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# Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce



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## Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm at the Chamber Office, Route 1. Chamber members are welcome to attend.

## Newsletter

The Chamber newsletter is distributed on the 15th of each month. All newsworthy items should be submitted by the 5th of the month and inserts by the 10th of the month to be included in the current month's issue. All articles are subject to Chamber approval.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

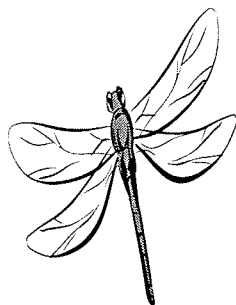
Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

### FREE PUPPY!

I received an email with that subject line last week and it certainly got my attention. Now that I hopefully have yours, with Spring finally here we're starting to think about staffing the various Chamber events that we've got scheduled this year. Not to worry - these do not have to be an "all day" commitment. If you, or one of your employees can spare an hour or two to help set up, tear down or staff an event, it makes quick work for all of us. Any amount of time you can give for any event is greatly appreciated. My favorite event is the Family Jamboree - those little kids are amazing!

Sincerely,  
Brian Lepine, Chair  
Board of Directors

## DRAGONFLY NYMPH PROGRAM



Since 1976, Dragonflies purchased from the Wells Chamber of Commerce have patrolled the skies in Wells and the surrounding towns. The Dragonfly program is a "green" alternative to chemical spraying and has been a great success. Dragonfly nymphs are the beginning stage of the commonly called "Devil's Darning Needle" or "Mosquito Hawk" native to the woodland ponds and swampy areas of the

world. There are 450 species of dragonflies native to North America alone. The nymphs develop buried in the muddy shallows where they consume huge numbers of mosquitoes and other insects. They are considered beneficial insects as they reduce populations of pest insects in their surrounding environment. They do not sting and do not bite humans. Dragonflies are also very beautiful and friendly additions to your neighborhood.

Nymphs can be introduced to fresh water ponds, marshes, swamps and other slow moving waterways where they complete their metamorphosis into adults and continue to prey upon mosquitoes in large quantities. The nymphs will climb out of the water onto waterside vegetation and hatch. The females mate and lay eggs in the area surrounding the water and the cycle continues.

For more information or to order Dragonfly Nymphs, please contact Darr at the Chamber at 646-2451 or wellschamber@wellschamber.org. You can also download the order form from our web site - wellschamber.org. The deadline for ordering is Friday, May 5. Delivery is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 and Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, 2017.

### News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

I'd like to thank my Board of Directors for affording me the opportunity to go on an extended 3-week vacation to Florida last month. I had a fabulous time visiting with friends, golfing, going to the beach and just relaxing! I felt like a tourist!!

We're hosting our 7th Annual "New Member Reception" on Thursday, April 27 at Mike's Clam Shack ... we hope to see you there!

The 2017 Guide and Map are due to be delivered in early May. We'll let you know via broadcast e-mail when they arrive.

It's wonderful to see all the businesses opening for the season ... keep us in the loop so we can let everyone know!

Enjoy the spring!

Get involved! - The world is run by those who show up!  
-Eleanor J. Vadenais, President/CEO

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS / NEW MEMBER RECEPTION !!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !** The Wells Chamber will be hosting our annual New Member Reception at Mike's Clam Shack on Thursday, April 27 from 5-7pm.

This event is organized to give our newest Chamber members the opportunity to introduce themselves to their fellow members in a relaxed and friendly environment. There will be a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, raffles and fun! Primary event sponsor is Kennebunk Savings with additional sponsorships from SIS Bank, Sevigney-Lyons Insurance, TC Hafford Basement Systems and York Hospital in Wells. Watch your mailboxes for the invite!

### THE ROTARY CLUB OF WELLS "Farm to Table" VIDALIA ONION BENEFIT

The Wells Rotary is sponsoring their annual Vidalia Onion program. These sweet, Georgia-raised onions are shipped immediately after being harvested and should arrive by mid-May. Cost for a 25 lb. Bag is \$27 (30-35 onions) and a Half Bag is available for \$16 (15-18 onions). The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 28, 2017.

To order, call 207-468-2667, e-mail: [dougb@bibberfuneral.com](mailto:dougb@bibberfuneral.com), contact any Wells Rotarian or pick up an order form at the Wells Chamber of Commerce.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 18 & 19** Kids Camps at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org).

