



# Belgrade Lakes promises to fill the 2019 summer with dozens of musical, library and outdoor activities



Don't miss the Belgrade Lakes Village Fourth of July celebration including the grand parade down Main Street at 4 p.m.

**BY VALERIE TUCKER**  
Correspondent

**B**elgrade starts its official salute to summer with the annual Fourth of July parade down Main Street. The day includes the parade, a frog jumping contest, an ice cream social, a boat parade and fireworks over Long Pond.

Throughout the summer, Day's Store on Main Street will host regular summer gatherings on the lawn behind the store. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, everyone is invited to participate in open mic night, hosted by Christine Poulson. They also will offer wine tastings from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. To say thanks to all their customers for another great summer, they will offer the annual End of Summer Dam Jam from 2 to 3 p.m., on Aug. 13, with music by Jones'n.

Although many of the 2019 summer activities revolve around fun, some of the area's hardest working volunteers keep their focus on the future survival of the surrounding lakes and ponds. The Belgrade Lakes Association's annual raffle supports water quality programs, an ongoing loon population survey and study, the Association's Clean Lakes phosphorus remediation efforts, a milfoil prevention program and courtesy boat inspections.

This year, the group is selling raffle tickets for \$19,000 in prizes. The first prize is a LaserPerformance Sunfish sailboat. Hammond Lumber has donated a ShoreMaster 4,000-pound vertical boatlift and three sections of ShoreMaster dock. Lynch Landscaping has provided a \$500 gift certificate. Bonus prizes include four rounds at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, dinner for four at the Village Inn and an O'Brien stand-up paddle board. For more information about tickets, visit the Belgrade Lakes Association's website at [belgradelakesassociation.org](http://belgradelakesassociation.org).

The 7 Lakes Alliance will offer a series of exciting educational presentations at the Maine Lakes Resource Center on 137 Main St. The Chewonki Foundation's Traveling Natural History will present a program about owls at 2 p.m., July 9 and an exhibit and talk about reptiles at 2 p.m., Aug. 6.

At 11 a.m. Aug. 14, Avian Haven, a bird rehabilitation organization, will explain the hazards that loons face and what people can do to help them. For a full schedule of the summer's events, including lake paddles and shoreline preservation workshops, visit [7lakesalliance.org](http://7lakesalliance.org).

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will host its 5K road race, starting at 8 a.m., July 20 at the Belgrade Central School. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. At 11 a.m., July 13, Mr. Harley and The Strollers will present a family music event.

The library also has scheduled several speakers throughout the summer. Events are free and open to the public:

- Mon., July 15, 6 p.m.: Maine Crime Writ-

ers Build a Mystery. (writers will construct a mystery with the audience.)

- Wed., July 24, 6 p.m.: Summer Reflections on Recent Supreme Court Decisions (Joe Reiser, Associate Professor of Government, Colby College).

- Wed., July 31, 6 p.m.: Genealogy Research Part 1 (BJ Jamieson, State Library Genealogy Reference Specialist)

- Wed., Aug. 7, 6 p.m.: Gerry Boyle, popular Maine author, will discuss his newest books.

- Wed., Aug. 14, 6 p.m.: Genealogy Research Part 2 (BJ Jamieson, State Library Genealogy Reference Specialist)

The Center also offers a full summer schedule of activities for children and adults. Camp Golden Pond is a day camp for Kindergarten through grade 6, held on the grounds of the Center on Great Pond. Camp Loon is for grades 6 through 9, with boating, swimming, archery and environmental education and wilderness skills. Young people ages 9 to 17 can learn how to sail during six weeks of classes, from July 10 to Aug. 18. The program at the Center is offered by the SailMaine program and the Great Pond Yacht Club.

The Belgrade Fire Department will serve its annual baked bean supper at the Center on Saturday, Aug. 3. For more information or program registration, visit the Center's Facebook page or its link at [townofbelgrade.com](http://townofbelgrade.com).

Immediately following the Fire Department Bean Supper. Proceed to the dam between Great and Long Ponds in Belgrade Lakes Village, and hear the call of loons like you've never heard them before. All ages welcome. Small town fun at its very best.

The library will welcome families at the Center at 10 a.m., July 16. Mad Science of Maine will present "3-2-1 Blast Off."

