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Bruce Byberg of Remax New England, Hannah Bradbury and John Colburn. Photos by Laurie and Chris Allen.

## West Buxton Library hosts ongoing Writer's Workshops

BUXTON, ME -- Summertime, a time for family reunions, picnics, storytelling by the campfire. What if you wrote down these stories, capturing them for the next generation? Let's not lose our unique family customs, odd habits, and Grandma's sayings.

You're invited to join Writer's Workshops, meeting monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 6:30PM to 8:30PM. These workshops are funded by the Narragansett Num-

ber One Foundation and sponsored by the West Buxton Public Library. There are no fees, no pre-requisites, and spelling doesn't count. These workshops are for adults.

We are friendly, non-judgmental, and encouraging. After three years meeting as a Memoir Group, we are expanding to include all genres of creative writing.

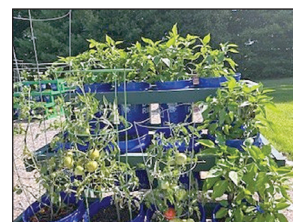
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## Gorham's Cressey Road Christian Church Garden is in bloom



Garden Volunteers Rick Smart and Tom Lindstedt discuss next steps for water supply. If you are interested in helping this garden grow, contact Lorraine [lindcabin@gmail.com](mailto:lindcabin@gmail.com). These other photos show what's growing in the bucket steps built by Eagle Scout candidate Christopher Bolton with help from his scout troop, scout leader Kelly Deprez and Rick Smart.



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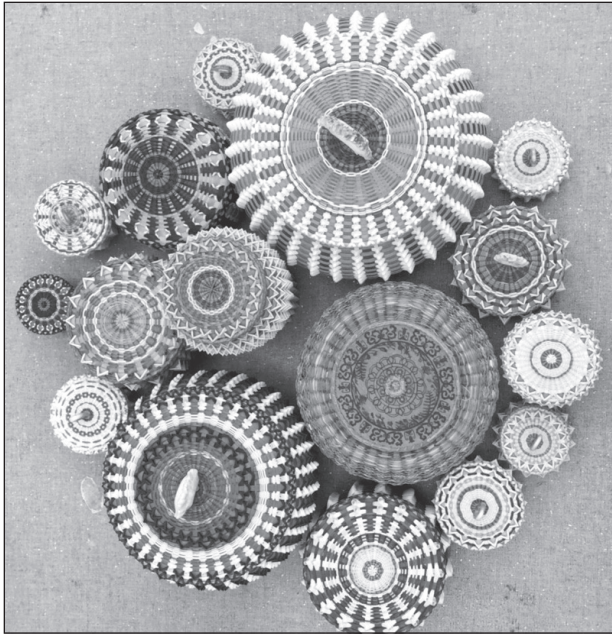
# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Wabanaki artist festival returns this weekend

**NEW GLOUCESTER, ME** -- The annual festival of Wabanaki's finest, award-winning artists is returning to Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village on Saturday, August 24th from 10am-3:30pm.

Basket making, stone carving, birch bark etching, woodcarving, doll making, beadwork, and jewelry making are among the oldest, enduring, and unique traditions passed down through generations of Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Micmac, and Maliseet peoples, known as the Wabanaki, or "People of the Dawn."

Over 40 of the finest,



award-winning artists will participate in the Wabanaki Summer Market for their southernmost gathering in the State of Maine. Don't miss this special opportunity to appreciate Wabanaki culture firsthand through basket making, bead working, storytelling, drumming, singing, and dancing.

Purchase museum-quality crafts directly from Wabanaki artists recognized for preserving important cultural traditions. Crafts will be offered at a

wide range of price points. It is recommended that shoppers are prepared with cash and/or personal checks since not all artists accept debit/credit cards.

The ever-popular Burnaburnuskek Singers & Drummers will be drumming and singing from 12pm-1pm.

The Keepers of Traditions- This year's featured artist are: Dolly Barnes, Barry and Lori Dana, Faye Decontie, Gal Frey, Wendy Little Bear, Burnurwurbskek Singers, Butch and Kellie Jacobs, Paula Love, Richard Love, Melaina Maloney, Peter Neptune, Debbie Nich-

olas, Kenny Keezer, Debbie Huston, Gayle Phillips, Butch Phillips, Rae Pictou, David Sanipass, Caron Shay, Sarah Sockbeson, and Frances Soctomah.

Free admission and free parking. Rain or shine.

