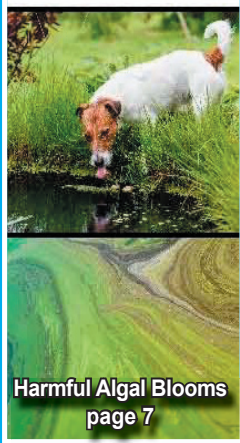


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Bangor Oil Spill Update

By Jeff Landis / EPA Senior Media Relations/Press Officer
BANGOR - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Mid-Atlantic Region and partnering agencies continue to work in Bangor, Pa., to identify the source of an oil spill leading into Martins Creek. EPA is working with a Unified Command, a multi-agency team consisting of EPA, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Northampton County Emergency Management, and Bangor Borough, to investigate the cause of this oil discharge. The goal of EPA's cleanup work at the site is to ensure that the potential risks for human health and the environment are addressed.

Oil was discovered entering the creek back in early April from a storm sewer outfall, which was found to be entering the storm sewer from a crack in the pipe on 8th Street. The source of the spill is still not presently known, but EPA and the Unified Command are continuing to investigate the source of this release and have been on site regularly, investigating and applying preventive measures.

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Slate Belt Rising, Blue Flaim Events, Bangor and Portland Festivals

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR / PORTLAND - This past weekend Slate Belt Rising (SBR) helped Bangor and Portland put on two festivals with the help of Blue Flaim Events.

Portland held their 'River Fest' on Saturday which was advertised as 'Come out and enjoy a day along the river with shopping, food, drinks, music and more!'

There were over 45 different vendors showing their wares and skills. One of them is always a favorite, Clever Girl winery from Bangor. Don the owner makes a summertime refreshing watermelon sangria you can enjoy as you walk around the festival. I always go back for seconds.

It was also a dog friendly event and there was some great pedigrees you don't normally see. And there was a Vendor who actually sold out all her dog treats, 'Jasmine's Doggie Delights.'

One of the unique vendors was 'The Painted Pallet.' Tiffany Marcotte made signs for in your home or business out of wood and other material with positive statements on them.

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Slate Belt Rising had one of their 7 kayak murals on display that will be installed thruout Portland down town. This one is a view of the pedestrian bridge that spans the river from PA. to NJ. in Portland.

Top Left: Don from Clever Girl Winery serves up his watermelon sangria at both events

Top Right: Steve Reider Dir. of Slate Belt Rising

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