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Construction is scheduled to be complete by Thanksgiving.



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October 29th, 2022 | 1pm-4pm
South Portland Community Center
FREE

CONNECT WITH US

South Portland Community Center

21 Nelson Rd

South Portland, ME 04106

Hours: M-F 6a-9p, Sat 8a-5p, Sun 10a-6p

207-767-7650

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Announcements

We're Hiring

Teen Center Program Assistant

We are seeking a warm, considerate, dependable person with a positive sense of humor and strong work ethic to help create a safe, relaxed, fun atmosphere for Teens.

- Shifts: 2:30-6:15pm (17-19hrs/week, increases during school vacation weeks)
- Rate: \$16.15- \$18.41/hr based on experience
- Apply: Visit the [City Job Board](#) for full details.

Kids Club Before & After School Counselor

We are seeking dependable, mature, flexible role models to lead activities and supervise children grades K-5. Experience working with elementary children a plus!

- Shifts: 7-9am & 3-6pm M-F. Very flexible on the number of shifts per week!
- Rate: \$14/hr and based on experience.
- Apply: Contact Kari Filieo 207-767-7650 kfilieo@southportland.org

Senior Drop-in Center Opens



The Senior Drop-in Center officially opened its doors on September 6th. It is open to residents and non-residents ages 50+. It is located within the South Portland Community Center at 21 Nelson Rd. Stop by and connect with others, play cards, or enjoy a variety of free daily activities. All activities are self-directed and all levels are welcome with no registration required.



Hours:

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm
Friday
9am-12pm.

[Event Calendar](#)



Open Gym is Back!

[Youth Open Gym](#)

[Adult Open Gym](#)

Skate Park Update



Skatepark construction continues! The City's Water Resource Department is currently working on the rough site work and pipe installation. Big thanks to the staff at that department for assisting us with this project.

American Ramp Company is scheduled to begin their work the week of September 26. The goal is to have a completed park by Thanksgiving of this year!



For information on the skatepark [click here](#). You can also follow progress on [South Portland Skatepark Facebook Page!](#)

Youth Programs

Teens enjoy the rewards of baking with Lee Anne Dodge during her monthly visit to the Teen Center.



Youth soccer programs are off to a great (and fun) start!



Out of School Programs

No School Days

Grades: K-5

Program Dates: Nov 23rd & Dec 23rd

Time: 8am-5pm

Location: South Portland Community Center

Program Cost

Residents Only: \$55

[Register](#)

December Vacation Camp

Grades: K-5

Program Dates: December 27th- 30th

Times: 8am-5pm

Location: South Portland Community Center

Program Cost

Residents Only: \$160

\$20 discount if registered before 12/1

[Register](#)

Youth Cheering Programs

South Portland Fire Cheering

Grades: PreK-8

Session Dates*: Nov 8 - Apr 5

Practice times*: Weekday Evenings

Location*: South Portland Community Center & South Portland High School

Program Cost*

Starts at \$100

*Dependent on team

Youth Cheer Clinic

Grades: K-8

Session Date: October 15th

Practice times: Saturday, 9-1pm

Location: South Portland Community Center

Program Cost

Residents: \$35 | Non-Residents: \$45

[Register](#)

[Register](#)

Soccer

Start Smart Soccer

Ages: 3-5

Session Dates: Nov 5-Dec 12

Practice times: Saturdays, 9:30-10:15 or 10:30-11:15

Location: Redbank Community Center

Program Cost

Residents: \$50

Non-Residents: \$60

[Register](#)

Yoga

Youth Yoga

Ages: 7-14

Session Dates: Oct 1-Oct 29

Practice times: Saturdays, 9-9:45am

Location: South Portland Community Center

Program Cost

Residents: \$32

Non-Residents: \$42

[Register](#)

Legos

Brick by Brick Maine Lego Halloween Fun!

Ages: 5-10

Session Dates: Oct 22

Practice times: 9-12pm

Location: South Portland Community Center Art Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$40

Non-Residents: \$50

[Register](#)



American Red Cross

BABYSITTER TRAINING



AGES: 11-15

COURSE SCHEDULE:

5 - 7:30PM

November 4, 18

December 2, 9, & 16

LOCATION: South Portland
Community Center

YOU'LL LEARN



SAFETY
FOR THE SITTER AND
THE CHILDREN



HOW TO INTERVIEW
FOR THE JOB



**INFANT AND
TODDLER CARE:**
PICKING UP
HOLDING
FEEDING
DIAPERS
DRESSING

**HOW TO PLAY WITH
CHILDREN**

**HOW TO HANDLE
EMERGENCIES**

YOU'LL RECEIVE

CERTIFICATION IN
CHILD AND INFANT
CPR AND FIRST AID

Students must
participate in all
five classes to
receive certification

COST:

Resident \$140 | Non-resident \$150

Adult Programs

A close-up photograph of a watercolor brush applying blue paint to a piece of paper. Next to it is a pencil sketch of a person's legs and feet, possibly for a yoga or dance pose.

