

*Celebrating 40 Years*

# WHATEVER 2017 FAMILY FESTIVAL

June 24 – July 4



**NEW THIS YEAR!**

**Kennebec River Day**

Mill Park, Augusta

Saturday, June 24

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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**KATIE DOHERTY**  
KENNEBEC VALLEY  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE  
PRESIDENT & CEO

**Hey Central Maine,**

Are you ready to celebrate summer in the Kennebec Valley?! We are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with our Whatever Festival and with that we are heading back to the River!

We'll all celebrate with family and friends this year as the tradition continues with more than 120 events and activities – nearly all free – over a three-week period. Events are held throughout the Kennebec Valley from June 14 through July 4.

The Chamber in the past years has organized the infamous Kid's Day in Capitol Park, but new this year Kid's Day has been transformed into the Kennebec River Day! The Kennebec River Day will be held at Mill Park along the mighty Kennebec River. The Kennebec River Day will still host the kid's events but will now also have activities targeted to ALL AGES! Children will be occupied with games and activities while adults can spend time at different vendor booths or the three stages of entertainment. The

Chamber is excited to bring everyone together for a day in Augusta with activities for all. The possibilities are endless for this day in Mill Park.

Aside from Kennebec River Day in Mill Park, the Whatever Festival includes the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival, the Greater Gardiner River Festival, the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Friends on the 4<sup>th</sup> 5K in Winthrop, Independence Day at Old Fort Western and Augusta's Capital City Riverfront Fourth just to name a few.

Take a moment to read through our list of sponsors. Please make a point to thank them for their support of this endeavor. I would like to recognize the support of our major sponsors: Everett J. Prescott, Inc., MaineGeneral Health, Central Maine Power, Marketplace at Augusta, and Skowhegan Savings Bank. Thanks to the many sponsors of the Kennebec Valley Chamber's unique family fun festival and to the hundreds of volunteers who help share the fun.

Please check out the calendar of events and schedule your own family's Whatever fun!

Sincerely,  
Katie Doherty, President & CEO,  
Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce

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# Whatever Family Festival

June 14 – July 4, 2017

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# Greater Gardiner River Festival revs up for summer fun

In a day-long celebration on Gardiner's Historic Water Street and beautiful Waterfront Park, Gardiner Main Street and Johnson Hall present live music and entertainment on two stages, a craft fair, and activities for all ages on, near, and in the Kennebec River. The event is expected to bring thousands of visitors to the area.

The event kicks off the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual summer celebration of our riverfront communities, affectionately known as the "Whatever" Family Festival. The Greater Gardiner River Festival, brought to you by US Cellular of Gardiner, takes place on Saturday, June 17. Activities start as early as 8 a.m. and

take place throughout Gardiner, at the Gardiner Waterfront Park, and on Water Street.

Festival organizers have continued to find ways to celebrate life on the Kennebec River – both from inland, onshore and on the water. Most activities are free to the public thanks to the area's generous sponsors. Throughout the day, there will be entertainment and children's activities at Gardiner's Waterfront Park. Again this year, there will be several ways to get out on the river – from boat rides provided by Friends of the Cobossee Watershed to Kayak and Paddleboard demonstrations by Seaspray Kayaking. Back by popular demand, the Gardiner Talent Show will be back on

stage with local folks showing off their talents. The Gardiner Talent Show is made possible by Kennebec Savings Bank. We have plenty of new attractions including chainsaw woodcarving, blacksmithing demos, the Colby Woodsmen and much more!

Historic Water Street in Gardiner will be transformed into a pedestrian mall with artists, crafters, and specialty food vendors exhibiting their crafts from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Craft Fair in Downtown Gardiner. Johnson Hall will help enrich the festivities on the waterfront's main stage with two marquee events. Friday night, June 16 is the kickoff for a summer-long waterfront concert series with The Bob JRS

starting at 7:30 p.m. then watch fireworks over the waterfront with Pyro City Fireworks at 9 p.m.

"Late June is the perfect time to spend a day on the beautiful Kennebec River" says Gardiner Main Street's director, Patrick Wright. "If you haven't had the chance to visit our charming city, make the River Festival part of your summer bucket list. We have an active Waterfront Park, a weekly farmer's market, and a dynamic downtown that includes a mix of shops, offices, restaurants, and a performing arts center. Dubbed as a quintessential New England community, Gardiner's central location and proximity to Augusta and Portland makes it an ideal place to visit."

