



Newsletter | May 2023

SOUTH PORTLAND

PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT

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Springfest

May 19 & 20

Activities and fun for all ages!

[Learn more](#)



We're Hiring!

[Learn More](#) about available positions, including seasonal lifeguards!

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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Community Calendars

The South Portland Community Center and Redbank Community Center offer scheduled programs, open use, and drop-in programs. View the calendars to learn more about when these spaces are available for use.

Youth Open Gym

Days and hours
vary by
availability.

[Calendar](#)

Adult Open Gym

Days and hours
vary by sport
and location.

[Calendar](#)

Senior Drop-in Center

Hours:

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

[Event Calendar](#)

Teen Center

Hours:

Monday-Friday
2:30pm-6pm

[More Info](#)

[Calendar](#)

Pool

Hours:

Monday-Friday
6am-9pm
Saturday 8am-5pm
Sunday 10am-6pm

[Calendar](#)

Announcements

We're Hiring

- Teen Center Program Assistant
- Wainwright Recreation Facility Site Supervisor
- Parks Laborer
- Seasonal Grounds Maintainer
- Seasonal Lifeguards

Apply: Visit the [City Job Board](#) for full details.

Skate Park Update

Construction on the lower portion of the skatepark has begun! The park should be finished by early June. A grand opening will be announced as we get closer to a finished date. Thank for your patience!

Summer Hours

Starting on May 26, the South Portland Community Center closes at 5pm on Fridays and will be closed on weekends through Labor Day.

Closures

Community Centers and all city buildings are closed on the following days:

May 29 (Memorial Day)

Spring Highlights

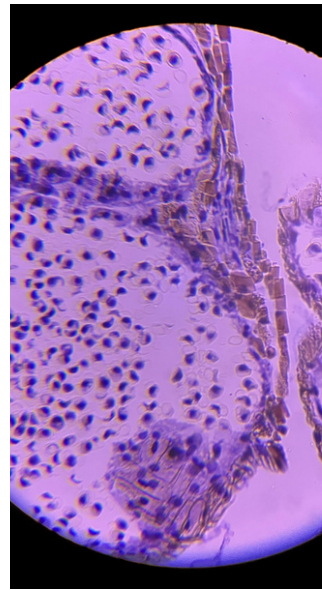


A new playground is under construction on School St. Stay tuned for information on when it will be ready for use!

South Portland High Schoolers help put on clinics for youth.



Teen Center teens made observations through microscopes with our Park Rangers. They also enjoyed an ice cream party to wrap up April vacation week!



Team "I'm Ron Burgundy" were named the champions of the Adult Basketball Thursday League!



Youth Programs

Teen Center

Mission Statement

To provide Middle School and High School aged students with a fun, safe place to spend their after school hours in an environment that is free of violence and intimidation, encouraging the development of social and emotional growth among its teen members.

Grades: 6-12

Days: Mon-Fri, 2:30-6:00p*

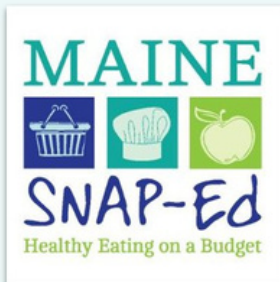
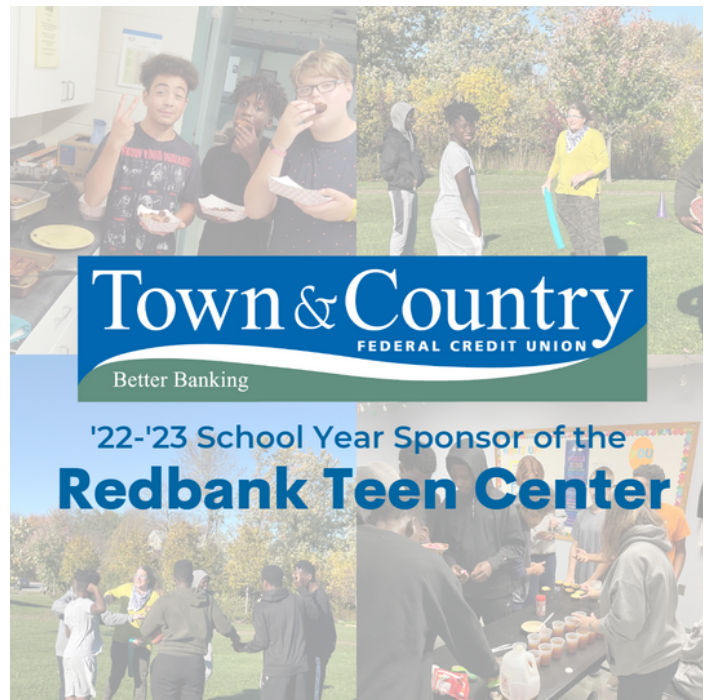
Location: Redbank Community Center

