

PARKS, RECREATION & WATERFRONT

2018 December Newsletter



In an effort to keep the community up to speed on all the great things happening in our department, we are introducing this online newsletter that will be emailed to our database on a monthly basis, as well as posted on our website and Facebook Page. Content will include reminders of upcoming or added programs, events, and more. This newsletter will be in addition to our seasonal brochure that is created three times per year. We hope you find it beneficial and enjoy reading.

SOUTH PORTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon - Fri	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturdays	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sundays	12:00 - 8:00 pm

For program registration, schedules, department information and more, visit:
WWW.SOPOPARKSREC.COM

2019 WINTER/SPRING BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE!

Be sure to check out all of the great new programs we have to offer this season (over 30 new ones). From Senior Citizens to pre-school age, we have something for everyone! **The brochure can be found online at www.sopoparksrec.com.** Hard copies will be available for pickup on November 30 at both of our Community Centers, South Portland Schools, Libraries and City Hall.

RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 10th
NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 13th



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and have their picture taken, so bring your camera! Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail and beverages. Proceeds benefit the South Portland Police Department VIPS Program.

Breakfast with Santa

Date: Saturday, December 1

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am

Location: SPCC Senior Wing

Cost: \$8 per person, children under 2 are FREE!



MILLCREEK TREE LIGHTING



The trees will be strung with beautiful lights as we all count down from 10 to see the lights turn on for the season! There will be family friendly activities throughout the night including pictures with Santa!

NEW THIS YEAR! The choir will be setup in the park along Hinckly Drive, not in the Gazebo.

Friday, December 7 at Mill Creek Park
4:30 - 7:00 pm (lights come on at 6pm)

LOST VALLEY SUNDAY SKI/RIDE PROGRAM (ages 7 - 12)

Registration Deadline - January 11, 2019 (this program will fill quickly so register soon!)

Equipment Fitting & Program Info. Night

Date: Thursday, January 3

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: SPCC Senior Wing

**SPACE IS
LIMITED!**

Chaperones Needed!

Must commit to all trips and ski/ride with our group at all times. All chaperones must complete a volunteer application are subject to a criminal background check. If interested please contact Anthony Johnson at ajohnson@southportland.org.



Program Details

Dates: Sundays January 20 - February 24 (6 weeks)

Time: Depart SPCC at 9:00 am, return by 4:00 pm

Helmets required and available for rent. All participants are strongly encouraged to enroll in lessons.

Option	Fee
Transportation Only	\$75.00

All options below include transportation

Lift Only	\$165.00
Lift & Lesson	\$270.00
Lift & Rental	\$245.00
Lift, Lesson & Rental	\$350.00
Helmet Rental	\$35.00

MRPA HOT SHOT COMPETITION

FREE EVENT! (but please pre-register by Dec. 25)

Open to all boys and girls ages 9-15.

Date: Thursday, December 27

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Location: SPCC Gym

Hang around after the event for Youth Open Gym from 10am - Noon!



NORDIC SKI RENTAL FIT NIGHT

Do your kids want to try Nordic Skiing this winter but you don't want to buy all of the equipment? The Outdoor Sports Institute offers a great opportunity to help kids stay active during the winter by leasing sets of skis, boots and bindings at an affordable rate. Participants must attend the fit night in order to get properly fitted for all equipment and to avoid having to exchange equipment later in the season. **Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate any registrations after December 19. Registration is currently open!**

Date: Wednesday, December 19

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: SPCC – Senior Wing

Cost: Resident: \$75.00/Non-Resident: \$85.00

Grades: K-8

Coordinator: April Bolstridge



HIGH SCHOOL REC BB LEAGUE

South Portland Parks & Recreation participates in the long standing Greater Portland High School Rec League sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland & South Portland. **South Portland residents only!**

Cost: \$65.00 (register by Dec. 7 & save \$10)

Mandatory Pre-Season Meeting

Dec. 12 at 5:00 pm at SPCC Senior Wing

Coaches Needed! Must be 21 years or older. Contact Jenée Nadeau at jnadeau@southportland.org