The Belgrade Lakes Farmers Market on Sundays in the village offer shoppers fresh organic produce, Maine maple syrup, hand-crafted jewelry and homemade ice cream. The Belgrade Historical Society ([belgradehistoricalsociety.org](http://belgradehistoricalsociety.org)) will host three summer programs at the Maine Lakes Resource Center. All are on Thursdays and start at 7 p.m.

- July 18, Local historian, David Leigh: Recovering the Recent Past.

- Aug. 22, Scott Andrews, USM Senior College: Inventing Vacationland.

**July Fourth events in Belgrade:**

- 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Book Sale at the Center for All Seasons.

- 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Union Church Strawberry Festival.

- 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Village Inn Lunch in the Tavern.

- Noon: Boat Parade Line-up at the mouth of the Mill Stream on Great Pond.

- 1 - 2 p.m. Free Ice Cream Social at the Center For All Seasons.

- 4 p.m. Grand Parade down Main Street.

- 5 p.m. Frog Jumping Contest (Bring a frog to Main Street/Hulin Road).

- 9:15 p.m. Fireworks over Long Pond (Rain Date July 5)



**"A local family made a generous donation to pay for a new Village Green with a gazebo."**

**CAROL JOHNSON, A COMMITTEE ORGANIZER FRIENDS OF BELGRADE LAKES VILLAGE**

*Photo by Valerie Tucker*

The Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village committee raised several hundred thousand dollars for enhancements that will maintain the village's historic character. Donations will fund costs for handsome brick sidewalks and new pedestrian lighting, as well as several benches and bike racks along the half-mile downtown street. The generous donation by a local family funded a new Village Green with a gazebo.

# Road facelift will continue through Belgrade Lakes Village

**BY VALERIE TUCKER**  
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**U**. S. Route 27, through Belgrade Lakes Village, is getting a well-deserved half-century facelift.

For nearly two decades the reconstruction of the portion of Route 27 running through Belgrade Lakes Village had been discussed, debated and discussed again.

In March, 2014, the town of Belgrade Select Board agreed to move the project forward. According to Town Manager Dennis Keschl, it was funded and scheduled by Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) as a 2018 road reconstruction project.

Over the years, many residents took part in the planning by providing information and suggestions. There were several public meetings and forums at which the project was discussed and debated.

A small group of citizens organized as the Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village. Together, they raised several hundred thousand dollars for enhancements that will maintain the village's historic character. Their donations will go to handsome brick sidewalks and new pedestrian lighting, as well as several benches and bike racks along the half-mile downtown street. This year's summer visitors will enjoy these amenities, according to Carol Johnson, a committee organizer.

"A local family made a generous donation to pay for a new Village Green with a gazebo," she said.

Besides the highway improvements, the downtown area will have a state-of-the-art water control and filtration system utilizing seven new silt SiltPrisons to decrease the sediment that runs into the lakes.

Although the long-anticipated MDOT's reconstruction project through downtown Belgrade is progressing as quickly as possi-

ble, unusually heavy rains and other weather setbacks have posed challenges.

With the 2019 summer tourist season starting to speed up, MDOT has reassured the town's business owners that the work will be substantially completed by June 28, based on minimal weather delays. Since the half-mile stretch is between the larger towns of Augusta and Farmington, much of the morning and afternoon traffic also includes commuters.

Pratt & Sons Inc. of Mechanic Falls is the contractor on the project. Work is allowed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, though there may be times when the hours will be extended to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday work may be required. One lane of alternating traffic will be managed by flaggers, so motorists should expect delays.

Should delays occur, the completion date will be moved to Oct. 19, 2019, according to MDOT's website. However "no work will be allowed in the months of July and August." If necessary, road reconstruction would resume during the week of Sept. 4.



*Friends of Belgrade Lakes Village photo*  
Whether you're shopping, strolling or eating out, your family is sure to appreciate the safe and attractive new sidewalks in the village.

# Belgrade Historical Society Capital Fund Drive underway

The Capital Fund Drive initiated by Belgrade Historical Society to renovate the Old Town House is going well, according to its members. The Society received several thousand dollars and returns are coming in on a daily basis.

Thanks to those who have already donated, all donations will help the bottom line!

