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## Portland, Pollinators, and the City as Native Habitat



Above, familiar flowers from our region: wild iris, bloodroot, black-eyed Susan, and pink milkweed.

By Heather McCargo

AN EXCITING URBAN GREENING project is underway in Portland. Graduate students from the Conway School of Landscape Design <http://www.csl.edu> are working with a Maine nonprofit, the Wild Seed Project, to create a Pollinator Corridor Vision Plan for the City of Portland.

The city and surrounding suburbs are home to the bulk of the state's human population. In such a developed landscape, most of the native species of plants and their associated fauna have been replaced with buildings, paving, and exotic species. The goal of the Wild Seed Project is to develop a design manual and tool kit for returning native plants to the city, with an emphasis on creating habitat corridors that support pollinating insects and birds, all crucial to a healthy ecosystem and to agricultural productivity. These habitat corridors will help facilitate the migration of species across the landscape and connect the metropolitan area with the surrounding rural landscape.

Wild landscapes in Maine are rapidly being developed for human use and as a result native plant populations are diminishing. This loss of wild plant species has a ripple effect on biodiversity and ecosystem health. All of

our native fauna have an evolutionary relationship with native plants. When the native vegetation is gone, so go many creatures of other species.

Many landscape and garden plants do not support our native fauna. Often the flowers of ornamental plants have been bred for characteristics that are appealing to people, not pollinators. For instance, in multi-petaled double flowers, the stamens and pistils, which are the sexual part of the plant, have mutated and look like petals. There is no pollen, nectar, or ovaries; therefore the plants do not attract pollinating insects or produce seeds. Herbs and agricultural crops still attract pollinators because the goal is to harvest seeds or fruit. Many pollinating insects need the stems and leaves of a specific native plant for the larval stage of their lifecycle. The monarch butterflies' dependency on milkweed is a classic example of this. Yet this is not unique in nature and is true for many of our native species. Most exotic plants cannot host native fauna. Birds are very dependent on insects for food in the spring and in raising their young. Therefore, native plants hosting native insects affect bird populations. Polli-

nating insects and birds are an extremely important component of wild plant reproduction and agriculture and are crucial for ecosystem health.

Fortunately, when native plants are reintroduced into a landscape, many of the other creatures with which they co-evolved return. There are many beautiful native plants adapted to every type of ecosystem in Maine, and many of these thrive in urban and developed environments. In the city of Portland, anywhere that there is bare dirt, lawn, waste areas, or weeds, there are native species that will thrive. Wet drainage areas, dry gravelly soil, mown strips, sidewalks and roadside edges, these can all be made more beautiful and interesting with the addition of native plants. We can all work to add more native plants to the landscapes around our homes and in our communities. This will invite the native pollinators and birds back into our human landscape so that they can continue to do their job of keeping native habitat in balance.

In Portland, many citizens, grassroots and nonprofit organizations, and City officials are working to plant gardens with species attractive to pollinating insects. The Portland Pollinator Partnership <http://portlandpollinators.org/?s=pollinator> was established last year to create partnerships between these groups and to serve as a conduit for the sharing of infor-

mation on pollinators. A list of the partnering organizations can be viewed on their website.

The Wild Seed Project is contributing the Pollinator Corridor Vision plan to join these efforts together with an overlay of native habitat. The hope is that the vision created will inspire our community to join together to bring Portland to the forefront of sustainable cities and help urban residents connect with nature on a daily basis. The graduate students from the Conway School of Landscape Design will be presenting some preliminary design ideas in Portland on March 10 at 6 pm at the Rieche School. The meeting is open to anyone interested in this project.

Heather McCargo is the director of The Wild Seed Project, a local 501c3 nonprofit organization that works to increase the use of native plants in all landscape settings in order to conserve biodiversity, encourage plant adaptation in the face of climate change, safeguard wildlife habitat, and create pollination and migration corridors for insects and birds. Wild Seed Project sells seeds of wild and uncultivated forms of native plants and educates the public on propagation techniques so that a wide range of citizens can participate in increasing native plant populations. For more information visit [www.wildseedproject.net](http://www.wildseedproject.net)

## THE RIGHT TO VOTE

### —POP QUIZ—

1. What was the largest civil rights movement in history?

- a. Women's Suffrage
- b. Voting Rights for Black Americans
- c. Native American citizenship rights
- d. Child Protection legislation

2. How many of the women who founded the women's rights movement at Seneca Falls NY voted in the 1920 election?

- a. 0 b. 12 c. 20 d. 532

3. What movement was organized to grant civil rights to a majority of the population?

- a. Women's Suffrage
- b. Black Suffrage
- c. Male Suffrage

4. What Civil Rights movement began in the Northeast but was first realized in western states?

- a. Gay Marriage
- b. Women's Suffrage
- c. Abolitionism
- d. Native American Rights

5. Which constitutional amendment won ratification by one vote in the Tennessee Legislature?

- a. The Prohibition amendment
- b. The amendment repealing Prohibition
- c. The amendment giving women the right to vote
- d. The amendment limiting a president to two terms

6. Which group of eligible voters in the United States is least likely to vote?

- a. Women over 65
- b. Men over 65
- c. Women 30-50
- d. Women between the ages of 18 and 29

[Answers: 1-a, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-c, 6-d]

How well did you score?  
(Do you need a Women's Suffrage tutorial?)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony advocated for women's rights from 1848 until their respective deaths in 1902 and 1906. They never gave up hope, nor did they quit. When they began their struggle women could not vote, nor could they keep their earnings. A married woman gave all property and financial rights to her husband; she did not have the right to her children in a divorce; and as in the Islamic world today, she could not travel freely. She had the status of a child her entire life.

In the struggle for equal rights, "Voting is Democracy's first line of defense."

Women were never given the right to vote; they climbed the cliff to enfranchisement with grit, courage, and determination. The Suffragettes were beaten, tortured, thrown in jail, spat upon, and vilified for believing that women were as smart as men, that they had the same capacity as men to evaluate and judge, and that they should have the same rights. They believed that being female did not mean being less. They persevered through those long years between 1848 and 1920 when legislation for women's rights was defeated more often than passed.