Maplewood Barbecue will be bringing their smoker and selling their popular dinner plates to the public, while supplies last.

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village thanks all those who value quality educational and cultural experiences by supporting the Wabanaki Summer Market. Learn more at [maineshakers.com](http://maineshakers.com)

## MaineCF accepting applications for fall grant programs

**PORTLAND & ELLSWORTH, ME** — The Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) is accepting applications for its fall grant programs. The deadline to apply for each of the following grant programs is Monday, Sept. 16. To apply, visit [www.mainecef.org/apply](http://www.mainecef.org/apply).

The Equity Fund's mission is to strengthen lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) organizations in Maine and support community-based initiatives.

The fund will give priority to proposals that increase access to health care, reduce race-based disparities, violence and/or harassment and promote respect and understanding. People who identify as LGBTQ+ must be involved with the or-

ganization or project in a leadership capacity and/or be involved with the design, delivery and evaluation of services and be most of the intended recipients of services. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/equity](http://www.mainecef.org/equity).

Investing in Leaders of Color supports nonprofit leaders of color and their organizations. The program provides one-on-one coaching, a stipend for professional development and operating costs, and networking opportunities.

This program is designed for people of color in leadership positions in nonprofit organizations that serve communities of color and promote racial equity in the state of Maine. Grants will be made to the organizations.

To receive a grant, applicant organizations



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must serve communities of color and promote racial equity. The leader must be a person of color at a nonprofit organization in Maine and be available for coaching and professional development within a one-year timeframe. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/iloc](http://www.mainecef.org/iloc).

The Maine Charity Foundation Fund provides general operating and project support to organizations and projects that provide transportation and/or deliver essential services to under-resourced Maine people with limited or no

access to transportation. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/mainecharity](http://www.mainecef.org/mainecharity).

Maine Expansion Arts supports arts organizations and arts-based programs in Maine serving rural communities and/or Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, particularly in areas with limited access to the arts.

The program offers two separate tracks: one for organizations serving rural communities and the other for organizations led by and/or serving Black, Indigenous, and people of

color (BIPOC). For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/mea](http://www.mainecef.org/mea).

The Maine Land Protection grant program provides grants for land acquisition or land conservation easement projects that build strong connections between people in Maine/Wabanaki territory and its land and water.

The proposed project must create or increase permanent access to land and water, particularly to marginalized and historically excluded populations. This includes people with low incomes, disabilities, mental health conditions or limited English proficiency; Black, Indigenous and other people of color; immigrants and/or refugees; those who identify as LGBTQ+ and communities with limited conservation opportunities.

For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/mlp](http://www.mainecef.org/mlp).

The Maine Theater Fund provides capacity-building, general operating and project support to nonprofit professional and community theaters in the production and presentation of live theater. Priority will be given to adult theater, dramas and organizations that have not received multiple grants in recent years. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org/mainetheater](http://www.mainecef.org/mainetheater).

The Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments. To learn more about the foundation, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org).

## OUT Maine receives grant from Jane's Trust Foundation

**ROCKLAND, ME** — OUT Maine has re-

ceived a sizable grant from Jane's Trust Foundation,

which will be used to develop and implement a multi-year approach to address the critical need for affirming mental health resources for LGBTQIA2S+

youth and families in Maine.

The grant itself will fund OUT Maine's curriculum development, training programs, support groups,

and provider networking opportunities, with a strong focus on evaluation to assess effectiveness and impact. The nonprofit will be partnering with local

universities to train new mental health professionals in supporting and affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

"Especially in rural parts of the state, queer youth can feel extremely isolated, and experience higher rates of depression and suicidal ideation than their peers," says OUT Maine's Executive Director Sue Campbell. "This grant from Jane's Trust Foundation will help us educate the next generation of therapists and counselors to give these kids and their families the support they need."

Jane's Trust Foundation is "a family foundation dedicated to creating a more socially just and environmentally sustainable world in which all people thrive through education and deep connections with family, community, and the natural world."

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## Evergreen CU collaborates with Scarborough Land Trust

**SCARBOROUGH, ME** – Evergreen Credit Union is proud to partner with the Scarborough Land Trust (SLT) through Evergreen’s Community Partners program.

The Community Partners program aligned with SLT’s mission and values from the start. “Getting business owners, managers, and employees out into nature is a goal of SLT to help create a com-

munity that understands and connects with our unique natural resources,” said Andrew Mackie, Executive Director of Scarborough Land Trust.