Below is a list of events (all are free of charge, except where indicated by "\$"), event is rain or shine except where indicated by .\*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16, THE DAY BEFORE EVENT:

### Johnson Hall

#### FREE Waterfront Summer Concert Series

kickoff show, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Bob JRS, Waterfront Park

Pyro City Fireworks, 9 p.m.-9:30 p.m.,  
Waterfront Park

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

\*schedule subject to change\*

### Headliners

Food & Novelty vendors, ALL DAY,  
Waterfront Park, 582-3100

16th Annual Arts & Craft Fair on  
Water Street Downtown Gardiner,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. 582-3100

Community Organization Showcase  
at the Waterfront Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 582-3100

\*Blacksmith Demo with Rob Stevens  
& Zach Lee, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Waterfront Park, 582-3100

"Colby Woodsmen" by Lapointe  
Lumber, Waterfront Park,  
12-1p.m. & 2-3p.m.

Free Boat Rides on the Kennebec  
with Friends of the Cobossee  
Watershed, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gardiner Federal Credit Union  
Fireworks, 9 -9:30 p.m.  
Waterfront Park, 582-3100

### Starts at 8 a.m.

Women of Christ Church Festival Pancake Breakfast  
(\$), 8a.m.-10 a.m. 1 Dresden Ave, 582-3354

Women of Christ Church Lawn Sale,  
8 a.m.-1 p.m., 1 Dresden Ave, 582-3354

Boys & Girls Club Lawn Sale,  
8 a.m.-12 p.m., 14 Pray St, 582-8458

### Starts at 9 a.m.

\*Yoga on the Boardwalk with Kim Nixon, Waterfront  
Park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 582-3100 \*bring your own yoga mat\*

Robot Driving Demos With The Gardiner Robotics  
Club, Waterfront Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 582-3150

Cribbage, Cards, & Fringo with the Oldies But Goodies,  
Waterfront Park, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 582-8458

Gardiner Library Book Sale,

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Gardiner Library 582-3312

### Starts at 10 a.m.

Create Alewife Peace Flags with Upstream,  
Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 582-0213

Kids Games & Activities with the Gardiner Food Co-op  
& Cafe, Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 629-3663

Bubble Wand Activity with the Children's Discovery  
Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Waterfront Park, 622-2209

"Duck-fishing" & Giant Jenga with Gardiner Democrat-  
ic Committee, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Waterfront Park

Face Painting and Bead Table with Grace Community  
Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-7145

Story Walks with Nature Hunt, Augusta Literacy,  
10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Waterfront Park, 626-3440

Free Ice Cream by Darling's Ice Cream Truck,  
Waterfront Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \*donations to

benefit Literacy Volunteers

Body Map Game with Simple Medicine,  
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Waterfront Park, 558-8055

Disc Golf Demos with Augusta Disc Golf,  
10a.m.-4 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

\*Blacksmith Demo with Rob Stevens & Zach Lee,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Art Crafts Paint Rocks with Crafty Maine Girl,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Water Street, 215-6170

Hockey Shooting Activity with Skating Association of  
Maine, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Waterfront Park, 622-6354

Face Painting with South Gardiner Baptist Church,  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-7807

LulaRoe at Double Tee Photography, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
Water Street, 713-9200

LulaRoe at Ampersand Dance Studio, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,  
Water Street, 582-3100

### Starts at 11 a.m.

Ampersand Dance Performance, 11 -11:45 a.m.,  
Johnson Mini Park, 415-5151

Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show,  
11 a.m.-12 p.m., Waterfront Park 582-3100

Giant Lawn Twister Games with Gardiner FCU,  
11 a.m.-3 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Fairy Village, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Pioneer Games & Family History Booth with Church  
of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints, 11a.m.-p.m.

Waterfront Park, 332-2316

Interactive Kids Activity Table with Friends of the  
Cobossee Watershed, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Free Boat Rides on the Kennebec with Friends of the  
Cobossee Watershed, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Waterfront Park

### Starts at 12 p.m.

Colby Woodsmen by Lapointe Lumber,  
12-1 p.m., Waterfront Park

Free "Try a Kayak" with Seaspray Kayaking,  
12-4 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

GMS Kids Activity and Crafts Table,  
12-4 p.m., 149 Water Street parking lot

Find Your Own Gems with Enchantmentz,  
12-4 p.m., Waterfront Park

Balloon Animals, 12- p.m., M, Johnson  
Mini Park & Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Live Entertainment, 12-1 p.m.,  
Johnson Mini Park, 582-3100

### Starts at 1p.m.

LIVE MUSIC: The Little Pat Colwell Band,  
1-2:30 p.m., Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144

Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show, 1-2 p.m.,  
Waterfront Park, 582-3100