It was the U.S. Senate, led by

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COMMITTEES

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Meets bi-monthly; see Facebook page for dates/times/locations, (in the community room in Unity Village, unless otherwise posted, at 6 pm). Please contact the BNA or Mary-Ellen Welch at Midtown Policing if you have an issue to bring to a meeting. The public is always welcome.

Laura Cannon and Cindy Bachelder, Co-Chairs  
Midtown Policing 772-1371

BAYSIDER COMMITTEE

Meets regularly at various locations. Writes, collects articles and information. Publishes The Baysider quarterly. Promotes advertising.

Colette Bouchard  
Steve Hirshon  
Susan McCloskey  
Rob Sylvain  
Annie Wadleigh

Baysider Committee is seeking new members with an interest in writing or graphics. No experience necessary. Call the BNA for more information.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Organizes and runs the Bayside Chestnut St. Community Garden.  
Deborah and John Van Hoewyk, Co-Chairs  
Kate Pendleton  
Robert Sylvain

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the community room at Unity Village. Plans events and community gatherings. Helps with After-School Arts Program and Summer Children's Lunch Programs.  
Cindy Bachelder, Chair  
Colette Bouchard  
Susan McCloskey  
Steve Hirshon

Currently looking for new members. Please call the BNA if interested.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Works on developing and maintaining membership in the BNA.  
Sean Kerwin, Chair  
Robert Sylvain  
Colette Bouchard  
Susan McCloskey  
Alex Landry

Currently looking for new members. Call the BNA if interested.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meets as needed.  
Steve Hirshon, Chair  
Sean Kerwin

TRANSPORTATION/ PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Meets as issues arise.  
Alex Landry, Chair  
Colette Bouchard  
Steve Hirshon  
Ron Spinella

TREE COMMITTEE

Meets as needed. Works on bringing more trees to Bayside streets.  
Robert Sylvain, Chair  
Jeff Tarling  
Colette Bouchard  
Alex Landry

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Meets as needed.  
Colette Bouchard  
Sean Kerwin  
Rob Sylvain, Chair  
Annie Wadleigh  
Alex Landry

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meets each year to recruit and nominate new members for the Board.  
Colette Bouchard, Chair  
Cindy Bachelder  
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Alex Landry  
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BNA BOARD

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the community room of Unity Village, 24 Stone Street (behind City Hall). This is a great way to find out all that is going on in Bayside. Reports from all the subcommittees are given regularly. The public is welcome.

Cindy Bachelder  
Mike Bachelder  
Colette Bouchard  
John Bradley  
Dennis Ferrante  
Steve Hirshon (President)  
Carol Hutchins  
Sean Kerwin  
Alex Landry  
Susan McCloskey  
Ron Spinella  
Rob Sylvain  
Deborah Van Hoewyk  
Annie Wadleigh

BNA MISSION STATEMENT

The Bayside Neighborhood Association brings members of the Bayside community together. BNA brings conversations about Bayside to Bayside and to the greater community in a way that organizes, informs, and empowers residents, social service and other organizations, local businesses, and city representatives to form meaningful and long-term partnerships. BNA preserves and promotes safety, multicultural diversity, housing, and carefully planned social, economic, and physical development in this unique urban community.

poetry corner

Lines Written in Early Spring

BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sate reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.  
To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.  
Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—  
But the least motion which they made,  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.  
The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.  
If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?

THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA)

Bounded by Forest Avenue, Marginal Way, Congress Street, and Franklin Street, we are just minutes from Downtown, the beach, the working waterfront, and the bay. Historically, Bayside has been home to warehouses, scrapyards, manufacturing, small businesses, and many families that go back generations. Today, it is a mix of families and singles, young and old, immigrants and Mainers, old and new development, social services, businesses, offices, and an active neighborhood association.

We have monthly Board meetings **the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm**, which are always open to the public. It is a great way to hear all that is happening in the neighborhood. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the community room at Unity Village, 24 Stone Street. Check out the committee page to see all the active subcommittees and what they are doing.

The BNA also produces the newspaper on a quarterly basis to keep members and the community informed on issues and events of interest. We have special meetings and host forums as the need arises to get people together to discuss issues impacting our neighborhood.

THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA) REPRESENTS ALL THOSE WITH A VESTED INTEREST IN THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR MEMBERS ARE MADE UP OF RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WELCOME ANYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS, OR OWNS PROPERTY IN BAYSIDE TO BECOME INVOLVED.

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BEING A FORUM FOR Editorial Viewf e' THE Publick Opinion

Just Sayin' By Steve Hirshon

I WAS HOPING TO WRITE about the encouraging signs of life in our neighborhood, despite the brutal winter. Bayside Bowl's expansion. The housing RFP proposed for Hanover Street. Even the more contentious projects like the Century Tire redevelopment and Midtown promise to bring people and commerce to the neighborhood. Instead I will dwell on the shelter reimbursement imbroglio and its effect on our neighborhood. Regardless of anyone's opinion of our Governor, the current situation is a mess. No one is calling to account the fiduciaries, rep payees, and guardians who are allowing people to stay in the shelter while they have adequate funds to be housed elsewhere. The old war cry of "You wouldn't sleep on a mat if you had the choice" somehow gets flipped with "people with severe mental illness have no other place to go." What?!! Why is it OK to "house" our most vulnerable neighbors under the worst conditions? Why do "advocates" think that it's OK to

cast adrift people who lack the capacity to make reasonable decisions for themselves, as long as they simply aren't violent? What kind of threshold is that?

The Bayside Neighborhood Association has advocated for systemic changes to our homelessness policies for many years. We have decried the inexorable rise of untreated mental illness in our neighborhood. Our representative to the Homelessness Task Force called for an independent audit of the shelter system. We have asked for a study of best practices in other communities, only to be waved off again and again by professionals who simply say, "You don't understand."

Why have communities from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to Salt Lake City made significant reductions to their homeless populations while we have not? We keep placing shelter clients in housing, but our overall shelter population stays the same.

No area of the city feels these impacts more than Bayside. The time has passed for the hopelessness business to be a growth industry. If the Governor means what he says, he will provide an economic development package for other parts of the state where good jobs are nonexistent. This will benefit Portland, and ultimately Bayside, because month after month people flow into this city competing for scarce jobs, since there is little opportunity elsewhere, and in the meantime, having no other recourse, end up in the shelter system. The mayor and his advocate allies should really work at the task at hand rather than mouth platitudes about compassion and ask for more money to patch up our tired, inefficient facilities. It's time to get past defensiveness and move to a time when everyone works together to help those in need.

