

Glenburn closes Lakeside Landing to nonresidents

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GLENBURN — After several years of making it available to the general public, town officials reluctantly have decided to limit access to a popular recreation spot on Pushaw Lake.

As of June, Lakeside Landing is reserved for residents, property taxpayers and their guests, Town Manager Michael Crooker said.

Crooker said that the Town Council's decision last month to limit access to Lakeside Landing was the result of bad behavior on the part of some beachgoers.

Local officials formed a working group two years ago after residents complained that the atmosphere of Lakeside Landing took a turn for the worse in the summer of 2013, when the town eliminated the former

permit system.

Lakeside Landing formerly was reserved for Glenburn residents and property owners and their guests, who would pay a nominal fee for permits entitling them to access to the beach, Crooker said.

Amenities at the town-owned facility include a beach, a boat launch, picnic tables, horseshoe pits, a float with a slide for swimmers and as of this year, a swing set.

After the beach opened up to nonresidents, he said, the town began fielding complaints about parking problems, overcrowding and unleashed dogs that would end up in the swimming area and then relieve themselves.

There also were reports of fireworks, which aren't allowed in Glenburn's town parks, drinking and drug use, foul language and

vandalism. Crooker said the picnic tables needed to be fished out of the lake several times a year. And that's when they weren't cut up for firewood.

One one occasion two summers ago, Crooker said at that time, town staff needed to fetch the float from the other side of the lake after it mysteriously became unattached from its tethers.

Informal spot checks of who has been using Lakeside Landing since it was opened to everyone found that roughly 85 percent of those visiting were neither residents nor property taxpayers, Crooker said.

Residents and taxpayers who wish to frequent Lakeside Landing this year may do so upon obtaining a \$2 permit from the town that is good for a year, while their guests can obtain seven-day permits for \$2, he said.



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Town officials have closed Lakeside Landing, a town-owned public beach on Pushaw Lake in Glenburn, due to recent problems with parking, unleashed dogs, and vandalism.

Calling all fairies, pirates, elves, wizards, hobbits and gnomes to Pixie Harbor Hoopla

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce brings this first year event to Bucksport this summer in response to Friends of Fort Knox's Pirate Day held the day before. Pixie Harbor Hoopla is a "magical" themed festival and a friendly uplifting fun day! Fairies & Pirates of all ages are invited to join us on the waterfront for a day of enchantment on Sunday, July 17th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dress in your finest Fairy and Pirate Costumes or come as you are!

The Pirate Ships Must Roos & British Sloop will be setting sail with cannons and flintlocks from Bucksport Town Dock. Six passengers max per ship. Times are throughout the day with a charge of \$25 per person for an hour cruise and cannon firing with the pirates! Advance ticket purchase is recommended, please call Friends of Fort Knox

207.469.6553 for more information about the pirate ships.

Attendees can also visit Pixie Harbor Hoopla's "Gnome Depot," a one-stop-shop for bark, leaves, shells and other natural materials perfect for building fairy houses. Then display your creation for the day on the Bucksport Waterfront.

It is said that fairy spirits reside among the trees, flowers, plants, and creatures that live in gardens. The act of building a fairy house is believed to bring good luck as well as help the plants and flowers to grow.

Other activities include learning sword fighting skills at a fencing demonstration by Down East School of Fencing, launching water balloons with the Challenger Learning Center's giant catapult, bubble fountain fun, and shopping in the vendors' village.

For additional information about Pixie Harbor Hoopla please call the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 207.469.6818 or email office@bucksport-baychamber.com.

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Panelists at GrowSmart Maine's forum at Village Centre in Brewer toured the pre-certified Passive House Institute U.S. project with attendees to point out energy efficiencies and the benefits of public-private investment. Among the panelists was Cordelia Pitman, director of preconstruction services for Wright-Ryan, the project's construction manager.

Yard sale to benefit Shaw House youth shelter

BANGOR — The Shaw House is a youth homeless shelter in Bangor that works with youth up to the age of 20, providing them with emergency shelter, transitional housing, food, clothing, transportation, and various other services to meet their individual needs. There will be a donation yard sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, at 136 Union St. to benefit Shaw House programs. Donations of items will be accepted beginning July 11. No electronics will be accepted. Pickup can be arranged by calling the Outreach Program at 941-2828.

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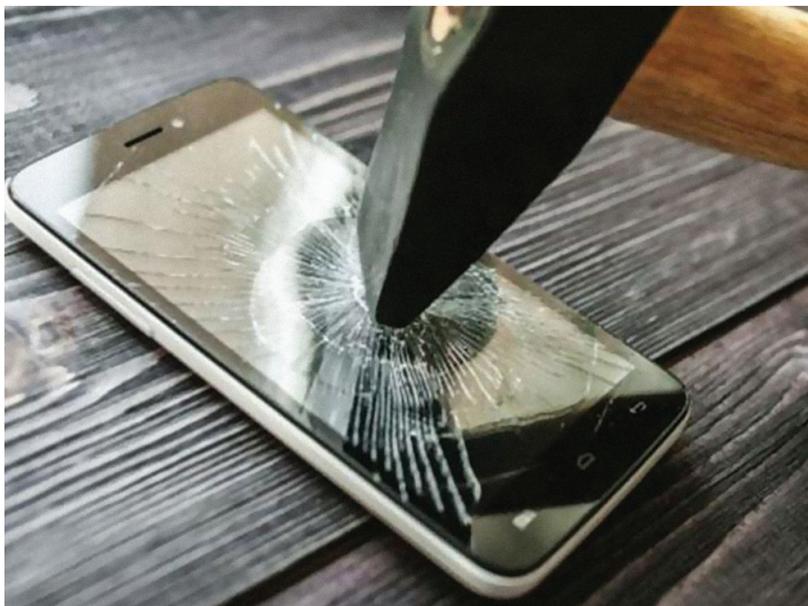


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