Evergreen offers annual donations and additional on-demand business resources to its 17 Community Partners. “Being able to apply these professional resources to SLT projects has given us a capability not usu-

ally available to local or regional land trusts,” said Mackie.

With Evergreen’s new branch at 617 U.S. Route 1 in Scarborough, their team is looking forward to seeing how the town continues to evolve. “Our partnership with SLT and connection to the Scarborough community will continue to grow as they further advance their mission,” said Jason Lind-



Evergreen Credit Union Community Partner, Scarborough Land Trust, are excited to move forward with their land-conserving mission.

strom, Evergreen’s President/CEO.

Scarborough Land Trust conserves over 1,600 acres of land in Scarborough. Evergreen Credit Union is Maine’s 5th largest credit union with over \$550 million in assets. Their Scarborough branch is their 5th retail location. Learn more about Evergreen’s community support at <https://www.egcu.org/community>.

## WinterKids announces grantees to receive portion of \$25K

**WESTBROOK, ME** - WinterKids is thrilled to announce the recipients of its Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund. This year’s grants, totaling \$25,000, will go to 10 outstanding organizations across Maine. These grants are aimed at promoting outdoor activities and encouraging children to stay active throughout the year.

The WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund was established to further WinterKids’ mission of getting kids outside and active with funds raised at the Downhill 24 event. Through a community vote, the top three winning organizations in each category were selected, with one honorable mention winner also being recognized for their dedication and efforts.

Maine 501(c)(3) Nonprofits Category

The top three winners in this category are:

Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine, Inc., Bangor, ME (grant funds to serve Hancock and Penobscot Counties). Grant Amount: \$5,000

Intended Use: The WinterKids grant will be matched for the Snowbuster program, which is currently only provided in a few rural counties. Funds would allow expansion to Hancock and Penobscot counties. The Snowbuster program provides quality winter outerwear for youth in foster care or living with a kinship caregiver.

Saddleback Maine Community Corps, Rangeley, ME (Franklin County). Grant Amount: \$2,000

Intended Use: En-



able children in grades 1-8 to get free season-long equipment loans and lift tickets, then participate in Ski Tuesday, Saddleback’s 8-10 weekly 3-hour professionally instructed group ski/ride lessons accompanied by their Community Corps.

Big Rock, Mars Hill, ME (Aroostook County). Grant Amount: \$1,000

Intended Use: Purchase skis, boots, poles, helmets, and snowboards to expand the rental fleet that supports the community ‘Ski4Life’ program.

Maine Public Schools Category

The top three winners in this category are:

Oak Hill, Gray New Gloucester, and Lisbon High Schools and Middle Schools, Wales, ME (Androscoggin/Cumberland County). Grant Amount: \$5,000

Intended Use: Rent out Lost Valley for a day, provide gear, ski lessons, etc.

Noble Middle School, Berwick, ME (York County). Grant Amount: \$2,000

Intended Use: Purchase skateboards, cross-country skis, sleds, archery resources, and additional outdoor supplies and/or fund transportation costs for hiking, skating,

and fishing trips.

Dirigo Elementary School, Peru, ME (Oxford County). Grant Amount: \$1,000

Intended Use: Replace old and worn-out gear for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Maine Parks & Recreation Category

The top three winners in this category are:

Eustis/Stratton Recreation Department, Stratton, ME (Franklin County). Grant Amount: \$5,000

Intended Use: Train Water Safety Instructors and purchase lifejackets, safety equipment and learning tools to create a strong swim lesson and water safety program.

Biddeford Recreation, Biddeford, ME (York County). Grant Amount: \$2,000

Intended Use: Offset the cost of ski programming to make it more accessible to children of all socioeconomic backgrounds, &/or purchase additional equipment for seasonal outdoor recreation that would allow more children to participate in water programming.

Easton Recreation, Easton, ME (Aroostook

County). Grant Amount: \$1,000

Intended Use: Offset costs for their work with local mountain to provide “ski for life” rates that include rental equipment and lessons for children in their downhill ski program.

Honorable Mention Princeton Parks

& Rec, Princeton, ME (Washington County). Grant Amount: \$1,000

Intended Use: Support the addition of a bay of swings and playground accessories.

Congratulations to all the deserving grantees! We commend their commitment to getting

kids outdoors and active, making a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of Maine’s youth.

For more information about the WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund and its initiatives, please visit WinterKids.org/D24Fund.