February 2015  
 Tip of the Month  
**Protect your teens from being exposed to alcohol and marijuana through social media.**  
 Learn about the social media your kids use.  
 Teach kids about an online reputation.  
 Create ground rules.  
 Monitor your child's social media usage.  
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE BARRON CENTER

We always have opportunities for volunteers at the Barron Center! You may like assisting the Recreation staff with leisure programs, or becoming a Friendly Visitor for a resident. We have a number of one to one room programs that may be to your liking. Maybe you'd like to share your talent or hobby for the residents enjoyment. Give us a call and we will find the perfect place for you. Call Tonya at 541-6557.

THE RIGHT TO VOTE from front page

a southern coalition, that most consistently blocked any attempt at enhancing the rights of women. Many states in the South did not ratify women's right to vote until well after the passage of the 1964 Voting Rights Act — Florida and South Carolina, 1969; Georgia, 1970; Louisiana and North Carolina, 1971; and finally Mississippi in 1984, well within the lifetime of many readers of this column.

Today women's status in the United States is much different, and to my way of thinking, much better. And while there are still areas of inequality (average wages, for example), women have full control over their finances, equal rights in marriage and in responsibility for their children--and they can vote.

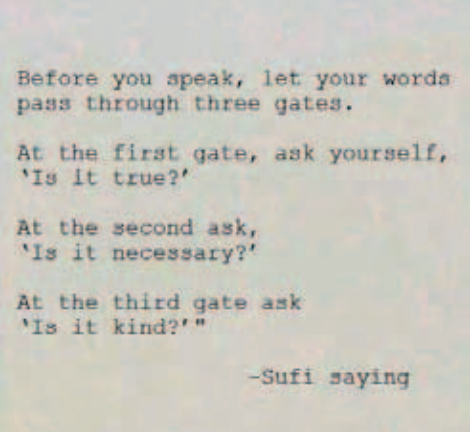
The battle for equal rights is a struggle that never ends, and today there is greater income inequality in the United States than at any time since the days of 19th-century robber barons.



Voting is Democracy's first line of defense. The Suffragettes knew this. Though they lost battle after battle, they relentlessly countered with yet another amendment, or petition, or platform request until finally they won the right to vote. Without the courage of these women there would be no women senators, representatives, governors, or presidential candidates. Women would earn less than half of what their male counterparts earn for the same job. The expectations of a girl growing up would not reach beyond finding a husband to take care of her.

Honor these women and repay the debt we owe them by voting in every election.

Photos at left, top, Susan B. Anthony; below, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



sudoku

The goal of Sudoku is to fill the grid by entering a numeral from 1 through 9 in each cell of the grid. Each row, column, and region must contain only one instance of each numeral. www.veryfreesudoku.com.

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# Franklin Street: A Final Recommendation Expected This Spring

By Markos Miller

SPRING OF 2015 WILL SEE A FINAL recommendation for the future design of Franklin Street. The current study process is the second phase of the City's redesign effort. Phase 1, which began in 2008, was tasked with developing three design concepts that would accommodate existing and future transportation for motorized vehicular traffic, bikes, transit, and pedestrians. In phase two of the study, the study team, made up of the City of Portland, MaineDOT, and the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), along with a public advisory committee of diverse local and regional stakeholders, evaluated the feasibility of the three design concepts from Phase 1 and seeks to arrive at a final design for this important roadway.

The City and MaineDOT have had a long-standing interest in improving the street, with a particular focus on the Marginal Way intersection and the functioning of the I-295 off ramps at Exit 7. A 2006 study, which narrowly focused on automobiles, called for a future widening of Franklin Street, without addressing needs for any other modes. At that time there weren't even sidewalks along Franklin north of Middle Street.

In early 2007 members of the Bayside Neighborhood Association and the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization, with the support of Portland Trails and Greater Portland Landmarks, held a public workshop to get community input into an alternative vision for Franklin Street. Participants identified several opportunities overlooked by the 2006 study, including bike and pedestrian accommodations, reconnecting historic neighborhoods, restoring land to Lincoln Park, as well as creating accessible open space and development opportunities--in essence, repairing the tear in the urban fabric cause by the auto-centric design of the early 70's. The members of the two neighborhood organizations formed "The Franklin Reclamation Authority" to advance this community vision, meeting with a range of civic groups and City Hall staff. As President of the MHNO at the time, I played a key role in this effort.

This advocacy effort resulted in then-City Manager Joe Gray allocating funds for the Phase 1 Study in order to develop some viable design concepts that spoke to the wider urban context of Franklin Street. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the study have been based on a robust public engagement process, including

numerous public outreach meetings, a design charrette in 2008, a public input forum to kick off the Phase 2 study, and public feedback workshops in the later stages of both phases of the study, in addition to nearly 30 committee meetings open to the public. While the over-arching goal of realizing a Franklin Street that works better for all users and reintegrates the corridor into the fabric of the Portland peninsula has not changed, the mission of each phase has evolved as public input is received, data is collected, and the circle of stakeholders is widened. Our target goal has been to have a future Franklin St. that reflects the values of the community at large.

The final study recommendations will provide the framework for future transportation improvements and land-use opportunities. Future discussions will pick up issues related to use of newly accessible land. A big question is how this land would best benefit Portland for generations to come: sold to the highest bidder to increase tax revenue; set aside for open space, such as enlarging the Boyd Street community gardens; or placed in a land trust that might provide the basis for midmarket housing for the artists, car-

penters, cooks, teachers, and public servants that help make Portland vibrant. A mix of these is possible.

The Franklin Redesign process has been a long-term community-based planning process, utilizing best practices and local and national expertise. Future decisions regarding the opportunities presented by this work will build upon and deepen this shared vision. By means of an inclusive, consensus-seeking process, we have strived to find a design that speaks to our collective hopes for our city. The final design may not be the "perfect" design for any one interest group as there are healthy debates about many design features, but taken as a whole, it moves this important road away from outdated models and closer to the shared vision of our diverse city. I hope that residents, commuters, and the business community can come together to support this step forward for Portland.

