Old Hallowell Day Schedule of events

Parade, fireworks, food and activities fill the day

THROUGH SUNDAY,
JULY 16
Old Hallowell Day Poster
Structural Harmony by Hallowell resident & graphic designer
Brian Ayotte at Boynton’s Market, City Hall, Hubbard Free Library Price: $20.

FRIDAY, JULY 14
Noon – 6 p.m.
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5 – 7 p.m.
Lobster Roll Supper plus Sing-along. The Episcopal Church of Saints Matthew & Barnabas, 20 Union St. with parking on Academy St. Menu: Lobster roll, chips, Pickle, beverage, homemade pie $15.00; or hot dog/roll, chips, beverage, homemade pie $10. After supper join the group in the Sanctuary for a Sing-along! 5:30 p.m.

The 25th Annual Cribbage Tournament. The Wharf, Water Street. Come show off your best moves and strategy! The tournament is single elimination and you must sign up at The Wharf beginning at 5:30 p.m. Play begins at 6 p.m. $10 entry fee. Bring a cribbage board and deck of cards. No board and no cards - no play! $75 first prize and $50 second prize. Sorry, but play is limited to adults. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Poetry Reading - Linda Aldrich & Jim Breslin, Harlow Gallery, 160 Water St. The Bookey Readings is a monthly poetry reading series organized by local poets for more than 20 years. Linda Aldrich of Portland has published two collections of poetry: “Foothold” and “March and Mad Women.” Jim Breslin is the author of “The Crow and Other Poems.” Refreshments are served and a $3 donation is appreciated at the door to support operating costs at the gallery. 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Red Cloak Haunted History Tour of Hallowell. Join The Lady in the Red Cloak for a lantern lit walking tour of Hallowell. Discover the back streets and hidden stories of this “Antique Riverport,” its mysteries and haunts. The moderate walk is suitable for all ages and is by reservation only. 380-9996 or RedCloakHauntedHistoryTours.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 15
All day
Old Fort Western. Fort Western is an integral part of Hallowell’s history. From 1754 until 1797, Fort Western was located in Hallowell in the County of Lincoln. Old Fort Western staff and the Howard Company would like to share this history with the residents of Hallowell. The Howard Company will sail the fort’s reproduction 18th century bateau down from Old Fort Western to Hallowell and fire a 1-pound cannon volley from the shore near the north dock before landing. On shore, Howard Company will invite children of all ages to sign the muster roll and march. Old Fort Western staff will be on hand to demonstrate various aspects of 18th century life as well as play 18th century games. 6 a.m.

Sunrise Yoga by the River. Granite City Park at the base of Winthrop Street. Join others to wake up with the wildlife and the sun with yoga on the Kennebec River at Granite City Park, Hallowell. Gentle yoga to moderate yoga practice led by certified instructor Beth Jones, E-RYT. Bring a mat and a blanket, and begin a healthy Old Hallowell Day tradition. Runners welcome. 6 - 7 a.m.

Old Hallowell Day 5K Road Race registration and number pickup. Hallowell Seafood, corner of Water and Temple Streets opposite the Hallowell Boat Landing. Pre-registration highly recommended (see: OldHallowellDay.org/events/road-race). 7 - 9:30 a.m.

Old Hallowell Day Café. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Summer Street. Come join us for a healthy breakfast of mixed fruit, yogurt, juice, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, kielbasa hash, bagels, English muffins, coffee cakes, muffins and Bolivia’s famous donut holes! We will also have some good “wake-up coffee” and other assorted beverages. Children under 12: $3, all others: $6, Family: $12.

7:30 a.m.
Old Hallowell Day 5K Road Race. Starts at the Corner of Water and Academy Streets. Finishes at Vaughan Field. Refreshments and awards following the race at Vaughan Field.

