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# Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce



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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:

Another busy summer is coming to an end and we're all looking forward to a busy fall season. We hope that business was brisk for all of you.

We've got a couple of great events coming up on the horizon - our 16th Annual Chili Fest is scheduled for Saturday August 27 at the Wells Junior High School followed by our 8th Annual Family Jamboree on Saturday, September 17 at Wells Harbor Park. Both events run from 11am-3pm.

A new event will be coming to our area this fall and the Wells Chamber is pleased to be assisting in coordinating it. The 1st Annual "Bark for Life" York County is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at Wells Harbor Park. The event, part of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of York County, is an opportunity for people to celebrate canine companionship and fight back against cancer with their dogs. The celebration will include games, dress-up contests, music, food and a community dog walk. We'll keep you posted on all the specifics!

Sincerely,  
Eric Nixon, Chair  
Board of Directors

## SHORELINE EXPLORER TROLLEY SYSTEM CELEBRATES THEIR 11TH YEAR!

The Shoreline Explorer, a public-private network of trolleys and buses, is celebrating its 11th year of operation, offering ways for our visitors and local residents, adults and children, to get around without having to get in their cars.

The system, operated by the York County Community Action Corporation, includes the Wells "Blue Line" which runs from the Wells/Ogunquit town line to downtown Kennebunk; the "Purple Line" running from Perkins Cove in Ogunquit south to Short Sands in York Beach; the "Aqua Line" from downtown Kennebunk to Lower Village and Kennebunk Beach and the year-round "Orange Line" running from downtown Sanford to Wells. The System partners with the area's private Trolley - York Trolley, Ogunquit Trolley and Kennebunkport's Intown Trolley. The Trolleys are equipped with bike racks and all vehicles are wheelchair accessible.

Congratulations to the Shoreline Explorer Trolley System on your 11th year!

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

Greetings everyone:

Happy August! Things have been hectic here at the Chamber ... we had an extremely successful Silent Auction at HarborFEST and we're gearing up for the 16th Annual Chili Fest on August 27. We are excited that the Wells Firefighters have entered the "People's Choice" Chili competition - we wish them luck!

We're in the midst of compiling the annual co-op advertising in the *Maine Invites You* magazine, the official publication of the Maine Office of Tourism. This magazine is distributed at all of the travel trade shows that the State Office of Tourism and the Maine Tourism Association attend as well as distributed to anyone inquiring about visiting the state. The minimum investment to be included is \$250 for an Image Ad and larger display ads are also available. If you are interested in getting involved, give me a call.

I'm attending a seminar on the 5 Citizen-Initiated Ballot Questions that will be voted on November 8. These ballot questions, if passed, will have a significant impact on small businesses in Maine. I'll report back to everyone on the results of the seminar.

Membership Renewal paperwork is being compiled as we speak and will be sent out in early September - watch your mailboxes!

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Get involved! - The world is run by those who show up!*

-Eleanor J. Vadenais, President/CEO

### ANNUAL "FAMILY JAMBOREE" UNDERGOING LOCATION CHANGE

The Wells Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual Family Jamboree will be moving to a new location this year. The event had been held at Spiller Farm for the last 7 years thanks to the generosity of Bill and Anna Spiller.

Early this spring, members of the Events Committee determined that we needed to take steps to energize the event to continue to receive the positive feedback from the families in attendance. To that end, it was determined that we needed additional space for new activities, additional vendors and increased parking.

We are proud to announce that the 8th Annual Family Jamboree will be held at Wells Harbor Park on as it affords us the space that we need to grow the event. The date is Saturday, September 17.

We'd like to thank Bill and Anna Spiller for their hospitality over the last 7 years and hope to see them involved at the new location!

### UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

**August 25** Bob Marley Comedy at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**August 26** Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**August 26 & 27** Paula Poundstone at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**August 27** Summer Concert Series - The Reminisants Band at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. 646-2451, wellschamber.org.

