

You are cordially invited

to the 118th Annual Banshee Point Beach Party
on Sunday, 31st August 2025 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Location: 4929 Larkin Highway South, Larkin City, Maine.

Events will include volleyball and other beach games, tours of the Banshee Point Lighthouse, Puffin-watching, clam bakes, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, coffee, tea, and locally brewed beers and wines.

Parking and bathroom facilities will be provided.

Please Note: Tours of the Banshee Point Lighthouse will cost \$5 per person. All proceeds will be divided between the *Animal Life Centre, Education & Leisure Center, Larkin Free Clinic* and the *North Town Trust*.

PLEASE RSVP (call or text): (207) 636-4932.

Or send an RSVP e-mail to bpbp@msn.com.

Parking: A parking lot is provided just beyond the Banshee Point Hotel & Golf Course for entrance to the otherwise private beach for the event.

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Note: A free bus shuttle service will be provided to those without a mode of transport. The bus will leave Larkin City near the front entrance to Colleen Larkin Memorial Park at 10:30am, and will return to the same spot from Banshee Point, leaving at 4:00 p.m.

HISTORY

The annual Fair Days were initiated in 1892 by our city's founder, John Larkin. The events had been much different in those days. There was no memorial park in the village, as it was then, but the people organized games for children as well as selling their wares, and large feasts took place all around the city.

It was not until 1907 that Roderick Larkin allowed the public onto a small stretch of the beach below Banshee Point so they could enjoy the ocean and hunt for clams. Later, Roderick's son, Patrick, permitted the entire town to converge on the beach for one day at the end of the fair, drinking, eating, and playing games. Ever since then, and during the current life of Patrick's sons, Brian and Rory, the tradition continued.

Population increases over the years necessitated a ticket system for the beach party on the Larkin estate. From tax rolls, 1,500 names are selected at random every year and formal invitations are sent.