7:30 a.m.
Hills and Thrills Bike Ride. Hallowell Boat Landing. The 3rd Annual bike ride takes cyclists on a journey through the beautiful rolling hills of Hallowell and neighboring communities. The ride begins at the Boat Landing in downtown Hallowell and is between 20 to 25 miles. For those who prefer more of a challenge, there is a hilly detour that adds another mile and an additional 200 feet of climb ascending Central Street. This recreational ride is for moderately experienced cyclists. Due to the distance and the hills, beginner and children will not do well. $25 registration online at: Bikereg.com/oldcycle2017. Bike ride T-shirts for all who pre-register. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale. Cox Memorial United Methodist Church, Central and More SCHEDULE, PAGE 3
Best Non-Traditional. Please “Most Unique Ingredient” and will be for “Best Traditional”, under, and adult. The awards for two age categories: 15 and Come try your Water Streets. Union & Bakery Parking Lot, Vaughan Field, . For chil-
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chands. See you at the Fair.
8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Cotton Mill Fair. Cotton Mill Apartments, 2 Academy St. Stop by Cotton Mill for the following tasty treats: Fresh lobster rolls $6, lobster lunch plates $10, hot dog lunch plates $3, soda or water $1. An assortment of baked goods at various prices will be offered. Bargains galore on the White Elephant Table. Beautiful crafts, discounted jewelry and art work by resident artists will tempt patrons. Also beckoning will be a spectacular raffle of gift cards and gifts donated by local merchants. See you at the Fair.
8:15 a.m.
Old Hallowell Day Free Fun Run, Vaughan Field. For children 10 and under. No registration required.
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Whoopie Pie Contest. Slates Bakery Parking Lot, Union & Water Streets. Come try your skills at baking a Whoopie pie for two age categories: 15 and under; and adult. The awards will be for “Best Traditional”, “Most Unique Ingredient” and “Best Non-Traditional”. Please submit 12 identical Whoopie pies for judging. All remaining pies will be sold for $1 each or $5 for six. Brings your friends and family and join in the fun of Maine’s original dessert.
9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Hubbard Free Library GIANT BOOK SALE, 115 Second St. Terrific bargains on large selection of fiction and nonfiction, paperback and hardcover, as well as videos and audio books. For all ages and interests. Customers set their own prices. The book sale is made possible by volunteers who donate and sort books and work at the sale and by members of the Kennebec Masonic Lodge No. 5 who carry thousands of books up and down stairs so that the sale can be held.
9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Literacy Volunteers Children’s Bookmark Making. Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second St. Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta will hold a children’s bookmark-making activity in support of family literacy. The table will be located just inside the library. There is no cost for families to craft a bookmark together. The bookmarks, stickers, ribbons, and markers are supplied.
9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Hallowell Clay Works. 157 Water St. Sale of student work, with a pottery wheel demonstration, at 11:30 a.m.
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Row House Booth. Water Street. Guided walking tours of Hallowell’s National Historic District at noon and 1:30 p.m. Sign up at the Row House booth and receive a Walking Tour Map of the historic district. The book, “Dwellings, The Unique Homes of Hallowell” will also be on sale.
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Old Hallowell Day Committee Booth, Central & Water Street. Swing by to pick up your free Official Old Hallowell Day Program Book. The booth will be selling posters, T-shirts, buttons and raffle tickets and more.
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Arts and Crafts Festival. Central and Water Streets and McElhister’s Real Estate. Come and see creative and colorful arts and crafts presented by local artisans and crafters. There will be first, second and third place ribbons.
9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Old Hallowell Day Food Court. Granite City Park, the base of Winthrop Street. Enjoy a wonderful snack, lunch or dinner in the Granite City Park at the base of Winthrop Street. Enjoy the beautiful Kennebec River - Sturgeon will be jumping and eagles will be flying! Vendors will be open until after the fireworks!
10–10:45 a.m.
The Parade down Water Street. An annual favorite! Who knows what you’ll see? Pick your spot early! We offer wheelchair seating in front of the judges’ stand at the corner of Water and Wharf Streets.
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Open House for Kennebec Masonic Lodge #5. 330 Water Street – across from Maine Tourism Association. Early Hallowell was founded by people who shared a passion for education, arts, sciences, social, civic and moral virtues. In 1796 Paul Revere, Grand Master of Massachusetts, chartered the early founders of Hallowell to open a Masonic Lodge named “Kennebec.” The Kennebec Lodge of Masons has been active in the community for 220 years promoting the same moral and civic values. Plenty of parking around the back of the building.
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11 a.m.–Noon
Hallowell Community Band. Cotton Mill Courtyard, Water Street. The Hallowell Community Band will continue their tradition of entertaining you with many of your old favorites. Again this year, the performance is hosted by the Cotton Mill residents.

