

City of Lewiston Press Release

Members of the Media: Below please find a press release **highlighting handprinting of a “Community Tree” in Kennedy Park this afternoon. A picture is also attached; Ali Butler paints the hand of “Baby Nicholas” who imprinted the smallest handprint on the tree.** Any media coverage that you could render would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dottie

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LEWISTON: Painted colorful hands became leaf imprints for a wooden “Community Tree” this afternoon in Lewiston’s Kennedy Park. The project was the brainchild of Lewiston Recreation Kennedy Park Drop-in Summer Worker Ali Butler who was assisted by Kaitlin Cornelio and Megan Beliveau.

Butler explained that she’d heard a quote about people being like a box of colorful crayons and added that, **“just like what’s in a box of crayons, we are all different shapes, sizes, and colors but we’re one community.”** The symbolic completed multi-colored **“Community Tree”** will go on display at Lewiston City Hall, Lewiston Rec Department, and the Lewiston Public Library.



The line to participate continued to grow throughout the afternoon, and those on hand to lend a painted hand included Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., Councilor John Butler, School Committee Chair Paul St. Pierre, School Superintendent Bill Webster, Deputy City Administrator Phil Nadeau, Public Schools/City Assistant Human Resources Director Jackie Little, Lewiston Police Chief Mike Bussiere, and Lewiston Police Officer

Craig Johnson. Lewiston resident **“Baby Nicholas”** also showed up with family to put his tiniest handprint on the tree.

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