The Belgrade Historical Society is a non-profit organization, so all contributions to its capital campaign to renovate the Old Town House are tax deductible. Any donation made to BHS can be deducted from income tax to the extent allowable by law. Members ask that people think of making an end-of-year donation to help to preserve Belgrade history.

The next BHS event will be on Thursday, July 18, at the 7 Lakes Alliance building. Former Messalonskee High School teacher David

**Why Vacationland?**

Did you ever wonder how the term Vacationland got associated with Maine? For anyone under 85, that term always has been on Maine license plates. But now you can learn all about its origins at a program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the 7 Lakes Alliance building. Scott Andrews of the USM Senior College has been researching the history of Vacationland and he has some fascinating lore to present.

At 11 a.m. on Fridays, there will be walking tours of Belgrade Lakes village. People need to reserve a spot at least 24 hours in advance by calling 495-2310.



*Rendering of Townhouse after Renovation Sketch by Artist Erik Johnson*

Leigh will describe a project in the 1990s in which students wrote letters to politicians seeking their perspectives on important national and international political events that they had participated in between 1945 and 1990. Many famous leaders responded and Leigh will read some of their responses and provide historical context.



# Hammond Lumber and ShoreMaster take steps to make water entry easy

## Measuring can be a challenge for a do-it-yourselfer

BY VALERIE TUCKER  
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Summer fun on the water can make memories that last a lifetime. Getting to the lake, pond or ocean, however, can involve a lot of planning, packing and possibly a long ride with the family. That first swim or boat ride is something special each year, but sometimes there's a small challenge: how to get down to the water.

"We love our unspoiled Maine waterfront until it starts to get in the way of fully enjoying our time on the water," said Derek Folsom, one of Hammond Lumber's experts in the ShoreMaster line of docks, lifts and accessories.

Many of his customers have used the same old splintery wooden stairs for years, but the wood has become unsafe and unsightly. Those who never had stairs or even a basic ramp down to the water or the dock just decide they don't enjoy clambering over rocks and slippery grass. Maybe they aren't as strong as they used to be, or they have visitors who need a railing to steady themselves on the walk to and from the water.

"One unexpected fall can change a summer memory in a big way," he said.

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from land to water requires that the steps be connected, he can show the options to make that happen.

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Whether the customer is a do-it-yourselfer or chooses to have the Hammond Lumber professional installers do the job, Folsom says calculating the number of steps requires some very accurate math. One is for the rise, which is the distance in a vertical line from the top step to the bottom step. The second measurement, called the run, is the horizontal number of feet from placement of the bottom step to the point on the embankment where the top step will be sited. The final calculations to determine the number of steps may require additional design, depending on the total rise and run distances. The step sections may need to be supplemented by the addition of at least one 4-by-4-foot landing, or possibly more, to ensure stability.

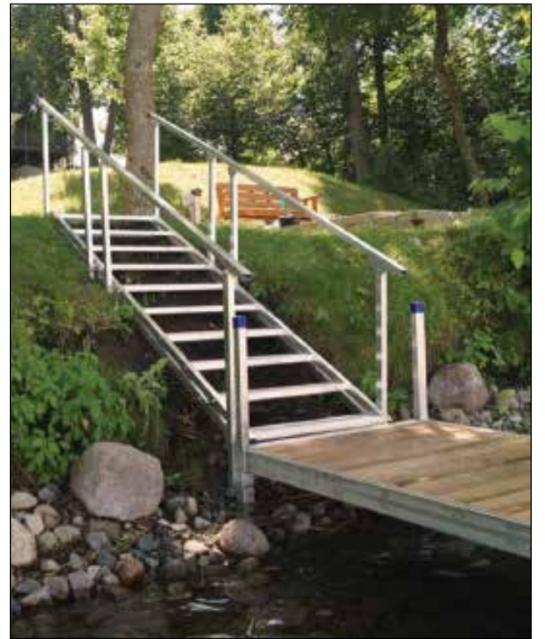
"All of our rugged Maine locations, including the ocean sites, require exacting work," Folsom said. "Our installers have faced some really interesting situations, but I think we all like those challenges."

