

MPBN launching second radio station

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announced recently the upcoming launch of a second radio channel, Maine Public Classical, slated for Monday, May 9. MPBN's current radio channel, Maine Public Radio, will undergo a number of scheduling changes and the addition of multiple new programs and features. Maine Public Classical will feature local programming including Morning Classical with Robin Rilette, Jazz tonight with Rich Tozier and Down Memory Lane with Toby Leboutillier as well as curated national content including Performance Today with Fred Child.

MPBN's new classical channel will be fully available streaming online, over MPBN's statewide HD2 radio signals, and on a new, growing network of FM Stations, including 99.7 in Waterville, 106.1 in Bangor and 91.5 in Fryeburg. MPBN plans to build out and expand the over-the-air Classical FM network throughout 2016 and 2017 acquiring available signals to reach as many classical fans as possible through traditional FM signals.

"Our audience has asked us repeatedly for years for more news and information and more music. We are extremely excited to finally be able to provide more of both to our radio audience and better serve the needs of Maine. In fact, this is the first new expansion of our broadcast signals in 14 years," said MPBN CEO Vogelzang. "Starting an entirely new radio channel is a very challenging, but entirely worthwhile undertaking. The new channel can reach the entire state via streaming and over our HD network and we have three FM signals -- in the Bangor, Waterville and Fryeburg areas -- ready to go and are working hard at finding more across the state. We feel like we're on the cusp of finally delivering what Mainers across the state have been asking for."

MPBN has created a number of online resources at MPBN.NET available on May 9 to provide information on the new radio schedules for both channels as well as a Classical Signal Finder Tool which allows classical, jazz and opera fans to see how they can access Maine Public Classical in their particular town. MPBN has created a number of "how to" videos designed to help listeners understand the different technologies associated with accessing Maine Public Classical where over-the-air listening is not possible.

City of Bangor launches program to locate sump pumps, foundation drains

The city of Bangor is initiating a program to locate existing basement sump pumps and foundation drains that are improperly connected to the city's sanitary sewer. These improper connections add groundwater and stormwater flows to the waste water collection system even though these flows do not require treatment at the plant.

The city is providing a mailing to all city sewer customers to request that residents provide information if they have a sump pump (or basement drain) and where the sump pump is connected.

The following notification will be sent with the next round of sewer bills to residents and businesses within Bangor who are currently receiving City sewer service:

The Bangor Wastewater Treatment Plant shows large increases in flow during wet weather, indicating that a significant amount of infiltration and inflow exists. This flow is clean water, such as groundwater and stormwater, which enters the sanitary sewer system. Excessive amounts of this flow can contribute to basement sewer backups and combined sewer overflows. The flow also results in higher costs paid by residents for the opera-

tion and maintenance of the sewer system.

A large portion of flow may be from sump pumps improperly connected to the sewer system. State and local regulations prohibit the discharge of sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. A sump pump is properly connected if it discharges to a stormwater drain pipe, to a drywell or to an overland discharge location in your yard or driveway. A sump pump is improperly connected if it discharges to a sanitary sewer when other viable discharge alternatives exist.

The City of Bangor is initiating a program for the identification of improper connections to the sanitary sewer. If you suspect that your sump pump (or basement drain) may be connected to the sanitary sewer, contact the city of Bangor Sewer Maintenance Department at 992-4513. The city will then arrange for an inspection at a time convenient for you to confirm the discharge location of the sump pump.

During the basement inspection by city employees, the inspector may need to temporarily introduce dye water into the sump pump system to determine the discharge location. The inspector also may take notes and photographs of the basement's internal plumbing and related appurtenances.

DANCING IN THE WIND



Bangor Ballet students Kelsie Washington (right) and Catherine Ahola goof around after class on Wednesday in the Norumbega Parkway in Bangor. "It's just such a nice day," Washington said. "Just feel the wind."

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