

MANAGER'S REPORT
July 11, 2019

New Benches – A huge thank you to Mike Gross and his class at RSU 25 for building four beautiful benches! They are not located at US Cellular, the Town Office, PowerWise, and adjacent to Port O'Call. Thank you to the Senior Resource Group and Main Street Bucksport for coordinating the project – and to Community & Economic Development Director Rich Rotella for getting the benches located.

Pool Information – I met with Peter Farragher and Nick Tymoczko on Wednesday to discuss RFP's for the pool replacement. That information will be available for the Council at the July 25th meeting. I will also have information available on the cost of construction, operation and maintenance of an indoor facility.

Bay Festival – A reminder to all that the Bay Festival will be held here in Bucksport from July 19th –July 21st. There is a wide range of events planned for it and I encourage everyone to come out and participate in this annual extravaganza!

Special Edition of Wednesday on Main – There will be a special Sunday edition of Wednesday on Main on Sunday, July 21st at the Alamo Theater from noon to 3 p.m. This event will be moderated by Mel Allen, editor of Yankee Magazine and author of the recent article "The Town That Refused to Die". There will be readings from Still Mill: Poems, Stories & Songs of Making Paper in Bucksport, Maine 1930-2014 by its author – our very own poet laureate – Pat Ranzoni, as well as historic artifacts, art & writing displays - and refreshments by MacLeod's restaurant. The event is supported by grants from the Maine Community Foundation and the Maine Humanities Council. As well as North Country Press, the University of Maine Foundation, Main Street Bucksport and the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce.

WERU – Show on Aging – I will be participating with an AARP representative on Wednesday, July 17th about how this community is working to be an age and ability friendly place.

Fishing Dock – The Town is working on getting the gangway attached to the fishing dock. One of the moorings moved over the winter and it has not been possible to get it relocated due to tides and equipment. Another attempt will be made tomorrow to do so and if it is successful, the gangway can be installed on Monday. If not, the Town will engage the services of a marine contractor to get it done.

Entrance Update – Thanks to the front office staff for rebuilding the garden under the Town Office sign and planting flowers. We had to close early for year-end which made the computer system unavailable for use by those not involved in that process. As a result everyone else adjourned to the 'front yard' and spruced up the entrance to the building.