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# Fishing has a long history in the Belgrade Lakes Region

BY MICHAEL GUARINO  
Special to Beautiful Belgrade

The Belgrade Lakes chain is comprised of seven very different and distinct waters, each with its own sense of peace and ambiance. It includes East Pond, 1823 acres; North Pond, 2115 acres; Great Pond, 8239; McGrath Pond, 486 acres; Salmon Lake, 562 acres; Long Pond, 2714 acres and Messalonskee Lake, 3510. All of the lakes have public boat launches providing easy access with the exception of McGrath, which is accessible via the Salmon Lake launch.

There also are a number of streams and backwaters popular with fishermen, including Belgrade Stream, which connects Long Pond to Messalonskee, Mill Stream which connects Great Pond to Long Pond and Ingham Stream & Pond, a backwater offshoot of Long Pond.

The Belgrade region has a long and fabled angling history going back to the mid-1800s, when Maine Central Railroad added a stop in Belgrade Depot. As access to the region became easier, more sporting camps were built on the lakes and they quickly became a popular destination for fishermen.

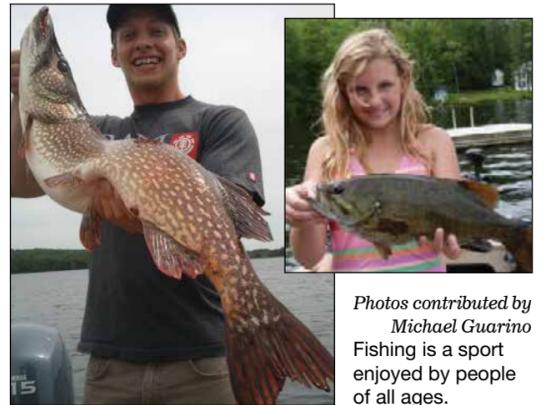
Back then, the Belgrade chain of lakes was famous for its landlocked salmon and brook trout. Anglers stayed in rustic and remote camps, fished with Maine guides who were often of Abenaki descent, and enjoyed traditional shore lunches of trout, fried potatoes and beans.

To this day, the Belgrades are still a popular destination for trout and salmon anglers. Most of the lakes hold a good populations of brown trout and brook trout along with rainbow trout in Long Pond, and splake in Messalonskee—a splake is a

cross between a lake trout and brook trout. Over the past 20-plus years, smallmouth and largemouth bass have dominated the fishing scene. The fish thrive in the clear, clean water and gorge themselves on a healthy population of crawfish and baitfish. The Belgrades are so popular with bass fishermen that Major League Fishing has held two professional tournaments here in the last four years.

The Belgrades have seen much change over the last 150-years, but much has stayed the same. Travelers and locals alike still enjoy the tranquil quality of life, and often fall asleep to the lonely call of the loon.

Sporting camps and summer camps continue to dot the shorelines where laughter and the sounds of splashing kids fill the air. And of course, the Belgrades still draw anglers from all over the world and offer a chance to catch the fish of a lifetime.



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Fishing is a sport enjoyed by people of all ages.

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# Hello Good Pie offers up homemade pies, pastries and breads

*The menu calls out to breakfast lovers, dinner fans alike*

BY VALERIE TUCKER  
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For the past several years, Hello Good Pie Bakery & Gourmet Kitchen owner Shari Hamilton has shared her seemingly limitless love and talent for baking with Belgrade's appreciative residents. They have become devotees of her homemade pies, pastries, tarts and breads.

Shari and her crew make their own spreads, dips, seasonal salads and deli sandwiches served on their homemade bread of the day at the Main Street eatery in Belgrade.

"We are always developing new ideas for our ready-made meals," Hamilton said. "We always provide the old favorites, but we like to try new ideas and experiment with new flavors."

In addition to the freshly-baked offerings, the menu includes fresh deli sandwiches, epic chicken salads, delicious soups, stews and chowders made daily and ready to go. The refrigerated cases are also full of cheeses, spreads and dips and fresh, local, organic vegetables in season.

Dinner menus feature creative comfort foods that are a notch above the usual. Nothing comes out of a can, she said.

"One of our most popular favorites is the traditional Yankee pot roast dinner," she said. "We serve it with roasted new potatoes, green beans and carrots, and it's finished off with a nice pan gravy."

