



THE ANCHOR

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Happy Easter (and spring!)

Spring has sprung!

And among the first signs of spring here in the Kennebunks are the crocuses, the daffodils and, of course, the reopening of many of our seasonal businesses.

On Friday, Hurricane Restaurant reopens for the season, for its 25th year, and its first without the late Brooks MacDonald at the helm. The staff is excited to do him proud, and has live music planned for Saturday along with a special Easter dinner Sunday.

On the Marsh Bistro is also re-opening Friday for its Sweet 16th season. Chef Jeff Savage will be cooking up some fabulous Easter specials on Sunday, too.

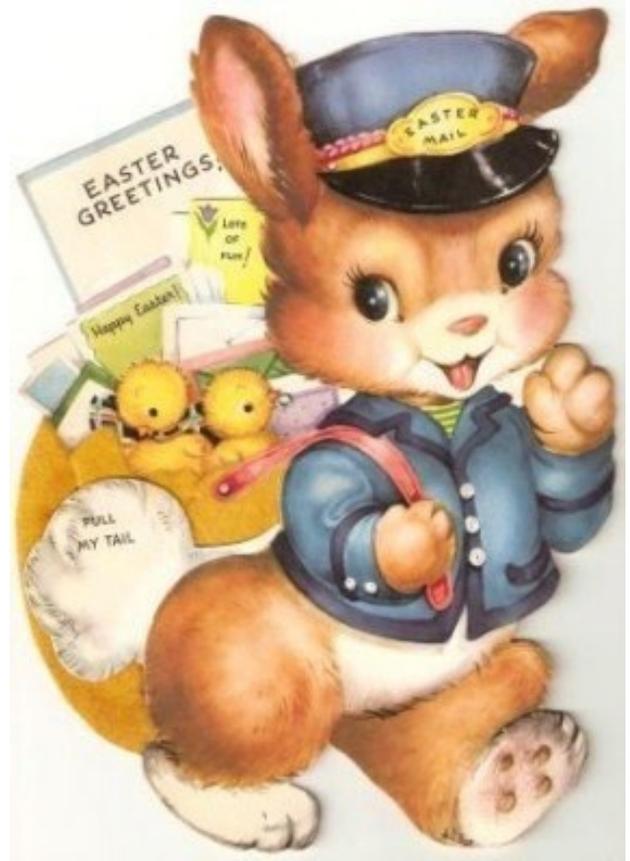
Other Easter events this week include a talk titled, "Why Calvary?" by the Rev. Dan Moore at noon Friday at the Kennebunk Baptist Church, a sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday morning on Goose Rocks Beach by the Village Baptist Church and another ecumenical service at the same time on Goose Rocks Beach, and a sunrise

service in the gardens at 6:30 a.m. at the Franciscan Monastery,

Of course, numerous area churches will also be holding Good Friday services and Stations of the Cross, in addition to Saturday vigil masses and services.

Sunday is full of Easter masses and services, so check with your local church for details.

So happy Easter — and spring — everyone!



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LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival set for June 17-19

The Kennebunks will kick off summer with the first LAUNCH! A Maritime Festival, which gets under way on Friday, June 17.

LAUNCH! will highlight the community's love of the sea through various anchor events and activities: from a Clam Jam at the Seafood Center of Maine with homemade clam cakes and ice cream, buoy decorating and a bouncy house for kids; to a "Chopped" style chef competition and chowder cook-off and local food truck gathering; to an authentic Lobster Bake with red and white checked tablecloths at the Pilot House, overlooking the Kennebunk River; to a River Lights boat parade and a VIP "Rock the Boat" adults-only shipboard after-party.

Throughout the three-day festival, visitors can also enjoy historic walking tours with costumed interpreters from the Brick Store Museum and White Columns, brewery tours and tastings at the Shipyard Brewing Company, the Sailors&Sirens 5K, a craft fair on the river green and more. Sunday morning, the festival will conclude with a resurrection of the traditional Blessing of the Fleet.

It will be an "all hands on deck" weekend with area hotels featuring nautically-themed packages, restaurants preparing their finest seafood delights, and local shops and boutiques showcasing unique and creative crafts and gifts.

FMI: launchfestme.com.



There's more fun to be found

March 30

Grain to Glass, from 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$35. As the third most widely consumed beverage on earth, beer has been brewed and enjoyed since the beginning of recorded history. In this 2-hour class, join a

brewer from Kennebunkport Brewing Company

of their brewery, overview of the brewing process and history of beer and its different styles. Following the tour, there will be a guided beer and cheese pairing in a private function room. This class will meet offsite at KBC, 8 Western Ave. in Kennebunk.



(KBC) for the detailed tour



*Happy
Easter!*