

## The MaineLinks

### What to know...

With [Juneteenth holiday](#), which recognizes our [nation's history and the struggle](#) for freedom and equality [state offices will be closed](#) for the day. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, [marks the emancipation](#) of the last enslaved people in the United States on June 19, 1865. This [momentous occasion](#) not only represents the end of one of the darkest chapters in [American history](#) but also serves as a reminder of the work that remains to be done in [achieving true racial justice and equality](#). Juneteenth is also a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions [of Black Americans and Mainers](#). It is a moment to recognize and uplift Black excellence in all areas of society, including [art, culture, science, literature](#), politics, and beyond. By acknowledging the outstanding accomplishments of Black Americans and Mainers, we honor their [resilience, creativity, and determination](#) in the face of adversity. Juneteenth serves as a reminder that progress is a collective effort, and we all [have a role to play in dismantling systemic racism](#) and [fostering an inclusive society](#).

### Veterans Corner:

[The Marino Project](#), a non-profit organization created by the owners of [Home Roofing Solutions](#) is set to [give one Maine veteran a service dog](#). Devin Corson of Maine Refined K9 has been training dogs for nine years. Corson [has been working](#) with a [dog named Magnolia Grace](#) since she was [born as he trains](#) her [to be a service dog](#) for a [Maine veteran](#). Mags, as she's called, came from a litter of the family that founded [the Marino Project](#). A [prominent job](#) for Mags will be giving affection. The Marino Project has been accepting applications for Mags as they hope to make [a life-changing impact](#) on [someone who served our country](#).

### Training Talk!

[The Maine Outdoor Learning Initiative](#) is a statewide effort to [connect Maine's young people](#) to the outdoors through engaging, [hands-on learning opportunities](#). In its first two years, more than 2,500 [students have participated in programs](#) ranging from [hiking and kayaking](#) to farming and forestry. The expansion will now provide roughly 4,000 [students across Maine](#) with access to more than 100 [afterschool and summer programs](#) between now and the fall. The Maine Outdoor Learning Initiative was developed by the [Maine Department of Education](#) (DOE) to provide children with more [opportunities to learn](#) about and explore [Maine's natural beauty](#) and resources. Students have [explored clam flats](#), operated [forestry machinery](#), camped on islands, [built boats](#), kayaked [along Maine's coasts](#) and in the state's [lakes and rivers](#), worked alongside maritime and [forestry workers](#), learned about scallop farming, and developed outdoor [leadership skills](#) while hiking [through the woods](#), and much more.

### Notable Quote:

"We as individuals and as [a community](#) must take meaningful action [towards a position](#) of anti-racism."~ Leigh Sauley



<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/astrology/others/june-2024-astrological-significance-of-summer-solstice/articleshow/110703528.cms>

**Hiring Events:** (Click on the "[Hiring Events](#)" link for full list)

6/19—[UPS Virtual Event](#)

6/24—[Lewiston Healthcare Hiring Event](#)

6/26—[Splash of Summer Hiring Event Sponsored by the Springvale CareerCenter](#)

**Workshops:** (click on the "[Workshops](#)" link for more)

Pre-register online for these virtual [opportunities](#):

6/18—[In Person Training!!! Making a Great Impression During Your Job Interview](#) offered by the [Augusta CareerCenter](#)

6/20—[Creating a Winning Resume](#) Sponsored by the [Maine CareerCenter](#)

7/5—[Navigating Hiring Process for Individuals with a Criminal History](#) by [Maine's Workforce Collaborative](#)

### **CareerCorner: June: Drywall Installer**

[Drywall installers](#) are [responsible for applying](#) wallboard to walls or ceilings within buildings. They must be able to [read blueprints](#), assemble [framing](#), measure surfaces, and position and attach drywall to frameworks. Drywall installers generally don't require any [formal education](#) and may learn the trade on the job, through a [short-term training program](#), or through an [apprenticeship](#). They must be proficient in [math and reading](#). According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the median annual salary for drywall installers, ceiling tile installers, and tapers in 2023 was \$57,010.

### **and MORE!**

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