

community news

Landfill nature tour slated for Hampden

Casella Waste Systems, with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and University of Maine, will host a free and open to the public tour from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Pine Tree Landfill, located at 358 Emerson Mill Road. Participants will see a demonstration garden and a wildflower plot installed at the landfill by researchers from UM to support wild bees by providing flowers throughout the growing season. The demonstration garden is part of the pollinator habitat project to support bees needed to pollinate blueberries and other crops in Maine. As many as 270 native bee species in Maine, plus honey bees, can benefit from increased numbers of flowers in the growing season.

At the landfill, a shrub and perennial border containing plants that may be difficult to grow in a meadow but that attract bees is located near the railroad tracks; and three pollinator seed mixes were sown in June at the top of the landfill. "Pollinator habitat is compatible with a capped landfill, and the bees are already visiting the hilly meadow at Pine Tree Landfill, said Alison Dibble, a professor at the School of Biology and Ecology at the University of Maine, in a press release. "By providing pollinator habitat on a large meadow such as a landfill, where no insecticides are used, we have an ideal win-win situation; erosion is prevented; and native bees and butterflies will have plenty of food." A brief overview will be given at 4:45 p.m. and the group will hike to both gardens, about a one-mile round trip. The hike will be moderate difficulty and participants should wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

To get to the meeting point for the nature tour, enter the landfill and stay right at the scaling station, then the next right to the landfill office parking lot. Rain date for the tour is set for 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. **Women of the World schedule set for year** Women of the World has announced its schedule of meals and programs for its 2015-2016 season. They are: Sept. 14, 2015 Korean food Oct. 12, 2015, The Philippines Nov. 9, 2015, Germany Dec. 14, 2015, Christmas Valician Feast Jan. 11, 2016, Soups, breads and desserts from around the world Feb. 8, 2016, Mardi Gras and New Orleans March 14, 2016, Egyptian Cultural and Cake Design April 11, 2016, TBA

May 9, 2016, Brazil Olympic Festival WOW is a group of international women, including Americans, who gather once a month around an ethnic lunch; a cultural program featuring the country/theme represented usually follows. WOW is a great place to meet women from around the world and is the perfect opportunity to learn about new cultures and discover new cuisine. Lunch fees: women and children over 10: \$4, children 6-10: \$2; for children under 6 years of age there is no cost to attend the luncheon with their mother. Lunches are held at noon at the Church of Universal Fellowship, Main Street, Orono. For more information on Women of the World, please call Mireille Le Gal at 207-581-3423. WOW is sponsored by the Office of International Programs at the University of Maine.

**City of Bangor enters into consent decree** The City of Bangor has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that will enhance the ongoing efforts of the City to protect the water quality of the Kenduskeag Stream and the Penobscot River, which are connected. According to a statement from Bangor City Manager Cathy Conlow, "Protecting and improving water quality is important to our community and way of life. We are pleased to be working in cooperation with EPA and DEP toward this effort which will enhance our leadership role in protecting water quality in the region." Since the 1980s, the City has undertaken a successful program to control combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that may occur during heavy

rain events when sewers are filled to capacity with a combination of stormwater and wastewater resulting in untreated overflows. The current agreement, which was filed in U.S. District Court on August 26, 2015, includes both short-term infrastructure improvement projects and longer-term sewer system control measures designed to be completed by 2031. The City has initiated a number of these projects in advance of the agreement.

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**September Star Shows at the Emera Astronomy Center** The Jordan Planetarium is starting up the school year with star-studded planetarium shows for visitors of all ages. Shows run on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. especially for younger guests, though visitors of all ages ages and learning levels are welcomed. Friday evenings at 7 p.m. takes visitors to explore modern astronomy. On September 4 and 18 spectators can come seek new worlds beyond the solar system in the search for life among the stars. "Undiscovered Worlds" explores the hunt for Exoplanets, including the methods and results of our quest to find Earth's twin. Alternate Fridays, September 11 and 25, sail through space with the latest version of the human explorer. "Astronaut" delves into the training

and challenges space explorers face in our society's journey to the final frontier. Younger aspiring astronomers can explore exciting space topics as well every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.. On September 6 and 20, meet up with Jack and Annie from the popular Magic Treehouse children's book series as they explore telescopes, space travel, and even black holes. "Magic Treehouse: Space Mission" is perfect for keeping young minds learning about the universe around them. On September 13 and 27 "Earth, Moon, & Sun" tackles some misconceptions about what we see in the sky and how it relates to our planet. Why does the sun move? Why does the moon change shape? This fast-paced and entertaining program helps explain some of the mysteries of the sky for young learners. Admission is \$6 per

person and seating is limited. For more information and reservations please call (207) 581-1341 or visit Astro.UMaine.edu. Private shows and school field trips can be arranged for these and other shows. The Jordan Planetarium is located at 167 Rangeley Road on the University of Maine campus, near Knox and Oxford Hall and Hilltop Commons, in a brand new facility that opened last year after more than 60 years in Wingate Hall.

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