



# Journey Through the Past: Bayside’s Historic Marker Project

By Annie Wadleigh

**Did you know** that Bayside was once occupied by carriage-makers, apothecaries, gunsmiths, traders, and house joiners, among others? Jacob Widbur, for example, was a “chaise maker,” a man who made light traveling carriages, often with a folding hood or “calash” top. “Chaise” comes from the French word for “chair.” He worked at Russell’s Carriage and Harness Manufacturer at 311 Congress Street and was apparently reasonably successful, because he built an ample Greek Revival house at 377 Cumberland Avenue in Bayside around 1841, which contained two front parlors and five bedrooms for domestics and young children. Charles B. Smith was a deputy sheriff, grocer, and apothecary who purchased land on Parris Street in 1825, where he built a house dubbed “The Homestead” for him and his new wife, Betsey Gay. One of the first families to build in that area, he and his wife had eight children. He later added town clerk, treasurer, commission merchant, and auctioneer to his resume.

Over the last decade, attractive historical markers have gradually begun adorning houses of historic and social importance in Bayside, thanks to a core group of neighbors interested in creatively expanding the largely invisible history of Bayside to provide visible clues to our neighborhood’s intriguing past.

In 2006, a group of Bayside residents, including members of the Bayside Neighborhood Association, met to talk about developing a Historic Marker Program to celebrate the area’s architectural heritage. Prompted partially by the BNA’s successful relocation of an early 1800s Mechanic Street house that was due to be demolished, Rob Sylvain, Alex Landry, Geoffrey Melhuish, and Ron and Christine Spinella spent considerable time developing the project.

The group decided to expand the program beyond typical historical markers to include a more fluid social history, a concept only recently catching on among other historical groups. “The idea was to go beyond traditional historical facades,” says Ron Spinella. “We wanted to identify the rich histories that tell the story of this community.” Architectural Conservator and Historian Geoffrey Melhuish and the gifted genealogist Stephen Hunt were vital additions to the research team, which includes Ron and his wife, Christine.

The group already had some solid knowledge of the past, which included a valuable Bayside Neighborhood Architectural Survey written in 2001 by Martha Duprez, that identified a list of 126 buildings that “contributed to the historic character of the neighborhood.” This was further enhanced by a 2001 “Bayside De-

velopment District Phase I” report developed by archaeologist Norman L. Buttrick for the City of Portland Housing and Neighborhood Services Department. Further information came from the Register of Deeds and sets of the 19th century Portland City Directory, which can be found at the Portland Public Library’s Portland Room and at the Maine Historical Society library.

Ron and Christine decided to use their own properties as prototypes for the project. By 1841, Bayside was a rapidly developing area of heavy commerce, largely because of the train service that connected Bayside to the port. Many people built buildings for rent, as specs, or as homes that they later sold. The burgeoning research team was able to identify the following histories of the Spinella properties: the Soloman Hawkes House, House Joiner, Circa 1847, Greek Revival at 371 Cumberland Avenue; the James Hawkes House, Trader, Circa 1847, Greek Revival, at 369 Cumberland Avenue; the Gilbert L. Bailey House, Gunsmith, Circa 1855, Second Empire, at 379 Cumberland; and the Jacob Widbur House at 377 Cumberland Ave, where the Spinellas currently live and operate the 3 Fish Gallery (the gallery space originally housed the two parlors mentioned in the beginning of this article).

The oldest houses in Bayside were built in the 1820s. According to Martha’s survey, “Bayside has one of the highest concentrations of early building stock on the Portland peninsula. The neighborhood seems to have

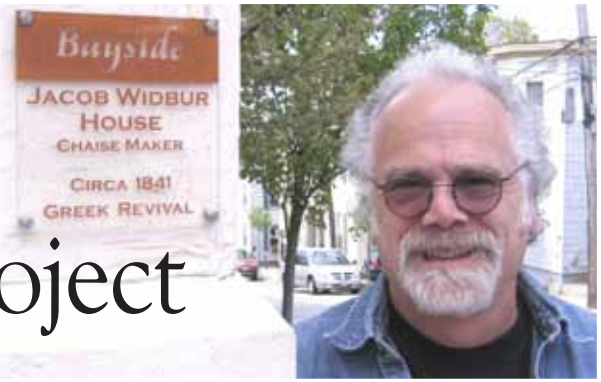
been fairly developed before the Fire of 1866. A large portion of the surviving housing was built before the Fire.” The Bayside markers go beyond the more typical listing of the house builder to include the style of architecture and the employment of the builder or renter who originally occupied the buildings. Another innovation is the inclusion of both the husband and wife’s names on the marker if a married couple owned or rented the property (traditional markers often list only the husband). So far twenty markers have been completed, and interest in the project continues to grow.

The cost for the marker is \$50, and interested building owners may contact Ron Spinella at 773-4773 if they are interested in participating in this exciting ongoing project. To qualify, a building must be at least fifty years old, and the Plexiglass marker needs to be placed so that it is visible to passersby. Of course,

\$50 per marker doesn’t begin to cover the additional costs of researching and compiling the reports, or providing installation hardware, so additional donations to support the program are always welcome. In return, the building owner receives a well-documented folder outlining the social history of the building’s occupants. Copies of these are also being donated to the Portland Public Library’s Portland Room.

Thanks to the founders and active research team of Bayside’s Historic Marker Program, people who stroll the streets of Bayside today can get a rich sense of the diverse social history of the neighborhood. Future plans include the development of a walking-tour map.

Note: Stay tuned! Future issues of the *Baysider* will document more detailed social histories of more of these fascinating houses!