To learn more about the Franklin Study visit: <http://www.ci.portland.me.us/660/Franklin-Street-Committee-Phase-2>

## REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE

By Ben Chipman

THANK YOU FOR RE-ELECTING me to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. The new legislative session has begun, and things are starting to get busy. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you may have. I am here to serve you and would like to hear your thoughts concerning the many issues being addressed in the Legislature this year.

### State Budget and Tax Reform

The Legislature is currently working on the biennium budget, which will guide state spending over the next two years. The Governor has proposed a budget that lowers the state income tax while increasing the sales tax and expanding it to a variety of items and services that are currently not taxed. This proposal also eliminates funding to cities and towns known as "revenue sharing," seeks to tax non-profit organizations, and drastically changes the formula used to determine general assistance, which would result in Portland losing millions of dollars every year.

The Appropriations Committee is currently holding a series of public hearings on the budget proposal. These hearings will be followed by work sessions in which the committee will amend or make changes to this proposal and send it to the House and Senate for a vote.

I am concerned about how the tax changes would impact low- and middle-income Maine residents, and I am opposed to cuts in municipal revenue sharing and reimbursements for general assistance. The proposed budget and tax changes still have a ways to go before winning my support. I would be interested to know what your thoughts are.



STATE REP. BEN CHIPMAN

### Committee Assignment

I am pleased to report that the Speaker of the House has re-appointed me to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. I have served on this committee since 2012 and have been successful in passing laws to protect Maine's natural resources.

This year I have introduced legislation to protect lakes and to prohibit the use of pesticides near schools and playgrounds. If you have any environmental concerns I'd like to hear from you.

### Unclaimed Property

Every year the Office of the State Treasurer releases a list of unclaimed property. This can be either money or other personal assets that are considered lost and abandoned when the owner cannot be located.

To see if you have unclaimed property, go online and visit the State Treasurer's website at: [http://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed\\_property](http://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property). There is no fee to process a claim.

Feel free to contact me anytime at (207) 318-4961 or e-mail [Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov)

## CITY OF PORTLAND

### 2015: All Aboard!

By Kevin Donoghue

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO announce that your bus service has just gotten significantly better. From Munjoy Hill, METRO can now deliver you directly to the Portland Transportation Center and is finally a viable option for getting to the Portland International Jetport. 2015 also promises to unleash several further major transportation improvements in District One. I hope you will take advantage of these new choices and those yet to come this year!

### METRO #1

The METRO #1 runs from Munjoy Hill and, until recently, ended at Mercy at the Fore. By extending the line to the terminal that serves the Amtrak Downeaster and Concord Coach Lines, residents wishing to continue to Boston and beyond would have had to transfer or walk 15 minutes (with bags) from the peak of Munjoy Hill to the bus hub at Monument Square. Besides the convenience of direct service, trip times are reduced by five minutes. Because we have now also fixed previously irregular frequencies to thirty-minute headways, we have eliminated the need to refer to schedules. Buses now depart from the corner of North Street and Congress Street Monday through Saturday every 15 and 45 minutes past the hour from 6:15 am to 8:15 pm, with less frequency at night. With the opening of St. Lawrence Arts, buses will leave as late as 11:10 pm, providing more transportation choices not only to its patrons but to all residents of Munjoy Hill.

### METRO #5

The METRO #5 runs from Monument Square and, until recently, bypassed the Jetport in favor of a detour to the rail and bus hub on Thompson's Point on its way to the Maine Mall. With the extension of



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the METRO #1, the METRO #5 can now easily serve airline passengers and clients of the new consolidated offices of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Veterans Affairs now open on Jetport Road. Whereas the former location of the DHHS was just a 10-minute walk from Monument Square, and its new location would have previously taken 40 minutes by bus, it is now just 20 minutes. Maine Mall service will remain the same, but routing and schedule changes will ensure that it runs on time.

### MORE TO COME!

The next generation of improvements to the transit network are expected this summer, the most promising of which is the linking of the current METRO #3 and METRO #6 to create a new looping service running in both directions at fixed frequencies of 30 minutes. This line would directly serve all public high schools and connect disparate parts of Portland. By staggering its schedule with the METRO #1, which also runs at a frequency of 30 minutes, we would also enjoy frequencies of 15 minutes on Congress Street west of Washington Avenue. Other improvements pending for this summer include a new commuter service to Freeport.

Please let me know how you're enjoying the new METRO at [kjdonoghue@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:kjdonoghue@portlandmaine.gov)

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Any Recycle Materials Outside of a Bin

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## FAMILY STORY-PLAY YOGA

First Saturday of each month

11:00 am - 11:45 am

Location: Main Library,  
Sam L. Cohen Children's Library

Audience: kids & families

Spiral Tree Yoga & Wellness Studio will be visiting the Sam L. Cohen Children's Library for an introduction to yoga for children and their caregivers. Join us for a fun & enriching time for the whole family

## GIRLS' POINT OF VIEW BOOK CLUB

Saturday, March 7, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Location: Main Library, Meeting Rm #2

Audience: Kids & Families

The Sam L. Cohen Children's Library hosts a monthly Girl's Point of View Book Club for girls ages 9-12.

The book club provides an opportunity for girls to read the best contemporary fiction that focuses on issues many girls are facing today. The club provides a forum where girls can explore what's on their minds, what's really important to them, as well as strengthening their sense of self. The books they read act as catalysts to spark critical conversations about the roles of girls and women in the past, and to examine the girl culture of today.

The book club will be facilitated by the Children's Library staff and is a program of Mainely Girls, a statewide, non-profit organization whose mission is to bring about positive change for girls.

Sign-up is required, as space is limited. The library will provide copies of books to be read. All you need to participate is a desire to voice your opinion, a willingness to listen to others, an interest in reading and discussing books, and an open mind!