**April 21** Earth Day Celebration at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org).

**April 21** Ray Zerkle at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**April 22** Sound Decision Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**April 28** Tim Theriault at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**April 29** Celebration for the Week of the Young Child - Concert with Rob Duquette at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road. 646-4775, [wohistory.org](http://wohistory.org).

**April 29** The Art & Science of Craft Beer at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org).

**April 29** On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**May 5** The Keenans at Billy's Chowder House, 216 Mile Road. 646-7558, [billyschowderhouse.com](http://billyschowderhouse.com).

**May 5** Brian Johnson at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**May 6** Sound Decision Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**May 10** Tom Paxton & the DonJuans at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**May 12** Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**May 13** Global Big Day at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org).

**May 13** Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**May 14** Karla Bonoff at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

## F.Y.I.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The **Maine Tourism Association** 96th Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 from 9am-2pm at Jonathan's Restaurant, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. FMI-mainetourism.com.

The **Choose To Be Healthy Coalition** at York Hospital has scheduled their annual **Responsible Alcohol Server/Seller Training** for stores, restaurants and other liquor licensees. The event will be on Tuesday, May 16 from 10am-3pm at the York Beach Fire Station. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and certificate. Space is limited to 30 people. FMI-351-2655 or smanninen@yorkhospital.com.

Congratulations go out to Wells Chamber member **Jonathan West** of **Jonathan's Restaurant** in Ogunquit for being named Restaurateur of the Year by the Maine Restaurant Association! Well done Jonathan!

The **York County Community College** recently announced that **Hussey Seating Company** generously offered to donate the state-of-the-art seating for the College's new academic building's 140-seat lecture/performance hall. This \$40,000 in-kind donation of seating and installation is in addition to Hussey Seating Company's \$30,000 cash donation to the College's "Changing Lives & Strengthening Community" Capital Campaign.

The **York County Community College Foundation** is hosting their Annual "**Toast of the Coast**" **Wine Dinner & Auction** on Friday, May 5 at Spring Hill in South Berwick. Cost is \$80 per person. FMI go to yccc.edu or contact Elizabeth Fitzgerald at 216-4466.

In other news, **York County Community College** has announced their 2017 "**College for Kids**" lineup (for children ages 7-11) with courses that include Deep Sea Explorers, Junior Chefs, Fashion Week and The Art of the Forest. NEW! summer programs for teens (specifically for 12-15 year olds) include Character Animation, Intro to Veterinary Science, Criminal Investigation and Garde Manger. FMI-yccc.edu.

The **Ogunquit Playhouse** is celebrating their **85th Anniversary Season** this year. The season runs from May 17 to October 29 and will include **Mamma Mia!** from May 17-July 1; **Bullets Over Broadway** from July 5-29; **Ragtime** from August 2-26, **Heartbreak Hotel** August 30-September 30 and **From Here to Eternity** from October 4-29. For a complete list of show times, pricing and more call 646-5511 or ogunquitplayhouse.org.

The **Ogunquit Playhouse** is proud to announce that it has received three Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) award nominations in the large theatre category for its 2016 production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* including Best Set Design, Best Lighting Design and Best Actor in a Musical. The IRNE Awards honor the best of the previous year's actors, directors, choreographers, designers and companies across the full spectrum of large, mid-size and fringe theater companies in Boston and New England. The IRNE Awards recognize the extraordinary wealth of talent in the Boston and New England theatre community.

The **Ogunquit Playhouse** announces the 2017 **Children's Theatre Camps** offering training for ages 5 to 16. The **Rising Star Theatre Camp** (ages 5-8) bring performing arts to life by teaching basic staging, music and choreography with an emphasis on group performance. **Center Stage Theatre Camp** (ages 8-10) is the perfect step up from the Rising Stars to explore and develop vocal, movement and acting skills. The **Junior Players Theatre Camp** (ages 9-16) will identify, strengthen and enhance each student's performance skills, self-esteem and self-expression. FMI-ogunquitplayhouse.org/camps or Mark Ford at 646-2402 ext.: 261.

**RE/MAX Realty One** in York announced that Karen Rice has joined the growing real estate franchise. RE/MAX Realty One is a locally owned and operated full-service real estate brokerage with locations in York, Ogunquit, Saco, Kennebunk and Sanford/Springvale. RE/MAX Realty One has consistently been the #1 office in York County for a very long time.

The **Amtrak Downeaster** is offering day-trip packages to "**Wicked**" in Boston from June 7-July 23, 2017. Packages include round-trip Downeaster Train service, orchestra or Mezzanine seat to the show and all taxes and service charges. FMI 888-574-0777 or downeasterpackages.com.

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