Above, right: BNA Board member Ron Spinella stands beside one of his building’s historic markers. Above: This historic home on Parris Street, currently owned by BNA Board member Sean Kerwin and his wife Laura Cannon, was built in the early 1800s. (photos by Annie Wadleigh)

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**B.N.A.**  
COMMITTEES

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Meets on the second Tuesday of every other month, starting in January, 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.  
*Kendra Danse, Chair*  
*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*  
*Tina Victor*  
*Annie Wadleigh*  
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 Community Garden on Chestnut Street.  
*John Affleck*  
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*Robert Sylvain*  
*Deborah and John Van Hoewyk, Co-Chairs*

**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.  
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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*  
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*Ron Spinella*

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*Alex Landry*

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*Annie Wadleigh*  
*Denise Victor*  
*Alex Landry*

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Meets each year to recruit and nominate new members for the Board.  
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*Rob Sylvain*



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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*  
*Bill Burns*  
*Kendra Danse*  
*Steve Hirshon (President)*  
*Carol Hutchins*  
*Sean Kerwin*  
*Alex Landry*  
*Susan McCloskey*  
*Ron Spinella*  
*Rob Sylvain*  
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**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**

**LAYOUT'S**

*By Denise Victor*

*This poem is dedicated to a homeless young woman whom I've encountered many times during the past few years in Bayside. On this most recent occasion, she got up and walked fearfully and swiftly away from the city emergency workers whom I had called to help her. The workers waved to me resignedly and left.*

A layout or a layout.

A homeless young woman

Lying on the cold new spring grass,

Unmoving as a building

That will soon stand here.

I see her here and now.

She lies on the ground and lies

That she is all right.

She is softly singing to the grass

And kissing clovers.

Her body is as motionless as

A concrete building.

I've seen the future

Plans for the apartment buildings

That will soon stand here.

I imagine the tidy apartment layouts,

The tidy furniture, and the people

That will soon lie

Inside on their many beds.

This girl will find another place

To kiss the clover next spring.

**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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# Everybody Look What’s Going Down (and Up) ... in Bayside!

By Deborah Van Hoewyk

The **Bayside** neighborhood is beset by problems, and bedazzled by possibilities—Can the possibilities outweigh the problems?

The problems are largely centered on what are called “public order” crimes. According to the Portland Police Department, this includes activities like fighting, drinking and drugging, accosting people on the street, panhandling, passing out on the street (that would be a “layout”), and, of course, peeing, pooping, and throwing up hither and yon. While public order crimes have decreased by 5% in the last two years for the city as a whole, they have increased by 6% in the last year in Bayside, so Bayside accounts for 24% of all public order calls—even though the neighborhood contains only 1.17% of the city’s area and 4% of the city’s population. (The Police Department has applied for a federal grant to address public order crime in Bayside, and will hear in June whether the funding is awarded.)

Depending on your definition of social services, a majority of them are clustered in Bayside, which attracts the ever-growing homeless population. They come to Bayside for the shelters, they come for the Preble Street Resource Center’s services, they come for the soup kitchens. Although new housing initiatives have begun to make a dent in the historically high number of service seekers, these conditions contribute to the extraordinary number of public order offenses that characterize life in Bayside.

Every January, Portland does a “point in time” survey (the survey does NOT indicate the overall burden of homelessness in an area, just how many people were found on a particular day). From a low point of 276 in 2009, there has been a steady increase until this year, when 480 people were located—a 75% increase. This year, about 44% were last housed in Portland, and about 28% in the rest of the state (over a quarter came from out of state). Of these, just over a quarter struggle with chronic substance abuse, just over 30% have some form of mental illness, and nearly 45% have some form of disability (these categories are not mutually exclusive).

On the bright side, neighborhood prosecutor Trish McAllister is making slow progress against these offenses and others—e.g., graffiti and littering, “disorderly houses” (buildings with an excessive number of police calls). She has managed to get the justice system to sit up and take notice and convinced the courts of the need for a special monthly session for these violations, so they don’t get lost in the press of “bigger” court cases.

Bayside has more serious crime as well, but public order offenses have a pernicious effect on quality of life. And neighborhoods with lousy quality of life face a long, difficult struggle in attracting positive development. On the other hand, since the turn of the century, Bayside has seen incremental progress, with activity really picking up since 2010.

*Some important moments in the history of Bayside are outlined in the chart at right.*

What can keep the progress going? Baysiders can. Members of the Bayside Neighborhood Association (BNA) show up at city hearings, meetings, and workshops on plans and proposals for the neighborhood. Anyone can be a member of the BNA (it’s free, free, free!), which will keep you up to date on opportunities to make your voice heard. You can join the Neighborhood Watch committee. You can contribute to the BNA—sort of a “your money or your life” approach, where your time is as valuable as your money. Or you can just contact us for more information on any Bayside issue.

The BNA Board holds monthly meetings at 6:00 PM on the first Tuesday of the month in the Community Room at Unity Village (24 Stone Street), and all are welcome. The Neighborhood Watch meets bimonthly on the second Tuesday of the month (Unity Village, 24 Stone Street), and again, all are welcome.

You can contact the BNA through our website (<http://baysideportland.org/>) or Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BaysideNeighborhoodAssociation>). You can email the BNA at [bnaportland@gmail.com](mailto:bnaportland@gmail.com), call and leave a message at 207 523 0962, and last but not least, you can snail-mail us at P.O. Box 11563, Portland, ME 04104.

## THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

2001	<b>Unity Village</b> , an innovative mixed-income apartment building by local developer Richard Berman, opens on Stone Street between Oxford and Cumberland.
	City announces plans to purchase 14 acres near Marginal Way and spend \$11 million to create a <b>business and technology park</b> . Nothing happens. Their star business, IDEXX Laboratories, is now in Westbrook, and the city is working on a new technology park off Rand Road near exit 47 of the turnpike.
2002	Theodore West, head of Atlantic Bayside Square, completes the 54,000-square-foot <b>AAA Building</b> at 63 Marginal Way on the corner of Preble Street Way (Casco Bay Management now operates the building).
2003	<b>Wild Oats</b> , a natural and organic food chain, opens at 87 Marginal Way, in the same parking lot with Whole Grocer (now Walgreens). Wild Oats puts Whole Grocer on shaky footing, but in 2007, the Whole Foods chain gobbles up the Wild Oats Markets chain, and Whole Grocers sells out to Whole Foods. The Federal Trade Commission sits up and says Whole Foods might be interfering with competition. Although it will take the courts a couple of years to rule, Whole Foods closes the Wild Oats store in 2007 anyway, just as it opens its own store on Somerset Street.
	Chef Steve Corry and his restaurateur wife Michele Corry open the restaurant <b>Five Fifty-Five</b> , and the <b>Five Point Lounge</b> , at 555 Congress Street.
2004	In August, Avesta buys property and puts up <b>Pearl Place I</b> , where the F.W. Webb warehouse once stood at 159 Oxford/180 Pearl. The 60-unit complex is LEED certified.
	<b>Gorham Savings Bank</b> opens a new branch at 71 Marginal Way, designed by Gawron Turgeon, architects, and built by Allied Cook Construction.
2005	The city has acquired railroad property on Somerset Street, Maine Department of Transportation has released a rail easement in that area, and <b>updated zoning</b> has been enacted for Bayside.
	<b>Extension of Chestnut Street to Marginal Way</b> completed; it has a small green median where it intersects with Somerset Street and the Bayside Trail.
	The <b>Developers Collaborative</b> acquires the Chestnut Street chapel building and rehabs the Gothic Revival building for their offices.
2006	Theodore West’s Bayside Ventures, LLC, completes the 26,000 square-foot <b>Gorham Savings Bank</b> at 63 Marginal Way (Casco Bay Management now operates the building).
	Archetype Architects from down on Union Wharf completes the <b>537 Lofts</b> , 10 loft-style apartments on the top floor of the J.B. Brown Building, originally designed by John Calvin Stevens, at 537 Congress Street.
2007	Richard Berman of the Developers Collaborative completes the <b>Chestnut Street Lofts</b> , an urban-infill project with 37 residential and 2 commercial units on the southeast corner of Chestnut and Cumberland Avenue. The project required brownfield remediation.
	In February, we said hello to <b>Whole Foods</b> and good-bye to Wild Oats and Whole Grocer (see above). The Whole Foods opening was marked by a controversy with Maine’s lobster fishermen about selling lobsters packed in individual vertical cubbies by a New Hampshire-based company. Whole Foods does not sell live lobsters anywhere else, out of “crustacean compassion,” but the cubbyhole approach is apparently okay. Plus, if you want your lobster cooked in the store, employees will use the “CrustaStun” to humanely electrocute lobsters rather than boiling them alive. The lobsters come not from New Hampshire but from Vinalhaven; they themselves are not available for comment.
	Tom Moulton, a broker with NAI/The Dunham Group, and Archetype Architects redevelop offices into 13 loft-style apartments in the <b>Winslow Lofts</b> , 547A Congress, adding a penthouse on the roof.
2008	In the spring, <b>Emilitsa</b> opens at 547 Congress Street, serving upscale Greek food.
	In October, <b>Miss Portland Diner</b> , opens at 140 Marginal Way (foot of Chestnut Street). Made in 1949 by the Worcester Lunch Car Company, this is the third move for the restaurant. In 2006, <i>Newsweek</i> exec and native Mainer Tom Manning came home to preserve and expand the eatery, which now has a 48-seat restaurant behind the traditional diner.
	Also in October, the <b>Bayside Village</b> , a for-profit student housing facility, opens. With 100 units designed for quadruple occupancy, it was billed as an innovative option for USM students. It gets off to a rocky start, with nearly 60 calls for police service in its first two months.
2009	In July, <b>Grace the restaurant</b> opens in the repurposed Chestnut Street Church. Owners Anne and Peter Verrill, who also have the Foreside Tavern in Falmouth, spend \$1,000,000 renovating the church to include seating for 175, a 25-seat circular bar using design elements from the church, and 27 preserved stained glass windows.
	On September 22, <b>Peace Halal Market</b> opens in the Chestnut Street Lofts.
2010	In March, Theodore West’s Bayside Ventures, LLC, completes a nearly 300,000 square-foot, ten-story Class A office building at 84 Marginal Way (now owned by Atlantic Bayside Trust, LLC, and operated by Casco Bay Management). The building houses <b>Intermed</b> , the law firm of <b>Drummond &amp; Woodsum</b> , <b>WinXnet</b> , <b>Apothecary by Design</b> , and the <b>PeRx-U-Up</b> café.
	Also in March, <b>Power Pay LLC</b> , a fast-growing Portland company, buys the defunct Public Market on Cumberland Avenue between Elm and Pearl to repurpose it into offices for up to 200 employees. They also buy, at auction, the empty lot at 409 Cumberland, site of the failed Waterview condominium project.
	Charlie Mitchell and State Sen. Justin Alfond repurpose the old Skillful Vending Warehouse at 58 Alder Street into <b>Bayside Bowl</b> , which sports a 12-lane alley, live music venue, and a full kitchen and bar.

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—PRESS RELEASES—

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
LAUNCHES PUBLIC  
SURVEY

The Police Department is conducting an online survey of Portland residents to gauge public perceptions of crime and overall safety throughout the city. Our mission includes maintaining a safe city by working in partnership with the community. This survey allows us to reach out to the people that matter most and learn how we are doing. Information gathered will be used to help guide the department in our crime reduction efforts, community policing initiatives, and ways to strengthen relationships within the community.

**The survey is only 40 questions and takes just a few minutes to complete and is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/PortlandPI](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PortlandPI).**

We thank the University of New England, School of Social Work, and Dr. Thomas McLaughlin. UNE has been a partner in this effort, assisting with formulating the survey questions and agreeing to host and provide analysis of the results. Without their assistance the survey would not be possible. UNE's ongoing support and contribution to our city is greatly appreciated.

PORTLAND STREETS  
GET UPGRADES

**\$3 million of improvements planned for forty streets in the city this construction season**

The City of Portland's Department of Public Services has announced \$3 million worth of investment in paving and street reconstruction for the 2013 construction season (May-November). Beginning in May, and continuing through the fall, crews will be working to significantly improve the quality of five busy commuter streets as well as thirty-five residential streets.

"Investments in our infrastructure are critical, they improve the safety and quality of life within a neighborhood," stated City of Portland Mayor Michael Brennan. "This year marks the first year of implementation of the city's Pavement Management Program, which ensures significant and consistent investments in city streets."

In partnership with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (PACTS), five collector streets including Baxter Boulevard, International Parkway (Jetport Access Road), the Jetport Boulevard, Eastern Promenade, Lambert Street and Veranda Street will be resurfaced this year at a cost of \$1.28 million, which includes a \$283,000 local match. These projects were identified by the city as busy streets that provide access to key neighborhoods within the city that are in need of improvement. Work on these projects began the night of May 15 on both the International Parkway and Jetport Boulevard. The overnight work is intended to reduce the impact on local traffic.

