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BELLS OF ST. LOUIS CHURCH SET FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY

AUBURN, ME – Thanks to a cooperative effort between the City of Auburn and the Pilotage Group, owners of the former St. Louis Church Building, the Bells of St. Louis Church are set to be displayed later this week.

Two of the beautiful and highly-ornate bells, cast in 1915 at the Paccard Bell Foundry of Annecy France, will be on public display on the front grounds of the historic St. Louis Church building in New Auburn beginning Friday, July 24, 2015.

"Just as many small contributions went into building the beautiful St. Louis Church 100 years ago, we are fortunate that many in New Auburn and our community stepped forward with small donations to save the bells from being sent out of state and melted down," states Mayor Jonathan LaBonté. "It's exciting to have the bells on public display as we prepare to launch an effort to build them a new, permanent home."

This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for the residents of Auburn - as well as visitors to our city - to get an up-close and personal glimpse of these "world-class" bells.

The bells are scheduled to be on display for roughly two weeks - be sure to sneak a peek at these historical treasures while you can!

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