



Newsletter | September 2023

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Bug Light Car Show

The Annual Bug Light Car Show draws over 250 unique and antique vehicles. FREE to attend and show your vehicle!



Soccer Coach Needed!

We're seeking a volunteer soccer coach for a boys 5/6 team. Contact Breese for more info: jreagle@southportland.org

CONNECT WITH US

South Portland Community Center

21 Nelson Rd
South Portland, ME 04106
Hours (after labor day):
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

Hours:
Saturdays
12pm-3pm

[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](#)



NEW

September
Pickleball Drop-in
time added:
September 9-30
Saturdays
8am-11am

Announcements

- **Fee Increases:** Please note recent increases in our fees for all programming and rentals beginning this fall. This is due to rising costs and not having increased fees in over 10 years. Thanks for your understanding.
- **Pool Roof Construction:** The pool remains closed as we prepare to replace the pool roof. We anticipate re-opening the pool later this fall. The date is TBD depending on the construction process. More info will be sent this fall via email and on our website when definitive information is available. Thanks for your patience!

We're Hiring

Parks Maintainer (Full Time) | Apply: Visit the [City Job Board](#) for full details.

Pool Lifeguard (Part Time) | Apply: Email [application](#) to [Patrick McArdle](#).

Fall Hours

Fall/winter hours at the South Portland Community Center go into effect following Labor Day on September 5.

Fall/Winter Hours:

Monday-Friday: 6a-9p
Saturday: 8a-5p
Sunday: 10a-6p

Closures

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

September 4 (Labor Day)

Summer Highlights

Summer Concert Series



43rd Annual Art in the Park



Youth Programs

Coach needed for Boys 5/6 Soccer!

Contact Breese ASAP to volunteer: jreagle@southportland.org

First game is September 9th!

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.

First day is September 5!

Grades: 6-12

Days: Mon-Fri, 2:15-6:00p*

Location: Redbank Community Center

*Schedule is subject to change at anytime

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)



OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS



No School Days

Dates: Friday, October 6
Wednesday, November 22
Friday, December 22

Grades: K-5

Time: 8a-5p

Location: SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$60

[Register](#)



Vacation Camps

December Vacation Camp

Dates: December 26-29

Grade: K-5

Time: 8a-5p

Location: SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$175

[Register](#)



Dance

Intro to Dance

Dates: Sept 11- Oct 16
Times: Mondays, 4:30-5:15p
Ages: 5-9
Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$75
Non-Residents: \$85

[Register](#)

Intro to Hip Hop

Dates: Sept 11- Oct 16
Times: Mondays, 5:30-6:15p
Ages: 6-10
Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$75
Non-Residents: \$85

[Register](#)

Jazz & Hip Hop

Dates: Sept 11- Oct 16
Times: Mondays, 6:15-7p
Ages: 7-11
Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$75
Non-Residents: \$85

[Register](#)



Running

Cross Country Running Fall

Dates: Sept 16- Oct 14
Times: Saturdays, 11a-12p
Grades: 4-8
Location: SPHS Track & Field

Program Cost

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

[Register](#)

Track and Field

Dates: Sept 16- Oct 14
Times: Saturdays, 10-11a
Grades: 2-5
Location: SPHS Track & Field

Program Cost

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

[Register](#)

Track Magic

Dates: Sept 16- Oct 14
Grades: K-2
Times: Saturdays, 9-9:45a
Location: SPHS Track

Program Cost

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

[Register](#)



STEM

Creative Engineering

Dates: September 11-15

Time: M-F, 3:30-5p

Ages: 7-12

Location: SPCC Conference Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$95

Non-Residents: \$105

[Register](#)

3-in-1 Solar Robots

Dates: September 25-29

Time: M-F, 3:30-5p

Ages: 7-12

Location: SPCC Conference Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$95

Non-Residents: \$105

[Register](#)



Cooking

Cooking Matters

Dates: Sept 20- Oct 26

Ages: 13-18 on Wed

Ages: 8-12 on Thurs

Times: 4-5:30p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

FREE (Must Register)

[Register](#)



Field Hockey

Field Hockey Magic

Dates: Sept 10- Oct 15

Times: Sundays, 9-10a

Grades: K-2

Location: Wainwright

Program Cost

Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

[Register](#)



Skateboard

Improver Session 3

Dates: Sept 17-Oct 15

Times: Sundays, 9-9:30a

Ages: 5-15

Location: SP Skatepark

Program Cost

Residents: \$150

Non-Residents: \$160

[Register](#)