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# Seniors Not Acting Their Age

## To the Goslings and Back



Kayakers prepare to depart from Mere Point Boat Launch



Paddlers cross Merepoint Bay towards Upper Goose Island



Mark Nelson approaches West Gosling Island

Mere Point Boat Launch in Brunswick provides boat access to Merepoint Bay. Nearby Maquoit and Middle Bays are also easily reached from this location. Operated by the Town of Brunswick, the upscale facility offers all-tide deep water entry and egress. Amenities include two boat ramps, a large dock, lots of parking, two toilets and a picnic area.

There is a downside. According to the town, the landing also provides an option to separately launch kayaks and hand-carry watercraft. This is misleading as the steep narrow stairs and weird contraption supposedly designed to lower

kayaks down to the water is, in my opinion, unsafe. I never use it and I don't know any other kayakers who do. Instead, the ramps are our choice to embark and disembark; a far safer alternative.

I wrote the Town of Brunswick about my safety concerns but they never responded. The landing was built by the State of Maine at the taxpayer's expense. It would seem reasonable to conclude the intent of constructing the facility was to create a safe launching environment for all users, not just motor craft.

Located near the end of Merepoint about 6 miles from the business section of Brunswick,

the landing also provides convenient access to a multitude of islands in the northern Casco Bay region including the Goose and Gosling Islands. I recently announced a Penobscot Paddle & Chowder sea kayak trip departing from the Mere Point Boat Launch. My planned destination was West Gosling Island where a Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) campsite is located. Happily, two frequent sea kayak companions, Ellen and Mark Nelson, agreed to join me.

The three of us met at the landing on a hot, steamy morning. Light to moderate winds out of the southwest were predicted and the tides were

going to be uncooperative for most of the day. We launched our kayaks from one of the ramps without problems. My experience has been that kayaks and motorized crafts are quite compatible when loading and unloading. Patience and respect for one another are the keys.

A light sea breeze was a refreshing relief from the sultry air crossing Merepoint Bay to Upper Goose Island, about a one mile expanse of open water. We passed an oyster farm on the east side of Upper Goose before progressing beyond a narrow channel that separates it from Lower Goose.

The tiny Gosling Islands were visible in the distance as we navigated along Lower Goose. Several moorings populate the area between the southeastern end of Lower Goose and the Goslings. On most summer days, numerous pleasure crafts are parked there. Not on this occasion; only two lonely vessels were taking advantage of the ideal boating weather.

West Gosling has a sandy beach that facilitates an easy landing. Shortly after we pulled our kayaks onto the shore, a team of MITA employees arrived in a motorboat and cleaned the site. We

found shade from the sun next to the campsite for our lunch break. While walking the shoreline, Ellen discovered a substantial community of periwinkles in the intertidal zone, something I'd missed during previous visits.

We considered paddling a long mile farther south to Little Whaleboat Island. After further discussion, our decision was to travel west across the bay to a chain of islands leading north to Merepoint.

As we were advancing towards the northern terminus of Bustins Island, Mark noted a fog bank was approaching Little Whaleboat. By the time we stopped at the next island, Pettingil, it was completely enveloped in fog. Our serendipitous decision to forego the traverse to Little Whaleboat was a fortuitous one.

Progressing north along Williams Island while taking advantage of a tailwind, we inexplicably encountered turbulent seas. There didn't appear to be any obvious explanation. We speculated that underwater shoals coupled with strong tidal currents were probably the cause.

Sister Island is northern-most in the sequence

of islands before Merepoint. Given the earlier choppiness, the one mile passage between them that connects Merepoint and Maquoit Bays was surprisingly calm.

The launch area was busy when we arrived. No problems were experienced while using a ramp to disembark.

My book, *Maine Al Fresco: The Fifty Finest Outdoor Adventures in Maine* describes eight more exciting sea kayak excursions 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 [ronchase-outdoors@comcast.net](mailto:ronchase-outdoors@comcast.net).*

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**THOMASTON, ME**—Maine Authors Publishing will be hosting the 5th Annual Maine Authors Book Festival on August 24, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at a new location—the Thomaston Public Library!

Meet over 100 talented authors from across Maine (complete list available from [www.MaineBookFestival.com](http://www.MaineBookFestival.com)), spanning a wide range of genres, ready to sign and sell their books. This year's pirate-themed event (costumes optional!) promises fun for the whole family. Kids will love the treasure hunt and children's area hosted by The Coastal Children's Museum, while everyone can enjoy live music from the Shank Painters, and a pirate costume contest at 12:15 (win fun prizes for children and adults). Food will be available for sale from Stone Fox Farm Creamery. A portion of the proceeds from the book sales and all raffle ticket sales will be donated to The Coastal Children's Museum and the Thomaston Public Library.

