic life of their new communities: \$10,000

**New Mainers Public Health Initiative**, to provide training and resources to improve media literacy and communication skills for health promotion and advocacy: \$10,000

**Poor Care Foundation**, to support low-income, widowed or divorced Somali women by providing resource guides to assist each other in accessing local social-assistance benefits and job opportunities: \$4,000

**Presente Maine**, to build equitable and sustainable infrastructure for Afro, Indigenous and majority women-led community organizations: \$10,000

**Racial Equity and Justice**, to create safe, accessible, and inclusive support to BIPOC community members and families through cultural programming, resource distribution, and advocacy: \$10,000

**Somali Bantu Community of Lewiston**, to increase child care certification and transportation services, one-on-one client services, summer youth meals and interpretation services: \$10,000

**South Sudanese Group of Friends**, to build capacity for the organization: \$10,000

**Southern Maine Workers Center**, for a se-

ries of nature-based workshops, discussions and meals inspired by Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower": \$10,000

**Tree Street Youth**, to provide safe recreation and organized athletic opportunities for BIPOC youth ages 14-24 in Lewiston: \$10,000

**United Youth Empowerment Services**, for its vision to end racism and discrimination in society by examining the challenge through broadcast arts: \$10,000

**Wabanaki Youth in Science**, to provide Native youth in grades 3-8 two-eyed learning experiences with cultural knowledge sharers and western science professionals: \$10,000

From donor-advised funds

**Black Owned Maine**, to sustain and innovate an ecosystem for Black entrepreneurs in Maine: \$10,000

**Chance to Advance**, to record immigrants' stories for the 2023 Diversity Calendar: \$250

**Congolese Brazzaville Community of Maine**, to support and house immigrant teenagers who crossed the Mexican border without their parents: \$5,000

**Gateway Community Services Maine**, to build its operations to maintain current programs and grow: \$2,000

**Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center**, to help New Mainers acquire skills needed for workplace integration, social interaction economic self-sufficiency and citizenship: \$5,000

**Her Safety Net**, to support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and provide preventative education and outreach to BIPOC communities: \$10,000

**Hope Acts**, to grow the Asylum Application Resource Center to meet the urgent need: \$10,000

**Indian Township Tribal Government**, to develop an eel aquaculture facility: \$10,000

**In Her Presence**, to maximize the potential of immigrant women and ensure that Maine's economic agenda includes the aspirations and needs of these women: \$10,000

**Intercultural Community Center**, to expand education, health and social services for New Mainers: \$5,000

**Maine Association for New Americans**, to grow its transportation program to meet demand from BIPOC communities, especially new asylum seekers/refugees and families with low incomes: \$10,500

**Poor Care Foundation**, to support low-income, widowed or divorced Somali women by providing resource guides to assist each other in accessing local social-assistance benefits and job opportunities: \$6,000

**Presente Maine**, to build equitable and sustainable infrastructure for Afro, Indigenous and majority women-led community organizations: \$500

**ProsperityME**, for financial education classes, one-on-one counseling, housing support, and workforce-development programs for New Mainers: \$10,000

**Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness**, to engage tribal youth in afterschool activities to improve wellbeing through youth development, art/culture, experiential learning, youth engagement/empowerment, building leadership skills and cultural activities: \$10,000

**Wabanaki REACH**, to pilot a Foodways intern to promote community and youth engagement on medicine making and land, water and fishery restoration: \$10,000

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# Arts & Entertainment

## The Little Mermaid Musical Opens this Weekend

**AUBURN, ME (August 4, 2023)** – The Community Little Theatre (CLT) closes out its 83rd season with the popular musical *The Little Mermaid*, which opens August 10th.

Based on the beloved story by Hans Christian Andersen and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and book by Doug Wright, this "fishy fable" includes such popular songs as "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

"I fell in love with

Disney at a very early age watching all the classic movies, and *The Little Mermaid* was one of my absolute favorites back then and still is today," said director/choreographer Becca Tinkham. "The adventure, the romance, the humor—it's the perfect fairy tale. Ariel's genuine curiosity for the world around her is something that reminds me to always keep an air of childlike wonder in my back pocket," she added.

