



42ND ANNUAL

# WHATEVER 2019 FAMILY FESTIVAL

June 12 - July 4

**Blistered  
Fingers  
Bluegrass  
Festival**

June 20-23

**Greater  
Gardiner  
River  
Festival**

Saturday, June 22

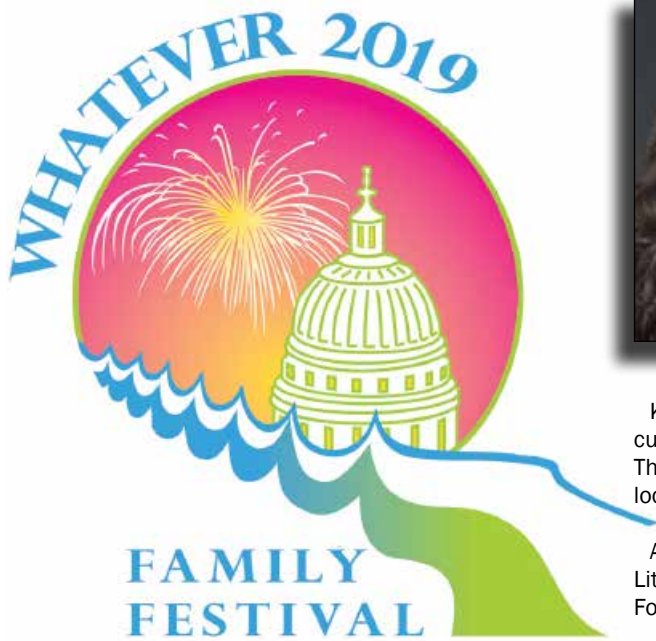
**Kennebec  
River Day  
& Kennebec  
River Brewfest**

Saturday, June 29

**Capital  
City  
Riverfront  
Fourth**

Thursday, July 4





### Hey Central Maine,

Are you ready to celebrate summer in the Kennebec Valley?! The Whatever Family Festival is celebrating its 42nd anniversary, and we are proud to keep the tradition going strong!

With hundreds of events and activities – nearly all free – over a three-week period, we will all celebrate with family and friends. These events are held throughout the Kennebec Valley from June 12 through July 4.

In 2019, the Chamber is proud to present two signature events during the Whatever Family Festival – Kennebec River Day and Kennebec River Brewfest.



Kennebec River Day is held in Mill Park along the mighty Kennebec River and has activities for *all ages*. Children will be occupied with games and activities while adults can spend time at different vendor booths or the two stages of entertainment. The Chamber continues to transform this day with the addition of the Kennebec River Brewfest, a craft beer festival featuring local Maine breweries. The Chamber is excited to bring everyone together for a day in Augusta to celebrate our community.

Aside from the festivities in Mill Park, the Whatever Family Festival includes the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival in Litchfield, the Greater Gardiner River Festival, the 17th annual Friends on the 4th 5K in Winthrop, Independence Day at Old Fort Western and Augusta's Capital City Riverfront Fourth of July to name just a few.

Please take a moment to read through our list of sponsors and 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., G-Force Adventures and MaineGeneral Health. 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!

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

Sincerely,  
Katie Doherty, President & CEO



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# Whatever Family Festival

June 12 - July 4, 2019

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# Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival on stage

*One of New England's largest family events of its kind*

Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival is celebrating its 52nd festival, June 20-23, at the Litchfield Fairgrounds at 30 Plains Road. Directions are located on the flyers or on the website [BlisteredFingers.com](http://BlisteredFingers.com).

Festival grounds include a big stage that was built in 2010, indoor bathroom facilities, four free hot showers, electrical connections and numerous water hookups throughout the grounds.

Several types of vendors will be located on the grounds.

The festival location has a "Welcome Home" country atmosphere. Many visitors have said they enjoyed the camping grounds, according to the owners.

"We also have a lot of field picking through the whole time of the festival," said Sandy Cormier, promoter of the festival along with her husband, Greg Cormier.