Through the city's Pavement Management Program, a number of residential streets will also be resurfaced and

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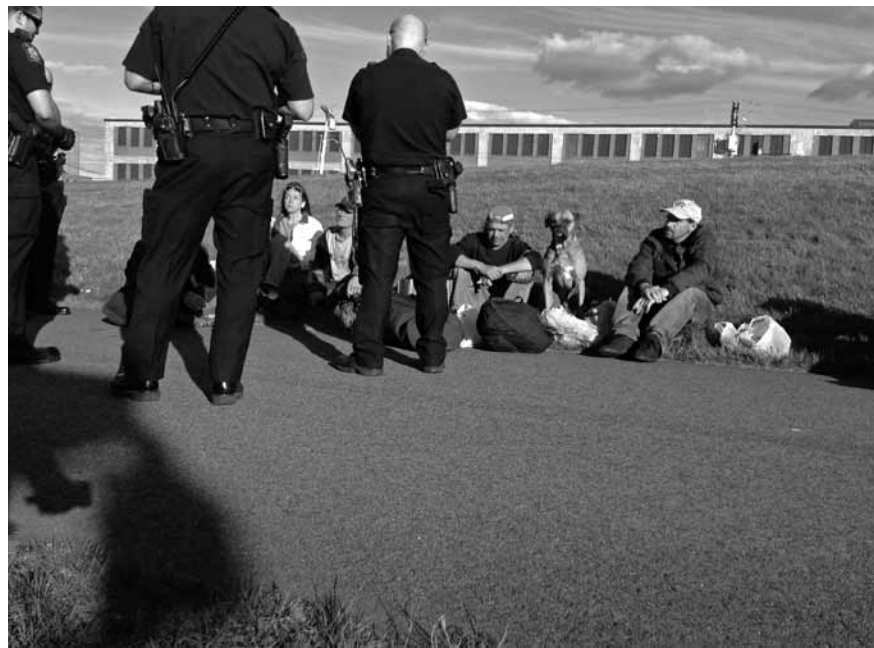
Upside/Downside:  
The Bayside Trail

By Steve Hirshon

The Bayside Trail opened in 2010, a wonderful amenity in a neighborhood sorely lacking them. The mile-long link to the Eastern Prom and Back Cove trails has become a popular commuting route for cyclists and walkers, giving them car-free access to Bayside shopping and downtown offices.

It's a great place for a lunchtime jog or to just hang out on the wall and chat with friends. Although it's gaining popularity, the trail is still an underutilized asset. Its numbers pale in comparison with its neighbors'. But as Jay York's excellent photo attests, some people like the Bayside Trail just fine. A little too fine. Drinking and loitering, arguing and bickering occur regularly on the trail. As a neighbor who walks his dog on the trail several times a week says, "It looks like a wet park."

Scenes like the one shown here are all too common throughout the city, but it's a rite of spring here in Bayside. In February, a grant application submitted by the Portland Police Department to the US Department of Justice asked for support to develop strategies to reduce

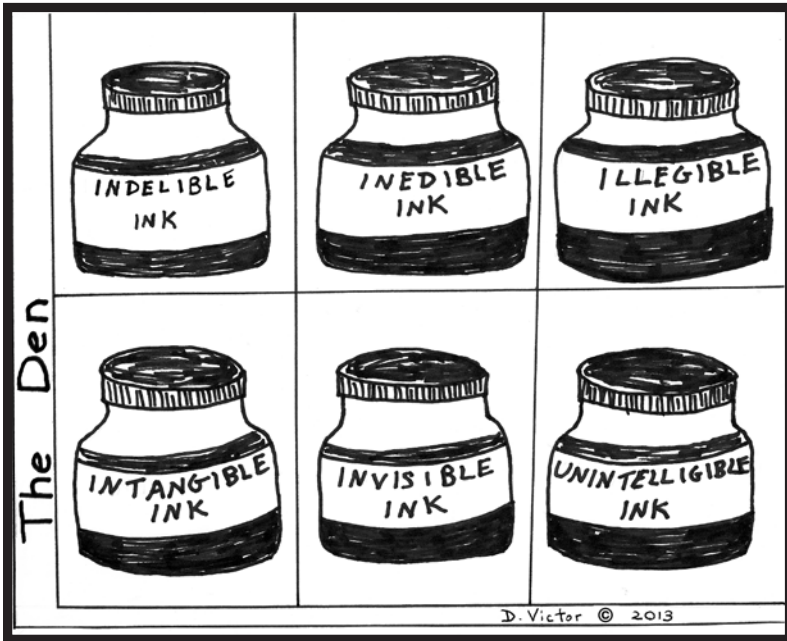


Portland police officers reach out to patrons of the Bayside Trail.

the large number of Public Order Offenses, such as public drinking, fights, and aggressive panhandling. The numbers are sobering. Over 2100 Public Order Offenses in Bayside for the study year. The next highest number was in Parkside, at fewer than 1200.

What can we do to lower those numbers? A little less of a "roll with it" attitude and a little more in terms of expectations of what is acceptable behavior might be a start. Report suspicious activity when you see it. Take advantage of resources like the HomeTeam when people are hanging on your steps enjoying their own private Happy Hour.

When you are approached by a panhandler, think about the many support services we have in Bayside, and make a mental note to send one of them a check. Next time you shop at a thrift store that sells socks, pick up a dozen pair of clean white socks and drop them off at the Shelter at Preble Street, or at Oxford Street. It will brighten someone's day. Tolerance can take many forms, but it doesn't have to mean accepting the unacceptable.



Talking with Tina

By Tina Victor

**Hello, all!** *The Baysider* is back, and so is another interview with Tina.

If you wondered whether the main library is located in the Downtown District or in Bayside, it is Bayside's very own.

I recently sat down with Stephen Podgajny, the library's Executive Director and Head Librarian. Here are some of the questions I asked him. Enjoy!

**Q: How long have you worked here?**

A: I've worked here a little over seven years. It's a very nice community.