The story focuses on mermaid princess Ariel, the youngest of King Triton's daughters and the most defiant. Ariel longs to find out more about the world beyond the sea and, while visiting the surface,



The *Little Mermaid* cast members from left are Ellie Pfohl, Leslie Gail Reed (unseen, holding Flounder), Germaine Robinson, Brock Rancourt, Lacey Moyse, Heather Pape, Mary Melquist, and Brian Pfohl. *The Little Mermaid* opens at CLT on August 10.

falls for the dashing Prince Eric. While mermaids are forbidden to interact with humans, Ariel must follow her heart. She makes a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, which gives her a chance to experience

life on land but ultimately places her life – and her father's crown – in jeopardy. Her dangerous mission leads to a showdown between good and evil forces which only love can remedy.

Tinkham has assembled a large and talented cast for the show, led by CLT veteran Mackenzie Richard as Ariel. Other principal and supporting cast members are Scotty Venable as Prince Eric, Chris Cifelli as Grimsby, Jayson Bray as King Triton, Germaine Robinson as Sebastian, Leslie Reed as Flounder, Zack Balkcom as Scuttle, and Justin Morin as Ursula. Tinkham's production team includes music director Paul G. Caron, assistant director/stage manager Brandon Chaloux, and producers Jennifer McClure Groover and Justin Morin.

"Audiences are going to love this show," said Tinkham. "The cast of 31

is just incredible and an absolute dream to work with. The 50 puppets, myriad costumes, and lights were designed to mirror the bold color palette from the 1989 Disney animated film. It's family-friendly, high energy, and there is something for everyone to enjoy."

The *Little Mermaid* will be performed at CLT at 30 Academy Street in Auburn at 7:30 p.m. on August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and August 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices (including all fees) are \$22.00 for adults, \$19.00 for seniors, and \$14.00 for students. Tickets are available online at <https://www.lact.com/the-little-mermaid-2023> or by calling 783-0958.

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## Great Falls Comedy Club Hosts Live Stand-Up this Week

**AUBURN, ME (August 4, 2023)** – The Great Falls Comedy Club will have live stand-up comedy this week at 7:30 pm.

Make laughter a priority and be part of the fun as Rhode Island native and headliner Alan Moreau takes the stage with his trademark brand of unfiltered comedy. Host Mark McGwin will kick things off along with featured comedians Ben Chadwick and Liam McGurk.

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# From The Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the dates of the 29th Annual Great Falls Balloon Festival is scheduled for August 18, 19, and 20th. The Board is working diligently on creating a theme and inviting balloons to attend this year's festival. We are working on gathering sponsorship, volunteers, vendors, parade participants, and exciting entertainment also if interested in any of these areas, please reach out to us. We will be announcing the theme and Specialty Balloons very soon.

As always, we are looking forward to sharing this incredible community event with all of you! This event is very dear to the twin cities and the communities surrounding the

Lewiston and Auburn and the GFBF Board is honored to volunteer to create this event.

We are all very proud to serve and fulfill our mission:

*The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations, while celebrating our community and promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination.*

We will continue to offer a jam-packed weekend and carry on our fantastic traditions and we may even throw in a few new and exciting things too!

Balloon launches are 6:00 am and 6:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Weather permitting, the moon glow will illuminate Simard Payne Memorial Park on Friday night. It is quite a sight to see! Come on down and enjoy a ride – if that is not for you, there will be tethered rides available Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the main field.

Both stages, Lewiston and Auburn, will be full of great entertainment all weekend – check out our schedule in this insert or on our website for all the details. There is something for everyone, we hope you enjoy it!

Craft and trade vendors will line the park and the carnival will be present to lend fun and excitement as well!

Since its creation,

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the mission of the festival is to provide a place for local non-profits to raise much-needed funds. This is accomplished by the mouthwatering food offerings and donations to the parking lot groups. The organizations work hard all year preparing for this event to provide these choices to you. Visit your favorite food booth and support them!

According to economic impact studies done at the festival, the revenue stream over the

weekend to Lew/Auburn is \$2.3 million dollars, with 65% of that coming from outside the twin cities. Between our local restaurants, hotels, stores and gas stations, everyone benefits. The numbers are impressive for a weekend event supporting our great community!