The event also includes the Blistered Fingers Kids Academy, a free, relaxed, informative three-day music program for children ages 6-18. The focus is on how to play, sing and perform bluegrass music. Students can bring their own instruments and commit to the three-day program. The youth all get a free T-shirt and perform a couple of songs as a group on the main stage.

The gates will open at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 16. Weekend tickets for each festival will cover three days of great music and camping from Thursday to Saturday and a Sunday Morning Gospel Sing Along and Jam.

#### Performers:

- The Gibson Brothers (NY) , Sat.
- Danny Paisley & Southern Grass (PA) Sat.
- The Little Roy & Lizzy Show (GA) Sat.
- The Baker Family (MO). Thurs., Fri.
- Dave Adkins Band (KY) Fri.
- The Company (MA) Fri.
- The Kevin Prater Band (KY) Thur., Fri.
- Dreamcatcher (TN) Thur.
- Third Harmony (NB) Fri., Sat.
- Robinson's Bluegrass Gospel, Sun.
- Host Band: Blistered Fingers (ME) Sat.

#### Price per person, tickets are available at the gate:

- Early Bird Camping (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday before the festival) \$10/ day per camper
- All four days with FREE camping- \$90
- Children 16/under, free with paying adult
- Wednesday only - \$15
- Thursday only- \$20
- Friday only- \$35 after 5 p.m. - \$25
- Saturday only- \$35 after 5 p.m. - \$25
- Sunday - FREE with weekend pass
- Dogs- \$10
- Power- \$35 for the entire stay

**About Blistered Fingers:** Voted as one of the top 10 festivals to attend this year. 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 its 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. The festival has something for all ages and has been held every June and August since 1991.

**BLISTERED FINGERS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - June 20-23, 2019**

**Gates will open at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 16**

**Early bird camping starts June 16**

For additional information, visit the website at [BlisteredFingers.com](http://BlisteredFingers.com) or contact Sandy Cormier at [blis-f@blisteredfingers.com](mailto:blis-f@blisteredfingers.com), or call (207) 873-6539.



We are proud to join with our friends and neighbors in celebrating and supporting the **42nd Annual Whatever Family Festival**

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# Kennebec River Brewfest on tap June 29 at Mill Park in Augusta



Presented by Highbrow, the Kennebec River Brewfest focuses on local, Maine craft beer and craft spirits. It features nearly 20 breweries and distilleries from around the state, over 40 different beers and more than 10 spirits.

On June 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Brewfest will be held under the pavilion in Mill Park in Augusta with surrounding green space available for attendees to enjoy the beautiful Maine summer weather.

Each Brewfest attendee, age 21 and over, will receive a wrist band, including a special wrist band for Designated Drivers.

VIP ticket holders receive unlimited 4-ounce beer tasting and 1/2 ounce spirit tastings, a souvenir tasting glass, a free T-shirt and an hour early access to the Brewfest. VIP access is presented by Damon's Beverage Mart & Redemption – Augusta.

General admission ticket holders receive unlimited 4-ounce beer tastings and 1/2 ounce spirit tasting, a souvenir tasting glass and admission to the Brewfest from noon to 4 p.m.

Designated Driver ticket holders receive a complimentary water and access to the Brewfest.

Food vendors, lawn games, and more will all be within an arm's reach of the Kennebec River Brewfest as it takes place alongside the Kennebec River Day.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.KennebecValleyChamber.com](http://www.KennebecValleyChamber.com) or at the door the day of the event.



## KENNEBEC RIVER BREWFEET

PRESENTED BY HIGHBROW

This event is for age 21 and older.



### 11AM VIP HOUR

VIP \$50 | \$55 AT THE DOOR

Early admission to exclusive VIP Hour,  
unlimited 4oz beer tastings  
& 1/2 oz spirit tastings  
11AM-4PM, VIP beer selection,  
souvenir tasting glass, Brewfest T-shirt

### 12PM GENERAL ADMISSION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$30

\$35 AT THE DOOR

Unlimited 4oz beer tastings and 1/2 oz spirit  
tastings from 12PM-4PM, souvenir tasting glass

### DESIGNATED DRIVER \$5

Access to the Brewfest, complimentary water

### ATTENDING BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES:

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THE LIBERAL CUP  
LOST VALLEY BREWING CO.  
STARS & STRIPES BREWING CO.  
TUMBLDOWN BREWING  
TWO GRAMPS BREWING  
VAN DER BREW  
WATERVILLE BREWING CO.