**Q: What kind of education does it take to be a librarian?**

A: Well, you need a Master's in library science, which includes a Bachelor's degree. You should be familiar with Dewey Decimal System. But most of all you should want to serve people-help them find a book or connect them to new ideas.

**Q: Do you know any history about this building?**

A: Portland has had a library since 1867. We have collected a lot during these 145 years. We have paintings, books, and newspapers from years ago up until now. The library is changing with the years and with the community.

**Q: How many people use the Portland Public Library branches every day or every year?**

A: There are 700,000 visits a year. This library is the most heavily visited cultural institution in Maine. People from all walks of life come here and love it.

**Q: Are there any good volunteer jobs at the library for those who are looking to volunteer?**

A: There are lots of volunteer positions from reading to kids and shelving books to building maintenance.

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**Q: What are the best events that go on here, in your opinion?**

A: Definitely programs for kids. Also the art exhibits in the Lewis Gallery downstairs. Another good event that happens in the library is the series of author talks--when writers come in and talk about their books.

So, this was a fun interview to do! I got to go the third floor of the library and look around. Stephen P. is a cool guy.

*Look out for the next Baysider!*



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Dear Neighbor,  
This is a Town Hall Meeting I held at the Parkside Neighborhood Center last year (above). I like to hold these events to inform the public about what is going on in Augusta and to get your feedback.  
  
This week I have good news to report on two of my bills and on Sunday I will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Parkside Neighborhood Center. I look forward to seeing you if you're able to attend.  
—Ben

**Income Tax Bill Approved by Taxation Committee**  
I am happy to report that on Monday the Taxation Committee voted 8-5 in favor of my bill to increase the state income tax on our wealthiest residents. LD 1256, An Act to Establish Tax Fairness would, require those earning \$100,000 or more per year to be taxed at 8.5% instead of the current rate of 7.95%.

I introduced LD 1256 because I believe that our wealthiest residents can afford to pay a slightly higher percentage in income tax than the rest of us. This bill will raise millions of dollars in new revenue and help balance the state budget. This bill now goes to the full House and Senate. To see a copy of this bill, <http://BenChipman.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5e417b0f3f909c61afad72e52&id=41b8595e49&e=812110d762>.  
  
**Bill to Stop Landfill Expansion Passed by Committee**  
My bill to place a statewide moratorium of landfill expansions, LD 1363, just received a 10-3 majority ought to pass vote by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I introduced this bill on Earth Day because we need to be recycling more and stop burying trash and waste in landfills. Everyday tons of waste is brought into

Maine from other states and buried in our landfills. Maine should not be a dumping ground for other states. This is not sustainable and needs to stop.  
  
This summer the committee I serve on, Environment and Natural Resources, will conduct a study on solid waste. We will examine landfills, where waste comes from, how to increase recycling, and recommend policy changes. I think it is important that we prevent landfills from expanding while we study this issue. The full House and Senate will take up this bill next week. For a copy of my bill,, please go online  
  
*Feel free to contact me anytime. I can be reached at (207) 318-4961 or e-mail: Ben.Chipman@legislature.maine.gov.*  
—Ben



WHERE THE MONEY GOES

By Kevin Donoghue  
Portland voters have approved the school budget, and the municipal budget remains under development pending resolution of an untold number of variables in the state budget. The city has, however, committed FY14 funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and has nearly finalized the FY14 bonds for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP and the development category of CDBG represent our two main tools for investing in physical infrastructure and in improving conditions

in low-income neighborhoods. While financial resources are increasingly strained, I believe we are targeting resources well.  
  
Much of what is funded in CDBG and the CIP are significant site-specific projects while others attempt to spread benefits more widely, such as installation of accessible curb ramps, including extension of more accessible crossings from residences to the Eastern Promenade; new trees for largely bare streets like Merrill Street; several more Big Belly Solar Compactors throughout the district in addition to those already installed on Munjoy Hill and Peaks Island; and the expansion of the facade improvement program to neighborhoods business districts, like Washington Avenue cutting through the East End and Portland Street in West Bayside. Neighborhoods throughout the district are also anticipating further bricks-and-mortar work.  
  
**East End**  
Munjoy Hill will see an even deeper investment in the restoration of Fort Allen Park, with an additional \$30K to upgrade the bandstand, which hosts its popular summer concerts. The intersection at the top of Cutter Street will be realigned for improved safety for \$125K, and the City is contributing about \$200K for repaving of Eastern Promenade and Fore Street.

Atlantic Street will see a failing segment of its brick sidewalk reconstructed for about \$65K. Morning Street and Vesper Street will see sidewalk extensions toward Fort Allen for \$20K. Additionally, I am working to nail down about \$8K to fill in sidewalk gaps on Romasco Lane. India Street neighbors will soon enjoy construction of the forgotten segment of brick sidewalk on Federal Street for \$40K, which will also bolster the site of the Abyssinian Meeting House. Additionally, \$25K will go toward repairing the grand tombs in the historic Eastern Cemetery. East Bayside neighbors will celebrate the major upgrade to our newest neighborhood byway, for safer biking and walking on Anderson Street from Fox Street to Tukey's Bridge for \$245K. Fox Street is also planned for repaving from Anderson Street and up to Washington Avenue.  
  
**Downtown**  
Bayside will see another installment of about \$200K toward a full complement of new pedestrian street lamps lining Cumberland Avenue. \$150K will help push the realignment of Somerset Street and extend a new segment of the Bayside Trail through to Forest Avenue. Bayside will also bid a fond farewell to the Silver Bullets, being reinstalled at a cost of \$100K.

Most exciting for Bayside is, however, the \$50K put toward engineering streetscape work for Portland Street in anticipation of a following direct investment in the hundreds of thousands. Elsewhere Downtown, \$450K will go toward a pedestrian-friendly intersection redesign around Lobsterman's Park as an outgrowth of an effort to retrieve Spring Street from urban renewal.  
  
Most exciting for Downtown is, I believe, the \$330K toward implementation of the innovative Congress Street Transit Priority Corridor as called for in the recent Peninsula Transit Plan. Other downtown projects include about \$100K for sidewalk rehabilitation at the Civic Center.  
  
