



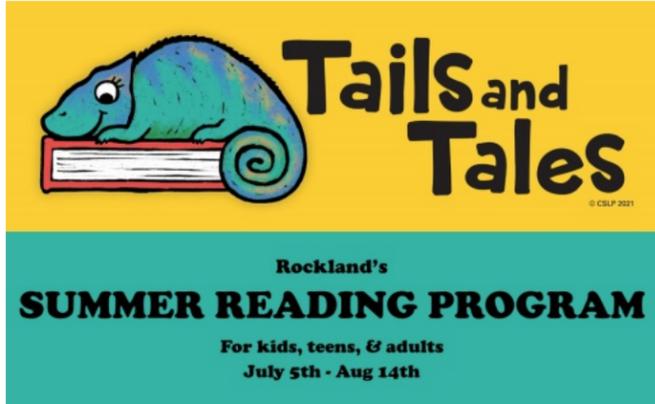
The Buzz

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Library News



Based upon CDC and State of Maine recommendations, and the ending of the State of Civil Emergency, beginning on Thursday, July 1, masks will no longer be required in the Rockland Public Library, but continued mask use is encouraged for those not vaccinated as well as in the Children's Room.

Library hours will also change starting July 1. The Library will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 AM to 8 PM, Wednesday and Friday 10 AM- 5 PM, and Saturdays, 10 AM - 4 PM.

The Library is moving towards limited capacity in-person programming, but will continue to offer many programs virtually during and after the transition. In-person storytimes may be outdoors or inside: for Toddlers—Tuesdays at 10:30, Pre-School and School Age-Wednesdays at 10:30, and Babytime- Thursdays at 10:30.

Rockland Public Library is located at 80 Union St. Curbside service will continue to be available on request. For more information, please call 594-0310

Hank Garfield on the Metro



This week our Metro Show guest will be Hank Garfield, writer, teacher, sailor, and exemplar of the automobile-free life. He will arrive in Rockland on the bus from Bangor, and will spend the

night aboard his sailboat on its mooring in Rockland harbor.

Meet Hank, and join the conversation on Wednesday, June 23, 5-6 pm on WRFR radio and on Maine Coast Television - and streaming online at wrfr.org and mainecoast.tv



Sail Free

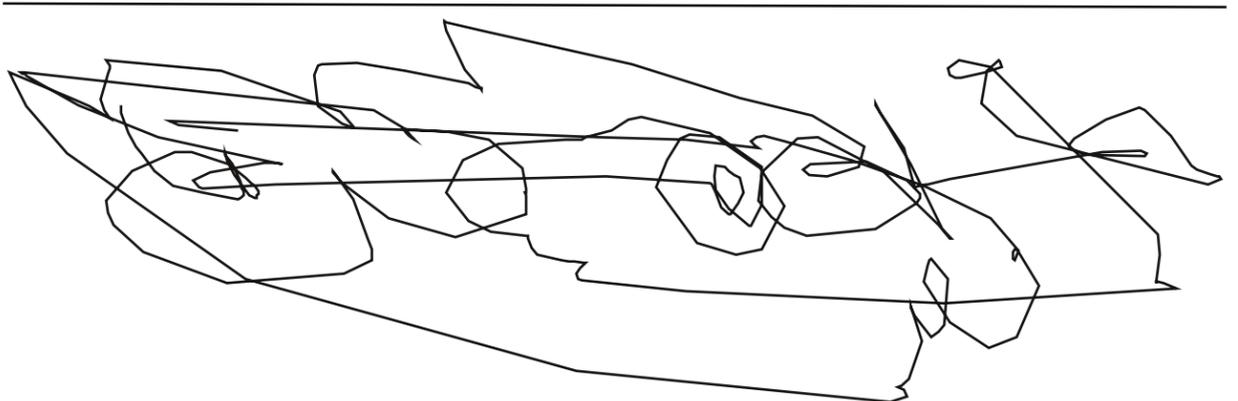


Kids can learn to sail for free this summer, thanks to Captain Jim Sharp and those who support his Sail Power and Steam Museum at Rockland' south end. The museum is on the harbor, with its own wharf and docks - and a fleet of 30 Optimus prams.

The "Opties" are easy to build and practically indestructible little sailing machines that can be sailed by a child - very safe, very fun, and easy to learn to sail.

Learning to sail is a great way to connect with nature, a fine adventure, and a character and confidence builder. While sailing is these days too often connected with status and wealth, it can be a very inexpensive (and very green!) way for Rockland residents to enjoy lifelong adventure on the beautiful waters of our harbor and Penobscot Bay.

The Sail Power and Steam Museum is on the site of the former Snow Shipyard at 73 Mechanic Street in Rockland. To find out more about free sailing for kids, call 596-0200



Public Forum on Policing

Councilor Nate Davis writes:

Rockland City Council has sporadically discussed the nature of policing in Rockland since the murder of George Floyd last year and subsequent public commentary and activism. I realize that some of you wish that we had engaged in a more sustained discussion at a faster pace. We are now ready to start such a discussion, probably via the creation of a committee to advise the City Council on these matters. But before we create such a committee, we will convene a facilitated public forum on policing in Rockland on Monday, June 21 at 6pm via Zoom. (The Zoom link will be on the calendar at rocklandmaine.gov once the meeting is posted.) What we hear from the public at this forum will inform our approach to creating and interacting with the committee. Please come and share your thoughts and experiences.