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Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon. American Legion Hall, 114 Second St. An annual tradition! Stop in for a sandwich, chips, a beverage and, of course, the Legion’s famous strawberry shortcake — a freshly baked dessert biscuit smothered in fresh NATIVE strawberries and heaped with whipped cream topping! $7 per person.

11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Old South Congregational Church, 135 Second Street. Open House in the sanctuary. Anyone who wants to stop by after the parade, to see our beautiful sanctuary or ask questions about our church is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.
5th Annual Super Fun in Motion hosted by The Hearts for Ezra Foundation, Vaughan Field, Vaughan Field Way near Middle & Lincoln Streets. Children and families are invited to come listen to music by the Muddy Marsh Ramblers. Super Fun in Motion! is a super amazing children’s event celebrating how strong and active our bodies can be. Fun includes two bounce houses, a children’s obstacle course provided by Kennebec Valley Coaching, face painting, arts and crafts, and more. Fresh Ella’s Ice Cream Truck will be on site selling yummy treats, and El Toro Maine will have its food truck as well. Fun for children of all ages.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Hall-Dale Robotics Team Demonstration. PUC Parking Lot, Second Street. Hall-Dale’s robotics team will demonstrate their Frisbee throwing robot, this year’s Steampunk-themed robot and demonstrate rides on their hover chair. Come catch Frisbees and take pictures with the robots. Learn how they build and operate their robot, how competitions work and what they do throughout the year.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dr. Hubbard’s Museum Tours. Central and Second Streets. Enjoy a tour of this unique museum in the original building that housed the office of Dr. John Hubbard Jr. during the mid-1800s. Descriptive brochures featuring the life and accomplishments of Dr. Hubbard will be available.

11:30 a.m.
Performance by Vicki’s School of Dance. Hallowell Boat Landing (weather dependent).

Noon
Walking Tour of the Historic District. Hosted by Row House Meet at the Row House booth on Water Street. Another tour leaving at 1:30 pm. Sign up ahead of time at the booth.

Noon
Swingtime! City Bandstand, Water Street. Kicking off this year’s entertainment is Swingtime! Elaine Bender and her crew of exceptional players return to Old Hallowell Day with a fabulous collection of songs from the golden age of American music. Whether dancing or just listening, everyone is sure to enjoy the sounds of Swingtime!

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Jazz Melt. City Bandstand, Water Street. Jazz Melt features Bill Moseley on flute, Andy Moulton on guitar, Dave Briggs on acoustic bass and Andy Schultz on congas. A melting pot of Jazz from all eras and styles, including original compositions.

3 p.m.
The Cowboy Angels. City Bandstand, Water Street. The Cowboy Angels (Dan McKa, Erik Glockler, Roger Sampson and Ginger Cote) came together over their mutual love of classic country music. If you like Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, George Jones, Johnny Cash...you’ll love The Cowboy Angels.

4:30 p.m.
Hallowell Does Tom Petty. City Bandstand, Water Street. The folks who brought us celebrations honoring The Last Waltz, Woodstock, and Bob Dylan are turning their attention this Old Hallowell Day to the music of Tom Petty. Some of our hometown’s finest musicians come together to play the songs of one of America’s greatest rock and roll icons.

6 p.m.

7 p.m.
First Baptist Church of Hallowell. Hallowell Seafood, 197 Water St. Live Worship music and free BBQ.