Live Entertainment, 1- p.m.,  
Johnson Mini Park, 582-3100

### Beginning at 2 p.m. through 9:30 p.m.,

Colby Woodsmen by Lapointe Lumber,  
2-3 p.m., Waterfront Park

Josh Landry's Live Chainsaw Show,  
3-4 p.m., Waterfront Park

LIVE MUSIC: The Spare Parts Band,  
3-4:30 p.m., Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144

Emery's Greater Gardiner Grill-Off,  
5-6:30 p.m., Waterfront Park, 582-3100

LIVE MUSIC: The Ale House String Band,  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144

Gardiner Talent Show brought to you by  
Kennebec Savings Bank, 7:45-9 p.m., Waterfront Park

**Gardiner Federal Credit Union's Fireworks,  
Waterfront Park, 9-9:30 p.m.**





# Kennebec River Day June 24 in Mill Park is filled with free family fun

Join us this year at our new location in Mill Park for Kennebec River Day! The Family Fun Stage is packed from beginning to end with a diverse group of activities emceed by 92 Moose. Come watch Dance Unlimited kick things off at 11 a.m., followed by Kennebec Dance Centre at 12 p.m. At 1 p.m. stop by for some ZUMBA! Hall-Dale High School's Taiko Drummers will then take the stage to wrap things up starting at 2 p.m.

Mix 107.9 will have nonstop live music from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Performances include Loki & Friends, The Cahoots, and Rockit Band. Be sure to grab a seat and sit back as you enjoy all genres of music throughout the day.

B98.5, Maine's Country Station, brings us BEE a Country Star! Come listen to the finalists, root for your favorite local star, and get your country on!

Don't miss this opportunity for the kids to meet their favorite characters. Check out who's going to be joining us: Smokey Bear, Spotter the Otter, and Earnie the ePort Credit Union Starfish.

Bring your toy truck collection to life with Touch a Truck. The Augusta Fire Department will be on hand with their fire truck and ambulance display; they will also demonstrate the Jaws of Life on a real vehicle. We will also have other specialty trucks on site such as a Reed & Reed windmill truck and an O&P glass truck.

Nothing caught your eye yet? Don't worry – there is more! There will be dozens of kids' events throughout the park. Dan Burns of Burns Bears will carve his special bears

and other fun characters out of tree trunks with a chainsaw. Then hop in your time machine and come check out the Renaissance Faire. The knights in shining armor are back and they put on an amazing show. The Maine Society for Creative Anachronism will display lots of period costumes and perform actions such as jousting, fencing and more. Need to expend some energy? Duel through the Rat Race Obstacle Course or challenge yourself in the YMCA GaGa pit. If you are looking for a new addition to your family, Kennebec Valley Humane Society will also be there for Adopt-A-Pet.

Other events throughout the park include: face painting, temporary tattoos, a bounce house, coloring, making slime, a photo booth from Darling's Auto, caricatures, and YES, more face painting.

Be sure to bring your appetite too, there will be many food vendors on site! Come taste the delicious variety of food, from Philippine to locally sourced. With this many events in one day, everyone will be sure to have an appetite.

How is the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce able to bring this to Mill Park? The support of all our sponsors makes this day of free family fun possible. Many thanks to Major Sponsors: Central Maine Power; EJP, MaineGeneral Health, Marketplace at Augusta, and Skowhegan Savings Bank for their support of this great event. Join us Saturday, June 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don't miss a minute – make your plans now to attend and enjoy lots of *free family fun*.



*Contributed photos*

Bring your toy truck collection to life with Touch a Truck, or bounce in the bounce house. Many other activities will be waiting for young and old at the Kennebec River Day at Mill Park on June 24.

## **2017 WHATEVER FAMILY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**  
 12-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 5p-9p BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS  
 MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$)  
 Litchfield Fairgrounds, 873-6539  
 7:30p LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF  
 HALLOWELL (\$\$)  
 Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**  
 12p-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 4p-10p BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS  
 MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$)  
 Litchfield Fairgrounds, 873-6539

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16**  
 10a-10p BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS  
 MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$)  
 Litchfield Fairgrounds, 873-6539  
 12p-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 7p-8:30p THE BOB JRS (ROBBY COFFIN BAND)  
 Johnson Hall Free Waterfront Concert,  
 Waterfront Park Stage, Gardiner, 582-7144  
 7:30p LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF  
 HALLOWELL (\$\$)  
 Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806  
 9p PYRO CITY FIREWORKS  
 Waterfront Park, Gardiner