**August 27** Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 2** Vicki Monroe Psychic at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**September 2 & 3** On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 3** Summer Concert Series - New Legacy Swing Band at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. 646-2451, wellschamber.org.

**September 9** Kevin Meaney Comedy at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**September 9 & 10** Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 10** Lori McKenna at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**September 16** Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 17** The Smithereens at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit, 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**September 17** Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mid May-Mid October** Wells Farmers Market at Wells Town Hall parking lot, 208 Sanford Road, Route 109. Every Wednesday 1:30-5:00pm. 646-5926, wellsfarmersmarket.org.

**August 27** 16th Annual Chili-Fest sponsored by the Wells Chamber of Commerce. 11am-3pm, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1. 646-2451, wellschilifest.com.

**August 31** The Taste of Climate II: Napa Valley. Wells Reserve at Laudholm, Laudholm Farm Road, 7pm. 646-2451, wellsreserve.org.

**September 2-5** BIG Labor Day Weekend Sale at The Kittery Outlets, 306 US Route 1, Kittery. 439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

**September 10 & 11** 28th Annual Summer Solstice Craft Show. Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1, 10am-4pm. 646-5172, summersolsticecraftshows.com.

**September 10 & 11** 29th Annual Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival. Wells Reserve at Laudholm, Laudholm Farm Road. 10am-4pm. 646-4521, wellsreserve.org.

**September 12** Wells Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament. Old Marsh Country Club, Route 9B. 1pm Shotgun. Facebook.com/WellsRotary.

**September 17** 8th Annual Family Jamboree sponsored by the Wells Chamber of Commerce. NEW VENUE: Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 11am-3pm. 646-2451, wellschamber.org.

## ON STAGE

### HACKMATAACK PLAYHOUSE

August 15 - September 3 - *Almost, Maine - A Romantic Comedy*. Wednesday through Saturday evenings, Matinees on Thursday. 698-1807, hackmataack.org.

### OGUNQUIT PLAYHOUSE

August 10 - September 3 - *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, September 7 - October 1 - *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. Tuesday through Sunday evenings, Matinees on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

## F.Y.I.

**THE RACHEL CARSON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!** The Refuge was established in 1966 in cooperation with the State of Maine to protect valuable salt marshes and estuaries for migratory birds. Located along 50 miles of coastline in York and Cumberland counties, the refuge consists of eleven divisions between Kittery and Cape Elizabeth. The proximity of the refuge to the coast and its location between the eastern deciduous forest and the boreal forest creates a composition of plants and animals not found elsewhere in Maine. Major habitat types present on the refuge include forested upland, barrier beach/dune, coastal meadows, tidal salt marsh and the distinctive rocky coast. Congratulations to all of the staff at Rachel Carson Wildlife Refuge ... we are grateful for the work that you do!

### AMTRAK DOWNEASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Amtrak's Great Dome Rail Car** is making its first ever trip to Maine and will travel along with the Amtrak Downeaster on four trips each day. The vintage Dome was built in 1955 and features an upper level with windows on all sides (including the roof) that will offer passengers panoramic views of the scenic villages, coastline, marshes, streams and landscapes located all along the Downeaster route. The Dome car is scheduled for August 13-September 18, 2016 and is available on Weekday Trains #682, 683, 686, 687 and Weekend Trains #690, 691, 698, 699. FMI go to [amtrakdowneaster.com/domecar](http://amtrakdowneaster.com/domecar).

In other news, the **Amtrak Downeaster** announced their **Deals** including Seniors Half Price, Children Half Price, Kids Ride Free Sunday, Disability/Medicare Discount, Train to Maine BOGO, Fan Fare 25% Off, Military, Student, AAA Discount, Downeaster Packages and Sports Packages. Go to [amtrakdowneaster.com/deals](http://amtrakdowneaster.com/deals) for more information.