From 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., children's author Susan Vaughan will

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From 1:30–2:30 p.m., author Philip C. Baker will present "How to Write a Novel; It's Easy!" All you need is a "what-if machine." Merely type in, "What if?" What if a frail old Cuban fisherman hooks

a monster fish and battles the natural world to bring the pez to shore? Ding! Pulitzer Prize. What if right and wrong are inverted, morality overturned, while an Italian-American family and the family business are celebrated? Ding, ding! A runaway, best-selling novel, which is then turned into one of the greatest trilogies in film history. All Hemingway and Puzo did was turn on the what-if machine. Baker discusses the simple methods required to write the novel of your dreams. Relying on the learning experience of writing *Hunger Hill*, Philip brings humorous insights into writing a

book, specifically the novel.

From 2:30–3:30 p.m., author Deborah Gould will present "Historical Fiction: A Conversation with Deborah Gould." What is historical fiction, anyway? What changes it from a dry-as-dust narrative of dates and achievements to an intriguing, breathing work of literature? In other words, what makes it come alive? Let's talk about the weaving of social history, archival records, and the power of imagination into a novel about the people who came before us.

Local Thomaston restaurant Station 118 will have a customized menu for the event. FMI: [www.station118.com](http://www.station118.com). Based out of Searsport, Stone Fox Farm Creamery will have homemade ice cream for purchase. FMI: [www.stonefoxfarmcreamery.com](http://www.stonefoxfarmcreamery.com).

Shank Painters are a pirate-themed trio based out of Portland, Maine. Featuring accordion, guitar, vocals, banjo, and percussion, their repertoire consists of traditional sea shanties, tavern songs, and originals. FMI: [www.shankpainters.com](http://www.shankpainters.com).

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# King welcomes first results of drug price negotiations

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — U.S. Senator Angus King (I-ME) celebrated the White House completing the first round of Medicare negotiations to lower the price of 10 prescription drugs, which will lower out of pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries on eligible drugs and save Medicare — and American taxpayers — billions. The announcement comes nearly two years after the Inflation Reduction Act, which King supported, was signed into law. In addition to the negotiation provisions, the bill also in-



cluded a cap on the costs in insulin and a \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket drug costs for adults on Medicare. Tens of thousands of Maine Medicare enrollees currently take the 10 drugs included in the negotiations, paying annual out-of-pocket costs up to nearly \$5,000 in 2022.

"Today's announcement from the White House is welcome news which has been a long

time coming. One of the first bills I ever cosponsored in the Senate was the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act and thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, this vision has finally become a reality," said Senator King. "For many older Maine people on a fixed income, affording lifesaving drugs can be a tremendous financial strain — sometimes forcing folks to choose

between their health or putting good on the table. With 30% of Maine people enrolled in Medicare, this is a game-changing step forward toward ensuring our seniors have better access to prescription medications while also reducing the heavy financial burden of high out-of-pocket costs. The savings from these new lower prices will also be a huge boost to the financial strength of Medicare itself, helping to insure its long-term viability. This is a real victory for people across Maine and the nation, and I look

forward to working with my Congressional colleagues to advance additional common sense ways to deliver better healthcare at lower costs.

Senator King has consistently worked to reduce healthcare costs for Maine people. The Inflation Reduction Act has laid the groundwork for — and in some cases already implemented — long-term changes in federal policy that will keep people healthier and deliver higher quality care at a lower cost to patients and Medicare. These benefits are

delivered while simultaneously reducing the deficit by finally allowing Medicare to do what any other large customer in America can do in a free market — negotiate bulk discounts. This will save taxpayers hundreds-of-billions from the Medicare budget. Last spring, Senator King introduced legislation to fast track drug pricing negotiations and continue to lower drug costs for older Maine people. He also has joined colleagues in calling on the Biden Administration to authorize cheaper, generic drugs.

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## Buxton Recreation Department holding community yard sale

**BUXTON, ME** -- Buxton Recreation Department will be holding our first ever Community Yard Sale! Be sure to come check out the many booths our community members have! They may just have the next treasured item! Maine-ly Meatballs will be joining us for the day and will be dishing out delicious food!

Have items that you might want to part ways with? Reach out Grace Bibber, Recreation Director at [gbibber@buxton.me.us](mailto:gbibber@buxton.me.us) to rent a table or two!