Karate

Karate Kids

Dates: Sept 8- Oct 13

Times: Fridays, 4-5p

Ages: 5-12

Location: SPCC Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)

Adult Programs



Pickleball

Beginner Pickleball

Dates: Sept 1- Oct 1

Sessions:

Fridays, 8-9a

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30p

Sundays, 10-11a

Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost

Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

[Register](#)

Improver Pickleball

Dates: Sept 1- Oct 1

Sessions:

Fridays, 9-10a

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30p

Sundays, 11a-12p

Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost

Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

[Register](#)



Unified

Unified Sports

Dates: September 7- December 28

Times: Thursdays, 10a-11:30a

Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost

FREE (please register)

[Register](#)



Yoga

Classic Yinyasa Yoga

Dates: September 18-October 18

Times: Monday & Wednesday, 12-1p

Location: SPCC Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$63

Non-Residents: \$73

Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)



Adult Sport Leagues

Adult Basketball League

Thursday League- Fall

Dates: September 7- November 9

Times: Games between 6p-8p

Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost

Residents: \$75

Non-Residents: \$85

[Register](#)

Registration Deadline: 8/30

Adult Basketball League

Monday League - Fall

Dates: September 11- November 20

Times: Games between 6p-8p

Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost

Residents: \$75

Non-Residents: \$85

[Register](#)

Registration Deadline: 9/4



Finance

The Garganese Financial Group's

Retirement Planning 101

Date: September 6

Time: Wednesday, 6-7p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay
Room

Program Cost

FREE (please register)

[Register](#)



Create

Beginner Pastel

Still Life

Dates: Sept 16- Oct 14

Times: Saturdays, 10:30a-
12p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay
Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)

Journal Making

Dates: Sept 7-28

Times: Thursdays, 10a-12a

Location: SPCC Casco Bay
Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)

Senior Programs



Event

Age Friendly & SPCC Senior Programs Resource Fair

Come check out a wide variety of more than 40 vendors and service providers that focus on healthy aging, wellness & activity, home safety, mobility and balance. Additionally, you will be able to try out some of the free and inexpensive activities that the SPCC Senior Program offers and have a tour of the Senior Drop in Center. There will be raffles and giveaways!

Date: September 22

Times: Friday, 9a-12p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

FREE (please register for headcount purposes)

[Register](#)



Read

Psuedo Book Club

Topic: Historical Fiction

Dates: September 27

Times: Wednesday, 9-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)



Play

Senior Cornhole

Dates: September 8-29

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

Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost

FREE (please try to pre-register, drop-ins welcome)

[Register](#)

Maine Inland Fish & Wildlife presentation | June 2023

Presentations

Football 101

Program Date: September 6
Time: Wednesday, 9:30-11:30a
Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost
\$6

[Register](#)

Nature Themed Presentation

Topic: A Beginner's Guide
to Boat Watching

Program Date: September 13
Times: Wednesday, 9:30-10:30a
Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost
FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Jog Your Memory

Date: September 26
Times: Tuesday, 10-11a
Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost
FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Create

Color Yourself Happy with Energy Art for Seniors and Returning Students

Date: September 12
Times: Tuesday, 10-11:30a
Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost
Residents: \$30
Non-Residents: \$40

[Register](#)



Step Into Fitness

Dates: September 7-28

Times: Thursdays, 11:30-12:15pm

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$28

Non-Residents: \$38

Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)

Chair Fitness

Dates: September 7-28

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

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$28

Non-Residents: \$38

Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)

Vitality T'ai Chi

Dates: September 12 & 28

Time: Tuesdays, 1-2pm

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$14

Non-Residents: \$24

Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)

Laughter Yoga

Date: September 29

Time: Friday, 12-1p

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Trips

Get Together of Gratitude & Picnic Lunch

Date: September 7

Times: Thursday, Departs at 10:30a

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

\$15 (Lunch Provided)

5 Spots
left!

[Register](#)

Tootsie at the Ogunquit Playhouse

Date: September 28

Times: Thursday, Departs at 12:45p

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

Resident: \$82

Non-Resident: \$92

1 Spot
left!

[Register](#)

Tour of the MSMT Production Center & Creative Studio

Date: September 12

Times: Tuesday, Departs at 12:15pm

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

\$8

2 Spots
left!

[Register](#)

Walking Field Trip- Gambo Preserve

Date: September 20

Times: Wednesday, Departs at 8:30a

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

\$7

2 Spots
left!

[Register](#)

You Made Me Love You: The Judy Garland Story at Footlights Theater

Date: September 14

Times: Thursday, Departs at 6:15p

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

Resident: \$25

Non-Resident: \$35

1 Spot
left!

[Register](#)

Aquatics Programs

Pool Closure

Please note the pool will be closed while the roof undergoes construction to replace it. Additional information will be posted as it is available.