### BAND SCHEDULE

VIP HOUR: RON BERGERON

12PM-1PM: THE BUSINESS

1PM-2PM: MEMPHIS LIGHTNING

2PM-3PM: THE COURT JESTERS



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# 2019 WHATEVER FAMILY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 3PM-6PM GARDINER FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Gardiner Common
- 5PM-7PM ART2019, 24TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW The Harlow, Hallowell
- 5PM-7PM HYPERTEXTURE: IAN TRASK AND ANDREW ELIJAH EDWARDS EXHIBIT The Harlow, Hallowell

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 6:30AM-9PM MONMOUTH FAIR (\$) Monmouth Fairgrounds
- 12PM-6PM ART2019, 24TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW The Harlow, Hallowell
- 12PM-6PM HYPERTEXTURE: IAN TRASK AND ANDREW ELIJAH EDWARDS EXHIBIT The Harlow, Hallowell

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- 7:30AM-9PM MONMOUTH FAIR (\$) Monmouth Fairgrounds
- 12PM-6PM ART2019, 24TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW The Harlow, Hallowell
- 12PM-6PM HYPERTEXTURE: IAN TRASK AND ANDREW ELIJAH EDWARDS EXHIBIT The Harlow, Hallowell
- 5PM BOND BROOK TREAD FEST - RUN (\$) Bond Brook Recreation Area, Augusta

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 7AM-9PM MONMOUTH FAIR (\$) Monmouth Fairgrounds
- 8AM BOND BROOK TREAD FEST - STAGE RACE (\$) Bond Brook Recreation Area, Augusta
- 12PM-6PM ART2019, 24TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW The Harlow, Hallowell
- 12PM-6PM HYPERTEXTURE: IAN TRASK AND ANDREW ELIJAH EDWARDS EXHIBIT The Harlow, Hallowell
- 10AM-2PM SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE Stevens Commons, Hallowell

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- 9AM-5PM MONMOUTH FAIR (\$) Monmouth Fairgrounds

## MONDAY, JUNE 17

- 6:30PM GET OUTSIDE: EXPLORE AUGUSTA TRAILS Lithgow Library

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- 2PM-6PM MILL PARK FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Mill Park, Augusta
- 7PM TUESDAY TRIVIA Two Gramps Brewing

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 3PM-6PM GARDINER FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Gardiner Common
- 6PM WATERFRONT WEDNESDAYS - TICKLE Waterfront Park, Augusta

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- 9AM-2PM PETANQUE TOURNAMENT Mill Park, Augusta
- 3PM-9PM BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (\$) Litchfield Fairgrounds

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- 10AM-9PM BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (\$) Litchfield Fairgrounds
- 5PM-7PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- GREATER GARDINER RIVER FESTIVAL**  
WWW.GARDINERMAINSTREET.ORG
- ALL DAY FOOD AND NOVELTY VENDORS Waterfront Park
- 7AM-2PM BREAKFAST AND LAWN SALE Christ Church
- 8AM ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley
- 9:30AM-2PM LISTENING TENT WITH UPSTREAM Pump Deck
- 9AM-10AM YOGA ON THE BOARDWALK WITH KIM NIXON Waterfront Park
- 10AM FACE PAINTING, POPCORN, AND KIDS ACTIVITIES - GRACE COMMUNITY CHAPEL Waterfront Park
- 10AM ROBOT DEMONSTRATIONS - GARDINER IRON TIGERS Waterfront Park
- 10AM STORY WALK AND NATURE HUNT - LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF GREATER AUGUSTA Waterfront Park
- 10AM-4PM 17TH ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR Downtown Gardiner
- 10AM-4PM COMMUNITY SHOWCASE Waterfront Park
- 11AM DEDICATION OF DILLY DALLY Waterfront Park
- 11AM-3PM BURNS BEARS CHAINSAW CARVING Riverfront
- 11AM-4PM FREE BOAT RIDES WITH FRIENDS OF THE COBBOSSEE WATERSHED Riverfront
- 11:30AM-3:30PM STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD DEMO Waterfront Park
- 2PM-7:30PM LIVE MUSIC Waterfront Park