Other entrees might include barbecued meatloaf, beef Stroganoff, a chicken enchilada bake and classic cheese or meatball lasagna. There's always a demand for their creamy chicken pot pies and their steak and Guinness pies. The gourmet macaroni and cheese, vegan shepherd's pie, roasted tomato tarts and deep dish hamburger bakes have become what Hamilton calls her new classics. She also features weekend specials that are great for those summer evening meals and those weekend guests

"We are always developing new ideas for our ready-made meals."

SHARI HAMILTON, OWNER HELLO GOOD PIE BAKERY & GOURMET KITCHEN



Photo by Valerie Tucker

Hello, Good Pie Bakery & Gourmet Kitchen owner Shari Hamilton invites breakfast lovers to enjoy fresh cinnamon rolls, still warm from the oven, and a great cup of coffee, in the restaurant's outdoor seating. She also offers avocado toast, quiche, breakfast burritos and sandwiches that are great for those in a hurry or just longing for an alternative to the usual morning meal.

who want a taste of real Maine cooking.

"We also have lots of soups available for take-out," she said. "One that always sells out quickly is the beef stew at lunch time."

Hello, Good Pie posts a daily bakery schedule, so that customers can reserve their favorites in advance. Beyond the daily baguettes, Hamilton bakes oatmeal molasses bread on Thursday, sourdough and anadama on Friday, and seeded multigrain on Saturday. She makes fresh-baked pretzels on the weekend.

Breakfast lovers can't wait, she said, for their fresh cinnamon rolls, still warm from the oven. Along with a great cup of coffee, they can be enjoyed at their outdoor seating. She also offers avocado toast, quiche, breakfast burritos and sandwiches that are great for those in a hurry or just longing for an alternative to the usual morning meal. Hamilton serves dinners once a week in winter months in a house next to the bakery. Two dining rooms provide seating for up to 26 guests. The restaurant is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.

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## Friends of the Belgrade Public Library invite road race participants to 5K

*Law enforcement registration fee waived*

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will host its 10th annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5K Road Race at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 20. This is one of several events sponsored by 'The Friends' to raise funds to support and maintain the operation of The Belgrade Public Library. The race will start and finish at the Belgrade Public Library; entrants can choose to walk, run, or jog the course.

This will be the 7th year featuring The Summer Camp Challenge. Last year the Friends had camp participants from Camp Caribou, Camp Matoaka, Camp Runoia and Camp Vega. A special Camp Award will go to the winning camp of the Summer Camp Challenge. This year we are extending an invitation to all of our area law enforcement agencies to participate in the 5K road race. As a way to show our support, we are waiving the registration fee for all off-duty police officers.

Race day registration takes place at Belgrade Public Library beginning at 7 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Race day registration fee is \$20. Pre-race registration fee is \$15 and is available at [RunReg.com](http://RunReg.com), [belgrade.lib.me.us](http://belgrade.lib.me.us) or [friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.com](http://friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.com). Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners and to the top two finishers in each age category.

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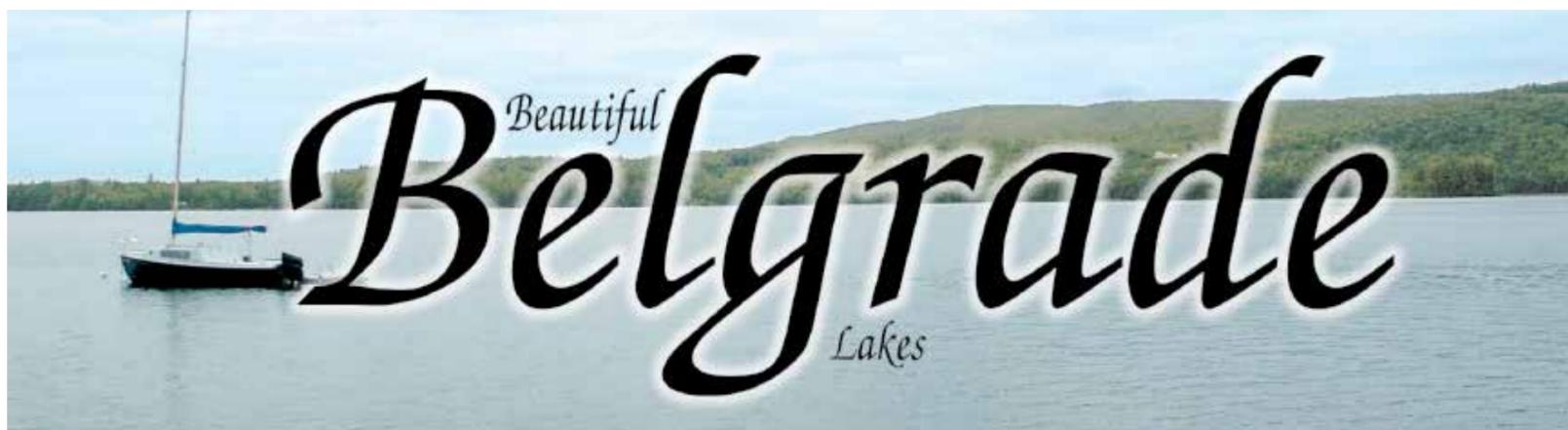
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## Greek food comes to Belgrade in a bright blue food truck

