

Youth Council Seeking Input from Musicians, Collectors, Historians, & Dancers for “Lewiston Remembers Its Musical Eras”

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LEWISTON: The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council is once again focusing on positives within the City of Lewiston, this time with a musical twist. As a complement to the community’s growing arts/cultural scene, LYAC members are planning a trip down memory lane highlighting facts about Lewiston, accompanied by 1920 – 2000s era music, dance, food, clothing, and popular items. The free event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 3rd, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Lewiston Memorial Armory, 65 Central Avenue.**

As part of their planning for the event, LYAC wishes to meet with interested musicians, historians, collectors, and dancers on Thursday, October 27th at 5:30 p.m. to gather input about Lewiston and the various time periods. The meeting will be in the Third Floor Conference Room at Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street.

Jazy Dumas, Chair of LYAC, notes, *“We feel that this will be a great educational evening about not only Lewiston’s history but era musical history as well.”* LYAC member Emma Williams adds, *“We think it will bring Lewiston residents together as we reflect on the city’s heritage and what people experienced during different time periods.”*

A Lewiston slideshow will “roll” with a myriad of Lewiston facts, and attendees will be able to place a “pin” on a timeline highlighting their favorite era in Lewiston or when they were born in Lewiston! Poster and memorabilia displays will highlight 1920 through present day, and attendees are welcome—but not required—to dress in a particular era’s fashion, such as a 1950 poodle skirt. LYAC members will also speak about Lewiston, and era music, videos, and vocal/dance presentations will also be on tap. Attendees may hit the floor to shake a leg as well! LYAC will also be seeking restaurant donations of era-specific foods as light refreshments for the evening.

Planning is in full swing, and LYAC members are enthusiastically looking forward to folks of all ages enjoying a musical historical journey. LYAC Treasurer Courtney Caouette notes, *“This will be an opportunity to bring people together, blending Lewiston’s past with its modern day culture.”* Member Clare Kramer adds that, *“This event has the potential of tying Lewiston’s residents’ hearts to its city’s long-time culture, as well as to its neighbors.”*

The planning is also proving educational for LYAC members as they research what has occurred in Lewiston over the years, to include the names of former bands—some still performing—who have played here, such as the Moon Dawgs. LYAC member Carolyn Adams feels that this event will *“showcase Lewiston’s diverse artistic eras.”*

LYAC Vice-Chair Deni Federico says she believes this historical trip with a musical twist will *“bring back memories of Lewiston’s past and connect people who grew up here sharing music, dance, and ways of life.”*

The Lewiston Youth Advisory Council was established by the Lewiston City Council in 2001 and is funded by the Lewiston Firefighters Association. For more info on LYAC, visit: www.lewistonmaine.gov/lyac

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