- 7:45PM-9PM COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW Waterfront Park
- 9PM GARDINER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FIREWORKS Waterfront Park

## ALSO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- 10AM-9PM BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (\$) Litchfield Fairgrounds
- 10AM-2PM SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE Stevens Commons, Hallowell
- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell
- 7:30PM MURDER FOR TWO (\$) Theater at Monmouth

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 9AM-10AM BLISTERED FINGERS FAMILY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL (\$) Litchfield Fairgrounds

## TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 2PM-6PM MILL PARK FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Mill Park, Augusta
- 7PM TUESDAY TRIVIA (\$) Two Gramps Brewing
- 8PM TRIVIA NIGHT (\$) The Liberal Cup

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell
- 3PM-6PM GARDINER FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Gardiner Common
- 6PM WATERFRONT WEDNESDAYS - TAYLOR ROAD Waterfront Park, Augusta

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 12PM-3PM BEYOND BORDERS FARMERS MARKET (\$) Viles Arboretum
- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell
- 5:30PM-8:30PM WATERVILLE ROCKS Castonguay Square, Waterville

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 10AM-2PM FRIENDS OF THE COBBOSSEE WATERSHED OPEN HOUSE 2518 US Route 202, Winthrop

- 10AM-2PM SCULPTOR IN RESIDENCE Stevens Commons, Hallowell
- 11AM-4PM KENNEBEC RIVER BREWFEST (\$) Mill Park, Augusta
- 11AM-4PM KENNEBEC RIVER DAY Mill Park, Augusta
- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell
- 1PM THE JUNGLE BOOK (\$) Theater at Monmouth
- 7PM-10PM JAMIE MCLEAN TRIO: FRONT STREET MUSIC SERIES (\$) Front Street, Augusta
- 7:30PM 20TH ANNUAL BLACK FLY FOLLIES (\$) Theater at Monmouth
- 7:30PM-9PM BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS (\$) Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney

## TUESDAY, JULY 2

- 2PM-6PM MILL PARK FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Mill Park, Augusta
- 7PM TUESDAY TRIVIA (\$) Two Gramps Brewing
- 8PM TRIVIA NIGHT (\$) The Liberal Cup

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- 3PM-6PM GARDINER FARMER'S MARKET (\$) Gardiner Common
- 12PM-6PM TOM FERRERO: THE PLACES IN BETWEEN The Harlow, Hallowell
- 6PM WATERFRONT WEDNESDAYS - LEXI JAMES Waterfront Park, Augusta

## THURSDAY, JULY 4

- 8AM FRIENDS ON THE 4TH 5K - RUN, JOG, OR WALK (\$) Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, Norcross Point, Winthrop
- 4PM AUGUSTA 4TH OF JULY PARADE State House to State Street to Water Street to Fort Western, City of Augusta
- 4PM BELGRADE 4TH OF JULY PARADE Begins at Rome Farm, goes south on Route 27, Belgrade
- 9PM BELGRADE FIREWORKS Long Pond, Belgrade
- 9:15PM CAPITAL CITY FIREWORKS Mill Park, Augusta
- 9:15PM WINTHROP FIREWORKS Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce, Norcross Point, Winthrop

# Kennebec River Day plays out in Augusta's Mill Park June 29

## *Dancing, drumming, games and food for everyone*

Kennebec River Day brings tradition back to the Kennebec River at Mill Park in Augusta along the mighty river. Held on June 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Kennebec River Day is an event for all ages.

With two stages, event goers can expect to be entertained throughout the day by a variety of performances, including dance performances, a karate demonstration, a talent show and live music by Hall-Dale High School's Taiko Drummers.