7:30 p.m.
The Renovators. City Bandstand, Water St. The Renovators are a rockin’ blues band from Portland, led by Bob Rasero (guitar/vocals), Jeff Davison (drums), Dave Thibodeau (bass), and Robin Worthey on keys. Just like a well-constructed vintage home with good bones, this band has seen a lot of living and their seven CDs of original music show that. Rootsy, blues, soul, swing, country, rhumba and funk.

9 p.m.
Fireworks. Downtown Hallowell. The Grand Finale! Fireworks will be set off from Butternut Park on the Chelsea side of the Kennebec. The fireworks will be presented by Central Maine Pyrotechnics. Bring the whole family...it’s a delightful way to cap off Old Hallowell Day.

SUNDAY, JULY 16
Noon

Old Hallowell Day offers Hallowell visitors and residents a rare chance to visit 18th century Hallowell physician Dr. John Hubbard’s office, now restored as a two-room museum. Here, Hallowellian Don Reutershan marvels at some of Dr. Hubbard’s surgical instruments.
Old Hallowell Day 2017 lays out a party plan

BY NANCY P. MCGINNIS  
Correspondent

Once again, the small city known for its celebrations is preparing to host its biggest party of the year, as the third Saturday of July approaches and another Old Hallowell Day is almost here. And, as always, there will be something for everybody.

In addition to a crowd-pleasing parade and fabulous fireworks, participants can enjoy food from lobster rolls to Whoopie pies, music from swing to jazz to roots rock, a dazzling array of arts and artisans, and history lessons and learning opportunities for the whole family. Also included is plenty of outdoor fun and activities, running the gamut from a cribbage tournament and a poetry reading to a 25-mile “hills and thrills” bike ride.

While the action takes place largely downtown—where Fort Western’s Howard Company will announce their arrival for the day with a cannon fire volley from their bateau—rewards also await those who venture a short distance away from Water Street. Savvy attendees check out the events schedule ahead of time, mapping out their itinerary, so as not to miss a thing. There are many venues, such as the American Legion post’s strawberry shortcake luncheon and the Cotton Mill fair, offering a pleasant spot to rest and regroup—and in all likelihood, meet up with folks after the parade.

Some may not be aware that Old Hallowell Day is a nonprofit entity as well, made possible each year by the efforts of a committee of local citizens and business people who meet for months before the big July celebration—with assistance, on the day itself, from hundreds more. No wonder Old Hallowell Day feels like one giant neighborhood block party.

Take advantage of the Old Hallowell Day open houses and events sponsored by churches and community organizations all around town to meet other local volunteers and learn more about their efforts.

Friendly Old Hallowell Day Committee members and volunteers will staff the information booth at the foot of Central Street, answering questions, providing directions, and offering complimentary program books as well as posters, T-shirts and buttons available for sale.

The OHD committee is always seeking new volunteers for future celebrations.

And one last note, speaking of the future—despite the upcoming DOT reconstruction project that will impact Water Street and downtown Hallowell next year, be sure to mark the calendar for the next Old Hallowell Day, falling on July 21, 2018. Plans for the project, which is scheduled to begin in April and extend over several months, include a three-week hiatus in July. The Old Hallowell Day magic will go on.

Members of the Hall-Dale summer rec program were patriotically decked out for last year’s OHD parade.

Hallowell is the gem of the Kennebec. The ambiance of this City feels like a quaint old world village.

• First permanent settlement in 1702, incorporated in 1850.
• Became a City in 1852. The current City Hall was built in 1898.
• Hallowell enjoys an eclectic blend of artisans, musicians and life-long residents.
• Busy Water Street, lined with galleries, antique shops, fine restaurants and service businesses, blends into exquisite historic houses and beyond to beautiful country hiking trails and waterfalls. “Hallowell is an experience.” All will agree that Hallowell offers a wide array of sites, shops, history, food, nature, work, play and people.
• All of these treasures can be found in this small Maine city, covering just a little more than 5 square miles with a population of 2,381.