**Islands**  
Critical investments for the City's islands include \$160K to replace the ambulance on Peaks Island and \$80K for repairs to the wharf on Cliff Island. This spring and summer, department heads and I will begin the island editions of the District One Annual Meeting, intended to, among other things, solicit input for other key investments in the City's islands.  
  
*Please be in touch with your input for future priorities: [kjdonoghue@portland-maine.gov](mailto:kjdonoghue@portland-maine.gov)*

Bayside Trash Pickup on the Fourth of July

By Suzanne Hunt, Sanitation Compliance Officer, City of Portland  
Starting with Memorial Day 2013, the City of Portland Sanitation Crew will pick up on most holidays. This means that Thursday Route Bayside residents will have their trash and recycle picked up as usual on Thursday, the Fourth of July, 2013. Have it on the curb by 6:30 a.m. and it will be gone well before the fireworks!  
  
Summer goes fast here in Portland, so remember that an E card will allow you to properly dispose of hazardous waste at Riverside only on the First Saturday of the month from April to November. Acceptable items include oil-based paint, pool chemicals, drain cleaners, air conditioner refrigerants, gas, oil, rat poison, and insecticides. 10 gallons maximum. Items must be safely contained and identified. Latex paint is not hazardous and will not be accepted. This is a good opportunity to clear the basement or garage of hazardous things you do not need. These items are harmful to the earth and must be disposed of properly.



Photo inset: Don't let this happen to you!! The gulls are back and hungry!! Set out your bags as late as possible. Trash cans are encouraged.

Ebune ~ All Peoples, All Creatures Spring Parade & Celebration

On a sunny and warm May 5, the Ebune Parade marched Congress Street. The EBUNE procession passed in front of City Hall and up Munjoy Hill for a gathering/celebration on the Eastern Promenade. This year, MeCA student, Marita Kennedy-Castro, along with a crew of volunteers and organizations, organized the event, titled "Ebune ~ All Peoples, All Creatures Spring Parade & Celebration."  
  
  
All cultures and creeds of our Portland community came together in celebration of the beautiful diversity of nature; of the many peoples that make up our diverse community; the many creatures and species that call Mother Earth home. (More photos can be found on Facebook, under Ebune.)



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paved this year. Funded by the FY13 Capital Improvement Program, \$1.7 will be invested in these local streets. In addition to the surfacing and paving work, a number of residential streets will have ramps installed in the sidewalk curb to allow for improved pedestrian accessibility. Property owners along these residential streets are encouraged to schedule any underground utility work prior to May 31.

The streets receiving repair work this season were selected through the city’s Pavement Management Program. Last spring, the city worked with a local engineering firm to establish a condition rating of all city streets (approximately 700) as well as MDOT maintained road (approximately 60) in Portland. All streets were surveyed and this data was used to score the streets on a scale of one hundred, which would determine the needs and extent of repairs. The scores were then used to develop a multi-year management and investment plan, which recommended an annual investment of up to \$3.5 million in city streets. The FY14 CIP budget continues the process of regular and predictable investments in the pavement program with a total of \$3 million in allocations. The management program also prioritizes opportunities to collaboration or combine projects with other work in a neighborhood. Prior to this year, the city had invested between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million in pavement management.

See the City’s website (www.portlandmaine.gov) for a complete list of streets to be repaired.

PORTLAND EXTENDS COMPOSTING PROGRAM

In response to high demand, the City of Portland Public Services Department has decided to extend its composting program by offering compost bins, wing diggers, kitchen waste pails and rain barrels at discounted prices at their offices at 55 Portland Street until supplies run out. Residents who purchase the products will have them delivered to their address on their next trash/recycling collection day.

The 2013 home compost bin and how-to guide are available at a reduced cost of \$50.00 (original price \$100). The bin has a 10-year warranty, made of 100% recycled plastic and is large enough for a family of five. Kitchen Waste Pails, for kitchen food scraps, are available for \$10.00 each, and the wing digger compost turner can be purchased for a discounted price of \$20.00.

Also available is the REOTEMP Backyard Compost Thermometer, which monitors the interior temperature of compost bins, available for \$20.00. People can purchase a 55-gallon capacity Rain Barrel for \$65.00 (visit <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/show-art.asp?contentID=2492> for more information).

Orders will be taken in person at the Department of Public Services, 55 Portland Street, Portland ME 04101. Order forms are available online. Payment in the form of check or money order should be made payable to the

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Irish Patriot in the American Civil War

By Hon. Herb Adams

This summer marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. This tiny Pennsylvania town was the northernmost point of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s invasion of the North during the Civil War. Its very name became the byword for the American meaning of “battle”; its great graveyard is the very symbol of “cemetery.”

From July 1 - 3, 1863, two great American armies ground to a halt here, and for three days, in stifling heat soaring over 120 degrees, annihilated each other.

Even by the savage standards of the Civil War, Gettysburg set a grim yardstick: Total casualties, North and South, fall somewhere between 46,000 and 51,000. Historians cannot enumerate the dead that even the commanders on the field could not count.

It is believed the North lost over 23,000 casualties, matched by at least another 23,000 from the South. Gettysburg was the single battle with the greatest number of casualties in the entire Civil War. Even to us, in a media age, such numbers numb the imagination; the mind cannot picture it. It is as if the entire population of South Portland, say, or Waterville, or Brunswick, vanished overnight. The cost stretched across generations--in families cut short, in lives never lived.

And Bayside too, like every American town, shared in the loss. Lt. Michael C. Boyce of Hanover Street was killed in 1863 at Gettysburg, at about age 27. An Irish immigrant, he left behind a young widow, a suggestion of promise, and a story that symbolized the hopes and perils of life in a new country.

Records indicate Michael Boyce was born about 1836 in St. John, New Brunswick, the son of Irish immigrants from County Donegal, and by the late 1840s was living in Portland near other Canadian-Irish immigrants named O’Kain.

As a double immigrant, in a sense, Boyce seized the opportunities of a new country, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1855, claiming to be 21 and a cooper (barrel maker) by trade. But in fact Boyce was barely 18, and the truth caught up with him in 1857 at Ft. Snelling, Montana Territory, where he had gone west with the American tide. Boyce was discharged as underage, but he promptly re-enlisted back in Boston in 1858.