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This is just a beginning as we continue building raised garden units offering planting boxes and vegtrugs. Bucket Steps are available now on a first come, first served basis. To use one of these planters, please contact [Lorraine.lindcabin@gmail.com](mailto:Lorraine.lindcabin@gmail.com) for guidelines and an application.

## Town of Gorham nomination papers now available

**GORHAM, ME** -- A Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing:

TWO (2) persons for Town Council to serve a 3 year term  
 TWO (2) persons for School Committee to serve a 3 year term

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's Office beginning on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

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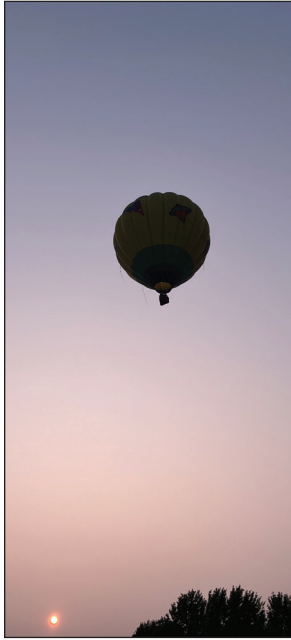


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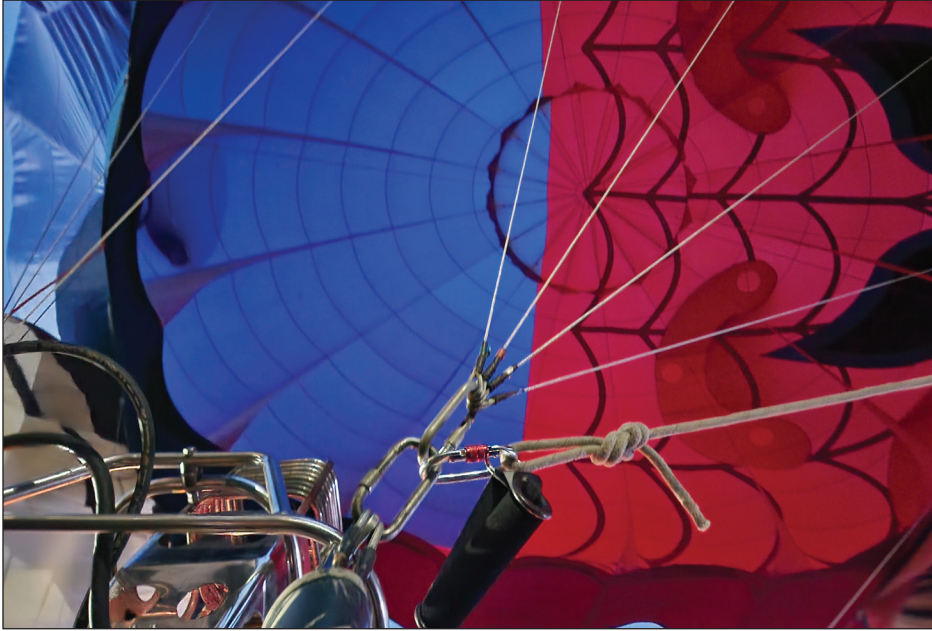


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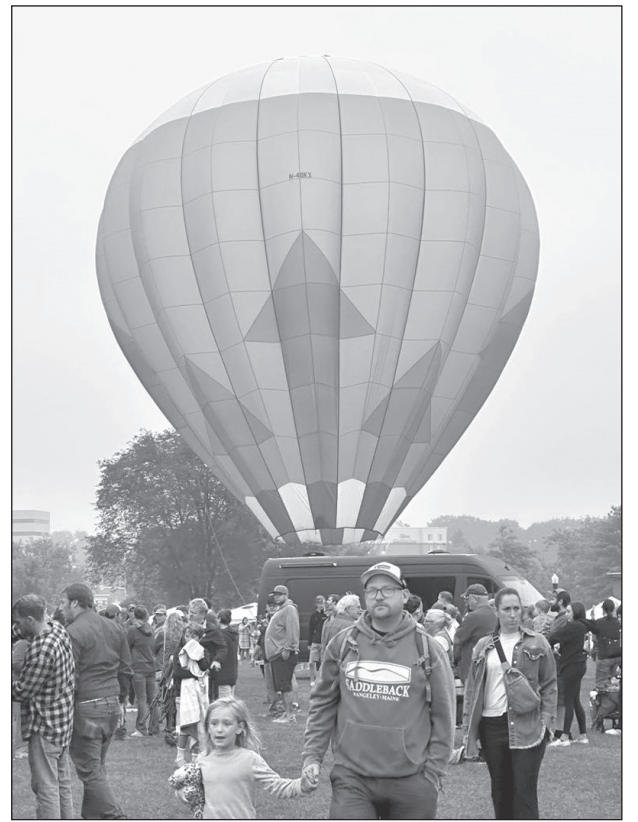