Touch-a-Truck brings a toy car collection to life. Participants get the chance to pretend they're a firefighter by climbing up into the

Augusta Fire Department's fire truck and ambulance displays. Other specialty trucks will be on site, including an O&P glass truck and a Zamboni from the Maine Ice Vault.

There will be dozens of free games and activities throughout the park. A 150-foot inflatable military style obstacle course with tires, giant barriers, a rope swing and a vertical wall to climb will be available for friends to challenge each other and see who has the skills to win. Other activities include slime making, disc golf, face painting, meet and greet with retired race dogs, lawn games and more!

If participants work up an appetite taking part in all of the activities, there will be a lot of food options to choose from. Food vendors will be serving up dishes ranging from the traditional festival food of burgers, fries and fried dough to fried pickles and Mac & Cheese and more.

The Kennebec River Day wouldn't be possible without the support of all our sponsors. Many thanks to our Major Sponsors - Everett J. Prescott, G-Force Adventures, and MaineGeneral Health - for their support of this great event! Join us Saturday, June 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for free family fun.



### KENNEBEC RIVER DAY IN MILL PARK | SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

RAIN LOCATION - AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER

#### FAMILY FUN STAGE

- 11AM-4PM Emceed by 92 Moose Personalities
- 11AM-12PM TAIKO DRUMMING  
Hall-Dale High School
- 12PM-1PM DANCE PERFORMANCE  
Dance Unlimited
- 1PM-2PM KARATE DEMONSTRATION  
Maine Isshinryu Karate Academies
- 2PM-3PM WORKING K-9 DEMONSTRATION  
Merrill's Detector Dog Services

#### B98.5 STAGE

- 11AM-4PM TALENT SHOW  
B98.5 - Townsquare Media

#### ACTIVITIES

- 11AM-4PM ARABIC WRITING  
Learn how to write your name in Arabic, Capital Area New Mainers Project
- 11AM-4PM BEAD CRAFTS  
Cornhole game with prizes, A Family for ME
- 11AM-4PM BUILDING WITH LEGOS  
University of Maine at Augusta Architecture
- 11AM-4PM CODING BRACELETS  
Learn about Binary Coding with beads, string, and template, Girl Scouts of Maine
- 11AM-4PM DISC GOLF AND MAKING SLIME  
Grace Christian Academy
- 11AM-4PM GAGA PIT  
Kennebec Valley YMCA
- 11AM-4PM GREYHOUND MEET AND GREET  
Hands-on interaction with real retired racing dogs, Greyhound Placement Service

- 11AM-4PM GROW YOUR SAVINGS  
Plant a coin (seed) with dirt and water in a plant pot, New Dimensions FCU
- 11AM-4PM HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE  
City of Augusta
- 11AM-4PM ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST  
Unlimited ice cream, bounce house, and face paint, Boy and Girls Club of KV
- 11AM-4PM INFLATABLES  
150' Obstacle Course, 22' Rock wall, slide, and obstacle course, and Crayon toddler bounce house, G-Force Adventures
- 11AM-4PM INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO  
Hear and play instruments of all shapes and sizes, Snow Pond Center for the Arts
- 11AM-4PM KIDS WORKSHOP  
Hands-on craft building project for kids and their parents, Augusta Home Depot
- 11AM-4PM MAKE YOUR OWN SUNGLASSES  
Smart Eye Care
- 11AM-4PM MAKING SLIME  
Worship Radio Network
- 11AM-4PM MEET AN OFFICER  
Augusta Police Department
- 11AM-4PM MOBILE MUSEUM  
Magnetic gears and ball ramps; sensory and STEM activities, Children's Discovery Museum
- 11AM-4PM ORAL HEALTH  
Learn about oral health and win give-aways, Maine Dental Association
- 11AM-4PM PRIZE WHEEL  
Meet Earnie the Starfish and spin the prize wheel, cPort Credit Union
- 11AM-4PM ROPE DEMO  
Pull a heavy object with a zrig, Augusta Fire and Rescue