It goes without saying, but we will say it any how... we could not put on this great event without the help and support of many volunteers, corporate sponsors and the

cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Everyone involved puts in endless hours and the board cannot thank everyone enough! We also thank the local landowners who may find a balloon in their backyard over the weekend!

Please come on down to the festival this year and enjoy all it has to offer. We look forward to being your hosts!

Thank you,  
Board of Directors  
2023 Great Falls Balloon Festival.

# Donate to support The Great Falls Balloon Festival

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The mission of the Great Falls Balloon Festival is to provide fundraising opportunities for local non-profit organizations while celebrating our community and

promoting the Lewiston/Auburn area as a visitor destination. By supporting us, you are giving us a chance to give back to our community and local non-profits. Donations collected will help us support our mission. To donate, go to <https://greatfallsballoonfestival.org/donate/>

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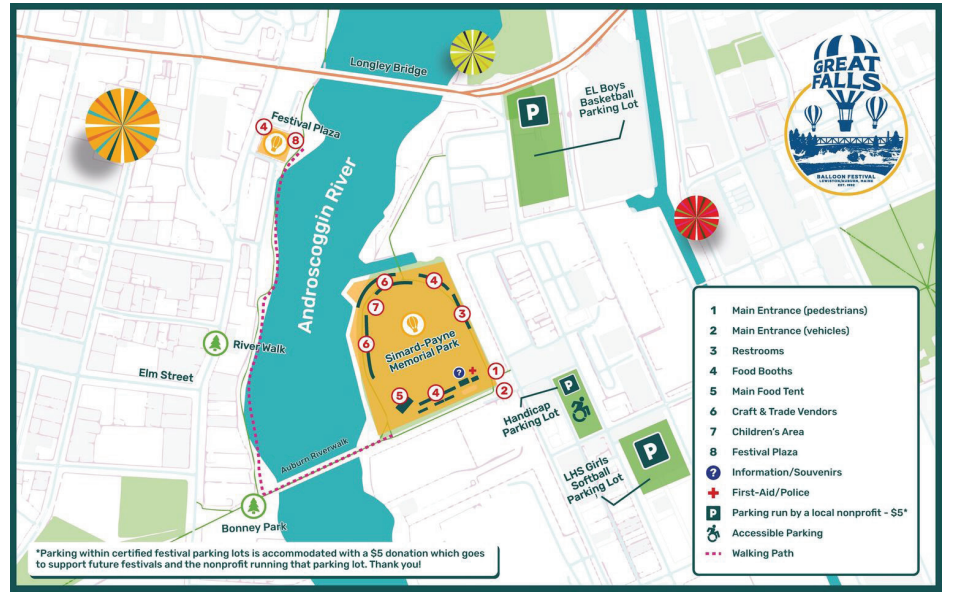
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**Directions**  
The main launch site for the festival is Simard-Payne Memorial Park (formerly Railroad Park), off Oxford Street in Lewiston.

From Points North  
Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 80, Lewiston. At the light, turn left and follow ME-196 W/Lisbon Street downtown (about 2.5 mi.). At the intersection of Lisbon Street and Main, turn left. At the next light, turn left onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

From Points South

Take the Maine Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 75, Auburn. At the light, turn left and follow US-202/ME-4/ME-100/Auburn (Washington Street and Minot Avenue) for about 4.75 mi., to the intersection with Court Street. Turn right onto Court Street. Cross the bridge into Lewiston. Take the first right onto Lincoln Street. Simard-Payne Memorial Park is located off Oxford Street, one block over from Lincoln.

**Parking**

Ample parking is available in the downtown area and in several lots adjacent to the festival grounds. Many non-profit organizations will be rais-

ing money for their organizations by offering parking for a donation. This parking will be located around the Bates Mill and along Lincoln Street in Lewiston. The City of Lewiston is graciously donating the use of these areas to the non-profit organizations. This does not include the parking lot across from the Franco Center on Oxford St. Please be respectful of our surrounding area businesses, private parking lots.