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**  
**GREATER GARDINER RIVERFEST**  
**WWW.GARDINERMAINSTREET.ORG**  
 8a-12p LAWN SALE  
 Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner,  
 582-8458  
 8a-1p WOMEN OF CHRIST PANCAKE  
 BREAKFAST + LAWN SALE (\$\$)  
 Christ Church, 582-3354  
 9a CRIBBAGE, CARDS & FRINGO  
 Oldies But Goodies, Waterfront Park,  
 582-8458  
 9a-10a YOGA ON THE BOARDWALK  
 WITH KIM NIXON  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 9a-2p ROBOT DRIVING DEMOS  
 The Gardiner Robotics Club,  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3150  
 9a-4p LIBRARY BOOK SALE  
 Gardiner Public Library, 582-3312  
 10a BLACKSMITH DEMO WITH ROBERT  
 STEVENS & ZACH LEE  
 10a-2p CREATE ALEWIFE PEACE FLAGS  
 Upstream, Waterfront Park, 582-0213  
 10a-2p KIDS GAMES & ACTIVITIES  
 Gardiner Food Co-op, Waterfront Park,  
 629-3663

10a-2p BUBBLE WAND ACTIVITY  
 Children's Discovery Museum,  
 Waterfront Park, 622-2209  
 10a-2p LuLaROE  
 Double Tee Photography,  
 Downtown Gardiner, 713-9200  
 10a-2p FACE PAINTING AND BEAD TABLE  
 Grace Community Church, Waterfront Park,  
 582-7145  
 10a-3p STORY WALKS + NATURE HUNTS  
 Literacy Volunteers of America – Augusta,  
 Waterfront Park, 626-3440  
 10a-3p DARLING'S ICE CREAM TRUCK  
 Waterfront Park  
 10a-3p BODY MAP GAME  
 Simple Medicine, Waterfront Park, 558-8055  
 10a-4p LuLaROE  
 Ampersand Dance Studio, Downtown  
 Gardiner, 582-3150  
 10a-4p AUGUSTA DISC GOLF DEMOS  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 10a-4p COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SHOWCASE  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 10a-4p 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARDINER ARTS &  
 CRAFTS FESTIVAL  
 Maine Artists & Artisans; Specialty Food  
 Vendors; Local Restaurants;  
 Water Street, 582-3100  
 10a-4p ART CRAFTS PAINT ROCKS & T-SHIRTS  
 Crafty Maine Girl, Downtown Gardiner,  
 215-6170  
 10a-4p STREET HOCKEY SHOOTING  
 Skating Association of Maine,  
 Waterfront Park, 622-6354  
 10a-10p FOOD + NOVELTY VENDORS  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 11a-11:45a AMPERSAND ACADEMY OF DANCE  
 PERFORMANCE  
 Johnson Hall Mini Park, 415-5151  
 11a-12p COLBY WOODSMEN BY LAPOINTE  
 LUMBER  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 11a-12p JOSH LANDRY'S LIVE CHAINSAW SHOW  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 11a-12p GIANT LAWN TWISTER GAMES  
 Gardiner FCU, Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 11a-3p PIONEER GAMES & FAMILY HISTORY  
 Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints,  
 Waterfront Park  
 11a-3p FAIRY HOUSE BUILDING AT THE  
 FAIRY VILLAGE  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 11a-4p INTERACTIVE KIDS ACTIVITY TABLE  
 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed,  
 Waterfront Park, 621-4100  
 11a-4p FREE BOAT RIDES  
 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed,  
 Waterfront, 621-4100

12p FREE PADDLE BOARD & KAYAK DEMOS  
 Seaspray Kayaking,  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 12p BALLOON ANIMALS  
 Waterfront Park & Johnson Hall Mini Park,  
 582-3100  
 12-4p GMS KIDS ACTIVITY AND CRAFTS TABLE  
 149 Water Street, 582-3100  
 12-4p FIND YOUR OWN GEMS  
 Enchantmentz, Waterfront Park  
 1p-2p COLBY WOODSMEN BY LAPOINTE  
 LUMBER  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 1-2p JOSH LANDRY'S LIVE CHAINSAW SHOW  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 1-2:30p LITTLE PAT COLWELL BAND  
 Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144  
 3-4p JOSH LANDRY'S LIVE CHAINSAW SHOW  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 3-4:30p THE SPARE PARTS BAND  
 Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144  
 5-6:30p EMERY'S GREATER GARDINER GRILL-OFF  
 Waterfront Park, 582-3100  
 6:30-7:30p THE ALE HOUSE STRING BAND  
 Waterfront Park Stage, 582-7144  
 7:45-9p GARDINER TALENT SHOW BROUGHT TO  
 YOU BY KENNEBEC SAVINGS BANK  
 Waterfront Park, 582-7144  
 9p GARDINER FCU FIREWORKS  
 Waterfront Park