- 11AM-4PM SENSORY TABLE  
Kennebec Valley YMCA
- 11AM-4PM SOIL DETECTIVES  
Hands-on science exploration with dirt, Kennebec County 4-H
- 11AM-4PM VITAL SIGNS CLINIC  
Check pulse and other vital signs, Augusta Fire and Rescue
- 11AM-4PM WAND CREATIONS  
Build your magic wand, Augusta Housing

#### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

- 11AM-4PM AMBULANCE  
Augusta Fire and Rescue
- 11AM-4PM BOAT  
Clark Marine
- 11AM-4PM CAPITAL 95.9
- 11AM-4PM CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE  
Lajoie Brothers
- 11AM-4PM FIRE TRUCK  
Augusta Fire and Rescue
- 11AM-4PM GLASS RACK TRUCK  
O&P Glass
- 11AM-4PM POLICE CAR  
Augusta Police Department
- 11AM-4PM TOW TRUCK  
KDT Towing
- 11AM-4PM TOW TRUCK  
Statewide Towing
- 11AM-4PM ZAMBONI  
Camden National Bank Ice Vault

#### VENDORS

- 11AM-4PM CARICATURES  
Caricatures by PJ
- 11AM-4PM MOBILE BEAUTY  
Cosmetology Services, Mobile Beauty

- 11AM-4PM PAPAZZI JEWELRY  
\$5 bling for any occasion, Shelley Burger
- 11AM-4PM ROAMING RAILROAD  
Trail rides around Mill Park, Roaming Railroad
- 11AM-4PM WHIMSICAL GIFTS  
Signs, mugs, towels, tote bags and more!  
Jenni, LLC

#### FOOD VENDORS

- 11AM-4PM CRISCI ENTERPRISES  
Fried dough, chicken baskets, french fries, and haddock baskets
- 11AM-4PM THE LOST WOMBAT  
German Doner Kebab, Fritters
- 11AM-4PM SALTY DOG BBQ & CATERING  
BBQ options
- 11AM-4PM SCRUMMY AFTERS CANDY SHOPPE  
Novelty candy and homemade chocolates
- 11AM-4PM SHUT UP N EAT IT  
Mac & cheese, chili, fried pickles, and more!
- 11AM-4PM SILVERTON FOODS  
BBQ food with Maine made sauces





# Greater Gardiner River Festival focuses on wellness, outside activities

*Johnson Hall leads off with concert series*

**BY MELINDA HAHN**

*Director of Programming  
and Communications  
Gardiner Main Street  
Special to Whatever Festival 2019*

Summer unfolds in Gardiner this year with two popular community events. Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center leads off the summer festivities at Waterfront Park on June 21 with a Battle of the Bands kicking off the Waterfront Concert Series at 7 p.m., followed by a dazzling display of fireworks.

The excitement continues Saturday, June 22 with the much-anticipated Greater Gardiner River Festival. Activities run from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. Festival organizers have continued to find ways to celebrate life on the Kennebec River from land to shore. Activities at the waterfront are free to the public thanks to the area's generous sponsors with entertainment, children's activities, food trucks and a community organization showcase.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed are returning this year to provide free boat rides, a popular attraction. Meanwhile, Burns Bears will create incredible, detailed wood chain-

saw carvings.

SoKenSup will get people on the river with stand-up paddle board demonstrations. To continue the theme of wellness and celebrating the outdoors beyond the festival, local businesses have donated bikes to be given away to attendees.

Historic Water Street will be transformed into a pedestrian mall with artists, crafters and specialty food vendors exhibiting their products from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Double Entendre, The Pat Pepin Project and Runaway Home will perform live on the Waterfront Stage.

The evening will wrap up with the popular Kennebec Savings Bank Talent Show and conclude with fireworks from Greater Gardiner Federal Credit Union.

The Greater Gardiner River Festival presented by Dominos is organized by Gardiner Main Street and made possible with additional financial support from Kennebec Savings Bank, Gardiner Federal Credit Union, Wellness Connection of Maine, Riverside Disposal, Randolph Hardware, American Legion Smith Wiley Post 4, G&E Roofing, Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley, Alan Claude Graphic Artist, Goggins IGA, and Kennebec Traders LLC.