## READ WITH STEVE

Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Location: Main Library

Audience: Adults

*The Dreyfus Affair.* Consider the possibilities: In the middle of a pennant race, a team's star shortstop falls in love with his second baseman. Which is exactly what happens to Randy Dreyfus, the best-hitting, best-fielding, best-looking, and most happily-married young shortstop in the major leagues. The Dreyfus Affair combines romance, comedy, social satire, and some of the finest baseball writing in years. The result is a rollicking, provocative odyssey through one unforgettable World Series championship. The "Read with Steve" book club is led by Portland Public Library director Steve Podgajny and is for those interested in reading and discussing sports-themed books. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon in Meeting Room #2, and the discussion lasts an hour. Bring your lunch; drinks will be provided.

## READ TO GRACE!

Tuesday, March 17, 3:30-5:00 pm

Location: Main Library

Sam L. Cohen Children's Library

Audience: Kids & Families

*Grace, an 8-year-old yellow Labrador retriever visits the Sam L. Cohen Children's Library the first and third Tuesday of each month* to encourage children to read and to

be a furry non-judgmental listener to readers. Sign up in advance for a 15- minute session to read to Grace. Research shows that Library Reading Dogs help children become more confident readers by providing positive and enjoyable experiences. Reading to dogs gives children important extra practice with reading and oral skills. Studies have shown that reading fluency can increase after participating in a reading to dogs program. Although "reading dog" programs were started for struggling and reluctant readers, everyone is invited to read to Grace. Grace has been a therapy dog for 4 years and works at Maine Medical Center and assisted living facilities.

When Grace isn't working she enjoys Rally, which is a new dog sport that combines agility and obedience. She lives with her brother Mic and an African grey parrot, Bob.

Please sign up in advance by contacting The Sam L Cohen Children's Library at 871-1700 ext. 707 or [childrens@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:childrens@portland.lib.me.us)

## THE ART OF SCIENCE AND THE SCIENCE OF ART: EXPLORING MODULAR ORIGAMI

Wednesday, March 18, 1:00- 2:00 pm

Location: Main Library

Audience: Adults, Teens, Seniors

Come get a fun refresher on geometry (no geometry knowledge required!) by participating in the March Science Café. Learn how to apply the principles of mathematics to paper folding, and create amazing three-dimensional objects.

## FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Friday, March 20, 5:45 - 7:15 pm

Location: Main Library,Meeting Rm #5

Audience: Adults

**This month, the club will discuss *Lucky Us* by Amy Bloom.** *About the book:* Forging a life together after being abandoned by their parents, half sisters Eva and Iris share decades in and out of the spotlight in golden-era Hollywood and mid-twentieth-century Long Island.

Friday Night Book Club is for those interested in reading and discussing fiction written or translated within the last twenty years. The group generally meets on the third Friday of the month at 5:45 p.m., with discussions led by library staff members. Friday Night Book Club is a social event where readers will have a chance to meet and socialize before the discussion begins. Refreshments will be provided at 5:45 p.m. and discussion will begin at 6:00.

New members are always welcome! Please email [burrows@portlandpubliclibrary.org](mailto:burrows@portlandpubliclibrary.org) or call the Reader's Advisory desk at 871-1700, ext. 705, if you have any questions about the group. This program is free and registration is preferred.

## VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

First Thursday of every month

1:00 - 3:00pm

Location: Main Library, Meeting Rm #4

Audience: Adults

The Volunteers Lawyer Project and the veterans' benefits attorneys are pleased to provide this service to help guide our respected veterans through the VA benefits process.

## BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES

### Alex Myers speaks about his book Revolutionary

Wednesday, March 11, noon - 1:00 pm

Location: Rines Room, Main Library

Audience: Adults

In 1782, during the final clashes of the Revolutionary War, one of our young nation's most valiant and beloved soldiers was, secretly, a woman. When Deborah Samson disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army, she wasn't just fighting for America's independence—she was fighting for her own.

*Revolutionary*, Alex Myers's richly imagined and meticulously researched debut novel, brings the true story of Deborah's struggle against a rigid colonial society back to life—and with it the courage, hope, fear, and heartbreak that shaped her journey through a country's violent birth.

After years as an indentured servant in a sleepy Massachusetts town, chafing under the oppressive norms of colonial America, Deborah can't contain her discontent any longer. When a sudden crisis forces her hand, she decides to finally make her escape. Embracing the peril and promise of the unknown, she cuts her hair, binds her chest, and, stealing clothes from a neighbor, rechristens herself Robert Shurtliff. It's a desperate, dangerous, and complicated deception and becomes only more so when, as Robert, she enlists in the Continental Army.

What follows is an inspiring, one-of-a-kind journey through an America torn apart by war: brutal winters and lethal battlefields, the trauma of combat and the cruelty of betrayal, the joy of true love and the tragedy of heartbreak. In his brilliant *Revolutionary*, Myers, who himself is a descendant of the historical Deborah, takes full advantage of this real-life heroine's unique voice to celebrate the struggles for freedom, large and small, like never before.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR Alex Myers

is a writer, teacher, and speaker. Born and raised in Paris, Maine, Alex was raised as a girl (Alice) and left Maine to attend boarding school at Phillips Exeter Academy. At Exeter, Alex came out as transgender, returning his senior year as a man, after attending for three years as a woman. He was the first transgender student in the Academy's history. After Exeter, Alex earned his bachelor's at Harvard University, studying Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and living in the Dudley Co-op. Alex was also the first openly transgender student at Harvard and worked to change the University's nondiscrimination clause to include gender identity. Subsequent to earning a master's degree in religion at Brown, Alex has pursued a career in teaching English at secondary schools. He completed his Master's of Fine Arts in fiction writing at Vermont College of Fine Arts, where he began his work on *Revolutionary*. He currently lives in Washington, DC with his wife and two cats.



## PPL hosts Shakespeare's First Folio!

By Rachael Weyand

### Portland Public Library will Host Shakespeare's First Folio Exhibition in 2016 – dates to be announced in April 2015

Portland Public Library in partnership with USM Libraries and Maine Humanities Council has been selected as the host site for the state of Maine for *First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare*, a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world's most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is touring a *First Folio* of Shakespeare in 2016 to all 50 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.

Many of Shakespeare's plays, which were written to be performed, were not published during his lifetime. The *First Folio* is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays. It was published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death. Two of Shakespeare's fellow actors compiled 36 of his plays, hoping to preserve them for future generations. Without it, we would not have 18 of Shakespeare's plays, including *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Tempest*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *As You Like It*. All 18 appeared for the first time in print in the First Folio and would otherwise have been lost.

