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SOUTH PORTLAND

PARKS, RECREATION, AND WATERFRONT

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[Middle School Ski Trip](#)

March 3, Pleasant Mountain
Scholarships available!



[February Break Family Fun!](#)

Bingo night, movies in the pool,
and more!

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
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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.

Teen Center

Hours:

Monday-Friday
2:30pm-5:30pm

[More Info](#)

Senior Drop-in Center

Hours:

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

[Event Calendar](#)

Pool

Hours:

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

[Calendar](#)

Open Gym

Days and hours
vary by age, sport,
and location.

[Calendar](#)

Announcements

Closures

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

February 19
(President's Day)

We're Hiring

Parks Laborer
Recreation Program Assistant
Lifeguards & Swim Instructors

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

Get Outside

Youth Winter Equipment Rentals- South Portland residents can rent youth ice skates and snowshoes from SPCC through the winter for **FREE**. Rentals are good for 5 days before they must be returned to SPCC for others to use.

Announcements continued



Pool Roof

The Pool Roof is still under construction but we are OPEN! Parking is still limited on the Nutter Rd side parking lot as it is still blocked off for the construction crew.



EV Charging Station

We've replaced our old electric vehicle charger with two new ChargePoint Chargers at the South Portland Community Center. These are pay stations that are available for public use. Please see information below about activating a charge session (see attached flyer). For more information, please visit [Frequently Asked Questions for EV Drivers | ChargePoint](#).

Activating a Charge Session Using a ChargePoint EV Charger

Method 1 - Using the ChargePoint App

This is the preferred method which will allow you to use the ChargePoint App to remotely view the status of your charge session.

1. Download the Chargepoint App and setup an account.
2. Open the app and select the map view, it will then zoom to your location and display available chargers.
3. Select the charger you want to use and confirm that the charger name in the app matches the name on the charger screen in front of you, for example, "Station 1".
4. Tap "Start Charge" and the cable will unlock for you to plug in

Method 2 - Using a RFID Chip Enabled Credit Card

Many major credit cards with tap to pay functionality can be used to start a charge session on a Chargepoint charger. Simply tap your credit card to the charger screen, agree to the terms and conditions, and the cable will unlock for you to start charging.

Method 3 - Using a Non-ChargePoint Network App

You may also try using a different EV charge provider app such as EVGo or Electrify America as many of them are cross compatible with the ChargePoint network.

If you experience any issues, please call support at 1-888-758-4389

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.

Open to any student Grades 6-12 that resides in South Portland

Days: Mon-Fri, 2:15-5:30p*

Location: Redbank Community Center

*Schedule is subject to change at anytime

Program Cost

FREE

[More Info](#)



Vacation Week

Kid's Night Out

Date: February 16

Times: Friday 5-8:50p

Grades: K-5

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room, Gym, & Pool

Program Cost

Residents: \$30

Non-Residents: \$40

Additional child discounted by \$10

[Register](#)

Steamworks STEM Camp

Dates: Feb 20-Feb 23

Ages: 6-11

Times:

Morning: 9a-12p

Afternoon: 1-4p

Location: SPCC Activity Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$190

Non-Residents: \$200

[Register](#)

Hurdle Camp

Dates: Feb 20-22

Times: 11a-12p

Grades: 2-8

Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost

Residents: \$45

Non-Residents: \$55

[Register](#)



Pre-K Drop-in Programs

POP- Preschool Open Play

Dates: Oct 3-May 28
Times: Tuesdays, 9-11a
Ages: 5 and under
(accompanied by adult)
Location: Redbank Community Center
Program Cost
Residents: \$4
Non-Residents: \$5

[More Info](#)

Redbank Storytime

Dates: Oct 3-May 28
Time: Tuesdays, 9-11a
Ages: 5 and under
(accompanied by adult)
Location: Redbank Community Center
Program Cost
FREE

[More Info](#)