BY VALERIE TUCKER  
Correspondent

Summer in Belgrade means enjoying the outdoors and getting out of the hot kitchen. On any weekend, a quick walk to the Spiro & Company food truck in downtown Belgrade will take care of the “what’s for dinner” question.

Each summer, Lori Yotides draws customers to her bright blue food truck at 78 Main Street, serving up generous portions of Greek fast food and music. Over the years, she and her husband Tim, have created a menu of classic Greek recipes made nearly the same way as visitors would find in Athens, Greece.

“We call this type of food kolatsio,” Tim said. “Throughout history, street vendors always had to compete for customers, so they had to make sure everything was fresh and delicious.”

Kolatsio can be a meal by itself or eaten as a snack, he said. Lori does the cooking, making each dish from scratch with “meraki.” Roughly translated from Greek to English, she said, that means the food is cooked with great passion and skill. Although she’s added some personal touches to these authentic recipes, she has always stayed true to the classics. It’s not just about the food, she said.

“It is about our devotion to family,” she said. “It honors and celebrates those who have

come and gone, those who are here today, and what they have all taught us along the way.”

More than a century ago, Tim’s grandparents, Olga and James Spiro Yotides, left their little village in Epirus, a mountainous region in the far northwestern corner of the country. They emigrated to central Maine and, over the years, the recipes for her time-honored dishes were passed down.

When Lori married Tim and became part of the family, she was drawn immediately to the traditional recipes, making them for friends and family, who said she had a gift. The couple decided to open the food truck, naming the business after their own young son Spiro. Lori says she stays true to the Greek formula that brings customers back again and again, but she’s added a few touches of her own.

“Olga’s recipe for chicken souvlaki is always a favorite,” she said. “People tell me they can’t believe they’ve eaten such delicious food for such an affordable price.”

Gyros (pronounced yee-ros) is another customer favorite. Marinated lamb or local grass-fed beef is seared slowly over a vertical rotisserie. Lori tucks the grilled meat in warm pita bread and adds chopped red onion, diced cucumber, kalamata olives, feta cheese, lettuce and a piquant tzatziki sauce. Another customer favorite, she said,



Photo contributed

At 78 Main Street in downtown Belgrade, summer breezes waft tantalizing smells of marinated lamb and grass-fed beef grilled slowly in Spiro & Company’s blue food truck. Owner and chef Lori Yotides wraps the meat slices in warm pita bread with bits of red onion, diced cucumber, kalamata olives, feta cheese, lettuce and tzatziki sauce. For a real Greek dessert, she serves a generous helping of baklava, made with layers of flaky phyllo, walnuts, butter and a honey syrup.

is spanakopita, made with layers of phyllo dough and baked with spinach and herbs.

Baklava is by far the favorite dessert, she said. This classic Greek specialty takes lots of time and patience. She bakes papery thin phyllo layers, walnuts and lots of butter and drizzles the crunchy crispy layers with a honey syrup.

“It is a very popular Greek dessert, and I serve very generous portions,” she said.