**ALSO ON JUNE 17**  
 10a-10p BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS  
 MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$)  
 Litchfield Fairgrounds, 873-6539  
 12-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 1-4p MAINE INSTRUMENT FLIGHT 71<sup>ST</sup>  
 ANNIVERSARY OPEN HANGAR EVENT  
 Aircraft Displays, Tours & Airplane Ride  
 Drawings, Augusta State Airport, 622-1211

7:30p LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF  
 HALLOWELL (\$\$)  
 Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**  
 5-7p CLIFF GELINA  
 Free Summer Concert Series, Red Barn,  
 Augusta, 623-9485

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**  
 12p-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 6p WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY  
 Waterfront Park, Downtown Augusta  
 7:30p LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF  
 HALLOWELL (\$\$)  
 Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**  
 12-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**  
 12p-6p ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW  
 Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813  
 6-7:30p THE HALF MOON JUG BAND  
 Johnson Hall Free Waterfront Concert,  
 Waterfront Park Stage, Gardiner, 582-7144  
 7:30p LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF  
 HALLOWELL (\$\$)  
 Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806  
 7p-12a DANGEROUS LIAISONS  
 MASQUERADE BALL (\$\$)  
 Augusta Downtown Alliance,  
 Le Club Calumet, Augusta, 458-8757

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**KENNEBEC RIVER DAY IN MILL PARK**  
**(RAIN LOCATION – AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER)**  
**FAMILY FUN STAGE**  
 11a-3p Emceed by 92 Moose Personalities  
 11a Dance Performances by Dance Unlimited  
 Dance Unlimited, 623-0821  
 12p Performances by Kennebec Dance Centre  
 Kennebec Dance Centre, 213-4121  
 1p Kids Zumba  
 Kennebec Valley YMCA, 622-9622  
 2p Taiko Drummers  
 Hall-Dale Drumming Club, 621-4166

**B98.5 STAGE**  
 11a-3p BEE A Country Star  
 Singing competition.  
 Cash prizes will be awarded.  
 B98.5 – Townsquare Media, 623-4735

**MIX 107.9 STAGE**  
*Come listen to local bands perform all  
 genres of music from Rock & Roll to Country.*  
 11a-12p Loki & Friends  
 Rock Power Trio  
 12:15-1:30p The Cahoots  
 Creative Blend of 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's  
 Rock, Swing, Soul and R & B Music

1:45-3p Rockit Band  
 Performing Music From All Genres:  
 Rock & Roll, Motown, Disco, Funk & Country

**ACTIVITIES**  
 10a Petanque Tournament (\$\$)  
 (Rain Date June 25)  
 Mill Park Petanque, 622-3389  
 11a-3p 18<sup>th</sup> Century Laundry  
 Fort Western Living History Museum,  
 626-2385  
 11a-3p Adopt A Pet  
 Kennebec Valley Humane Society, 626-3491