*Schedule is subject to change as weather and staffing allow.

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)



Teen Center 10 Tips Series!

Join us for delicious snacks, new cooking skills, and to learn about food budgeting & nutrition!

Please sign up to participate!

Course Schedule:

- ❖ Tuesday, May 9th 2:30-3:30
- ❖ Tuesday, May 16th 2:30-3:30
- ❖ Tuesday, May 23rd, 2:30-3:30
- ❖ Tuesday, May 30th, 2:30-3:30



****Teens must be signed up for the Teen Center (free to sign-up!) to participate in this program. Space is limited to 15 teens, and they can register at the Teen Center.****



Art

Celebrate Spring Art Class

Grades: K-5

Session Dates: May 6-20

Time: Saturday, 9-10a

Location: SPCC Art Room

Program Cost

Resident: \$30

Non-resident: \$40

[Register](#)



Sports

Tennis in the Parks

Grades: 1-8

Program Dates: Apr 29-June 13

Times: Vary by age group

Location: SPHS or Small School

Program Cost

Resident: \$75

Non-resident: \$85

[Register](#)

LAX Magic

Grades: K-2

Program Dates: May 2-30

Time: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30p

Location: Wainwright

Program Cost

Resident: \$50

Non-resident: \$60

[Register](#)



Cooking

Youth Cooking Class

Ages: 6-12

Session Dates: May 4-June 8

Time: Thursdays, 4-5pm

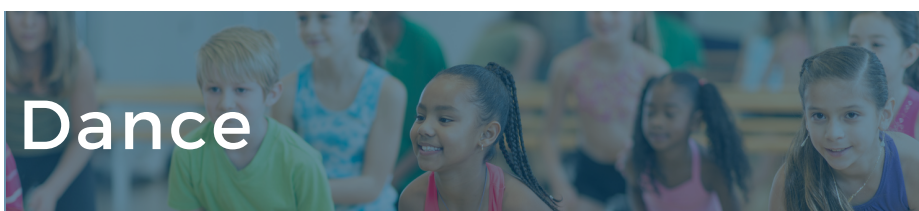
Location: South Portland Community Center

Program Cost

Resident: \$115

Non-resident: \$125

[Register](#)



Dance

Intro to Hip Hop

Ages: 6-10

Session Dates: May 1-22

Times: Mondays, 5:30-6:15p

Location: SPCC Multi-Purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$45

Non-Residents: \$55

[Register](#)

Intro to Dance

Ages: 5-9

Session Dates: May 1-22

Times: Mondays, 4:30-5:15p

Location: SPCC Multi-Purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$45

Non-Residents: \$55

[Register](#)

Adult Programs

LL Bean Discovery Programs

Archery

Dates: May 20

Time: 9:30a-12:30p

Location: Meet at SPCC,
Travel to LL Bean Campus

Program Cost

Residents: \$50

Non-Residents: \$60

[Register](#)

Fly Casting

Dates: May 6

Time: 10a-1p

Location: Meet at SPCC,
Travel to LL Bean Campus

Program Cost

Residents: \$50

Non-Residents: \$60

[Register](#)

Combo

Dates: May 13

Time: 10a-2:30p

Location: Meet at SPCC,
Travel to LL Bean Campus

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)