Art Programs

Watercolor Workshop

Instructor: Pauline Cook

Program Dates: October 1-29

Time: Saturdays, 9-10am

Location: South Portland Community Center- Senior Wing

Program Cost

Residents: \$55 | Non-Residents: \$65

[Register](#)

Beginner Pastel Workshop

Instructor: Joan Quinn

Program Dates: October 1-29

Times: Saturdays, 10-11am

Location: South Portland Community Center- Senior Wing

Program Cost

Residents: \$55 | Non-Residents: \$65

[Register](#)

A photograph of a person sitting in a lotus yoga position on a grassy area. They are wearing an orange t-shirt and black leggings, with their hands in a mudra (gesture) in front of them.

Yoga

Chair Yoga

Instructor: Ben Roberts

Program Dates: October 1-29

Time: Saturdays, 10-10:45am

Location: South Portland Community Center- Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$32 | Non-Residents: \$42
Drop-in: \$10

[Register](#)

Adult Yoga

Instructor: Ben Roberts

Program Dates: October 1-29

Times: Saturdays, 11-12pm

Location: South Portland Community Center- Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$40 | Non-Residents: \$50
Drop-in: \$12

[Register](#)

Aquatics Programs

[Fall Pool Schedule](#)

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Fall Swim Lessons

Session Dates: Tuesday- Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 10/1-11/17

Location: South Portland Community Center Pool

Limited space still available for select programs

Wait List

Please know that we use the waiting list to add kids to classes when the following things happen:

- when other kids drop out
- when we create new classes based on pool space and instructor availability
- when we find out that some kids are not placed in the correct level and we are able to move them, which makes space for someone else to register.

If you are on the waiting list and have not received a call from us that means we cannot accommodate your request.

Please know that we follow strict safety standards for our lessons. We only allow as many kids per class that an instructor can safely teach and manage. It is REALLY important that we maintain these standards. This unfortunately means that we cannot get every child into lessons and/or into the classes they want. We do our best and the waiting list helps us with this.

Conservation and Parks

Attendees at the Camping Skills Clinic learn an essential camping skill: crafting the perfect s'more.



Park Ranger Sydney leads an owl-themed activity during Nature Story Time at the South Portland Library.

Nature Story Time

Topic: Bats!

Program Dates: October 21st

Location: South Portland Library

Cost: Free

Ages: 2-5

Time: 10:30-11am

Ages: 6-12

Times: 3:30-4:30pm

[Info](#)

[Info](#)

Fall Walking Series

Ages: All!

Time: 11-1:30pm

Session Dates & Locations:

10/1: Bug Light to Fisherman's Point

10/8: Wainwright to Amato's

10/22: Bug Light to Mill Creek

11/5: Hinckley Park Trails

Program Cost: \$8

[Register](#)



Visit the

SCARECROW PATCH

on display in

Hinckley Park

through the end of October



HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29th | 1-4pm

South Portland Community Center

Join us for:

- 🎃 Trick or Treating
- 🎃 Ghost Crafting
- 🎃 Bounce House
- 🎃 Fun!

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Fall Event Sponsor

Trademark is a local credit union that has been in business since 1936. Trademark's purpose is to help promote financial well-being for their Members, Employees, and Communities. They believe in a greater good and doing meaningful work while inspiring financial peace of mind. They are located at 340 Main Street in South Portland, Maine. To learn more about them, visit their website at: www.TrademarkFCU.org.

Art in the Community

Trademark Federal Credit Union is excited to announce the rollout of their "Invest in the Arts" community project. They are now accepting submissions from local artists for the opportunity to showcase their work in the credit union's lobby at 340 Main Street in South Portland. Trademark will choose up to 10 art pieces from 10 different artists to display at the branch, every 6 months. Each piece will also provide information on how to contact the artist, should someone want to purchase it.

"Maine has such a vibrant art and entertainment scene and is just bursting with talented artists; young and old. We want to give them a place to showcase that talent within their own community," says Trademark's Executive Vice President/CFO, Scott Seguin.

No need to be a professional artist – Trademark is accepting submissions from kids, amateurs, and professionals alike. If you're interested in submitting your piece, please send a picture of your artwork, along with your contact information to: Melissa Goode at Melissa.Goode@trademarkfcu.org.

[See More](#)

Trademark also welcomes visitors who want to come in to view the art on display. As Melissa Goode, Trademark's Brand Manager and the coordinator of the project, says, *"Come on by, have a cup of coffee, chat with our team, and enjoy some local Maine art!"*