I have received inquiries from people who wish to share their input anonymously and/or have concerns around retribution. I have not wanted to influence the structure of this forum more than any other City Councilor (except the Mayor), so I have shared these concerns but not pushed strongly for them to be addressed here, in part because of the tight timeline around this forum. However, as we conduct more public meetings on these topics, I will try to ensure that these concerns are considered.



Happy Hour

Tuesday 4-6 p.m.
Friday 6-8 p.m.
Hosted by DJ Chuckee. The Longest Hour in Radio, Featuring an eclectic mix of music you've probably never heard before.

I know folks who swear the virus came from a lab. I don't know! But if the ticks didn't come from some lab how come they have bar code on their backs? -gb



Glen Birbeck

Oceanside Middle School fun day was organized by parents to celebrate the end of the school year with games and food.

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Feeling overwhelmed and short on time, I hired a professional gardener my neighbor recommended to tackle our neglected flower gardens and weed-filled brick patio. I've never seen anyone work so hard and with such fantastic results. I told her she was my "Gardening Angel", to which she said, "Maybe I should put that on my business card." Like our lawn mower, the gardener is unable to find any helpers willing to work. Not even teenagers are interested.

When my husband was a kid, he mowed South End neighbors' lawns, shoveled their walks and driveways, worked in the local fish processing plant, picked blueberries, had a Courier paper route, was a soda jerk at Naum & Adams, was a third assistant cook at The Paramount Restaurant on Main Street, and babysat his siblings. With all that work, my husband still made the National Honor Society. I babysat lots of children and didn't make the National Honor Society. Forty years ago, employed teenagers reached a peak and have ever since declined. The major reason is increased academic demands in high school and college leaving little time for work.

Early this morning I heard an osprey whistling low over our house. Later today, a neighbor saw nine ospreys circling together high in the sky over our neighborhood. And today I saw four ospreys over the Head of the Bay. There seem to be more ospreys this year than ever I remember even if the four were part of the nine.

600,000 Americans have now died of Covid-19. America has the most deaths during this pandemic. There seems to be little mention of these fellow Americans beyond statistics. National Public Radio and public television's News Hour feature stories about the lives of those lost and their survivors. How will future historians assess how America and countries around the world were not prepared for a pandemic?

And were slow to report to the public and to respond accordingly.

A few states have done well getting residents vaccinated. Vermont has done the best and Maine has done pretty well, too, which may account for people moving to Maine.

Heard a new word for "homeless." Maine DHHS is now using the word, "unhomed."

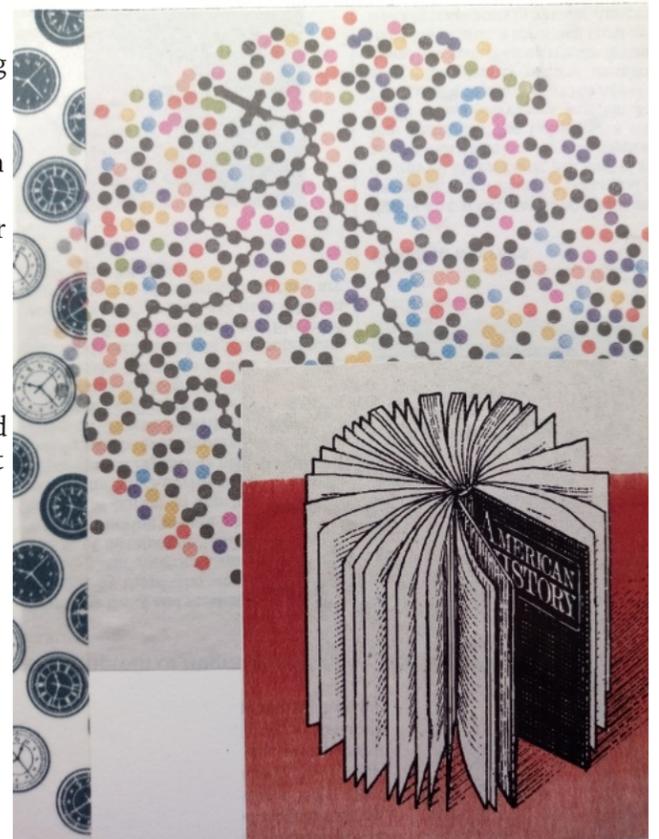
Does this make being homeless any less alarming and traumatic with a softer-sounding word?

On top of the pandemic, a wonderful relative and two good friends have been diagnosed with cancer. This is too much to bear for them and their loved ones.

I'm not a religious person who may find solace in believing in some higher power.

All I can try to do is live in the moment, which can be a struggle to fend off anxiety about the future. Two of my friends do find comfort in their personal beliefs in God.

My best friend reported her cell has been making roaming calls on its own: a noontime call to a Chinese restaurant in Brunswick while she was chatting with her sister in New Hampshire; as soon as she started up her car, my friend's cell dialed triple A; her mobile dialed a friend who was in the midst of her colonoscopy. They seem like rogue calls conjured by the trickster Loki.



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