The Folger Shakespeare Library holds 82 copies of the *First Folio*, by far the largest collection in the world and more than a third of the 233 known copies in the world today. It is believed that 750 copies were originally printed.

The Shakespeare *First Folio* is one of the most valuable printed books in the world; a *First Folio* sold for \$6.2 million in 2001 at Christie's and another one for \$5.2 million in 2006 in London. It originally sold for one British pound (20 shillings)—about \$200 today.

When the *First Folio* arrives in Portland, its pages will be opened to the most quoted line from Shakespeare and one of the most quoted lines in the world, "to be or not to be" from Hamlet. Accompanying the rare book will be a multi-panel exhibition exploring the significance of Shakespeare, then and now, with additional digital content and interactive activities. During the exhibition, Portland Public Library is planning numerous programs for the public and families around the First Folio exhibition.

Final touring dates for *First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare* will be announced in April 2015.

See more at: <http://www.portlandlibrary.com/life-of-the-library/#sthash.M19N-0vGR.dpuf>



## BAYSIDE'S HISTORIC PAST: 1908

# When City Hall (in Bayside) Burned

By Hon. Herb Adams

BAYSIDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROUD of being cozy close by (but never cozied-up-to!) Portland City Hall. Three of Portland's four City Halls have stood in Bayside, at the familiar corner of Myrtle and Congress Streets.

This winter's brutal weather brings to mind the mid-winter burning of Portland's third City Hall in 1908, a spectacular blaze that threatened to burn down Bayside and Parkside as well.

As it happened, Francis Littlefield, a reporter for the *Daily Eastern Argus*, while walking home in the wee hours of January 24, 1908, stumbled upon the story of his life.

Around the corner from old "Newspaper Row" (Exchange Street), Littlefield was startled by strange reflections in office windows along Congress Street, and he realized with shock that the dome of Portland City Hall was ablaze.

Sprinting to Central Fire Station, he sprung the alarm at 2:24 a.m. and hotfooted it back to his desk, fire whistles wailing around him, to write the headlines of the next morning's paper.

Littlefield's luck was the city's disaster. Portland's 40-year-old City Hall, built on the site of the City Hall burned in the "Great Fire" of July 4, 1866, would itself perish in a spectacular pre-dawn blaze fought by the fire departments of six cities in subzero wind chills. All of the century's new fire fighting technologies failed them, and by morning the structure was a burned-out shell encased by glittering walls of ice frozen into fantastic shapes.

Reports concluded that the 1908 blaze began in the attic near the base of the dome, above the city electrician's office, where the flames quickly short-circuited the city fire

bell system. By phone, Littlefield alerted Fire Chief Melville Eldridge, who sounded the alarm the old fashioned way--by tolling the city's church bells and setting off the wailing whistles of steam locomotives along Commercial Street.

Frantic telegrams summoned fire departments from Saco, Biddeford, Lewiston, Auburn, and Bath. Hampered by a temperature

ly dropping Chief Eldridge and Lt. Fred Doe to their deaths, and snapping the last electrical lines to the city fire alarm system.

False alarms now rang all over the city, and burning embers fell from the sky from the waterfront to Deering, setting a dozen smaller house fires in Bayside and Parkside.

As the fires swept toward the city jail, in the basement of City Hall, all cells were

Dawn found the doomed building looking like an ice castle, its walls held up only by solid frozen waterfalls, said the *Evening Express*--"A Picturesque Ruin Carved in Ice."

The walls were later leveled with dynamite. The \$650,000 building, insured for a mere \$85,000, was a total loss, including the Greenleaf Law Library, the records of the Cumberland County Probate Court, and the city and county courtrooms.

In shock, Portland still lived up to its old city slogan, "Resurgam" ("I shall rise again). "Plans For Portland's New City Building Already Being Discussed," headlines the *Evening Express* the next day.

The lost City Hall, full of memories, had opened on October 28, 1867, with a grand reception for Civil War Gen. Phil Sheridan in the new auditorium. In that 3,000-seat hall, Lillian Nordica once sang, Admiral Robert Peary spoke, future presidents Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, and William Howard Taft orated, and two generations of Portland High students graduated.

Memories made it a special place, and Portland insisted that

a new City Hall would be properly built to hold new memories.

And for that, eager eyes were looking outside Bayside. So what happened? Our next installment will tell.



The second City Hall to stand on this site--and the second to burn there--Portland City Hall was built of brown Albert stone from Canada, and featured the arched doorways still familiar to Portlanders today. Hundreds of years of Portland history were lost in its spectacular burning. This stereopticon double-image depicts left-eye and right-eye views. When viewed through a stereoscope, it appears as a single three-dimensional image.

of 10 degrees and high winds that froze water and hoses, Portland threw everything it had at the blaze, from its horse-drawn hand pumper (nicknamed the Moxie Bottle) to high-reaching new hydraulic ladder trucks.

In mid-battle, the 85-foot Ladder Five, encrusted with ice, broke off at the base, near-

unlocked and the prisoners let loose, who promptly and happily decamped for distant places.

At 4 a.m., City Hall's huge octagonal dome, 100 feet above the street, fell in a spectacular fiery crash.

## —press releases—

### PORTLAND ANNOUNCES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

The City of Portland is pleased to announce that it has selected Brendan O'Connell to serve as its next Director of Finance. The City Council approved Mr. O'Connell's appointment at its February 9, 2015 meeting, and he began work on February 23.

For the last five years, Mr. O'Connell has worked as the Director of Group Finance Accounting Policy for Manulife Financial Corporation/John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of Wake Forest University, where he received his Master's in Accountancy and a Bachelor's in Analytical Finance. He grew up in Falmouth, Maine, and is excited to be returning to his home state.

Prior to his Accounting Policy role, Mr. O'Connell worked as the manager within the Investment Division for Manulife Financial Corporation/John Hancock Financial Services and for several years as an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Portland's Finance Department is responsible for overseeing the City's \$221 million municipal budget and financial operations and staffs the City

Council's Finance Committee. It is also responsible for the Treasury Department, which processes auto and boat registrations, property tax payments, and parking ticket collection, as well as the Purchasing Department, which oversees all Requests for Proposals and Bid documents. The department consists of 25 employees and has a total budget of \$1.7 million.