Their juicy BFG Borger (Big, Fat and Very Greek!) is a tongue-in-cheek tribute to a

very early Saturday Night Live skit. Lori also does take-out Pita Party orders, packaging the grilled meat choices, the freshly-chopped vegetables, cheeses, tzatziki sauce and condiments, ready for pick-up.

“People can make their own souvlakis at home,” she said. “They are so easy and fun and delicious to serve.”

Find Spiro & Company’s menu at [spiroandcompany.com](http://spiroandcompany.com) or on Facebook. Call (207) 441-2103 or email [spiroandcompany@aol.com](mailto:spiroandcompany@aol.com) for more information.

## Lakeside Inn remains one of the oldest houses in Belgrade

Contributed by the  
Belgrade Historical Society  
for Beautiful Belgrade

The history of the Lakeside Inn in Belgrade begins with Hiram Savage, who constructed it in 1843, adding the distinctive rooftop cupola known as a “widow’s watch,” which functioned as a means of bringing fresh air into big houses, but, also became a spot where wives of fishermen watched for the return of the fishing boats of their men folk.

Hiram Savage built the large house as residence for his family and a tavern—the term used in the early 19th century for a public house where travelers could get a bed and food for the night.

Both Hiram Savage and his son were listed as blacksmiths in the 1850 census.

The large barn adjacent to the house served both as a blacksmith’s workshop and a stable for horses and carriages, although documents are unavailable to certify whether the current barn is the original one from 1843 or a replacement built during major renovations in the 1880s.

Belgrade Lakes was known as Belgrade Mills at this time because of the several mills at the dam—the very first dam having been constructed in 1797. The railroad came to Belgrade depot in 1849.

Henry Golder, who with his father and brother owned Golder’s Store—the present site of Day’s Store—bought Savage’s tavern about 1882 and remodeled it for his private home. Henry Golder died in the early 1900s, and his widow, Elvira Chandler Golder, who died in 1916, sold their house, which passed through several owners before being acquired in 1918 by Irvin Bean (1876-1940), younger brother of L.L. Bean.

By this time, Belgrade Mills had been renamed Belgrade Lakes and was a famous tourist center. Bean already had a home in what today is called the 1830 House, and since 1910 he had been the owner-operator of Bean’s General Store and Bait & Tackle Shop. He turned the former Golder

residence once again into a public house, which he called The Lake View Manor. He added a basement dining room that overlooked Long Pond and was famous for its home-cooked meals. In the early 1920s, he acquired the white house next door—now the Balloons and Things gift shop, which he operated as the Home Cottage annex for The Lake View Manor.

In the late 1930s, a few years after a fire had destroyed the famous dining room, Bean sold the Lake

View Manor to Edwin Megill (1883-1970), who owned the Locusts House across the street. Megill used the now former Lake View Manor as his private residence. The Locusts House was sold after Edwin Megill’s death and renamed The Village Inn.

The former Lakeview Manor/Megill residence fell into disrepair in the 1970s. In the 1980s, Peter McManus purchased the building and undertook the major renovations—especially the six large bedrooms with private

baths on the second floor—that impart to the house the sense of being in a 175-year old home with updated comforts. McManus dubbed the restored mansion the Forecastle, and for several years it was a bed and breakfast inn, despite changes in proprietors and names, although most recently it was a private residence.

Proprietors of the Lakeside Inn, Katherine Couture, Liz Fontaine and Linda reopened the historic public house.



Lake View Manor, Belgrade Lakes, Maine

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Lake View Manor, circa 1920, showing dining room in rear overlooking Long Pond and dining hours on tree sign.

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# Snow Pond Center for the Arts and New England Music Camp announce their 2019 Summer Music Series

**S**now Pond Center for the Arts and the New England Music Camp announce their 2019 Summer Music Series. Featuring some of the world's finest musicians and performers, the 2019 series is blends a variety of thrilling performances, from the Broadway Under the Stars: The Classics of Rodgers and Hammerstein with the Snow Pond Symphony, to The Stranger: A Tribute to Billy Joel, music lovers are in for an incredible summer of music spanning from Broadway to Christian Pop-Rock, and Billy Joel to Johnny Cash!