**2017 WHATEVER FAMILY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

11a-3p	Bounce House University of Maine at Augusta, 621-3361	11a-3p	Public Safety Booth & Activities Augusta Police Dept., 626-2370	11a-3p	Chicken Baskets, French Fries, Nachos & Dough Boys Trucking Good Food, 242-8590	6-7:30p	THE GAWLER FAMILY Johnson Hall Free Waterfront Concert, Waterfront Park Stage, Gardiner, 582-7144
11a-3p	Caricatures by PJ (\$\$) Paula Carter, 930-5368	11a-3p	Rat Race Obstacle Course Adventure Climbing, 1-800-244-7282	11a-3p	Locally Sourced Food Burgers and Freys, 380-4478	7:30p	LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF HALLOWELL (\$\$) Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806
11a-3p	Chainsaw Wood Carving Demos Burns Bears, 530-2520	11a-3p	Smokey Bear and Forest Ranger Truck Maine Forest Service	<b><u>ALSO ON JUNE 24</u></b>			
11a-3p	Delta Ambulance – First Aid	11a-3p	Spotter the Otter, Spotter's Tattoo Station, Bubble Creatures & Watershed Learning Station, Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, 621-4100	8a-4p	BOND BROOK TREAD FEST – MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE & FESTIVAL Bond Brook Recreation Area, Augusta, (FMI www.treadfest.org)	12-6p	<b><u>SATURDAY, JULY 1</u></b> HARLOW GALLERY MEMBERS SHOW Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813
11a-3p	Doll and Stuffed Animal Wearing Demo Baby Wearing International of Central Maine, 446-8873	11a-3p	Summer Reading Program with Lego and Craft Activities Maine State Library, 287-5600	10a-4p	FORT WESTERN LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM (\$\$) Old Fort Western, 626-2385	3p	OUTDOOR CONCERT AT THE BOWL IN THE PINES Snow Pond Center for the Arts Sidney, 874-476-6976
11a-3p	Earnie the Starfish & Children's Activities cPort Credit Union, 1-800-464-0253	11a-3p	Temporary Tattoos & Sensory Activities Kennebec Valley YMCA, 622-9622	11a-3p	COLONIAL THEATRE TOURS Water Street, Augusta	7:30p	THREE DAYS OF RAIN (\$\$) Theater at Monmouth, 933-9999
11a-3p	Exploration Stations: Giant Bubbles, Legos, Crafts & Slime Children's Discovery Museum, 622-2209	11a-3p	Train Rides (\$\$) Roaming Railroad, 413-531-3390	11a-3p	COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WALL Be a Bridge From What is to What Will Be Front Street, Augusta, 621-3433	7:30p	LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF HALLOWELL (\$\$) Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806
11a-3p	Face Painting Kennebec Valley Humane Society, 626-3491	11a-3p	Wind Mill Display Truck Reed & Reed, Inc., 443-9747	12p-6p	HARLOW GALLERY MEMBERS SHOW Harlow Gallery, 622-3813	<b><u>SUNDAY, JULY 2</u></b>	
11a-3p	Face Painting Worship Radio Network, 622-1340	11a-3p	Zamboni & Hockey Shooting Station Maine Ice Vault/Skating Assoc. of Maine, 622-6354	7:30p	LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF HALLOWELL (\$\$) Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806	3p	OUTDOOR CONCERT AT THE BOWL IN THE PINES Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney, 874-476-6976
11a-3p	Face Painting Liberty Mutual Insurance, 622-0518 X52912	<b><u>VENDORS</u></b>				7:30p	MY FATHER'S DRAGON (\$\$) Theater at Monmouth, 933-9999
11a-3p	Fire Truck & Ambulance Display Augusta Fire Department, 626-2421	11a-3p	LuLaRoe Carla Brann, 751-8809	<b><u>SUNDAY, JUNE 25</u></b>			
11a-3p	Firefighter Demos & Jaws of Life Augusta Fire Department, 626-2421	11a-3p	Women's & Children Clothing Erica Michael, 798-1955	7:30a	RAIL TRAIL HALF-MARATHON (\$\$) Race begins at Augusta City Center (FMI www.krrt.org)	<b><u>TUESDAY, JULY 4</u></b> <b><u>CAPITAL CITY RIVERFRONT FOURTH</u></b> <b><u>CITY OF AUGUSTA</u></b>	
11a-3p	Fireworks Safety Central Maine Pyrotechnics, 623-9285	11a-3p	Soy Waxes Patrice Belyeu, 509-6769	7:30a	RAIL TRAIL HALF-MARATHON RELAY (\$\$) Race begins at Augusta City Center (FMI www.krrt.org)	10a-7:30p	THE 4TH AT THE FORT Old Time Independence Day Celebration, 626-2385
11a-3p	Fly Casting Demonstrations Maine Wilderness Tours, 557-9933	11a-3p	LuLaRoe Nikki Lewis, 333-2258	7:45a	RAIL TRAIL 5K (\$\$) Race begins at Augusta City Center (FMI www.krrt.org)	2:30p	DOWNEAST BRASS Market Square, Augusta
11a-3p	Ga Ga Pit Kennebec Valley YMCA, 622-9622	11a-3p	Wag Rags, Dog Bandanas, Cat Toys & Collars Graceful Creations, 441-9080	8a-12p	BOND BROOK TREAD FEST – MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE & FESTIVAL Bond Brook Recreation Area, Augusta, (FMI www.treadfest.org)	4p	4TH OF JULY PARADE State Capitol to State Street to Water Street to Fort Western City of Augusta, 626-2350
11a-3p	Glass Rack Truck Oakes & Parkhurst Glass, 622-3448	<b><u>FOOD VENDORS</u></b>				10a-11a	BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL (\$\$) Litchfield Fairgrounds, 873-6539
11a-3p	Horse Drawn Wagon Rides City of Augusta	11a-3p	Fried Dough, Fried Oreos, Lemonade & Smoothies Aucoin Concessions, 754-9165	5p-7p	60's, 70's, & 80's FLASHBACKS Free Summer Concert Series, Red Barn, Augusta, 623-9485	5p	HAYRIDES, VENDORS, BOUNCE HOUSES & FARMER'S MARKET Mill Park, Augusta Recreation, 626-2350
11a-3p	Invertebrate Investigators Maple Tree Community School, 685-4200	11a-3p	Chicken Wings, Tender Basket, Maize Dogs & French Fries The Maine Tater, 716-6082	<b><u>TUESDAY, JUNE 27</u></b>			
11a-3p	Lawn Games - Corn Hole, Ladder Golf, Can Jam & Horseshoes Cynergy, 623-4559	11a-3p	Mac & Cheese, Chili, Fried Pickles, Corn Dogs, & More Shut Up N' Eat It!, 212-1460	9:15p	FIREWORKS Mill Park, City of Augusta, 626-2350	<b><u>ALSO ON JULY 4</u></b>	
11a-3p	Making Slime Grace Christian Academy, 582-8045	11a-3p	Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Walking Tacos Eastern Star, 314-4358	7:30p	LANTERN LIT WALKING TOURS OF HALLOWELL (\$\$) Red Cloak Haunted History Tours, 380-3806	8a	15 <sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS ON THE 4 <sup>TH</sup> 5K – RUN, JOG OR WALK (\$\$) Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Norcross Point, Winthrop, 621-4100
11a-3p	Medieval Display Society for Creative Anachronism, 620-0559	11a-3p	Phillipine Food Jon Tremain, 751-2935	<b><u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28</u></b>			
11a-3p	Painting with Bubbles Children's Center Early Intervention & Family Support, 626-3497	11a-3p	Darling's Ice Cream Truck Darling's Auto 623-3846	6p	WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY Waterfront Park, Downtown Augusta	<b><u>FRIDAY, JUNE 30</u></b>	
11a-3p	Photo Booth Darling's Auto 623-3846	11a-3p	Pizza, Chicken Basket, French Fries, Steak Subs, & Fried Dough Sal Crisci, 213-3184	5-7p	HARLOW GALLERY MEMBERS SHOW OPENING RECEPTION Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, 622-3813	Dusk	WINTHROP FIREWORKS Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce, Norcross Point, Winthrop, 377-8020
11a-3p	Planting Vegetable Seeds Healthy Communities of the Capital Area SNAP-Ed, 588-5032	11a-3p	Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Cotton Candy Manchester Lions Club, 458-3232				