DECEMBER YOUTH OPEN GYMS

Day	Time	Grades
Saturdays Dec. 1, 22 & 29	12 - 1:30 pm 1:30-3 pm 3-5 pm 5 -7 pm	Pre-school-Gr. 2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12
Sundays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	12:15-1:30 pm	Pre-school-Gr.12
Wednesday, Dec 26	9 - 10 am 10 - 11am 11 am - 12 pm 12 -1 pm	Pre-school-Gr. 2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12
Thursday, Dec. 27	10 am - 12 pm	Grades 9 - 12

Schedule subject to change month to month. View monthly schedules online at www.sopoparksrec.com

GEMINIDS METEOR SHOWER

Join Park Ranger April Bolstridge and the Southern Maine Astronomers for the brightest meteor shower of the year! The event will take place on December 13 or 14 (weather depending) at the Wainwright Sports Complex from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. We will start off with a tour of the night sky and winter constellations, and everyone will leave the event with a sky map. Bundle up and bring a reclining lawn chair to enjoy the show! **Keep an eye out for more details on our Facebook page or contact April Bolstridge at abolstridge@southportland.org.**



DROP & SHOP NIGHT!

Need some time during the upcoming holiday season to finish up errands or just have a night to yourself? Drop your children off at the South Portland Community Center where they will enjoy a pizza party, gym games, arts & crafts and swimming (if the pool is available). Pre-registration is required. This event is for children in K – 5th grade. Minimum of 30/maximum of 50.

Registration closes Monday, December 10th!

Friday, December 14th
Time: 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Cost: \$25.00
Location: SPCC Afterschool Wing



SOUTH PORTLAND MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



GOLF BY THE NUMBERS! A total of 10,496 rounds of golf were played from April - November, 2018. The course also hosted a Ladies Clinics, Junior Golf Program, Junior Golf Tournament and Senior League. More great programs coming in the Spring of 2019!

From all the clubhouse staff and those of us at Parks & Rec, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and we'll see you in the Spring!

Looking for a great stocking stuffer? 2019 Play Passes are available for purchase at the South Portland Community Center. Stop by and grab one today!

13 Play Pass - \$140.00 (only for a limited time)
5 Play Pass - only \$70.00



POOL

THANK YOU all for a wonderful end to our Fall session of swim lessons. We worked with well over 300 children and adults to make them safe around the water, learn to swim more efficiently and hopefully find a love for the sport of swimming! Our next session of lessons (Winter 2019) will begin in January. Please see the Winter/Spring brochure for details on specific lessons as well as start dates/times.

YOUTH WINTER REGISTRATION

Registration for our Winter Session of YOUTH swim lessons is as follows:

- Monday, 12/10 for residents beginning at 7am ONLINE or in person.
- Thursday, 12/13 for non-residents beginning at 7am ONLINE or in person
- Adults may register online anytime.



SENIOR PROGRAMS

SENIOR ACTIVITY DAY - DECEMBER 4th

Free pick up and drop off but must register by Thursday before.

Free Programs on Senior Days:

Coffee & Conversation: 8:30 - 9:30 am

Coloring: 9:30 - 10:30 am

Indoor Walking: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Lunchtime: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (bring your own lunch)

Mini Shuffleboard & Horseshoes: 12:45 - 1:45 pm

Tea Time (fancy tea cups & cookies): 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Low Cost Activities on Senior Days:

Coffee Time Support Group: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - \$6.00

Exercise w/ Jessamyn: Chair Class: 1:30-2:30 pm: \$5.00

Senior Swimming 11am-12pm: \$3.00/\$4.00 non-res

PORTLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS

Date: Sat. Dec. 1st

Time: Pre-concert treats at 1:30pm

Location: SPCC Senior Wing

Cost: \$12.00 or \$15.00 w/ pick-up for SoPo residents



REDBANK COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS!

Did you know that we are offering FREE Senior Programs at the Redbank Community Center (95 MacArthur Circle West)? Stop on by and give these a try!

Senior Badminton & Cornhole

Thursdays at Redbank from 9:30 - 11:30 am

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST TEA

Join us for tea, light breakfast, games, prizes and entertainment. Free pickup for Sopo residents.

