



Millinocket

Maine's Biggest Small Town

Dear Resident,

The Great American Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024, and promises to be an awe-inspiring experience that won't occur again in the U.S. until 2044.

While the entire state of Maine will experience the eclipse, Millinocket and other communities in the Katahdin region will witness the moon's path completely covering the sun, creating moments of total darkness and a radiant ring around the sun. Many overnight and day-trip visitors will arrive in Millinocket the week of April 5th-8th, 2024 to experience the complete darkness of the 2024 Solar Eclipse. Estimates are in the tens of thousands!

In an effort to meet the needs of our residents and of those who will be joining us for this unique experience, we want to pass along some helpful advice!

Advice for residents:

- **GET GROCERIES AND FILL PRESCRIPTIONS** before the weekend of the eclipse. Grocery stores and convenience stores will be crowded, so stock up ahead of time.
- **FILL YOUR TANKS** with gas!
- **RUN ERRANDS** prior to Saturday, April 6th. There will likely be a lot of traffic on in-town roads, roads leading into town, and to viewing areas. Plan your own travel accordingly.
- **PROTECT YOUR EYES** – Purchase eclipse glasses which will be for sale at numerous businesses.

Advice for businesses:

- **BLOCK PARKING LOTS** if you don't want people parking in them. OR **CHARGE A FEE** for parking.
- **BE OPEN** for business on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday if you own a restaurant, gift shop, convenience store, or other retail business.
- **STOCK UP and STAFF UP** – Estimates of 10,000- 40,000 people will be arriving, depending upon the weather.
- **SELL ECLIPSE MERCHANDISE** – Provide residents and visitors with a memory of the eclipse in the Katahdin region.
- **WELCOME VISITORS** – Give visitors a warm welcome with signs and hospitality.

Advice for organizations:

- **HOST A MEAL** – Consider breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner!
- **PROVIDE ONSITE PARKING** – charge a fee and make some \$\$ for your organization!
- **HOST AN EVENT** – people staying through the weekend will be looking for things to do!

LET'S GET READY TO LOOK UP!!

Peter Jamieson, Town Manager