## **HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES**

**Food and Novelty Vendors - All day**

**18th Annual Arts & Crafts  
Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Community Organization  
Showcase - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Burns Bears Live Chainsaw  
Carving - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Standup Paddleboard  
Demonstrations -  
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Kennebec Savings Bank  
Talent Show - 7:30 p.m.**

**Gardiner Federal Credit Union  
Fireworks - 9 p.m.**



# WHATEVER FESTIVAL GREATER GARDINER EVENTS JUNE 22

**Starting at 8 a.m.**

**8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (\$)**  
Christ Episcopal Church, 2 Dresden Ave

**8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lawn Sale (\$)**  
Christ Episcopal Church, 2 Dresden Ave

**8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ice Cream for Breakfast**  
Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley, 14 Pray St.

**Starting at 9 a.m.**

**9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Yoga on the Boardwalk with Kim Nixon**  
Waterfront Park

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Book Sale**  
Gardiner Public Library

**9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Listening tent**  
with Upstream Pump Deck

**Starting at 10 a.m.**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 18th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival**  
Historic Downtown Gardiner

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Story Walk with Nature Hunt and Wand Making**  
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta  
Waterfront Park

**Circus Themed Obstacle Course**  
Children's Discovery Museum

**Robot Demonstrations**  
Gardiner Iron Tigers Robotics Team  
Waterfront Park

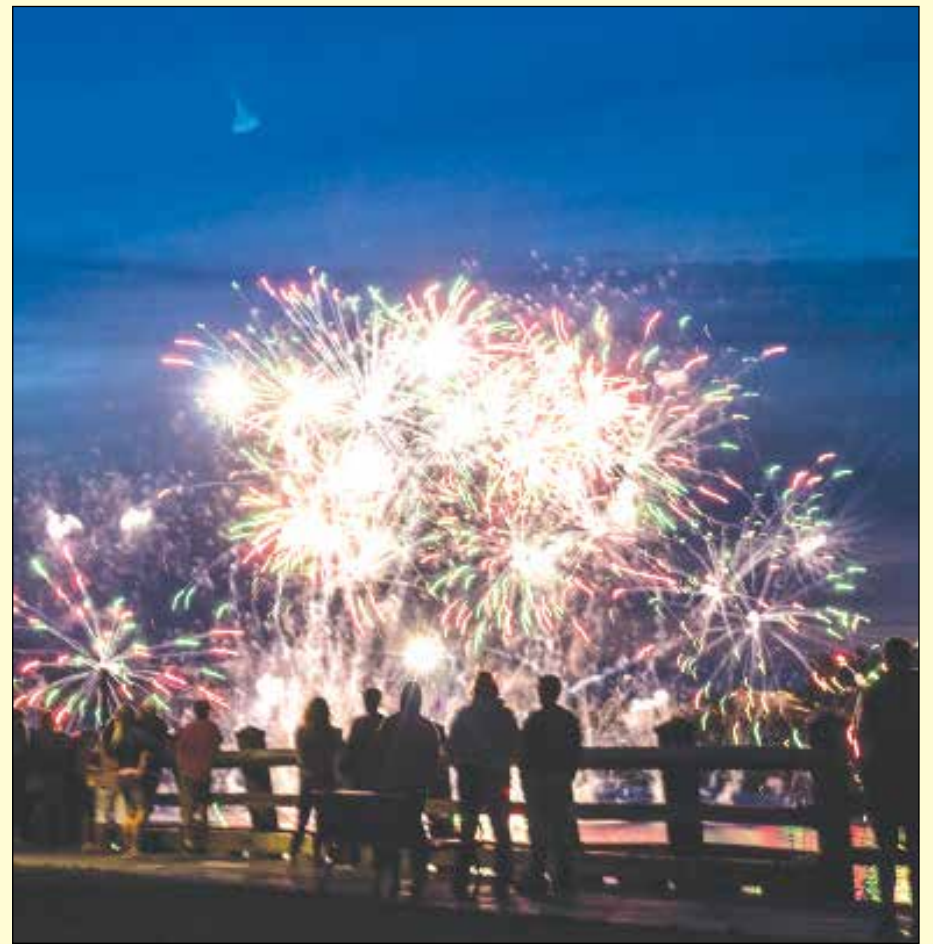
**Face Painting, Popcorn, and Kids Activities**  
Grace Community Chapel  
Waterfront Park