Boyce was a strapping soldier . He is described as being 6 foot 1 on his enlistment papers, with dark hair, grey eyes, and florid complexion. At St. Dominic’s Church in Portland on March 23, 1863, he proudly married young Mary Ann O’Kain, his next-door Portland neighbor.

Their time of married bliss was short. By now a Lieutenant in Co. A, the 10th U.S. Infantry, Boyce was quickly ordered south in the movements to block the Confederate march up the Shenandoah Valley in 1863.

As an officer in the “Regular Army”--not U.S. volunteers--Boyce was Aide-de-Camp to U.S. General Romeyn Ayres, and was in the thick of the attack at Gettysburg with the 10th U.S. Infantry on July 2, 1863-- the same day on which Col. Joshua Chamberlain and the famous 20th Maine held off the Confederate attack on Little Round Top.

The devastated 10th U.S. Infantry lost nearly two-thirds of the regiment that day, including Lt. Boyce, “who died at the General Hospital, Gettysburg, Penn., of wounds received in battle July 2, 1863.”

By morning the very next day, the new telegraph lines in Market (now Monument) Square clattered with the names of Portland boys lost on that distant battlefield. But no record remains, apparently, of how the news reached Mary Ann, his young bride of barely three months back in Portland, nor of her hours alone with the coffin that arrived, among so many others, in early August.

“Lieut. M. C. Boyce, 10th U.S. Regulars, who

was killed at Gettysburg, was buried with military honors yesterday afternoon from his late residence on Hanover Street” wrote the Portland Daily Press on August 10, 1863. The regular U.S. Army saluted its own: “ A company of the 17th U.S. Regulars, under Lieut. Inmann (commander of Fort Preble ) did escort duty, preceded by Chandler’s Band.”

At St. Dominic’s, Father Eugene Muller performed the Mass of Requiem, with George M. Howe on the pipe organ. The 17th U.S. Regulars then marched Boyce’s remains to Calvary Cemetery, Cape Elizabeth (now South Portland), where he was laid to rest “with military honors” in the O’Kain family lot.

And so one more young life ended, and so many questions left unanswered. Like so many lost in the Civil War, all that is now known about Lt. Boyce must be found in a few news clips and enlistment papers.

Mary Ann later remarried, but what became of her? We do not know. Exactly where was their briefly happy home on Hanover Street? We do not know. In later years, what were her thoughts visiting her family lot at Calvary? We do not know. Did Boyce’s brothers or sisters continue the bloodline of the brave soldier of so long ago? We do not know. Did any of them find success in the immigrant promise of a new life in America? We do not know.

We do know that Lt. Michael C. Boyce was not to be among the Mainers buried at the vast cemetery at Gettysburg so movingly dedicated by President Lincoln that November of 1863. Boyce still rests with his family, here in his adopted home. Perhaps a few distant family members remember him still—and now the readers of this story, too.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

2010	In March, Theodore West’s Bayside Ventures, LLC, completes a nearly 300,000 square-foot, ten-story Class A office building at 84 Marginal Way (now owned by Atlantic Bayside Trust, LLC, and operated by Casco Bay Management). The building houses <b>Intermed</b> , the law firm of <b>Drummond &amp; Woodsum</b> , <b>WinXnet</b> , <b>Apothecary by Design</b> , and the <b>PeRx-U-Up</b> café.
	Also in March, <b>Power Pay LLC</b> , a fast-growing Portland company, buys the defunct Public Market on Cumberland Avenue between Elm and Pearl to repurpose it into offices for up to 200 employees. They also buy, at auction, the empty lot at 409 Cumberland, site of the failed Waterview condominium project.
	Charlie Mitchell and State Sen. Justin Alford repurpose the old Skillful Vending Warehouse at 58 Alder Street into <b>Bayside Bowl</b> , which sports a 12-lane alley, live music venue, and a full kitchen and bar.
	In June, <b>Bayside Village student housing</b> is in default on its mortgage; it has only a 60% occupancy rate. Federated Companies of Florida buys the complex in December for \$9.3 million.
	<b>The Bayside Trail</b> , even though not yet complete, opens on August 19. Colette Bouchard of the BNA cuts the ribbon. Running from the Eastern Prom Trail, with a connection to the Back Cove Trail, the Bayside Trail still needs to be connected to Deering Oaks.
	<b>Trader Joe’s</b> opens on Friday, October 29, in the Marginal Way building formerly occupied by Wild Oats. For days before it opened, folks stood outside with signs welcoming TJ’s to town.
2011	On February 9, <b>Shanghai Tokyo</b> opens at 511 Congress Street, with a pan-Asian menu and late hours.
	On April 1, a new <b>Walgreens</b> opens at 127 Marginal Way, in the remodeled Whole Grocer Building
	On April 14, Erin Kelly and Nathaniel Baldwin open the <b>Portland Flea-for-All</b> where the Asia West warehouse used to be at 125 Kennebec Street.
	On May 23, the City Council approves the sale of 3.25 acres along Somerset Street to the Federated Companies (Florida) for \$2.28 million, \$1.32 million less than the asking price of \$3.6 million. Federated is proposing <b>Maritime Landing</b> , 7 buildings that incorporate retail, offices, market rate residential units, and parking.
	On August 29, <b>Schulte and Herr</b> opens at 349 Cumberland Avenue; it seems to be well on its way to defeating the “revolving restaurant” curse of the location.
2012	In November, Avesta’s project for affordable efficiency apartments, the <b>Oak Street Lofts</b> , 72 Oak Street, is ready for occupancy. The building is marketed to artists and draws 200 applications for 37 units.
	In March, Federated Companies sells <b>Bayside Village</b> , the private student housing they picked up in 2010, to Blue Vista Capital Management out of Chicago, for \$18.2 million. In that time, they achieved 100% occupancy and substantially increased the value of the complex.
	Avesta begins construction on <b>Pearl Place II</b> , a 54-unit affordable, LEED certified apartment building at the corner of Lancaster and Pearl Streets, projected to be completed in the fall of 2012.
	In response to public comment, Federated makes changes in its plan for Maritime Landing, changing the name to <b>Midtown</b> , incorporating share cars and bicycles into the parking garage, and starting to develop final designs for the complex.
2013	Avesta crystallizes its plans for the temporary parking lot at 409 Cumberland Avenue—by May, they have started the public process for input on a mixed-income apartment building on the site.
	<b>Bayside Village</b> student housing is sliding back down into public nuisance status.
	<b>Pearl Place II</b> opens.
	The <b>food scene</b> perks up with <b>Flea Bites</b> , a congregation of food trucks at the Flea-for-All on First Fridays (there were a couple of Flea Bites in the fall of 2012); almost as fast as <b>G&amp;R DiMillo’s</b> closes, a new restaurant is making plans to open in that building; <b>Union Bagels</b> officially opens on May 24 on Cumberland Avenue.