# Central Maine's biggest road race returns for the 15th Year



Please join the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends on the 4<sup>th</sup> 5K Run/Jog/Walk! The race will be held Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 8 a.m. in Winthrop along the beautiful eastern shore of Lake Maranacook.

Pre-registration is \$22 and open until noon on Thursday, June 29, 2017 guaranteeing participants a free t-shirt sporting the Friend's "Spotter the Otter" race logo and a stuffed gift bag. Event day registration is \$25 with no guarantee of a free t-shirt and gift bag. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. at the American Legion on Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. Stick around after the race for the awards ceremony and free raffle with a list of wonderful prizes!

For a registration form or to register online visit [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com), our Facebook Page, or call the Friend's office at 621-4100.



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# Independence Day celebration events to be held at Fort Western

Old Fort Western national historic landmark and living museum will host an Independence Day Celebration Tuesday, July 4, 2017, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the east bank of the Kennebec River in the heart of downtown Augusta.

Visitors are invited to walk through the 1754 Fort, Store, House and Tene-ment to view museum exhibits and talk with historical interpreters about daily life in the 18th century. Music will be provided by the Liberty String Band. A hot dog fundraiser will begin at 11 a.m. outside the Fort gates on Cony Street to benefit Old Fort Western's educational programming.

At 4 p.m. the Augusta Parade will begin at the State House and end at Fort Western. At 5:30 p.m. Augusta's Mayor, David Rollins, will give the traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence outside

the Fort gates on Cony Street followed by the lowering of the British colors and the raising of the "new" American flag. Afterwards, a thirteen-gun cannon salute will be made honoring the original 13 colonies.

Admission rates: \$10 for adults, \$6 for children (6-14), \$8 for seniors & veterans, \$25 for family (5), and \$1 AAA discounts. Augusta residents and active military are FREE of charge. For more information go to [oldfortwestern.org](http://oldfortwestern.org) or call 626-2385.

\*New hours: June: Friday -Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; July - August: open daily 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; September: Friday -Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; October: Open Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, please visit our website at [oldfortwestern.org](http://oldfortwestern.org) or call 626-2385 or e-mail us at [oldfort@oldfortwestern.org](mailto:oldfort@oldfortwestern.org).

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# Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival scheduled for June 14 – 18

Some of the greatest Bluegrass music can be heard at one of the largest family musical events in New England. Blistered Fingers is a fast-moving traditional Bluegrass Band from the central Maine area that travels extensively around the northeast and eastern Canada. Blistered Fingers' obvious love of bluegrass, their fans, and field picking makes Blistered Fingers a special group with their delightful mix of original material, soulful ballads and hard driving traditional bluegrass music with a little good humor thrown in.

The Bluegrass Festival takes place twice every year and brings thousands of music lovers from all over the world to Litchfield, Maine, to hear banjos, fiddles, and high, lonesome harmonies. This event features many worldwide and local bands and has something for all ages. It has been held every June and August since 1991.