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# GFBF SCHEDULE

## August 18 – 20, 2023



### Simard Payne Memorial Park

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**8/18/23 PM**  
**6:00am Balloon Launch**  
**4:30 - 6:00 - Robert Washington**  
**6:30-8:00 Breaking Strings and the Sierra Sounds**  
**8:15 – 10:00 Toby McAllister and the Sierra Sounds**  
**6:00pm Balloon Launch**  
**Dusk- Moon Glow**

**8/19/2023**  
**5:30am Pancake Breakfast**  
**6:00am Balloon Launch**  
**11:00 Parade**  
**11:00 Tether Balloon Rides**  
**11:30-12:30 Taylor Hughes**  
**12:45 – 1:45 Stone Broke**  
**2:00 – 3:00 Morganite**  
**3:15 - 4:15 Moticon**  
**4:30 – 6:00 3Z Top**  
**6:00pm Balloon Launch**  
**6:30 – 8:15 Jumpin' Willys**  
**8:30 – 10:00 Christie Ray**

**8/20/2023**  
**5:30am Pancake Breakfast**  
**6:00am Balloon Launch**  
**9am – 12:00 Family Fun Day**  
**9:00 – 9:30 Cugno Boxing**  
**9:30-10:15 Phoenix No Limits Demonstration Team**  
**9:30 – 10:30 Camp of Rock**  
**10:30 – 11:30 Cheering**  
**11:30 – 12:15 Snarky Sisterz**  
**12:30 – 1:30 The Lit Council Band**  
**1:45 – 2:30 Bees Deluxe**  
**2:25 – 4:15 Bazinga**  
**4:30 – 6:00 Raw**  
**6:00pm Balloon Launch**

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Availability  
 Friday, August 18, 2023 (morning \*limited availability\* and evening launch)  
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 Sunday, August 20, 2023 (morning and evening launch)

Cost  
 \$250 / person

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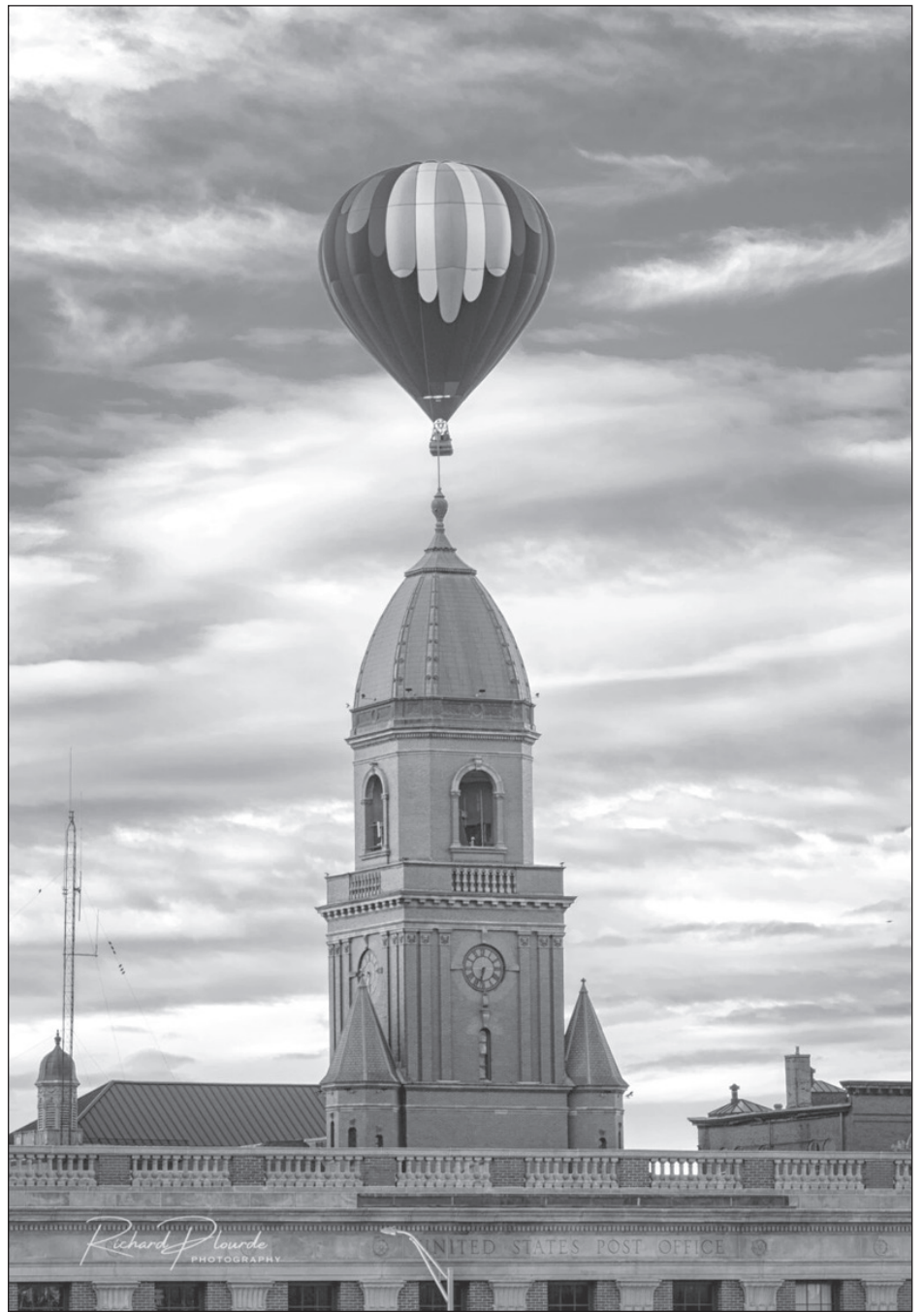
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Previous winner in the youth category - Klara C from Lewiston