Willard Beach is equipped with two beach wheel chairs.

Please contact Patrick McArdle to coordinate your next visit:
pmcardle@southportland.org

Municipal Golf Course

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 up to two days in advance by calling 775-0005. Tee times are scheduled in 15-minute intervals. Walk-ups are permitted and accommodated when possible.

[More Info](#)



Conservation and Parks

**Willard Beach Summer Dog
Hours are in effect until
September 30**

Off leash hours: 7-9a & 8-9p
On leash: 7-9a & 7-9p



HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE

Park Rangers had a busy summer connecting people of all ages to the natural wonders of South Portland! Teen camps got to go fishing in Hinckley Pond (right), younger campers observe a snapping turtle (bottom left), and a program for seniors introduced them to the gardens in Hinckley Park (bottom right).



Explore

Multilingual Hike

With French & Portuguese interpreters

Date: September 10

Time: Sunday, 1:20-4p

Location: Meet at Redbank, bus to Hinckley Park

Program Cost

FREE

[Register](#)

Pollinator Bioblitz

Date: September 23

Times: Saturday, 9a-2p (stop in anytime)

Location: Hinckley Park

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)

Full Moon Hike

Nature at Night

Date: September 29

Time: Friday, 7p

Location: Hinckley Park

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)

Learn

Camping Skills Clinic

Date: September 9

Time: Saturday, 11a-12:30p

Location: Mill Creek Park

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)

Ecology Lecture Series

From Moths to Monarchs

Ages: Geared towards adults but older kids welcome

Date: September 14

Time: Thursday, 6:30p

Location: South Portland Public Library

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)

Nature Story Time

Porcupines

Date: September 15

Ages 0-5: 10:30-11a

Ages 5-12: 3:30-4:30p

Location: South Portland Public Library

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)

MULTILINGUAL NATURE WALK

DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS?

RANDONÉE BILINGUE

VOULEZ-VOUS EXPLORER LE PLEIN AIR?

CAMINHADA MULTILÍNGUE

VOCÊ QUER EXPLORAR O AR LIVRE?

Join us for a hike through
Hinckley Park to discover the
nature in Maine.

Learn how to safely enjoy the
outdoors, listen to some
botanical stories, and leave with
resources for getting to all of
the beautiful parks in South
Portland!

French and Portuguese
interpreters will walk with us.

Rejoignez-nous pour une
randonnée à travers Hinckley Park
pour découvrir la nature du Maine.

Apprenez à profiter du plein air en
toute sécurité, écoutez des
histoires botaniques et partez
avec des ressources pour vous
rendre dans tous les magnifiques
parcs du sud de Portland.

Des interprètes français et
portugais nous accompagneront.

Junte-se a nós para uma
caminhada pelo Hinckley Park
para descobrir a natureza no
Maine.

Aprenda como aproveitar o ar
livre com segurança, ouvir
algumas histórias botânicas e
sair com recursos para chegar a
todos os belos parques do sul
de Portland!

Intérpretes de francês e
português caminharão conosco.

**PRE-REGISTER HERE
OR AT THE HUB:**

**PRÉINSCRIVEZ-VOUS
ICI OU SUR THE HUB:**

**FAÇA O PRÉ-
REGISTRO AQUI OU
NO THE HUB:**



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FREE!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
MEET AT THE RED BANK BUS STOP
AT 1:20PM



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PORTLAND**
Parks, Recreation
& Waterfront



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**SOUTH
PORTLAND**
Human Rights
Commission

Rotary
Club of South Portland-
Cape Elizabeth



Special Events

BUG LIGHT CAR SHOW



September 6th
Rain date: September 13
4pm-sunset

The Annual Bug Light Car Show draws over 250 unique and antique vehicles. Bring your vehicle or just peruse others! Food trucks will be available to purchase dinner.

FREE





Thank you event Sponsors!



Many of our events and programs are made possible with the generous support of sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring an upcoming event, please contact Jenna:
jfisher@southportland.org