From the Bangor Police: Cupcakes, and correctly using 911

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Bangor Greendrinks held their holiday event at the Maine Cloth Diaper Company, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the 35 Main St. location.

Being on the walking beat for hours at a time can make a cop seek out a facility with Diaper in the title. However, Officer Russ Twaddell was just doing his business, I mean, job. His assignment is making sure downtown Bangor is a safe place to

environment for future generations and believes in sustainability. Maybe he said, stain-ability.

live, work and shop.

He also saw the cupcakes.

He described them to

me as "heavenly" when

he sent me the picture

shown at left (suitable for

framing) from the Green-

drinks event. Twaddell

said that it was "choco-

late with a creamy choco-

late frosting and filled

with coconut cream." He

walks miles a day so I

Twaddell told me that if

he was to wear a diaper he

would want them to be cloth

as he is all about a better

guess he can handle it.

We really don't care who you are.

When you call 911 to re-

quest help, it matters not your name, color of your skin, religious preferences or whether you like your toast with butter or dry. When you call 911 the police or fire/paramedics are coming to your house.

It would be really cool if you could get that kind of reaction to any other phone call, but I think you know that is not going to happen.

Let's review;

You: Larry, I need help moving a sofa bed to my new third floor apartment with an outside staircase. The ice storm should be over by 11am. Let's shoot for 11:30?

Larry: No.

You: Wanda, Would you watch my ferrets for a week as I am traveling to Florida. I have seven. They are on a special diet of anchovies and they need constant attention because they get out many times a day and tend to relieve themselves in inaccessible areas of my home. What do you say?

Wanda: No. When you call 911 there will be a few simple questions which can very easily be answered by the caller. Even before all those questions are answered, help will be on the way. Whether it be a medical condition or a dangerous situation, we are coming.

We think that is a pretty good deal.

The men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here.



Officer Russ Twaddell poses with a cupcake at last week's Bangor Greendrinks event.

UMaine to match aid at **New England land**grant schools

The University of Maine announced Friday a commitment to match financial aid offers from any other New England land-grant universities as part of a push to continue educating Maine residents.

Under the Maine Matters program, the university will review financial aid offers from other New England land-grant universities and provide grants to match the net cost of tuition and fees and room and board.

The match program builds on a strong foundation of scholarships for in-state students, according to the university. Maine students who are accepted to UMaine are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships, which means every acceptance letter will offer either a \$500 Maine Matters award, or a merit scholarship worth between \$2,000 and \$8,000, renewable for up to four years.

"The Maine Matters program is a demonstration of the university's commitment to serving and supporting Maine students and their families. Cost will not be a factor for any college bound Mainers considering attending a landgrant university outside of the state," Joel Wincowski, UMaine's Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management, said.

"Educating our Maine students in the state allows them to set their roots here and build the foundation for a successful career in Maine," he said.

New England land-grant universities include the University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of Connecticut, University of Vermont, University of Rhode Island, MIT and University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

To be considered for the Maine Matters program and merit scholarships,

students must apply to UMaine by Feb. 1, 2016. Students who file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1 also will be evaluated for an increased Maine Matters award based on financial need, as well as other federal and state need-based aid they may be eligible for.

To qualify for one of the four merit-based scholarships. Maine residents must meet the following criteria:

-- Presidential: Top of class or high school GPA of 3.0 or higher and SAT score of 1400 or higher.

-- Flagship: High school GPA of 3.0 or higher and SAT score of 1280 or higher. -- Dean's: High school

GPA of 3.0 or higher and SAT score of 1200 or higher. -- Black Bear: High school GPA of 3.0 or higher and

SAT score of 1100 or higher. "We are excited to offer these awards to Maine students and look forward to welcoming them to the University of Maine next fall," Wincowski said.

Maine Fellows program pairs students with businesses

University The Maine's Foster Center for Student Innovation is seeking motivated, innovative Maine college students and companies that want to make a difference in the state through the Innovate for Maine Fellows program.

The program connects the best and brightest Maine college students with the state's most exciting, growing companies as a way to grow and create jobs in Maine through innovation and entrepreneurship.

The program, now accepting applications, offers paid internships that place students with companies to receive real-world job experience and training in innovation and entrepreneurship. Other benefits for interns include potential academic credit and network-

ing opportunities.
"I feel very lucky that my

first job is at a startup like Tide Creative," says Dana Hopkins, current Innovate for Maine Fellow. "It's letting me get experience in multiple areas... This opportunity never would have happened without the Innovate for Maine program, and I will always be grateful."

Students chosen will participate in an intensive week of preparation before beginning their internships. Their "boot camp" includes training in UMaine's cutting-edge Innovation Engineering program.

Applications also are available for Maine companies looking for summer interns. Companies selected to participate in the program are able to get the help they need to accelerate innovation projects and grow their businesses.

Trained innovation experts guide and mentor both the fellow and the company for the duration of the project. UMaine handles all recruiting, screening, matching, hiring and initial innovation and workplace training.

The Innovate for Maine program will match interns with companies that are developing innovative new products or services, and seeking to significantly grow revenues and employment. The initiative is part of Accelerates Growth, an initiative that aims to create jobs and economic development in the state through entrepreneurship and growth.

The Innovate for Maine Fellows program is open to students in a degree program, attending any college in Maine or residents attending college elsewhere. Fellows can work full time or part time during the summer with the possibility of continuing part time during the academic year.

The application deadline for ellows and companies is Feb. 1, 2016. More information about the program, including applications, is online.

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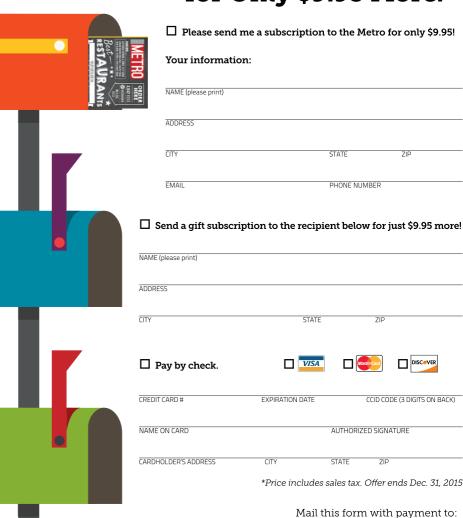
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