Photograph of the Hallowell Waterfront courtesy of, and print available from: Nancy McGinnis | www.communicado.us
OHD poster print celebrates landmarks

BY NANCY P. McGINNIS
Correspondent

While many admire the architecture of historic Hallowell, few have studied it as intimately as Brian Ayotte. He literally created his winning Old Hallowell Day poster submission, brick by brick, and board by board, starting from scratch on his computer. “It was a fun rabbit hole to fall into,” he said. The resulting colorful image, Structural Harmony, was selected by the Old Hallowell Day Committee as this year’s OHD poster print. Three familiar elements from the image—Hallowell’s fire station, post office and library—comprise the design on the 2017 Old Hallowell Day commemorative 2017 T-shirt and on this year’s souvenir button.

In Ayotte’s own words, the design is “a tribute to the resilient spirit of Hallowell through a fastidious reimagining of several of its most celebrated buildings and landmarks.”

Ayotte, a Manchester native, has been a Hallowellian for about a decade. He lives on Perkins Lane in Hallowell with his high school sweetheart and now wife, Helen, and their two young daughters, Evelyn and Florence. A part-time stay at home Dad, Ayotte also maintains a home-based studio for his business, At Sea Graphic Design. The business offers website and logo design, along with targeted web and print marketing materials, and digital and fine art.

Ayotte’s design for the 2017 Old Hallowell Day poster evolved from what he explains was originally a literal rendering of notable, recognizable and distinctly Hallowell landmarks.

In addition to the Hubbard Library, the old fire station and the post office, also featured are Hallowell City Hall, the Bodwell mansion and some of the familiar buildings along the Water Street waterfront—along with the Adirondack chairs on the waterfront, all in rainbow hues. He meticulously “built” all of the structures in separate electronic files—every brick, stone and clapboard, all the decorative architectural features and details—ending up with more than 15,000 individual objects precisely juxtaposed to create this playful composition.

Traditional highlights of Old Hallowell Day for the Ayottes include watching the parade, followed by lunch with the extended family at Joyce’s restaurant.

Meanwhile, all day long there is the fun of running into and catching up with old friends in town for the festivities, he said. And this year, old friends and new admirers can find Ayotte signing Structural Harmony poster prints at the Harlow Gallery on the Friday evening before Old Hallowell Day, as well as after the parade on Saturday from approximately 11 a.m. to noon.

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![Image of Rose Warren](Young%20winner%20has%20a%20passion%20for%20volunteering.jpg)

**Rose Warren receives Timson Community Service Award**

**Young winner has a passion for volunteering**

**BY NANCY P. MCGINNIS**

Correspondent

Though she has only just graduated from Hall-Dale, Rose Warren already has demonstrated her passion for community service and steadfast volunteerism that led to her being selected to receive the Old Hallowell Day 2017 Barry S. Timson Community Service Award.

As vice president of the National Honor Society and a member and officer of the Key Club during high school, Warren has engaged in, and often spearheaded, efforts supporting heating assistance, the food bank, Camp Capella, Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.

She has been a role model and leader for Middle School student members of the Builders Club, and volunteered to tutor fellow students at Hall-Dale. She logged about 170 hours over two summers volunteering regularly at the Togus VA hospital, assisting patients and their families. She has helped Capital Area New Mainers with a community pot luck gathering and other initiatives to welcome recently arrived immigrants.

Warren also has volunteered at the OHD Super Kids in Motion event that spotlights Hearts for Ezra, a Hallowell-based foundation raising funds and awareness to fight Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a genetic neuromuscular disorder.

Over the past year, Warren said she was thrilled to serve as an intern for Maine State Senator Shenna Bellows. That experience, she said, was crucial to reaffirming her interest in pursuing a degree in Education, Government and Legal Studies at Bowdoin, where she will start this fall.

“I’m excited about attending Bowdoin because of the college’s well-known commitment to academics for the common good,” she said.

Warren credits her parents, Julie Sipser and Michael Warren of Hallowell, for instilling in her from an early age a desire to look for ways to help others.