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# Maine receives \$450M grant to cut climate pollution

**BOSTON, ME** – As part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Investing in America agenda, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the general competition selection of the New England Heat Pump Accelerator to receive a \$450 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to implement community-driven solutions that tackle the climate crisis, reduce air pollution, advance environmental justice, and accelerate America’s clean energy transition.

The New England Heat Pump Accelerator is a coalition application led by Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in partnership with the Maine Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources. The selected application will fund projects across

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island that will rapidly accelerate the adoption of cold-climate air-source heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and ground source heat pumps. The project will support coalition partners in providing resources for more than 500,000 single-family and multifamily residential buildings.

“President Biden believes in the power of community-driven solutions to fight climate change, protect public health, and grow our economy. Thanks to his leadership, the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program will deliver unprecedented resources to states, local governments, and Tribes to fund the solutions that work best in their communities,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “Selected recipients have put forward ambitious plans to advance sustainable agriculture, deploy clean industrial technologies, cut emis-

sions and energy costs in homes and commercial buildings, and provide cost- and energy-efficient heating and cooling to communities, creating economic and workforce development opportunities along the way.”

“No community should have to worry about a future of heat waves, flooding, and sea level rise; and every community should be able to seize the opportunities of a transition to a clean energy future. Today’s announcement underscores our commitment to addressing the climate crisis head-on through collaborative, community-driven solutions,” said EPA Regional Administrator David W. Cash. “The \$450 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for the New England Heat Pump Accelerator will not only advance our region’s clean energy transition and create good jobs, but also deliver significant benefits to our communities by improving air quality, reducing energy costs, and fostering en-

vironmental justice. By working together, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island are setting a powerful example of regional cooperation and innovation in tackling climate change.”

“Heat pumps have become a greener, more energy efficient way for Maine people to save money during harsh New England winters,” said U.S. Senator Angus King. “Across our state, we are already seeing the impacts heat pumps have on minimizing our carbon footprint while maximizing the amount of money staying in the pockets of Maine people. Our state will continue to lead in the cost-efficient energy space thanks to this EPA grant for the New England Heat Pump Accelerator Program.”

“Mainers rely on fuel oil to heat our homes more than anywhere else in the country. Maine has already made significant progress on turning this high energy burden into an opportunity for climate progress, and this Climate Pollution Reduction Grant will accelerate our statewide transition to cleaner, more efficient, and cost-effective heat pumps. This grant will not only save Mainers and our neighbors money on their energy bills but will further America’s climate goals to curb fossil fuel emissions and meet the growing challenge of climate change,” said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree.

EPA made its selections through a rigorous grants competition that was designed to be fair and impartial. The Agency reviewed nearly 300 applications that were submitted by entities from across the country and requested a total of nearly \$33 billion in funding.

The 25 selected applications—from states, a Tribe, local governments, and coalitions of these entities—will receive feder-

al funding to implement local and regional solutions. Many of these projects can be expanded and provide examples that other states, local governments, Tribes, and even businesses can replicate in their work to tackle the climate crisis.

Together, these selected projects will implement ambitious climate pollution reduction measures designed by states, Tribes, and local governments that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond. When estimates provided by all selected applicants are combined, the proposed projects would reduce greenhouse gas pollution by as much as 971 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent by 2050, roughly the emissions from 5 million average homes’ energy use each year for over 25 years.

EPA expects to announce up to an additional \$300 million in selections under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program for Tribes, Tribal consortia, and territories later this summer.