Tennis

Adult Cardio Tennis

Dates: May 2- June 10

Times:

Saturdays, 8a-9am OR

Tuesdays, 5:30p-6:30p

Location: SPHS Tennis Courts

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

Drop-in: \$15

[Register](#)

Tennis Skills & Drills

Dates: May 15-June 12

Times: 6-7:30p

Location: SPHS Tennis
Courts

Program Cost

Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

Drop-in: \$20

[Register](#)

Art

Watercolor Workshop

Introduction to Watercolor

Program Date: May 5- June 2

Times: Fridays, 9-10a

Location: SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$70

[Register](#)

Beginner Beach Landscape Painting in Pastel

Program Date: May 19- June 23

Times: Fridays, 10:30a-12p

Location: SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$70

[Register](#)

Unified



Golf



Unified Sports Spring

Dates: May 4- June 15

Times: Thursdays, 11:30a-1p

Location: SPCC Gym

FREE!

[Register](#)

Adult Golf League

Dates: May 1-June 15

Tee Times: Mon-Thurs, 5-6p

Location: South Portland Municipal Golf Course

Program Cost

Residents: \$40

Non-Residents: \$50

[Register](#)

Ladies Golf Clinics

Dates: May 10-31

Times: Wednesdays, 6-7pm

Location: South Portland Municipal Golf Course

Program Cost

Residents: \$110

Non-Residents: \$120

[Register](#)

Senior Programs



Singing a long to
Elvis songs
during a visit
from Abby
Vafiades.



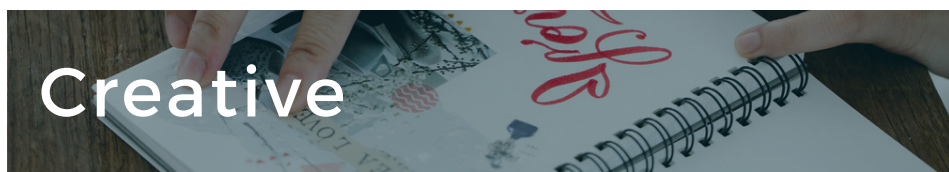
Celebrating St.
Patrick's day
with a festive
luncheon.



Learning about
reading tea
leaves from Roxy.



Tea Time



Creative

Cream Tea Celebrating the Coronation of the King

Program Date: May 5

Time: Friday, 10a-1p

Location: SPCC Senior
Drop-in Center

Program Cost: \$15

[Register](#)

Energy Art Workshop

Program Date: May 23

Times: Tuesday, 9-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior
Drop-in Center

Program Cost

Residents: \$25

Non-Residents: \$35

[Register](#)

Illustrated Autobiographies

Program Date: May 1- July 31

Time: Mondays, 1-3pm

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-
in Center

Program Cost: FREE
(must register)

[Register](#)

Sing-a-long Songs with Abby | March 2023

Presentations

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

Program Date: May 30

Times: Tuesday, 1-3p

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Nature Themed Presentation

Topic: Pollinators

Program Date: May 22

Times: Monday, 10-11a

Location: Meet at Hinckley Park

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Keeping you Stronger Longer

Program Date: May 2

Times: Tuesday, 9:30-11a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Hobbs Funeral Home Workshops

Program Date: May 31

Times: Wednesday, 9-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)



Laughter Yoga | January 2023

Fitness

Senior Cornhole

Dates: May 5, 12, 19, 26

Times: Fridays, 1:45-3:15p

Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost

FREE (registration encouraged)

[Register](#)

Laughter Yoga

Dates: May 26

Times: Friday, 12-1p

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Vitality T'ai Chi

Dates: May 9 & 23

Time: Tuesday, 1-2pm

Location: SPCC Aerobic Room

Program Cost: \$5

[Register](#)

Step Into Fitness

Dates: May 11, 18, 19, 26

Times: Thursday, 1-3pm

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$15

Non-Residents: \$25

[Register](#)

Chair Fitness

Dates: May 11, 18, 25

Time: Thursdays, 12:30-1:15p

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$15

Non-Residents: \$25

[Register](#)

Aquatics Programs

Summer Updates

Due to our intended mid-July closure for roof replacement, we will be offering some lessons in a shortened format. Please check out the specifics in the brochure for dates, days and cost for each set of lessons. The cost matches the number of lessons we are able to offer, with holidays factored in. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we attempt to offer lessons with so many construction details still unknown. We promise that all of our lessons, even the shorter sessions, will be a fun and positive experience for all those involved!

