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Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce



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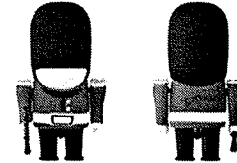
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Board of Directors' Meetings

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.



BRITAIN SAMPLER

.. A 9-DAY TOUR FROM LONDON ROUND-TRIP

The Wells Chamber of Commerce is hosting this trip which departs on May 19, 2017. We'll travel from London to Edinburgh and back to London. Highlights include Stonehenge, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Llangollen, Grasmere, Gretna Green and Cambridge.

The per person, double occupancy rate is \$3,639 (must book and deposit by 11/29/16) and the price includes transportation to and from Wells to Boston, airfare from Boston, ground transfers, land tour, sightseeing, hotels, full breakfast daily, three dinners, services of a professional tour director and all taxes and service charges.

For information on the complete itinerary please go to wellschamber.org and click on the "Britain Sampler" icon on the front page.

**31st ANNUAL
WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHRISTMAS PARADE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
2:00 pm
"CHRISTMAS FUN FOR EVERYONE"
www.wellschristmasparade.com**

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News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

Just a quick reminder that your **2017 Membership Renewal Forms** were due back to the Chamber by October 15, so if you haven't sent them in, please do so at your earliest convenience. I'm sure you've received a message or two from Darr requesting that you send the forms back. If you need any assistance filling them out or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Darr or myself and we'll be more than happy to offer a hand.

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, December 1 is the Chamber's Annual Breakfast Meeting at York County Community College. We hope to see you there!

Our **31st Annual Christmas Parade** is scheduled for Sunday, December 11. There is no charge to be involved in the parade. For more information, go to wellschristmasparade.com or give us a call at 646-2451.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

WELLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MAINE BEACHES ASSOCIATION TEAM UP FOR CONSUMER TRADE SHOWS!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce will be partnering with the Maine Beaches Association for the following Consumer Travel Trade Shows. This is a great cost-effective way to increase your businesses visibility and get your materials directly in the hands of potential visitors.

Trade Show Brochure Distribution Shows

- AAA Travel Marketplace, Foxborough, MA, March 3-5, 2017
- Worcester Home Show, Worcester, MA, March 10-12, 2017
- Montreal Women's Show, Montreal, QB, March 17-19, 2017
- Daytrips & Destinations, Cromwell, CT, May 2017

Cost = \$100 per show! Shows have a combined attendance of over 60,000. The Maine Beaches Association will distribute member business materials at the shows noted above. Please let us know if you are interested in participating by December 16, 2016. The materials for these shows must be brought to the Wells Chamber by January 6, 2017. For further information, please contact Darr at the Chamber office at 646-2451.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 25 Black Friday Sale Event at the Kittery Outlets, US Route 1, Kittery. Stores open from 6am to 10pm. 207-439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

November 25 through December 24 FREE Gift Wrapping at Bangor Savings Bank, 196 Main Street, Ogunquit. Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. 420-3965, Bangor.com.

November 25 Bob Marley Comedy at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 25 Sound Decision Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 26 Paula Poundstone at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 26 Cool Change at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 27 Judy Collins at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 28 through December 24 Annual Christmas Tree Sale at Wells Recreation Department, 412 Branch Road, Route 9A. 646-5826, wellsrec.org.

November 30 through December 18 The Ogunquit Playhouse production of *Beauty and the Beast* will be performed at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, NH. Tickets on sale now at ogunquitplayhouse.org.

November 30 through December 3 The Wells Players proudly present *A Christmas Carol* at the Olenn Performing Arts Center at the Wells High School. \$5 students/seniors, \$8 adults. 646-7011.

December 2-4 Holiday Open House at Country Peddler Shop, 51 Harbor Road. Refreshments to sample and sip. 9am-5pm. 646-6576, countrypeddler.com.

December 2-11 Annual Christmas Prelude, Kennebunkport. For the complete schedule go to Christmasprelude.com.

December 2 American Ride Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

December 3 Annual Holiday Wreath Sale at the Morrison Center, 526 Post Road, Route 1. 9am-Noon. 883-6680, Morrison-maine.org.

December 3 Annual Wells-Ogunquit Music Boosters Craft Sale, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1. 9am-3pm.

December 3 Santa's Village at the Wells Recreation Department, 412 Branch Road, Route 9A. 5:30-7:30pm. Free admission. 646-5826, wellsrec.org.

December 3 On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

December 3 "The Voice" Sawyer Fredericks at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

December 9 Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

December 9-11 Annual Christmas by the Sea, Ogunquit. For the complete schedule go to Ogunquit.org.

December 9 "Applause for a Cause", a warm family Christmas play with music. Trailblazers Club, 102 Bills Lane. 5:30pm. 468-9747.