### READY TO FIX IT, PORTLAND?

The City of Portland has unveiled "Fix It! Portland," a new and easy way for Portlanders to report quality of life concerns. Fix It! Portland is a new mobile app that allows citizens to report a variety of issues, such as potholes, streetlight outages, and snowplowing requests quickly and easily from their smartphones as well as from the City of Portland website. These concerns are submitted directly to the City, where they are then routed and assigned automatically, based on the location and type of the problem. In this way, Fix It! Portland will connect citizen concerns directly with the City officials who are out in the field, working to make Portland a better place to live, work, and play.

"This app is a great example of how a responsive city can utilize technology

to simplify processes and empower its residents," said Mayor Michael Brennan. "With a few clicks on your smartphone, anyone can now photograph, map, and report issues. By making the process accessible and easy, we can work together to enhance our neighborhoods and improve the overall quality of life for our residents."

"We want to hear from Portland's citizens, and we are working to create as many avenues as possible to allow them to communicate with us on their terms: When they want, how they want, and with whom they want," said Acting City Manager Sheila Hill-Christian. "In this digital age, we must meet residents where they are -- and they're on their smartphones. Have a question about traffic lights? Encounter a pothole? It's all right there."

Citizens who report issues will receive an automated response letting them know that their issue has been received. Once an issue has been assigned, another email will be sent to provide a status update. It is important to note that not all issues will be able to be automatically fixed. Issues will be completed based on priority-level and budget status. As with the launch of anything new, it is expected that there

will be some growing pains. The City welcomes citizen feedback and will be monitoring the application regularly in an effort to continuously improve its effectiveness.

The Fix It! Portland. platform is powered by SeeClickFix -- the world's largest provider of mobile request management applications. SeeClickFix has helped hundreds of cities and counties throughout the country to improve the quality and efficiency of service by deploying citizen-reporting apps that route problems directly to back-office issue management tools.

The project has been supported by SeeClickFix Director of Operations Tobi Wilson as well as the City of Portland's Technical & Customer Service Supervisor, Joanne Lester. Ms. Wilson mentioned that SeeClickFix is "absolutely thrilled to be working with Portland. The support from Ms. Hill-Christian and Ms. Lester as well as the rest of the City's customer service team throughout this project has been fantastic."

Fix It! Portland can be downloaded through Apple and Android App Stores by searching "Fix It Portland" or accessed directly from the City website at <http://portlandmaine.gov/1448/Fix-It-Portland>.



# ABOUT THE CITY

*This is the first of an occasional feature that will highlight various aspects of Portland's City government. All information is taken from the City's website, portland-maine.gov.*

## COMMUNITY POLICING

The Portland Police Department is strongly committed to the community policing philosophy and strives to work in partnership with citizens, businesses, service providers and other government agencies to develop solutions to neighborhood problems.

Three PPD programs are in place to facilitate problem-solving:

**Senior Lead Officers:** The Senior Lead Officers are experienced police officers assigned to sectors within the City. Available 24/7, these officers work closely with neighborhood stakeholders and other police officers to target the conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime and disorder. Senior lead officers act as the primary link between the Police Department and the neighborhoods they serve. They monitor crime trends in their assigned sector, take the lead in establishing and maintaining community partnerships, and facilitate problem-solving within their area. Please contact your Senior Lead Officer for assistance with any ongoing quality of life or public safety issue in your neighborhood.

The Senior Lead Officer for Bayside is Officer Dan Knight. Officer Knight is a 27-year veteran of the Portland Police Department, having joined the department in April of 1988. Officer Knight is a native of Yarmouth and graduated from Yarmouth High School in 1982. He joined the United States Air Force in 1983 and received an honorable discharge in 1987. Officer Knight has been assigned to the Patrol Division on various teams and has been one of our lead bike patrol officers and the face of community policing for many years. His work started in the Parkside neighborhood; since then his focus has expanded to include the whole peninsula at various times. He has been very active in the Midtown area for the past several years. Some highlights of Officer Knight's career:

- In 1997 he received a legislative proclamation for three years of dedication and devotion to Portland's neighborhood Community Policing program.
- He is a hotline volunteer for Ingraham.
- He is a CIT Officer and a long-time member of the crisis negotiation team.

The Houston Police Department presented him with a Life Saving Award (2004) and the Humanitarian Service Award (2006) while participating on a bicycle relay team to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Dan was awarded the department Commendation for Heroism for an April 1992 incident, after having led several people to safety from a burning building. He was also awarded the department Commendation for Bravery in 1992 for disarming an individual who was threatening to injure himself and others. He was awarded the Kiwanis Club Officer of the Year Award

for 1991.

**Community Policing Coordinators:** These are civilian employees assigned to Community Policing Centers on the Portland Peninsula and in the public housing developments. They provide a centralized neighborhood-oriented resource for community members to obtain information about available services or seek assistance with a problem and work closely with other neighborhood stakeholders to develop suitable programs and strategies to effect positive long-term changes in their neighborhood.

The duties of the Community Policing Coordinators are as diverse as the neighborhoods they serve. All of the Coordinators manage the hotspots and disorderly house programs in their respective neighborhoods. They meet monthly with representatives of other City departments and focus their collective resources on addresses with an inordinate number of public disorder complaints or a single drug

complaint. The Coordinators also participate in the Community Partnership for Protecting Children, a collaborative effort to help at-risk kids in the City's poorest neighborhoods. The Coordinators staff the Community Policing Centers, facilitate problem-solving and crime prevention efforts in their respective neighborhoods, and coordinate activities for low-income or at-risk youth.

The Community Policing Coordinators can be reached by phone or email, or by visiting the Community Policing Center in your neighborhood. Centers are generally staffed during working hours Monday-Friday. However, Coordinators often attend evening meetings and participate in neighborhood activities at night and on weekends. **The Community Policing Coordinator for West Bayside is Mary-Ellen Welch.**

**Neighborhood Prosecutor:** The Neighborhood Prosecutor program was introduced in 2010 as part of PPD's comprehensive

enhancement of Community Policing services. It is based upon the premise that many chronic public safety problems cannot be alleviated through traditional criminal prosecution. The Neighborhood Prosecutor develops targeted strategies to effect long-term change.