Willard Beach is equipped with two beach wheel chairs. Please contact Patrick McArdle to coordinate your next visit: pmcardle@southportland.org

Spring Lessons

As Spring lessons end dates:

Saturday lessons: 5/13

Tuesday lessons: 5/16

Wednesday lessons: 5/17

Thursday lessons: 5/18

Sunday lessons: 5/21

Riptide and RT+ : 5/24



Municipal Golf Course

The golf course is now open! For course updates, please follow South Portland Parks & Recreation on Facebook. We hope to see you on the course!

Tee Times:

7am-Sunset

Tee times can be made by calling 775-0005. Tee times will be scheduled in 15-minute intervals. Walk-ups will be permitted and accommodated if possible.

[More Info](#)



Conservation and Parks

Earth Week Recap

Over 20 families participated in finding four Geocaches hidden in South Portland parks!



Park Rangers led crafts for kids to "tie-dye" with natural dyes.

The pollinator garden at Hinckley Park was expanded to include even more species that will help pollinators in the early spring!



Volunteers helped clear a large area of invasive species from Hinckley Park.

May 7
South Portland Farmer's Market | 21 Cottage Rd | 10a-2p
Visit Park Rangers at the South Portland Farmer's Market to learn about Japanese knotweed and how to make this invasive weed into your next meal!



Special Events



As part of this year's Springfest event, the South Portland Community Center will be hosting a **FREE youth basketball clinic** by the Junior Celtics & Maine Celtics!

The goal of these clinics are to teach the game of basketball in a fun, professional, and energetic manner.

By the end of these clinics, participants will gain a better understanding of key basketball movements, while growing their love for the game!

Instructed by the Junior Celtics Academy & Maine Celtics.

Junior Celtics Academy Springfest Basketball Clinic

Dates: May 20

Time:

Grades 3-6: 9a-10:30a | Grades 7-12: 11a-12:30p

Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost: FREE

(must register, space is limited)

Grades 3-6

[Register](#)

Grades 7-12

[Register](#)



Photo Credit: Maine Celtics during February Clinic in South Portland.

SPRING FEST COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2023

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South Portland
Cape Elizabeth

Rotary



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PORTLAND**

SCHEDULE

READING GNOMES

Mid-April through SpringFest

Reading, crafts, activities, and storywalk, hosted by the South Portland and Cape Elizabeth Public Libraries and the Cape Mother's Kindness group

GNOME-WEEK DISCOVERY SEARCH

May 12 to 19

Find gnomes hidden at local businesses

GNOMES @ KNIGHT STREET DANCE PARTY

May 19, 7 p.m. start

Whimsical evening street festival in Thomas Knight Park

SPRINGFEST IN MILL CREEK PARK

May 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In Gnome Particular Order:

Best-in-Gnome CornHole Tournament

Gnome Home Village

Community Art Project

Gnome Gazebo Entertainment

Little Gnomes Play Area

Gnome Depot Maker Faire

Get to Gnome Us - Local Organizations

Gnome Eats and Treats (Food trucks!)

Touch-a-Truck

SPRINGFEST EVENTS AT SOUTH PORTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

May 20, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Maine Celtics GnomeSport B-Ball Clinic

Gnome-a-licious Pancake Breakfast

Find all the SpringFest information at
www.SPspringfest.com



SOUTH PORTLAND DOWNTOWN MILL CREEK PARK AND KNIGHTVILLE MAY 19-20

Open your phone's camera,
focus on the QR code, tap
the notification to open the
SpringFest webpage



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