State, Tribal, and local action is vital to deliver on the President’s commitment to reduce climate pollution by over 50 percent by 2030 and achieve net-zero emissions no later than 2050. The innovative measures contained in the selected applications, developed with input from local communities, are expected to achieve substantial public health benefits such as reducing exposure to extreme heat, improving air quality, reducing energy burden for lower income Americans, improving climate resilience, and providing workforce and economic development opportunities, particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants advance President Biden’s historic Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure 40 percent of the

overall benefits of certain climate, clean energy, and other federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

The grants will fund projects supporting the deployment of technologies and programs to reduce greenhouse gases and other harmful pollution across the country and build the infrastructure, housing, industry, and competitive economy needed for a clean energy future. These grants will also help businesses capitalize on new opportunities, spur economic growth and job creation in new and growing industries, and support development of training programs to prepare workers. EPA expects to award the funds later this year, once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Many of the proposed projects contained in the selected applications announced, as well as the \$250 million in planning grant funding that EPA is providing under the CPRG program for development of Climate Action Plans by state, local, and Tribal governments across the country, will complement the Biden-Harris Administration’s historic federal actions and national climate strategies across sectors. Those include: the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization, the Administration’s efforts to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2035 and make zero emissions construction common practice by 2030, the Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap, the U.S. Buildings Decarbonization Blueprint, the Administration’s climate-smart agriculture efforts and Nature Based Solutions Roadmap, the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Action Plan, the National Climate Resilience Framework, and more.

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**Aug 23**

**LEWISTON** -- The Lewiston Public Library for Butterfly Storytime and Craft in the Children's Department on Friday, Au-

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gust 23rd at 10am. Recommended for children ages 2 – 6 years old and their caregivers. Siblings are always welcome.

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This program is free, open to the public and no registration is required.

**Aug 24**

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**Aug 26**

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**Aug 28**

**BAR MILLS** -- Nathan & The Zydeco Chas - If you haven't heard what's happening in zydeco lately, here's your chance at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills, ME, Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$15 at [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org)

**Aug 31**

**BUXTON** -- Try our delicious Haddock Supper Buffet - Saturday, August 31, 2024 - 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.

**Summer 2024**

**NORWAY** -- Art Exhibition "If You Lived Here, You Would ..." at the award-winning Gingerbread House, Main Street, Norway, Maine. The show will dialogue with the history of this incredible edifice, which pours out of its every nook and cranny. "If You Lived Here You Would..." is a consideration of the home's past that offers a glimpse into its potential future through a selection of sculptures, paintings, drawings, and mixed-media pieces—brought to western Maine for the very first time—by a group of internationally recognized and acclaimed artists.

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# GORHAM LITTLE LEAGUE

## Field Funding Campaign

The Gorham Youth Baseball & Softball Association is making a large capital investment to provide updates and add fields to accommodate practice and game schedules:

- Develop 2 fields at White Rock
- Purchase seasonal fence for Shaw Park
- Repair dugouts and fencing, build storage centers
- Add infield mix and relevel current fields
- Acquire tarps and field maintenance equipment
- Add scoreboards

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# Food truck Summer Thursdays bring dinner to Gorham

GORHAM, ME - Food truck Summer Thursdays hosted by the Economic Development Division are back, starting with the first event on the summer solstice - Thursday, June 20.

Folks can catch a rotating selection of food trucks every Thursday through

September 28th at the Little Falls Recreation Area (664 Gray Road, Gorham).

We offer a different selection of vendors each week (~7-8 total) from 4pm - 8pm, and the setting is very family-friendly complete with ample green space, music, and

lawn games. It's the perfect way to spread out and enjoy a Maine summer afternoon at its finest.

This year, the Town is offering space to local organizations and businesses to engage the community and get the word out about exciting offerings and op-

portunities available to the Gorham.

We are grateful for the support of Gorham Savings Bank, which is sponsoring the purchase of 150 lawn chairs for visitors to utilize each Thursday. Beach blankets and chairs are still welcome!

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## Girl Scouts of Maine Bring a Friend

**Date:** Sunday August 25, 2024

**Time:** 10-11:30 A.M

**Location:** Westbrook Dunkin' "meeting room"  
Main Street, Westbrook

**Age Level:** 7-8 years (2nd grade)

**Price:** Free

**Details:**  
\*\*\* Calling all BROWNIES!\*\*\*

Interested in joining Girl Scouts TROOP 1768 but not familiar with what being a GIRL SCOUT means? Come to our "MEET and GREET" on Sunday 8/25 at 10 am, we will be discussing:

- the upcoming BROWNIE troop 1768 schedule
- the GS promise and what it means to live by the Girl Scout honor.
- the many opportunities and adventures the GS troop will have part in
- have fun, meet new friends and make memories of a lifetime!

Email [robnd911@gmail.com](mailto:robnd911@gmail.com) with any questions

Your troop leaders:  
Robyn and Breana

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