December 9-10 Nativity at Messiah Christian Church, 2700 Post Road, Route 1. 6:30pm. 985-9287, messiahchristianchurch.org.

December 10-11 Holiday Open House at Renee's Cat and Dog Gift Shop, 21 South Street. Refreshments to sample and sip. 9am-5pm. 646-2390, reneecatanddoggiftshop.com.

December 10 Holiday Concert featuring the Seacoast Men of Harmony at the Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 3pm. 646-4775.

December 10 Northern Charm at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

December 11 31st Annual Wells Christmas Parade sponsored by the Wells Chamber of Commerce. 2pm. Wells Plaza north to Wells Junior High School. 646-2451, wellschristmasparade.com.

December 16 Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

VETERANS DAY 5K THANKS!

The Wells Chamber hosted our 3rd Annual Veterans Day 5K on Saturday, November 12 and the event was a great success. The proceeds will benefit Honor Flight Maine.

Thank you to our sponsors - Primary Event Sponsor Gorham Savings Bank, Silver Sponsor Sevigney-Lyons Insurance, Bronze Sponsors Road ID, SIS Bank, TC Hafford Basement Systems, T-Shirts N' Things and the Wells Rotary Club, Friend Sponsors Amtrak Downeaster, Cole Harrison Insurance Agency, State Senator Ron Collins, Holmes Legal Group, Maine Diner, Natural Sentiments Photography, State Farm Insurance-Nancy Hafford, People's Insurance Ogunquit and the US Submarine Veterans.

Prize sponsors include Billy's Chowder House, Congdons Doughnuts, Hobbs Harborside, Jakes Seafood Restaurant, Mike's Clam Shack, Road ID, Seacoast Pizza & Pasta and The Steakhouse. The snacks for the runners were donated by the Wells Super Food Market IGA.

A special thank you goes out to the event co-chairs Lauren Janousek and Heather Farrell, Tony Hafford at the Wells Elks Lodge and John Cavaretta for the use of his field for parking.

Thank you to volunteers Brian Lepine, Jeff Janousek, Eric Nixon, Jackie Grant, Dave Moravick, Darr Littlefield, Doreen Rogan, Steve Kwederis, Maureen Clayton, Patti Berger, Bri Worthington, Eric Andrews, Jim Berger, Eric Beauregard and Amy Delisle and Amy Ouellette and their scout troops. Great job everyone, we could not have done it without you!

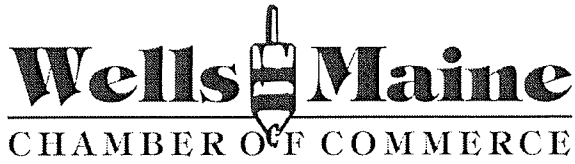
Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Veterans Day 5K scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2017!

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!

Wells Town Clerk, Jessica Keyes has requested that we remind everyone that it is time to license your dog(s). You need to bring your current Rabies Certificate and Neutering Certificate (if applicable).

The fee for Male/Female is \$11, Neutered/Spayed is \$6. This may be done by mail with updated information. Please send the Certificate(s), Fee and a S.A.S.E. to: Wells Town Clerk, 208 Sanford Road, Wells, ME 04090.

A late fee of \$25 starts February 1, 2017. FMI, please contact the Town Clerks office at 646-2882.



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WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUESTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Wells Elementary School (WES) has implemented the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) model as a new initiative. This approach has required establishing clear expectations across the school environment, teaching students the necessary skills required for positive school-wide behavior, and reinforcing the children through a variety of ways when they achieve success.

Several businesses have partnered with us already to support this initiative, which has significantly reduced overall disciplinary referrals at school and on the busses. We would love to identify if any other local businesses would be able to offer any support to our students through either donations, or time. We have begun to provide our students the opportunity to shop in a school store on a monthly basis. Teachers have also established a number of reinforcement ideas with their classrooms that children can earn for positive behavior (i.e. flashlight Friday, extra recess, earning a movie and popcorn, etc.). There is a Student Council meeting regularly, to discuss and determine other reinforcing initiatives of which the entire school can work toward. We would love to request any donation involving *gift certificates for meals, products from your business that would be appropriate for children, tickets to shows/movies, etc.* from local businesses that we could utilize as incentives. We would like to hear any additional ideas you may have, and if you might be willing to support this initiative in some way. We are already seeing a substantial difference in student behavior and overall school culture.

If you would like to assist our students in achieving further success or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Ken Spinney (kspinney@wocsd.org) or Christopher Roche (chroche@wocsd.org), by email or phone (207-646-5953). We would love to hear from you, and we appreciate any support you may be able to provide.

Best Regards in Education,

Christopher Roche,
Principal

Kenneth Spinney II,
Assistant Principal