Her recent experience at the Seeds of Peace camp, participating with other high school students in intensive dialog sessions on resolving conflicts around race, gender, sex and other topics, was highly motivating.

Inspired, Warren enlisted two teachers to help her coordinate hosting a panel that included a transgender woman, LGBQT student and Holocaust survivor for a half-day, Courageous Conversations event at Hall-Dale.

Even though she is moving on, Warren said she is pleased that her concerns, and her ensuing efforts, will result in more inclusive health and sex education for high school students beginning next fall.

While attending high school, Warren also launched an ongoing survey project to address what she identifies as a troubling lack of interest in volunteerism among high school students at Hall-Dale.

“There needs to be a culture change,” Warren said. “Volunteering is transformative, she said. “It makes the world a better place, and has made me the person I am.”

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Historic Hallowell – Past, Present And Future

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Old Hallowell Day may be the most colorful and obvious example, but Hallowell is a community where good things happen because of ongoing collaboration all year round, year after year. This philosophy drives practical decision-making in Hallowell. Without question, it’s a challenge to intentionally cultivate diversity and embrace change, balanced against recognizing and preserving what has made Hallowell unique, all the while fostering sustainability.

While businesses need to be profitable, and the city and its nonprofits need to make ends meet, citizens need to feel that Hallowell is a comfortable, safe and affordable place to live. In addition to these basic underlying considerations, accommodations must be made for additional challenges that arise, such as the upcoming Water Street reconstruction project.

This initiative, jointly planned by the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the City of Hallowell, is slated to begin in April and will extend to October, 2018. (Thanks to a three-week hiatus in July, Old Hallowell Day 2018 will be unaffected.) Nearly $5 million has been budgeted for necessary and long overdue roadway improvements to a stretch extending a little over a quarter of a mile along Hallowell’s Water Street. While downtown businesses will most certainly be affected, the impact will also be felt by local residents simply going about their daily lives.

For some longtime Hallowellians, current plans call to mind the events of 1968, a half century earlier. Back then, local residents and business owners rallied against a proposed state plan to raze all of the historic commercial buildings along the Kennebec River side of Water Street, known as Merchants’ Row and Kennebec Row, in order to widen the street into a four lane highway in the name of urban renewal. The heightened awareness and concern for historic preservation of the riverport led to a citizens’ march to the Capital, and culminated in the creation of Hallowell’s downtown National Historic District.

Hallowell’s current approach to this latest challenge of historic proportions is also a proactive, collaborative, and strategic one, being developed by the Board of Trade and the Hallowell Arts and Cultural Committee.

Town meetings have been held to engage residents and business owners in brainstorming and organizing, with a goal of choosing to view this inevitable disruption of “business as usual” as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do things differently. Thus, citizens are actively and enthusiastically planning open-air celebrations harkening back to Hallowell’s old days of street dances; archaeology lessons for current generations as well as the creation of a time capsule to be buried for discovery by future ones; along with preparations to address vital construction-related logistical considerations such as an effective communications system.

Other current cultural and economic development initiatives revolve around that significant segment of the Hallowell population which, not unlike the rest of Maine, consists of older residents. New attention and energy is being directed at efforts and resources available to support “aging in place”—allowing citizens of all ages to live and thrive in this community that they have always called, or come to call, “home.” After obtaining a $6,000 AARP Age Friendly Community Development grant to fund surveys and data collection as the first step in the process, Hallowell City Manager now looks forward to working with the City Council’s recently convened Health and Wellness Committee to “identify opportunities to promote Hallowell’s age-friendly assets, and to identify action areas where we can better serve the needs of older people and the community as a whole.”

With such determination to focus on assets and opportunities, and to communicate and work together toward common goals, Hallowellians can look forward to a bright future regardless of what comes down the road—along Water Street or anywhere else in the historic little city on the Kennebec.