Because a misdemeanor conviction rarely results in more than a slap on the wrist and is unlikely to change behavior, the Neighborhood Prosecutor employs a wide-range of legal intervention strategies and legal remedies outside the criminal code to address public safety challenges. The Neighborhood Prosecutor is at the forefront in the fight against some of the most persistent, troubling quality of life and crime problems in the City, from graffiti and illegal dumping to dangerous dogs and chronic disorderly properties. Portland's Neighborhood Prosecutor is Attorney Rich Bianculli. *(His contact info appears on page 3 in the Community Contacts column.)*

## THE HIDDEN WORLD OF BEES AND POLLINATION

Part of the "Growing Concerns" series by MOFGA and the PMA  
**THURSDAY MARCH 26, 6:30-8:30 PM.**

### PANEL DISCUSSION

Learn about bees, our great pollinators, and the national and local issues that concern them and our food supply. Maine honey and mead tasting to follow.

*Guests include:* **Christy Hemenway**, Gold Star Honeybees; **Heather Spalding**, Deputy Director of MOFGA, **C.R. Lawn**, Fedco Seed founder.

Seating is limited and reservations are strongly recommended.



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For more information, go to: <http://1519.blackbaudhosting.com/1519/MOFGA-The-Hidden-World-of-Bees-and-Pollination>

### About the "Growing Concerns" series by MOFGA and the PMA

The Portland Museum of Art is thrilled to once again partner with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association for a series of events about growing programs and issues in our communities. All events take place in the Bernard Osher Foundation Auditorium at the PMA and are free for PMA members and MOFGA members (\$10 general public).



**BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

full address: \_\_\_\_\_

home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership contribution levels - no contribution is REQUIRED for membership. All are welcome regardless of monetary contribution. Investing your time is just as important!

- ☐ \$100 - will help sustain community events
- ☐ \$50 - will pay for after-school snacks
- ☐ \$25 - will help publish our newsletter
- ☐ \$5 - will help to publicize events

☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to help with:

- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Neighborhood Watch
- ☐ Steering Committee
- ☐ Adopt-a-block
- ☐ Event planning
- ☐ The Baysider
- ☐ Community Garden

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

my main interests:

- ☐ education
- ☐ housing
- ☐ employment
- ☐ urban planning
- ☐ green space
- ☐ diversity / culture
- ☐ transportation
- ☐ crime / safety

☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

for funding purposes, we are required to count the number of members who fall into the following categories. Your name will not be given. Please check any box that applies to you: ☐ elderly ☐ disabled ☐ victim of abuse

"I choose to be a member of the Bayside Neighborhood Association." signed \_\_\_\_\_



## Wild Seed Project

Returning native plants to the Maine landscape



# Portland Pollinator Vision Plan

## Community Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> at 6 PM

REICHE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM  
166 BRACKETT ST, PORTLAND

Wild Seed Project and graduate students from the Conway School of Landscape Design are creating a vision for pollinator corridors in Portland  
**COME SEE THE PLANS & JOIN THE DISCUSSION**



www.wildseedproject.net

# usm Scaling Up to Local

Finding and Treating Well the Labor Force for a Local and Sustainable Maine Food System



March 16, 2014 9:30am-4:00pm  
7th Floor, Glickman Library

\$25 General Public/\$10 Students & Low Income  
Includes lunch by Rosemont Market and Bakery

Visit or contact us at:

(207) 780-5960

TTY: (207) 780-5646

88 Bedford Street, Portland, ME 04104

conferences@usm.maine.edu



Register at [usm.maine.edu/cahs/scaling-local](http://usm.maine.edu/cahs/scaling-local)

## SAVE THE DATE

FOURTH ANNUAL

# Little Black Dress Event

APRIL 30, 2015

6:00 - 9:00 PM | The Ocean Gateway | Portland

Tickets can  
be purchased at

[goodwillnne.org/view/little-black-dress/](http://goodwillnne.org/view/little-black-dress/)  
or by calling 207.774.6323

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## Goodwill Job Connection Services

### OUR JOB CONNECTION SERVICES APPROACH:

Goodwill's Job Connection approach integrates solid social work practice and personalized job development, addressing the gaps experienced by individuals whose life circumstances present barriers to marketplace employment. This approach also addresses the expressed needs of employers in northern New England, as they seek qualified employees who are fully trained and supported for success.

We understand business needs as they relate to a healthy and productive workforce. This focus will ensure that we have a base of reliable, fully trained and supported candidates to contribute to each employer in a meaningful way. Individuals served through Goodwill's Job Connection approach will have access to appropriate employment opportunities within our stores in the region, Good Clean Property Services and Health Care Services.

Through our research, and decades of providing workforce development services, we have identified ten employment-limiting barriers that many people served through existing workforce systems currently experience.

Examples of these barriers include: the lack of affordable transportation, a home life where domestic violence occurs, chronic mental illness for our customer or their loved one, and substance abuse within a person's family or social system, to cite just four.

Finding ways to manage, work through, and ultimately overcome such barriers is complex. By combining social work best practices and skilled workforce development tactics, we will work to ensure successful, long-term employment for each person served through this specialized service. To increase long-term success, Goodwill support will not end with when the job is secured. We see this as critically important: Goodwill's Job Connection support will be there until it is clear that the individual is secure in the job and building personal stability.

The Job Connection model is an extension of Goodwill's history as a social enterprise – creating community solutions, and jobs, through innovation.

Contact Kelly Osborn  
Executive Director, Workforce Services  
Goodwill Administrative Office  
Call 207-774-6323

## LITTLE BLACK DRESS EVENT

Little Black Dress Event Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Fashion Show

Price: \$50, The Ocean Gateway | 14 Ocean Gateway Pier, Portland, ME 04101

Hors d'Oeuvres by Black Tie Catering | Cash Bar. Proceeds will help Goodwill meet the needs of veterans and their families. Together, with a committee of veterans and other experts, we are working to help these families meet immediate financial needs, connect to available resources, and move forward. *Attire for the event is business casual including that perfect little black dress!* Together we will make a powerful impact on veterans and their families!

Goodwill. Seeking solutions that work.

Join us. <http://www.goodwillnne.org/events/2015-little-black-dress-event/>