Preschool Art

Dates: Feb 2-May 3
Time: Fridays, 9:30-10:30a
Ages: 5 and under
(accompanied by adult)
Location: Redbank Community Center
Program Cost
FREE

[More Info](#)



Lacrosse

Free Boys Lacrosse Clinic

Dates: Jan 31-Feb 28
Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30p
Grades: 3-6
Location: Redbank Gym

Program Cost
FREE (must register)

[Register](#)



Karate

Karate Kids

Dates: Feb 23- Mar 29
Times: Fridays, 4-5p
Ages: 5-12
Location: SPCC Multipurpose Room

Program Cost
Residents: \$65
Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)



**PLEASANT MTN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

SKI & SNOWBOARD

DAY TRIP

March 3, 8a-4p

Grades 5-8

Scholarships Available

Deadline: February 15

Cost varies

Register



Gymnastics



Tumbling

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Dates: Feb 2-25

Age: 5-10

Times:

Fridays, 5:30-6:45p and/or

Sundays, 10:00-11:15a

Location: SPCC Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$120

Non-Residents: \$130

\$34 discount if signing up for both days

Register

Tumbling Class

Dates: Jan 25-Feb 22

Time:

Intermediate: Thursdays, 7:15-8:15p

Grades: 4-8

Location: SPCC Multipurpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$55

Non-Residents: \$65

**2
Spots
left!**

Register

Adult Programs



Fitness

Strictly Strength

Dates: February 2-29

Times: 8-8:50a

Location: SPCC Multi-Purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$72

Non-Residents: \$82

Drop-in: \$13

[Register](#)



Food

Cupcake Decorating Class

Dates:

February 10 (Valentine's Day)

February 24 (Swiftie- limited space!)

Time: Saturdays, 12:30-2p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

\$30/class

[Register](#)



Art

Beginner Soft Pastel

Topic: Underpaintings & Simple Forms

Dates: February 17-March 16

Sessions: Saturdays, 10:30a-12:00p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$65

Non-Residents: \$75

[Register](#)

Watercolors- Part 2

Dates: February 23-March 22

Times: Fridays, 9:30a-10:30a

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$70

Non-Residents: \$80

[Register](#)

Senior Programs

Featured Senior Artist of the Month

Stop by the Senior Drop-in Center on **February 1 from 12-1:30pm to meet artist Ellen Clancy!** The Senior Drop-in Center is open every Mon-Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 3p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12p.m. to view.



JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



Puzzle Palooza!



Crocheting Class



Keeping the Keys Presentation



Birthday Celebration!

Gather

Monthly Birthday Celebrations

Date: February 13

Times: 10-11a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (Registration is required for food & birthday bag)

[Register](#)

Valentine's Day Tea Brunch

Date: February 14

Times: Wednesday, 11a-1p

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$17

Non-Residents: \$27

[Register](#)



Presentations

Nature Themed Presentation

Topic: Wild Cats & Dogs

Date: February 12

Times: 9:30-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Advance Care Planning

Date: February 20

Times: 9:30-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Fundamental Foot Care

Date: February 27

Times: 10-11:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)



Read

Pseudo Book Club

Topic: Romance

Date: February 28

Times: Wednesday, 9-10:30a

Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)



Trips

Snowshoeing at Pineland Farms

Date: February 27

Times: Departs at 8:30a

Location: Meet at SPCC

Program Cost

Residents: \$25

Non-Residents: \$35

3 Spots left!

[Register](#)



Step Into Fitness

Dates: February 1, 8, 15 & 29
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: February 1, 8, 15 & 29
Time: Thursdays, 12:30-1:15p
Location: SPCC Multi-purpose Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$28
Non-Residents: \$38
Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)

Senior Cornhole

Dates: February 2, 9, 16
Time: Fridays, 1:45-3:15p
Location: SPCC Gym

Program Cost

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

[Register](#)

Vitality T'ai Chi

Date: February 6 & 20
Time: Tuesdays, 1-2p
Location: SPCC Aerobic Room

Program Cost

Residents: \$14
Non-resident: \$24
Drop-in: \$8

[Register](#)

Laughter Yoga

Date: February 23
Time: Friday, 1-2p
Location: SPCC Senior Drop-in Center

Program Cost

FREE (must register)

[Register](#)

Aquatics Programs



[View Pool Calendar](#)
[\(Jan- Feb 25\)](#)

February Vacation Week will have added open swim times, stay tuned for details!