Previous winner in the adult category - Nicole B from Turner



Previous winner in the professional category - Richard P from Lewiston

## Family Fun Day

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- 9:00 - First 100 children (must be present) will get a special GFBF Fun Bag
- 9:30 – 10:00 - Fun Run, Toddler Trot, and Diaper Derby
- 9:00 – 11:00 – Party Palooza Face Painting, Hay Rides, Kids Activities, Home of the Brave RC Balloon, Franco-American Collection, Non-Profit Tables
- 9:00 – 9:30 Congo Boxing Demonstration
- 9:30- 10:15 Phoenix No Limits Demonstration Team
- 9:30 – 10:30 Camp of Rock Performing
- 10:30 – 11:30 Cheering Demonstration
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The first impression that comes to mind when we see hot air balloons is the free spirit and grace of floating where ever the wind decides to take you. But there is much more to a hot air balloon launch and flight than just riding the wind.

Hot air balloons are considered aircraft and are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) just as fixed-wing aircraft are. Hot air balloon pilots must pass a yearly in-flight certification to maintain his or her license as a commercial pilot. The Great Falls Balloon only invites pilots who have met these qualifications.

The balloons themselves must pass a yearly safety inspection which includes testing the fabric of the balloon, fuel system, integrity of the basket, burners, and all other related equipment before the balloon receives its annual

airworthiness certificate to fly.

Unlike fixed-wing aircraft, a hot air balloon is dependent upon fair weather. Ideal conditions are calm winds below 8 mph and cool temperatures. Since wind and heat come with the sun, the ideal time for a balloon to fly is early in the morning before the sun gets too high in the sky and in the early evening as the sun begins to descend. The exception to this rule would be wintertime flying when the sun is less intense.

To inflate the balloon, pilots use inflation fans to fill the balloon with outside air. This process is called cold packing. When the balloon is inflated enough the pilot uses his burner to heat the inside air to approximately one hundred degrees warmer than the outside temperature. This is when the balloon takes shape and is ready to fly on

a new adventure.

It is the heat inside the balloon that makes the balloon rise. If the outside air temperature is too high, the pilot would need to add more heat to the balloon to compensate. High heat can cause damage to the fabric of the balloon. This is why balloons rarely fly in the heat of the day.

Hot air balloon pilots are always aware of the weather and the function of their equipment. The safety of the people in the basket is a top priority for the pilots always have the final say in whether the conditions are right for them to fly.

The experience that our visitors get at the Great Falls Balloon Festival is rare in the ballooning world. At most festivals, spectators are not allowed in the area where balloons are launching.

However, this up-close-and-personal venue also poses some challenges. Our main launch site is small. Our visiting balloons are huge. Our visitors are smitten. But our pilots and crews need space. A lot of it. They also need to be able to see and hear each other to keep themselves and everyone else on the field safe.

Maintaining a safe environment is a top priority, and it is crucial to the future of the festival.