Though they are sadly no longer amongst us, two role models for community volunteerism have left behind an inspiring and empowering legacy in Hallowell and beyond. In this photograph, taken on Old Hallowell Day 2006, former Hallowell Mayor Barry Timson (1995 OHD Citizen of the Year), and Katy Perry (2008 OHD Citizen of the Year) served as lively Old Hallowell Day parade commentators for locally televised event coverage.
Maggie Warren and her partner Dave Wood are two of the many Hallowell citizens who are rolling up their sleeves, pitching in and actively participating in the future of Hallowell. Above, Dave recently put the finishing touches on steel bicycle racks created by Hallowell Public Works for installation downtown. Warren, seen here at right chatting on Water Street with neighbor and fellow cyclist Jean McWilliams, currently chairs the Hallowell Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee that she helped to launch four or five years ago, she says, after witnessing a bicycle accident on Water Street. Warren and Wood are joining with other Halloweillians, volunteering their ideas, time and energy to put a positive spin on the upcoming Water Street reconstruction.
Burt Truman named Citizen of the Year

Skill and craft are evident in Hallowell

BY NANCY P. MCGINNIS
Correspondent

Burt Truman and his wife Pat will start off Old Hallowell Day this year as they always do, by cheering on the OHD Road Race runners from their driveway.

Other Truman family OHD traditions include contributing homemade sandwiches and fresh strawberries for the American Legion Goodrich-Caldwell Post 6 strawberry shortcake luncheon; and later in the day, hosting a family reunion barbecue for their children and grandchildren—there are 30, all together.

“Old Hallowell Day is the day that brings everyone together,” Pat Truman declared.

Many of the children and grandkids are making special plans to be there this time, though, because this year’s festivities will be especially memorable. Burt Truman has been selected by the Old Hallowell Day Committee as the 2017 Citizen of the Year for his long service and generous contributions to the community. A few hours after the road race, he will be a featured guest, waving to the crowds, in the annual Old Hallowell Day parade down Water Street.

Many locals know Burt Truman as the original proprietor of Burt’s Locksmith Shop, just north of downtown Hallowell. Burt’s son, Jeff, is the current proprietor of the enterprise, founded in 1974 and now known as Burt’s Security Center.

Truman’s Hallowell roots go back 83 years, when he was born in a house “right behind Boynton’s market.” In fact, as a lad of 15 he got his license to secure his first job: driving a grocery delivery truck for Arthur Boynton.

He met Pat, a Chelsea native, at the roller rink that used to be behind D&K

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Motors in Farmingdale, and the two were married shortly after he graduated from Hallowell High School in 1952. He later studied at the Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, now Southern Maine Community College.

In retrospect, Burt Truman said he’s glad he pursued his second choice major in construction rather than automotive mechanics. Because of his tendency to overlook homework assignments, “I had the distinct honor of graduating 26th in my high school class of 26,” he said with a smile. “But I was Number 1 at Vocational School.”

His talents in woodworking and carpentry have served Truman—and his community—well through the decades since.

Truman’s skill and craft are evident in many places all over Hallowell. He has assisted with the 1960s restoration of the historic landmark Dummer House and built the original American Legion Goodrich Caldwell Post 6 honor roll that stood in tribute for many years outside the Hallowell Post Office.

Truman also has created the city’s version of the Boston Cane, now on display at Hallowell City Hall and said “a lot of my handiwork is visible at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.” He is proud of his role over the past decade in the Eagle Head Cane Project for Veterans, which has honored over 3,200 veterans to date.

Truman also is passionate about performing, and even writing, music. A member of no less than four Maine country music associations, his style has been likened to Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash and Hank Williams Sr. He said he is proud of the songs he has written, performed and recorded, which are included in an album released last year with the title song “I’m Getting Good at Growing Old.” Another, “Cold Sidewalks,” reflects his longing for Maine during the time he and Pat relocated to pursue job opportunities on the West Coast for a number of years. The music gene has been passed down through the generations: Truman proudly notes that the album was recorded at his son Brad Truman’s studio, with musicians including grandson, Jonathan, on drums.

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