Date: Friday, Dec. 21

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: SPCC Senior Wing

Cost: \$10.00



DECEMBER SENIOR LUNCHEON

Connect with other seniors at the community center while enjoying a delicious catered meal. Transportation available, but non-refundable if you cancel.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 18th

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: SPCC Senior Wing

Cost: Under 60: \$8 or \$12 w/ pickup (residents only)

Over 60: \$6 or \$10 w/ pickup (residents only).



BOWLING WEDNESDAYS AT EASY DAY!

\$10 to register

\$3 per string



DON'T MISS THESE GREAT ADULT TRIPS!

BOSTON CELTICS VS CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

This is an 18 years of age and older trip to the **January 23, 2019** game. The game is at 7:30 PM. We will be traveling to Boston via VIP motor coach. The bus will be leaving from the South Portland Community Center at 4:00 PM and returning around midnight. Tickets are in balcony section 309, 311 and 323.

Cost: \$125/\$135 non-residents
NO REFUNDS AFTER
DECEMBER 20, 2018



BOSTON BRUINS VS. LA KINGS

Join our 18 years of age and over trip to the Boston Bruins game vs the LA Kings on **Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 1:00pm**. This group will be traveling on the Downeaster Amtrak train to and from Boston. The seats are located in balcony section 307.

Cost: \$175/\$185 non-residents
NO SENIOR DISCOUNT.
NO REFUNDS AS OF JANUARY 4, 2019.



The Boston Flower & Garden Show is about inspiring, educating and motivating the region's gardeners. Whether for curb appeal, backyard, kitchen, indoor, rooftop or community gardens, this is where New England's green lovers go to discover new ideas while having fun with family and friends.

Pick up for this program will be at the South Portland Community center at 8:00am. Lunch will be on your own. There are several food vendors in walking distance of the show. The price covers transportation and entrance into the show.

Date: Wednesday, March 13
 Time: 8:00 am - 5:15 pm
 Cost: \$75.00 (**No refunds after February 15, 2019**)

ADULT OPEN GYMS

Program	Day	Time	Location
Lunchtime Basketball	Tues & Fri	11:30 – 1:30 pm	SPCC
Evening Basketball (resident only)	Wednesdays	7:00 – 9:00 pm	SPCC
Over 40 Basketball	Sundays	9:00 – 10:30 am	Redbank
Afternoon Pickleball	Sundays	2:00 – 3:45 pm	SPCC
Over 30 Basketball	Sundays	4:00 – 5:45 pm	SPCC
Evening Volleyball	Sundays	6:00 – 8:00 pm	SPCC
Weekday Pickleball	Mon-Fri	8:00 – 11:00 am	SPCC

Cost: \$3/\$4 non-res.
per open gym (must show ID)

Save money by purchasing a Frequent User Pass (FUP) at the SPCC front desk.



WAINWRIGHT FARMS RECREATION COMPLEX



Skating Rink & Cross Country Skiing Trails @ Wainwright this winter!

Enjoy a nice winter's day by getting out to go skating on our 8,000 square foot ice rink or by checking out the cross country ski trails around the facility and on the Greenbelt.

Ice rink and cross country skiing trails are weather dependent. Please refer to www.sopoparksrec.com, South Portland Parks & Recreation Facebook Page, or call the Community Center at 767-7650 to check conditions.

COMMUNITY NEWS!



Our Before & After Care Programs at Kaler, SPCC & Skillin enjoying a special Thanksgiving Day dinner before Thanksgiving. Thanks to Emily Ciampi for cooking three separate turkeys for all the kids!



The South Portland Community Center hosted a National Recreation & Park Association Certified Playground Safety Inspection Course (CPSI) Nov. 14-16 where 32 participants from all over Maine attended. Congrats to our two Parks staff (Darrell Parker & Tom Dyer) for completing the test.



Our Thankful Turkey on the wall at the South Portland Community Center. Thanks to hundreds of patrons for sharing with us what you are thankful for!



SoPo Dog Day

Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8-11am at Hinckley Park

Join Park Ranger April Bolstridge and the South Portland Dog Owners Group to clean up Hinckley Park. Volunteers will scour the park for left behind doggie do's and baggies. We will have information on how to be a responsible and respectful dog owner in SP Parks.



From all of us here at the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department, we wish you a fun and safe holiday season!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**