Planning on travelling with your pet? Now you can on **Amtrak** including the **Downeaster**. Cats and dogs 20 pounds or less are now welcome for a \$25 fee. A pet may travel on trips of up to seven hours - certain restrictions apply ... reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and may sell out quickly as no more than five pets are reserved per train (service animals do not count toward the limitation); pets are only permitted in Coach Class; pets must be at least eight weeks old and be odorless, harmless, not disruptive and require no attention during travel. Pet owners must provide their own pet carrier which counts as one piece of carry-on baggage. FMI call 1-800-USA-RAIL.



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### SILENT AUCTION THANKS!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce Annual Silent Auction, held on Saturday, July 29, was a terrific success! The Chamber raised over \$3,500 that will be used for our Scholarship Fund for Wells High School seniors.

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations: Amtrak Downeaster, Atlantic Design Center, Atlantic Oceanfront Motel, Avita Memory Care Community, Bangor Savings Bank, Belle of Maine, Bellevue by the Sea, Billy's Chowder House, Horizons Restaurant, Cape Neddick Country Club, Carriage House Motel, Chase & Company, Chase & Hamlyn, Congdon's Restaurant, Cottage in the Lane, Country Peddler Shop, Country Time Pet Boarding, DF Richard Energy, Downeast Flowers & Gifts, Dutch Elm Golf Course, E.A. Scribner Insurance Agency, East Restaurant, Elmere House B&B, Elms Centre Gifts, Finestkind Scenic Cruises, Fisherman's Catch, Flagship Cinemas, Forbes Restaurant, Garnsey Bros. Rentals, Garrett Pillsbury Plumbing & Heating, Gorham Savings Bank, Hackmatack Playhouse, Harding's Books, Home Fashion Outlet, Howe's Floor Store, Jake's Seafood Restaurant, Jonathan's Restaurant, Joshua's, Kennebunk Savings, Key Bank, Leavitt Theatre, Lepine Home Inspections, Links at Outlook Golf Course, LR Hansen Construction, Majestic Regency Motel, Mike's Clam Shack, Milliard Construction, Misty Harbor Resort, Moody Beach RV Resort, Norseman Resort, Nortey Dental, Ocean Graphics, Ocean Lure, Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit Playhouse, Ogunquit Trading Post, Outlets at Kittery, People's United Bank, PeoplesChoice Credit Union, Re/Max Realty One, Roseway by the Sea, Sanford Country Club, Seacoast Pizza & Pasta, Seaglass Village, Sea-Vu Campground, Sea-Vu West, Seigney-Lyons Insurance, Shoreline Explorer, SIS Bank, Southern Maine IT Solutions, Stadig Campground, State Farm Insurance, Summer Solstice Craft Shows, TC Hafford Basement Systems, Tee Shots Golf Range, The Lovelight Center, The New England House Seafood and Sports Bar, The Singing Lobster, The Steakhouse, T-Shirts N' Things, Tully's Beer & Wine, Webhannet River Boat Yard, Wells Beach Lobster Pound, Wells Beach Resort, Wells Clothing Outlet, Wells-Ogunquit Adult Education, Wells Reserve at Laudholm, Wells Super Food Market IGA, Wells Super Wash and Wonder Mountain Fun Park.

Thank you to the Wells Rotary Club for affording us the opportunity to once again hold our event in conjunction with their Annual HarborFest and Chicken BBQ - they are terrific hosts! Thank you to our volunteers and fellow committee members Darr Littlefield, Pam Valentinas, Patti Berger, Anne Balkam, Maureen Clayton, Jim Berger, Jackie Grant, Brian Beeler, Bryanna Thibault, Nancy Hafford, Nancy & Steve Kwederis, Lauren & Jeff Janousek, Eric Nixon, Heather Farrell, Tony Hafford, Brian Lepine and Koriahn Quint - great job! It was a fabulous group effort! Thank you all for your generosity and continued support of our organization.