

MANAGER'S REPORT
July 26, 2018

Wednesday on Main – Another successful Wednesday on Main with great music and the addition of Guns & Hoses serving up their usual delicious food – and the pies from the Garden Club along with the floral creations that were donated – an unbeatable combination! Next Wednesday is another amazing offering with Sam Lardner & Barcelona at the Alamo.

Bay Festival – Many thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, coordinator Shelby Wright, and all the volunteers who helped make the Bay Festival another successful event for Bucksport. The weather cooperated longer than anticipated and a good time was had by all.

Main Street Bucksport – Their most recent update is attached to this report – but a few highlights are the launching of a public art program (an idea adopted from Heart & Soul!) with the first work being a mural on the wall owned by Camden National in the alley that goes down to the marina. It will be unveiled at the upcoming Arts festival on August 10-11. Kids on Main – the book/reading program on Saturday mornings in conjunction with Literacy Volunteers of Maine and Wahl's Dairyport continues to be a raging success with over 595 children and caregivers participating so far! They also sponsored- a scavenger hunt during the Bay Festival with many participants and one lucky entrant won a \$100 cash prize!

Island Journal Article – The most recent annual edition of the Island Journal, sponsored by the Island Institute in Rockland, has a wonderful article about Bucksport. It focuses on Bucksport and its residents have taken a positive attitude toward moving forward following the closure of the mill – and highlights some of the steps that have been taken. I have ordered a copy and will post a copy on the website when I get it.

Audit – The auditors were here for three days last week and will be back to finish up August 5th and 6th. The audit has gone very well. The additional work is necessary because of the fact that the town received more than \$750,000 in Federal funding last year for the Sewer Treatment Plant Project.

EPA – I met with DEP Commissioner Paul Mercer and EPA Assistant to the Administrator Kenneth Wagner on Tuesday morning. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the importance of EPA funding of brownfields and area wide planning grants for the benefit of communities like Bucksport.

Town Office Garden – Many thanks to the Historical Society for the donation of day lilies to the town office for the area around the sign and the walkway. Thank you also to the public works crews for removing the dated hedges. Weather permitting, planting of the lilies will be Friday.