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TRIBUTE TO A DEPARTED  
IRISH PATRIOT

To The Editor  
of The Press:

We witnessed, yesterday, at the Roman Catholic Church, on State Street, the funeral of 1st Lieut. M. C. Boyce, 10th Regt. USA.

He entered the Army in the year 1855, when a boy of eighteen, and rose step by step, through intelligence, energy and good habits, from the ranks to the position of 1st Lieut. in the regular army.

He passed through the battle of Yorktown, Williamsburg, the seven terrible days in which our army was driven from the Peninsula, the 2nd

Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville without a scratch. At Gettysburg, he was an aide-de-camp of Gen. Ayres of our city, and at that battle received his death wound. Besides family and home friends, many, very many, officers mourn the loss of their gallant and much-loved comrade.

All honor to the brave and self-made young Irishman who, after giving youth and early manhood, when that was not enough, offered up his life to the struggle and most holy cause of his adopted country.

—A BROTHER OFFICER.



Historian Matthew Barker of the Irish Heritage Center (which now occupies St. Dominic's Church), found this poignant letter (above), written by a comrade of Lt. Boyce, that appeared in the Portland Daily Press the day after his funeral. Even across 150 years, it still speaks to the heart. Inset: photograph of Union soldiers from 1862, from <http://www.history.army.mil/books/AMH-V1/ch09.htm>



Bayside Health Fair 2013

By Annie Seikonia

This year's Bayside Health Fair on May 18 brought lots of neighbors out for this fun annual event, which featured informational tables, free ice cream, baby goats, live music, Irish step dancing, and more. Kids had lots of activities, including free fitted bike helmets and a raffle that included free bikes, free tickets to the Children's Museum, and other fun prizes.

The fair is presented by the University of Southern Maine Bayside Community Nursing Partnership with Bayside Neighborhood Association and Midtown Community Policing. Hats off to the USM nursing students who are the primary organizers and do a wonderful job of bringing this annual event to Bayside! We appreciate their hard work!



photos by Annie Seikonia



Photos: Top, Goats were available for petting. Left to right: Mary Ellen Welch, Bayside Community Policing, and volunteer Marjorie Niblock serve free ice cream, neighborhood friends enjoy the Fair; step dancing was performed; USM nursing students in costume at the Healthy Foods table; children's activities.

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City of Portland and must be made when placing an order. All items will be delivered to the residence on their trash collection day.

In line with Portland's sustainability goals, the city endorses composting as an environmentally responsible waste reduction strategy and effective alternative to chemical lawn fertilizers. A recent study by the University of Maine suggests that more than 40% of the household waste generated in the Greater Portland area consists of compostable organics. Residents who compost at home, participate in leaf and yard waste collection programs, and aggressively recycle can dramatically reduce the amount of waste they produce by as much as 80%--saving themselves money by reducing the number of city trash bags they need to purchase as well as reducing costs to the city for waste removal.

YARDSCAPING INFO

In addition to composting organics, the city encourages residents to adopt "yardscaping" practices, which include reduced mowing, aerating, and using compost to amend soil instead of applying chemical fertilizers. Contact the Department of Public Services at 874-8011 for more information about the composting program.

For more information about yardscaping, visit the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District website, <http://www.cumberlandswcd.org/>.

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MEMBERSHIP  
FORM

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_



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## Tag It! Bulky Item Collection Program

# TAG IT!

Do you need to get rid of an item that is too big to fit in a City trash bag? The City of Portland's **Tag It! Bulky Item Collection Program** can help. On April 1, 2013 the Department of Public Services will begin taking orders for bulky item tags that will allow residents to dispose of certain items at the curb.

**WHAT IS IT?** The *Tag It! Program* allows eligible Portland residents to dispose of up to 10 small bulky items each year for no charge. Small items are common household items that weigh 30 lbs or less including kitchen chairs, small appliances, gas grills, rolled up rug or carpet, small furniture, large toys and lawn equipment (oil and gas removed). The program also allows residents to dispose of large bulky items for \$40 each. Large items are common household items that weigh more than 30 lbs. These include appliances such as washing machines, large furniture such as sofas, mattresses and

large bookcases or shelves. The program does not accept building and remodeling debris, items that could fit in a bag, hazardous waste or liquid waste.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** Go to our website at <http://recycle.portlandmaine.gov> and click "Tag It! Program". You will answer a series of questions that will let us know where to send your tag and what we will be looking for. Please read each question carefully so you provide us with the correct information. Inaccurate or incomplete answers will delay delivery of your tags.

If you don't have access to a computer, we can help you in person at 55 Portland Street. We can't take orders over the phone.

**HOW DO I PAY FOR LARGE ITEM TAGS?** First, provide us with information about the small

items you want to get rid of. After that, click on the "Large Item" link. After completing the order form you will be taken to a secure website where you will confirm your order and provide your credit or debit card information.

### WHEN CAN I PUT OUT MY ITEM?

You should receive your bulky tags within seven days. **For small items:** affix a small item tag to each of the items you selected on the order form. Set them at the curb on your next trash day. **For large items:** You will need to set your large item at the curb on the day indicated on the large item tag. Read the tag carefully, affix it to your large item and set it out on the assigned day to ensure collection.

Questions? Call 874-8801 or log onto [recycle.portlandmaine.gov](http://recycle.portlandmaine.gov).

**City of Portland  
Small Item Tag**

For more information  
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