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# SOUTH PORTLAND

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### STEAM Workshops

Weekly afterschool workshops offered through the Fall, each with a different focus for fun & creative learning! <u>Learn more</u>



### **Trunk or Treat**

October 28 | 11a-3p South Portland Community Center

### **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

Hours: Sundays 12:15pm-1:45pm

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

### Adult Open Gym

### Start October 1!

Days and hours vary by sport and location.

Calendar

### **Announcements**



### Take the City's Communications Survey!

Complete the City's 5-minute survey today. Your input will help shape how the City communicates and the material it shares. Tell us what information you're most interested in, what you're looking for in the City's new website (currently in development), and more!

### Give Input on the City's Comprehensive Plan

View upcoming opportunities to learn about the 2040 Comprehensive Plan at southportland2040.com

## We're Hiring

Parks Laborer (Full Time)
Teen Center Assistant (Part Time)

Apply: Visit the <u>City Job Board</u> for full details.

### Closures

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

### October 9 (Indigenous Peoples Day)

The South Portland Community Center will be closed:

October 21 (Karate Tournament)

# 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.

#### First day is September 5!

Grades: 6-12

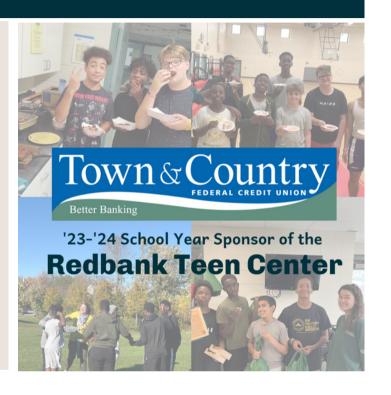
Days: Mon-Fri, 2:15-6:00p\*

**Location:** Redbank Community Center \*Schedule is subject to change at anytime

**Program Cost** 

**FREE** 

**More Info** 



### **OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS**



Dates: Friday, October 6 Wednesday, November 22

Friday, December 22

Grades: K-5
Time: 8a-5p
Location: SPCC
Program Cost
Residents: \$60

Register

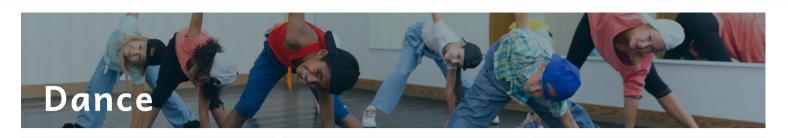


### **December Vacation Camp**

Dates: December 26-29

Grade: K-5
Time: 8a-5p
Location: SPCC
Program Cost
Residents: \$175

<u>Register</u>



#### **Intro to Dance**

Dates: Oct 30- Dec 11

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: Oct 30- Dec 11

**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: Oct 30- Dec 11 Times: Mondays, 6:15-7p

Ages: 7-11

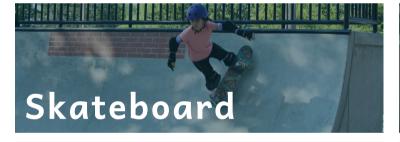
**Location:** SPCC Casco Bay

Room

**Program Cost** 

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

Register



### **Improver Session 4**

Dates: Oct 22- Nov 19 Times: Sundays, 9:45-

10:15a **Ages:** 5-15

Location: SP Skatepark

**Program Cost** 

Residents: \$150

Non-Residents: \$160

Register



### **Red Riot Dribblers**

Dates: Oct 15-Nov 19

Times: Sundays, Session 1: 1:15-2p Session 2: 2-2:45p

Ages: 5-12 Location: SPCC

Multipurpose Room

Program Cost
Residents: \$55

Non-Residents: \$65



### POP- Preschool Open Play

Dates: Oct 3-May 28 Times: Tuesdays, 9-11a

Ages: 5 and under Location: Redbank Community Center

Program Cost
Residents: \$4

Non-Residents: \$5

Register

### **Redbank Storytime**

Dates: Oct 3-May 28
Time: Tuesdays, 9-11a
Ages: 5 and under
Location: Redbank
Community Center

**Program Cost** 

FREE

Register

### Tiny Tykes Soccer Magic

Dates: Oct 28- Nov 25

Time: Saturdays, Cubs: 9-9:45a Cubs: 10-10:45a Lions: 11-11:45a

**Ages**: 2-5

**Location:** SPCC Gym

Program Cost
Residents: \$100

Non-Residents: \$110

Register



### Baking 101

Dates: Oct 10- Nov 14

**Ages:** 6-12

Times: Tuesdays, 4-5p Location: SPCC Casco

Bay Room

Program Cost
Residents: \$135
Non-Residents: \$145

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Register



### **Karate Kids**

Dates: Oct 27- Dec 8 Times: Fridays, 4-5p

**Ages:** 5-12

Location: SPCC

Multipurpose Room

Program Cost
Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

<u>Register</u>



### **Electrifying Fun**

Dates: October 2-5 Time: M-F, 3:30-5p

**Ages**: 7-12

Location: SPCC Conference

Room

**Program Cost** 

Residents: \$85 Non-Residents: \$95

Register

### Up, Up, and Away

**Dates:** October 10-13 **Time:** M-F, 3:30-5p

Ages: 7-12

**Location:** SPCC Conference Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$85 Non-Residents: \$95

Register

### Space Robot: Mission to Mars

**Dates:** October 23-27 **Time:** M-F, 3:30-5p

Ages: 7-12 Location: SPCC Conference Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$95