**Gaga Ball**  
Kennebec Valley YMCA

**Corn Hole, Snap-ed Taste Test, and Flavored Water**  
Healthy Communities of the Capital Area

**Giant Jenga and Duck Pool Game**  
Gardiner Democratic Committee

**Board Breaking and Games for Kids**  
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## **THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

**11 a.m. Dedication of "Dilly Dally"**  
Waterfront Park

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Burns Bears Chainsaw Carving**  
Riverfront

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE Boat Rides**  
Riverfront (Registration begins at 10:45 a.m.)  
Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

**11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stand-up Paddleboard Demonstrations**  
SoKen SUP, Kayak Launch (far end of Waterfront Park)

**Live Music:**  
**2 to 3 p.m. Double Entendre**  
**3:30 to 5 p.m. The Pat Pepin Project**  
**5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Runaway Home**  
Waterfront Park

**7:30 p.m. Kennebec Savings Bank Talent Show**  
Waterfront Park

**9 p.m. Gardiner Federal Credit Union Fireworks**  
by Central Maine Pyrotechnics



# Central Maine's biggest road race returns for the 17th year in a row

Join the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed on the 4th of July for their 17th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K Run/Jog/Walk. The race will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 4, in Winthrop, Maine along the beautiful eastern shore of Lake Maranacook.

The Friends on the 4th is a 5K race designed for competitors of all ages and skill levels. After a loop through downtown Main Street in Winthrop, the course follows the beautiful eastern shore of Maranacook Lake.

Pre-registration is \$25 and open until 8 p.m. online July 3, 2019.

Participants registered by 8 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, will receive a free T-shirt sporting the Friend's "Spotter the Otter" race logo and a stuffed gift bag. Event day registration is \$30 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!

To download a registration form or register online, visit [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com), our Facebook Page, or call the Friend's office at 395-5239.





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# Celebrate Independence Day with Fort Western

Fort Western National Historic Landmark and Living History Museum will host an Independence Day Celebration Thursday, July 4, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the east bank of the Kennebec River in the heart of downtown Augusta.

Throughout the day, visitors are invited to walk through the fort, store, and house to view period rooms and exhibits and talk with historical interpreters about daily life in the 18th century. Daniel Savage's Company will be present to demonstrate life as Revolutionary War soldiers and their role at Fort Western. At noon, a special ceremony will be held in accordance with George Washington's orders (July 4, 1778) by "firing thirteen Pieces of Cannon" honoring the original colonies, followed by the lowering of the British colors and the raising of the "new" American flag.

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 in 18th century costume. A "feu de joie" (musket salute) by Daniel Savage's Company will accompany the reading and patriotic music will be provided. At 9:15 p.m. don't miss the traditional fireworks display at Mill Park.

Admission rates: \$10 Adults, \$6 Children (6-14), \$8 Seniors & Veterans, \$25 family (5), and \$1 AAA discounts. Augusta residents and active military are free of charge. Hours: June: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; July and August: Daily 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; September and October: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Fort Western (1754) is America's oldest surviving wooden French & Indian War garrison illuminating 300 years of Maine and New England history. For more information, please visit our website at [www.oldfortwestern.org](http://www.oldfortwestern.org) or call 626-2385 or e-mail us at [oldfort@oldfortwestern.org](mailto:oldfort@oldfortwestern.org).



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# City of Augusta 4th 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.

## Thursday, July 4th, 2019

**Parade Route:**  
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.

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 p.m.

Bounce Houses  
Hay Rides  
2 Live Bands - TBA  
Gladiator Joust

*Parade Theme: Honoring our Troops*  
*Grand Marshall: SSG Travis Mills*

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

Best viewing area  
is Mill Park

City of Augusta  
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