Daily Fees:

Residents: Adults \$5 | Youth/Seniors \$4

Non-Residents: Adult \$6 | Youth/Seniors \$5

Frequent User Passes:

Residents: Adults \$70 | Youth/Seniors \$50

Non-Residents: Adult \$90 | Youth/Seniors \$70

Spring Swim lesson registration:

Residents: Monday, March 11th beginning at 7am

Non-Residents: Thursday, March 14th beginning at 7am

As High School Swim season draws to a close and Middle School Swim season begins, **please be advised that we may have random pool closures for swim events**, and likewise may open up special **additional swim times** to the public when the teams are not using the pool.

We will use social media and email blasts to alert you of these times. Thank you for being patient. We do our very best to keep the pool busy at all times, with as much public access as possible!

Winter Swim Lesson intended end dates*:

Tuesdays: 2/13/24

Wednesdays: 2/14/24

Thursdays: 2/15/24

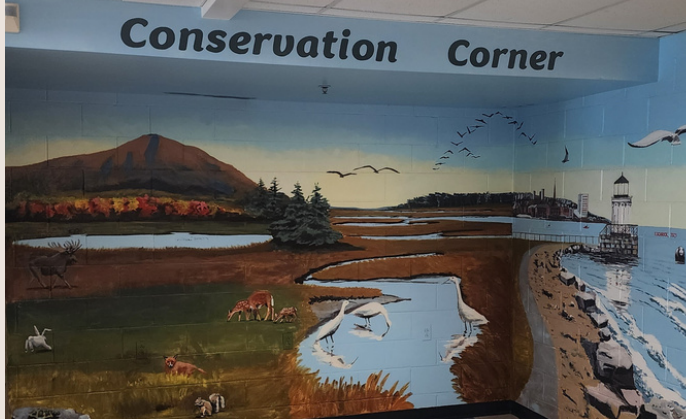
Saturdays: 2/17/24

Sundays: 2/18/24

*if weather impacts a lesson, we will extend out one more week.

Conservation and Parks

CONSERVATION CORNER



Have you seen the new Conservation Corner mural in the South Portland Community Center?

Check back soon for information on different conservation topics!

SPCC ANIMAL HUNT



Did you get a chance to find all the bears hidden in the South Portland Community Center?

In February, we'll be starting a new scavenger hunt to find whales!
Hint: all whales will be hiding in common areas on the first floor.

Learn

Nature Story Time

Frogs

Date: February 23

Ages 0-5: 10:30-11a

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

Location: South Portland Public Library

Program Cost: FREE

[More Info](#)

Ecology Lecture Series

Fossils in Maine

Date: February 8

Time: 6:30-7:30p

Ages: Geared towards adults but older kids welcome

Location: South Portland Public Library

Program Cost: FREE

[More Info](#)

Special Events



CITY OF
**SOUTH
PORTLAND**
Parks, Recreation
& Waterfront

FEBRUARY BREAK FAMILY FUN



FEBRUARY 20: FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Time: Tuesday, 5:30-7p

Location: SPCC Casco Bay Room

Program cost for group of 4

Residents: \$25

Non-Residents: \$35

Additional member: \$5

[Register](#)

FEBRUARY 22: FLICK & FLOAT-MOANA

Time: Thursday, 3-5p

Location: SPCC Pool

Program Cost

Residents: \$7

Non-Residents: \$12

[Register](#)

FEBRUARY 23: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Time: Friday, 6:30-8:30p

Location: Redbank Community
Center

Program Cost

FREE (please register)

[Register](#)