The famed Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival will be held this summer at the Litchfield Fairgrounds, 30 Plains Road in Litchfield. The festival grounds have a big stage that was built in 2010, as well as the convenience of 18 women's and 18 men's indoor bathroom facilities, four free hot showers, numerous water locations throughout the grounds, electrical hookups, and an extra-large tent. Several food and craft vendors will be on hand.

The festival location has a Welcome Home country atmosphere and flat, solid grounds great for camping.

The Blistered Fingers and the Bluegrass Music Association of Maine have gotten together to create a free, relaxed, informative, three-day music program for children ages 6-18 at the Blistered Fingers Kids Academy. The

focus is how to play and sing bluegrass music. Students will bring their own instruments and must commit to the three-day program. All the youngsters get a free T-shirt and the group will perform a couple of songs on the main stage Saturday. Gates will open at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 12 for early birds. Weekend tickets for each festival will cover four days of great music and camping from Wednesday to Saturday plus the Sunday Morning Gospel Sing Along and Jam.

This year's performers:

The Gibson Brothers (NY)..... S  
 The Boxcars (TN) ..... F  
 Deer Creek Boys (VA) ..... T, F  
 BLUE MAFIA (IN) ..... W, T  
 The Little Roy & Lizzy Show (GA) .. S  
 Bluegrass Diamonds (NB) ..... F, S  
 The Baker Family (MO) ..... T, F  
 Zink & Company (MA) ..... S  
 The Misty Mountaineers (ME) W, F, S  
 Back Woods Road (ME) ..... W, F  
 Robinson's Bluegrass Gospel..... Sun.

Your Host Band:

Blistered Fingers (ME)..... Sat.  
 Gate Opens 8 a.m. (Sunday) June 11.  
 Daily Gate Times Are 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

No smoking, pets, coolers or exposed alcoholic beverages are allowed in concert area. Pets must be on leash at all times on festival grounds and pooper scoopers must be used.

Campfires in above ground fireplaces only.

No bicycles, ATV's, personal golf carts allowed.

Not responsible for accidents or lost, stolen or damaged property.

Anyone appearing to be intoxicated, acting abusive, immodestly dressed, or causing trouble will be removed from premises and no refund will be given. We reserve the right to refuse anyone admission.



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#### Ticket Prices per Person:

Wed - Sun 5-day advance: At gate \$90

Electric hookups \$35/entire stay - dogs \$10/entire stay. Early bird camping Sun-Tues \$10/day per camper; guest/visiting Sun-Tues - \$10/Person per day; children 16 & under free with adult.

Rough camping: Free Wed-Sun with weekend tickets.

Camping/night without weekend ticket - \$10.

Daily show prices per person payable at gate only:

Wed - \$15, 5-9 p.m. Thurs - \$20, 4-10 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. - \$35, after 5 p.m. \$25. Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. - \$35, after 5 p.m. \$25

Sunday Gospel Sing & Jam - Free, 9-10 a.m.

For additional information, visit the website [BlisteredFingers.com](http://BlisteredFingers.com) or contact Sandy Cormier at [blist-f@blisteredfingers.com](mailto:blist-f@blisteredfingers.com), or 873-6539.

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Miss Maine visited the Greater Gardiner River Festival last year.



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There will be a Medieval Display, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. during the Kennebec River Day at Mill Park on June 24, by the Society for Creative Anachronism.




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# City of Augusta 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Fireworks

You are invited to be part of the City of Augusta's 4th of July Parade. This is a great way to showcase your business/organization and be part of an afternoon full of special events meant to mark Independence Day.



The parade starts at 4:00 p.m. at the State House parking lot, traveling down State Street, around the Rotary and down Water Street, across the bridge and ends at Old Fort Western.

## Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Downeast Brass will be performing at Market Square - 2:30-4:00 p.m.

The Parade is at 4:00 p.m.  
State House Parking Lot to  
Old Fort Western

Mill Park Activities at 5:00 p.m.  
Bounce Houses/Hay Rides  
Vendors/Concerts  
Wrecking Ball  
Inflatable Bungee Run  
Roaring River 27' High Water Slide  
Gladiator Joust

Cold Blue Steel performing at 5:30 p.m.  
Yellow Brick Road performing at 7:30 p.m.

*Parade Theme: Celebrating Firefighters  
Grand Marshall: Joe Thomas*

Fireworks  
at 9:15 p.m.  
at the Old Statler  
Tissue Compound

Best viewing  
area is Mill Park

City of Augusta  
Wendy Somes  
Parade Coordinator  
22 Armory Street  
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