Below are some things to keep in mind when visiting the festival:

**THE BIG 5:**

**Don't Smoke.** Our visiting balloons carry tanks full of propane gas. Due to the obvious fire

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hazard created by the use of propane gas, as well as the risk of damage to the balloon envelopes, smoking is prohibited.

**Don't bring your dog.** Or your cat, or bird, or snake. With the exception of service animals, NO PETS of any kind are allowed on festival grounds.

**Don't bring your wheels.** This includes bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, and unicycles. The level of foot traffic on the walkway around the park is very high, especially at launch time.

**Don't drink.** No alcohol is allowed on festival grounds.

**Don't fly drones without written permission.** Flying drones at the festival can be very dangerous with the large amount of people and all the radio wave interference.

**LAUNCH TIMES AND SITES**

Launches are scheduled for 6 am and 6 pm throughout the weekend and are always weather permitting. This includes wind and clouds as well as more obvious conditions like rain and lightning.

In the event of questionable conditions, Our Balloonmeister will wait as long as they can in hopes of a turn for the better. However, a launch decision may be delayed by up to an hour if weather conditions are changing. Ideally, the balloons will launch by 6:45 p.m. This time frame provides a fair ride for our passengers and gets everyone back on the ground before we run out of daylight.

Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston is our main launch site. Additional launch sites may be added if needed.

**SPECIAL SHAPE BALLOONS**

Specials fly only in the morning. At our evening launches, the special shape balloons will inflate and stay at the field to glow

for the crowd. They are large, complex, and hard to pack up in the dark.

**MOONGLOW**

This ground-level light show is a crowd favorite! Following the Friday evening launch, some of our visiting balloons will return to the field, inflate and light their burners for a ground-level light show, weather permitting.

**ATM**

There is an ATM available at Simard-Payne Memorial Park, near the Information/Souvenir Booth.

What are hot air balloons made of?

The bag or envelope is made of a reinforced fabric called rip-stop nylon (some balloons are made of dacron). The material is very lightweight but very strong. The fabric is coated to prevent leaks.

What are the baskets made of?

The baskets are made from rattan or wicker. The material is lightweight and very durable. Each basket is individually woven by hand.

How fast does it go?

As fast or as slow as the wind. Since the balloon has no forward propulsion system, its speed is determined entirely by the speed of the wind. That is why balloon competitions are strictly for accuracy, not for speed.

How high does it go?

The balloons will fly from ground level to anywhere from tree level to a couple of thousand feet above ground level, depending on wind direction and speed.

When is the best time to fly?

Usually just after sunrise and one or two hours before sunset. This is the time of day when the winds are calmest and the air the most stable.

How long can the balloon stay up?

It depends. Normally, the balloon carries enough fuel to remain aloft for 1

to 2 hours, but factors like outside air temperature, the weight being carried in the basket and weather conditions determine the duration of the flight. Our pilots try to get in at least 45 minutes of air-time each flight.

What kind of fuel is used?

Propane is kept in pressurized tanks in the basket. The balloon carries 30-40 gallons of liquid propane. It is carried under pressure through flexible hoses to the burner. When the valves are opened, the propane atomizes and is ignited by a pilot light in the burner. The flame may shoot out as much as ten to twenty feet, making a loud whoosh.

How do you get back?

With the help of friends, who drive a chase vehicle. The chase crew will follow the flight of the balloon (as well as existing roads allow) and should be on hand to make the recovery when the balloon touches down.

What should I wear?

We recommend wearing casual clothing and comfortable shoes. Consider light layers of warm clothing so you can easily adjust to the temperature as the sun comes up. The coolest you will be is on the ground. Once you're in flight, the burners tend to keep the baskets nice and warm.

**DISCLAIMER:**

Due to weather conditions, the best times for balloon launches are 6 a.m. for morning launches and 6 p.m. for evening launches.

Launches are always weathered permitting and times may vary depending on conditions.

The Moonglow (hot air balloons tethered and lit up with propane) is scheduled for Friday night (usually at dusk) after the balloons return from the evening launch. If the weather doesn't allow the Moonglow show on Friday night there will be one on Saturday night instead.



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**Aug 10**  
LEWISTON -- Thursday August 10th some of the veterans who chose the Air Force went to Sampson AFBVA for basic training will be having a get together at noon time at the Governors Restaurant in Lewiston.