On June 29, Snow Pond will present Broadway Under the Stars: The Classics of Rodgers and Hammerstein with the Snow Pond Symphony Chamber Orchestra. Snow Pond welcomes some of Broadway's top performers for this one-night-only event. Directed by Broadway veteran Frances Mercanti-Anthony (Spring Awakening, Jerusalem) and Music Directed by Paul Staroba (A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, My Fair Lady), this spectacular evening is sure to be one you don't want to miss and features performers from blockbusters such as Les Miserables, Beauty and the Beast, Mame, and Camelot! The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowl-In-The-Pines. Tickets: \$10-\$30.

On July 20, New England Music Camp will present its 40th Annual NEMC Pops Concert at the Bowl In The Pines. Come enjoy a glass of wine as you listen to the beautiful music of the NEMC Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Chorale and Jazz Ensemble.

This terrific performance that also features a silent auction and door prizes. All proceeds go directly to the NEMC scholarship fund. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20.

New England Music Camp will continue to hold free weekend concerts and weekly recitals throughout the summer. All concerts are held at the Bowl-In-The Pines at 3 p.m. and all recitals are at Alumni Hall at 7:30



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New England Music Camp's storied Bowl in the Pines fills its surroundings with the sounds of music throughout the summer.

p.m. NEMC Concerto Competition winners will perform with the faculty orchestra on July 19 and Aug. 9.  
Weekend Concerts - July 6, 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, 28 and Aug. 3, 4, 10, 11.  
Faculty Artist Recitals - July 3, 10, 24, 26.

Student Honor Recitals - July 12, 17, 19, 31 and Aug. 2, 9.  
NEMC Counselor Recital : July 5.  
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Day, will be celebrated at the Sunday, Aug. 11 Concert at the Bowl. The Artisan Market will begin at 1 p.m. and run throughout the 3 p.m. Concert. Over 30 artists, craftsmen, and gourmet carts from across the state of Maine will be selling their goods at what is sure to be one of the best Artisan Fairs in the area this summer. Bowl-In-The-Pines, 1 - 6 p.m. Free to the public.

On Aug. 25, Snow Pond welcome The Man In Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash. With his striking resemblance, spot on mannerisms and baritone voice, Shawn Barker embodies the character and spirit of Johnny Cash. Barker's Tribute to Johnny Cash is an accurate and energetic recreation of an American music icon and the show is bringing the legend back to life onstage for the fans of today and the next generation. Concert will begin at 4 p.m. at the Bowl In the Pines. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Please note: This is a Sunday event, so alcohol will not be sold. There will be a picnic option for ticket holders.

On Sept. 5 Snow Pond will close the summer with The Stranger: A Tribute to Billy Joel. Formed in late summer of 2009, The Stranger has already amassed an impressive list of high profile shows and events across America. All six members residing in the Charlotte area with several decades and thousands of shows between them, it's a musical powerhouse that is quickly being recognized as one of the best live bands in the tribute genre. This concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowl in the Pines and is Snow Pond's Sponsor Appreciation Night. Come help us celebrate another tremendous summer season! Tickets: \$25-\$35.

Tickets for all shows are now available! All proceeds from ticketed events go towards student scholarships, and all of Snow Pond's and NEMC's youth educational opportunities and events. Please visit [snowpond.org](http://snowpond.org) for tickets and details on all summer events.

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For this process to be successful, a working group is being formed to represent a broad range of interests.

"It is important that we hear from everyone that makes up the fabric of this greater community, including residents, farmers, businesses, educational institutions, arts facilities, nonprofits and town leaders, to ensure economic growth, strong partnerships and success for the entire region," said John Wiggan, resident of Sidney and executive

director of Snow Pond Center for the Arts.

An initial planning meeting took place at Snow Pond at the end of May. Speakers included Jane Lafleur from the Orton Family Foundation Heart & Soul program and Nancy Smith from GrowSmart Maine.

Both of these organizations are excited about the potential for this region and will continue to provide guidance along the way. Residents and business owners in attendance showed support and enthusiasm for the process and the exciting benefits for the region.

Snow Pond Center for the Arts is providing the leadership to get the working group formed, organized and launched by early fall 2019. People interested in participating and/or providing feedback should contact John Wiggan at [john.wiggan@snowpond.org](mailto:john.wiggan@snowpond.org) or by calling 844-476-6976 ext. 203.



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