Non-Residents: \$105

Register

### **Giant Hydraulic Cyborg Hand**

**Dates:** Oct 30- Nov 3 **Time:** M-F, 3:30-5p

**Ages**: 7-12

Location: SPCC Conference

Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$95

Non-Residents: \$105

Register

### CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

**Dates:** October 6 **Time:** Friday 8:30a-4p

**Ages**: 6-11

Location: SPCC Multi-

purpose room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$95

Non-Residents: \$105



# Adult Programs

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUMMER











### **Beginner Pickleball**

Dates: Oct 4-29

**Sessions:** 

Fridays, 8-9a @ Redbank Gym Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30p @ SPCC

Sundays, 10-11a @ SPCC

Program Cost Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

### **Improver Pickleball**

Dates: Oct 4-29

**Sessions:** 

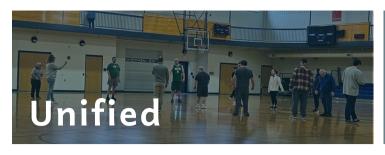
Fridays, 9-10a @ Redbank Gym Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30p @ SPCC

Sundays, 11a-12p @ SPCC Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost
Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

Register





### **Unified Sports**

Dates: September 7- December 28

Times: Thursdays, 10a-11:30a

Location: Redbank Gym

### **Program Cost**

FREE (please register)

Register

### **Beginner Pastel**

Adding Structures to Landscape

Dates: Oct 14- Nov 18

Times: Saturdays, 10:30a-12p Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

Register



### The Garganese Financial Group's

College Planning

High School students are welcome but need to be accompanied by an adult if under 18

Date: October 4

Time: Wednesday, 6-7p Location: SPCC Casco Bay

Room

**Program Cost** 

FREE (please register)

# Senior Programs

### Featured Senior Artist of the Month

Come one and all to the South Portland Community Center to enjoy the art of **Diana Ellis**. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend Diana's "Meet the Artist" reception on Thursday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Drop-In Center.

Diana's art will be on display from Thursday, October 12 to Monday, November 13, every Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.



Diana has worked with a wide variety of media over the past 25 years: Water Color, Epoxy Resin Art, Cyanotype, and Encaustic to name a few. She received training through Main College of Art (MECA) workshops and real-life experience through her travels. She is a member of Woman in the Arts, Meeting House Arts and Maine Crafters. She has had gallery installations in Portland and displayed at Art in the Park in South Portland.

Diana art is inspired and informed by traveling all around the world, colors and her family and friends. You can inquire with Diana about art for sale at watercoloristdi@yahoo.com or call her at 207-749-7443.



### Diana Ellis- Meet the Artist Reception

Date: October 12 Times: 9-11a

Location: SPCC Drop-in Center



Interested in being the next featured artist featured in the Senior Drop-in Center?

Request an application from Jae Casella at the Senior Drop-In Center, or by email:

icasella@southportland.org

### HIGHLIGHT: THE AGE FRIENDLY RESOURCE FAIR

This event was held on September 22 at the South Portland Community Center. It was a huge success with over 150 attendees who visited with 50 vendors!











# Play

### **Psuedo Book Club**

Topic: Historical Fiction

Dates: October 25

Times: Wednesday, 9-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

**Program Cost** 

FREE (must register)

Register

### **Senior Cornhole**

Dates: October 6-27

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

Location: SPCC Gym

**Program Cost** 

FREE (please try to pre-register,

drop-ins welcome)



### Fireflies at Good Theater

Date: October 11

Times: Departs at 6:15p Location: Meet at SPCC

**Program Cost** 

Resident: \$36

Non-Resident: \$46

Register

### Freeport Fall Festival

Date: October 6

Times: Departs at 11:15a Location: Meet at SPCC

**Program Cost** 

\$6

1 Spot

left!

Register

### **Leaf Peeping**

Date: October 19

Times: Departs at 9a Location: Meet at SPCC

**Program Cost** 

\$10

2 Spots

left!