Veterans, their guests, and folks with a connection to Sampson AFB, gather monthly through the summer months for lunch and share stories and memories. Sampson was a Navy base during WW2, to be reopened during the Korean era. All Veterans and their guests are welcome to visit..

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**Aug 10-20**  
AUBURN -- Community Little Theatre presents the musical The Little Mermaid, based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the classic Disney animated film. Show dates are August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and August 13 and 20 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.laact.com/box-office or by calling 207-783-0958.

**Fridays Aug 11-Aug 18**  
LEWISTON -- Opening Minds through Art

(OMA) classes Fridays July 14-August 18 from 1-3 p.m. at Education Center of SeniorsPlus at 8 Falcon Road in Lewiston. Through a series of classes, OMA engages students with dementia in creating freewheeling art. Contact SeniorsPlus, at 207-795-4010, [edcenter@seniorsplus.org](mailto:edcenter@seniorsplus.org).

**Aug 12**  
TURNER -- Inside Yard Sale at the Universalist Church, Rt# 117 (Turner Center Road) across from Gazebo on Saturday, Aug. 12th, from 8:00 to 1:00

**Aug 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://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.

**Aug 15, 16, 17, 19, 22**

DaPonte String Quartet Summer Series II Program with guest violinist Petros Karapetya: Francaix String Trio in C; Stravinsky Three Pieces for String Quartet; Stravinsky Concertino for String Quartet; Brahms String Quartet in C Minor, op. 51, no 1

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 pm Union Church, South Bristol

Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 pm Old Meetinghouse, Yarmouth

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 pm Robinhood Free Meetinghouse, Georgetown

Saturday, August 19, 7:30 pm St. Paul's Union Chapel, Waldoboro

Tuesday, August 22, 7:30 pm Ocean View Grange

Tickets and additional information available at [dapontequartet.org](http://dapontequartet.org)

**Aug 26**  
BUXTON -- Had-dock Supper Buffet - Sat-

urday, August 26, 2023 - 5:00 pm at Living Waters Church, Parker Farm Road, Buxton. Suggested donation: \$10 Adult, \$5 Child, \$20 Family.

Please note: We will offer the option of takeout containers for those who do not want to come inside for seating.

Wearing of face masks for those who wish is optional.

Hand sanitizer is available for those who wish to use it.

**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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This program is free and recommended for homeschool families with children of all ages. No registration is required. Contact info. 513-3133, [LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLKids@lewistonmaine.gov)

**Second and fourth Thursdays**

LEWISTON -- YOUTH TRADING CARD GAME CLUB held from 4 PM to 5 PM at the Lewiston Public Library. Join the Youth Trading Card Game Club to play, learn, trade, and compete with your peers! Games include Pokémon, Magic:

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**Wednesdays**  
LEWISTON -- Knitting Group  
Dates: Wednesdays, Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m., Facilitator: SeniorsPlus Staff, Location: Education Center, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston

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**Every second Monday**  
LEWISTON -- Care-giver Support Groups, Date: Monday, January 9 (every second Monday); Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Facilitator: Dana Morrell, SW. Location: SeniorsPlus, 8 Falcon Road, Lewiston.

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### Night Out

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to meet Auburn PD K-9 "Brick," and shoot hoops with local basketball leg-

end (and international professional basketball star) Troy Barnies. The APD will also set up an impaired driving obstacle course to help encourage motorists

to drive sober. And Mrs. Maine USA, who happens to be from Auburn, will be at the event to welcome attendees and talk about cyber safety for kids and

families. There will be live music all evening from local crowd-favorite L-A Harley Band. Their appearance is made possible through the generosity of L-A Harley-Davidson.

"National Night Out is an opportunity for our police department to show our strong commitment to community partnerships here in Auburn," said Police Chief Jason Moen.

"We're grateful to have this chance to connect with Auburn residents and share a fun evening together, all in the name of public safety." "We enjoy getting everyone together each year to show the unbreakable police-community partnership we have here in Auburn," said Deputy Chief Timothy Cogle. "When we connect like this, our city is stronger and saf-

er. Having the support of our community partners makes this the best block party of the year. This really is community policing at its best." 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of National Night Out, America's annual "night out against crime." It is a unique crime/drug prevention event presented by the National Association of Town Watch.



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