Register



### Nature Themed Presentation

Topic: Bats Unmasked

Program Date: October 18 Times: Wednesday, 9:30-

10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior

Drop-in Center

### **Program Cost**

FREE (must register)

Register



### **Team Trivia Game**

Fabulous 50s & Sizzling 60s

Dates: Oct 10-Nov 14 Times: Tuesdays, 9:30-

10:45a

Location: SPCC Senior

Drop-in Center

### **Program Cost**

FREE (must register)

Register



### Fall Harvest Gathering

Dates: Oct 17

Times: Tuesday, 12-2p Location: SPCC Casco

Bay Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$17

Non-Residents: \$27



### **Step Into Fitness**

Dates: October 5-26

Times: Thursdays, 11:30-12:15pm Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$21

Non-Residents: \$31

Drop-in: \$8

Register

### Vitality T'ai Chi

Dates: October 10 & 24 Time: Tuesdays, 1-2pm

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$14

Non-Residents: \$28

Drop-in: \$8

Register

### **Chair Fitness**

Dates: October 5-26

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

Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

### **Program Cost**

Residents: \$21

Non-Residents: \$31

Drop-in: \$8

<u>Register</u>

### Laughter Yoga

Date: October 27
Time: Friday, 12-1p

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

### **Program Cost**

FREE (must register)

# **Aquatics Programs**

# Pool Closure

Wondering why the Community Center pool is closed and when it will reopen? Read this FAQ with City of South Portland Facilities Director Don Hopkins.

#### Why is the pool closed?

The pool is closed because the roof over the pool is in need of replacement.

#### Why does the roof need to be replaced?

The moisture from the pool water has gotten into the roof system and is deteriorating the structural stability of the roof. This is being done now, in advance of the winter, since this area of the roof would not be safe for use with a snow load on it in its current state.

#### Didn't the City just replace the Community Center roof?

Several parts of the Community Center roof were replaced in 2022, but this work did not include the roof over the pool, which needs separate attention due to its structure and the effects of internal moisture. The pool roof was last replaced over 25 years ago.

### When is the work expected to begin?

While project planning is currently underway, the current tentative start date for the work is October 15.

If the work has not yet started, why has the pool remained closed? What's causing delays? Due to material availability and proper bonds required for the project, the start date was delayed.

### Will the rest of the Community Center be open to the public while the pool roof is under construction?

Yes. Proper protections will be installed inside the building prior to roof removal.

#### When will the pool reopen?

We are aiming to have the pool back online by November 20, in time for the South Portland High School Swim Team season. However, delays are possible as weather, supply chain issues, and other factors can affect the project timeline.

#### What will be the benefits of having a new roof on the pool?

The pool roof will be structurally stable and safe for swimmers in all seasons. Shutdowns for repairs due to snow damage are unlikely.

As the project progresses, updates will be sent via email and posted on the South Portland Parks & Recreation website (<a href="www.sopoparksrec.com">www.sopoparksrec.com</a>) and on the <a href="south-portland-parks">South Portland Parks & Recreation Facebook page</a>.

# 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

### **HIGHLIGHT: POLLINATOR BIOBLITZ**







### **Autumn Olive Foraging**

Date: October 29

Times: Sunday, 11a-12p Location: Bug Light Park

**Program Cost** 

FREE

**More Info** 

#### **Full Moon Hike**

Myths & Legends

Date: October 28
Time: Saturday, 6-7p
Location: Hinckley Park

**Program Cost** 

FREE

**More Info** 



### **Owl Celebration**

Special live owl presentation from 1a-12p!!

Date: October 8
Time: Sunday, 11a-1p
Location: Redbank
Community Center

### **Program Cost**

**FREE** 

**More Info** 

### Ecology Lecture Series

Creepy Creatures

Ages: Geared towards adults but older kids

welcome

**Date:** October 12 **Time:** 6:30-7:30p

Location: South Portland

**Public Library** 

### **Program Cost**

**FREE** 

**More Info** 

### **Nature Story Time**

Spiders & Friends

Date: October 13
Ages 0-5: 10:30-11a
Ages 5-12: 3:30-4:30p
Location: South Portland

Public Library

### **Program Cost**

FREE

**More Info** 

### **Special Events**



### **Halloween Movie Night**

We'll be screening Hocus Pocus on the big screen in the Redbank Community Center. Bring your family and enjoy dinner and a show together! Pizza dinner is included in program cost.

Date: October 6

Time: Friday, 6:30-8p

Location: Redbank Community Center

**Program Cost** 

\$5

Register

### **Scarecrow Building**

Scarecrows are coming back to Hinckley Park this fall! Families, neighbors, clubs, businesses, and other groups are encouraged to participate together in their scarecrow creation. You can even bring a sign with your group or business name on it to hang up with your scarecrow.

Date: October 14

**Times:** Saturday, Session 1: 10a-12p Session 2: 12-2p

**Location:** Hinckley Park

**Program Cost** 

Residents: \$35/group Non-Residents: \$45/group

Register

### **Zombie Dash**

Run for your lives through a trails at Hinckley Park which have been plagued with the living dead! We'll have two sessions starting with a "mildly scary" dash before dark, followed by a "thrill seekers" dash after sunset. If you survive the dash, you'll be entered to win some great raffle prizes!

Date: October 21
Times: Saturday,

Mild Session: 5:30-6:30p Thrill Seekers: 6:30-7:30p **Location:** Hinckley Park Sponsored by:



**Program Cost** 

Residents: \$10 Non-Residents: \$20

Zombie Volunteer: FREE!

