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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.

Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

Happy New Year!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to a great 2016. We have a list of great activities planned for both our members and our community. Thank you to our members that continue to share their own events and activities through our on-line Events Calendar ... keep them coming!

Thanks as well to our members that have been sharing their posts on our Facebook page ... it's been great keeping up with things! Again, keep them coming!

Here's to a happy and prosperous 2016!

Sincerely,
Eric Nixon, Chair
Board of Directors

LAST CHANCE TO GET IN ON CONSUMER TRAVEL TRADE SHOW BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce teams up with our colleagues in the Maine Beaches Association to attend Consumer Travel Trade Shows throughout New England and Canada. This is a great, cost-effective way to increase the visibility of your businesses and get your information directly into the hands of potential visitors. There is still time to get involved in the following shows: Boston Globe Travel Show, Boston, MA - February 19-21; AAA Travel Marketplace, Foxboro, MA - March 4-6; Worcester Home Show, Worcester, MA - March 4-6; Montreal Women's Show, Montreal, Quebec - April 29-May 1; Daytrips & Destinations, Cromwell, CT - May; Ski & Sun Expo, Cromwell, CT - November.

These shows have a combined attendance of over 70,000. The cost is \$100 per show (\$500 for Boston Globe). If you are interested in including your brochures for distribution at these well-attended Consumer Travel Shows, please contact us no later than **Wednesday, January 27, 2016.**

For more specific information, please contact Darr at the Chamber at 646-2451 or wellschamber@wellschamber.org.

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

It's hard to believe that it's already mid-January ... where does the time go? Darr and I have been busy working on the 2016 Wells Guide and Map and the Information Center staff is starting to pack the collateral that will go to the Consumer Travel Trade Shows. There's still time to submit your brochures to be included so give us a call and let us know if you're interested. Members that have sent their brochures in the past continue to stay involved as the shows produce immediate responses from people calling and checking on room availability and bookings.

I had the pleasure of being at the ribbon cutting this week for the new wing at the Wells High School. WOW! What a great job they did. The kids are very lucky to have a such a beautiful learning environment!

Stay warm!

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

-Eleanor J. Vadenais, President/CEO

FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

Tuesday, February 16 - Vacation Day Camp (ages 7-12): Snow Survivors at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 9am-3pm. \$50 (scholarships available). 646-1555 x:110, wellsreserve.org.

Wednesday, February 17 - Vacation Day Camp (ages 7-12): Ocean Explorers Camp at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 9am-3pm. \$50 (scholarships available). 646-1555 x:110, wellsreserve.org.

Wednesday, February 17 - BJ Hickman Magic Show at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 10:30am. All Ages. Free. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

Thursday, February 18 - Winter Wildlife Day & Snow Day at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 10am-2pm. Free. 646-1555, wellsreserve.org.

Thursday, February 18 - Popcorn Party at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 6pm. Free. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

Friday, February 19 - Kids Movie Afternoon at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 2pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19-February 23 every Tuesday, Genealogy Research with Nancy Doyle at the Wells Public Library, 1430 Post Road, Route 1. 1:30-4:30pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

January 21 & 28 Computer Camp for Adults at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 1:30-3pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

January 22 Diving The World with Monica and Bill Grabin, Noon-1pm, Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, 646-1555, wellsreserve.org.

January 22 Gardening with Jolene at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 10:30-11:30, 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

January 27 Snowshoeing the Trails at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 11-12:30pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

January 28 Dinosaur Party at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 6pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

February 6 Turkey Dinner to benefit the Wells High School Music Program. St. Mary's Church, Eldridge Road. 5:00-7:00pm.

February 13 James Montgomery Band at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8:30pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

February 23 Moonlit Snowshoe Hike, 5:30-7:30pm, Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, 646-1555, wellsreserve.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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F.Y.I.

TIME TO REGISTER YOUR DOG(S)! Town Clerk Jessica Keyes asked us to remind you that you have until January 31, 2016 to register your dog(s) - after January 31, there will be a \$25 late fine. The fee for male/female is \$11, spayed/neutered \$6. All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed. If you lose your dog's tag, a replacement can be purchased for \$1 at the Town Clerks office. The current license and rabies tag must be on the dogs collar whenever the dog is off the owners property. Stray Animals: Please contact Jackie LaLiberte, Animal Control Officer, through the Wells Police Department at 646-9354 or the Maine State Animal Welfare Unit at 287-3846. You can register by mail by sending the certificate, fee and SASE to the Wells Town Clerk, 208 Sanford Road, Wells, 04090. FMI call the Town Clerks office at 646-2882.

The **York County Community College** is continuing their **Eggs & Issues** forums. This community service is facilitated and hosted by the College through the Department of Business and Community Programs in support of its educational and economic development missions. The forums are held on the 2nd Friday of each month with the exception of July and August. The immediate lineup is: February 12 - David Bernhardt, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation (sponsored by Wasco Skylights) and March 11 - Sanford City Manager Steve Buck, Sanford Mayor Tom Cote and Jim Nimon of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council (sponsored by Camden National Bank). Networking begins at 7:00am, breakfast at 7:30 and the speaker followed by Q&A from 8:00-8:30. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. FMI call 216-4342 or www.yccc.edu/business-community/community/eggs-issues/.

The **York County Community College** is pleased to announce their **2016 Visiting Artist Series!** Save the Dates and join in on these FREE events:

Thursday, March 10 - Robert Moody, Music Director/Conductor - 5:00pm

Monday, March 21 - Richard Blanco, Poet & Writer - 5:00pm

Tuesday, March 29 - "Stranger than Fiction", Improvisational Comedy Troupe - 6:00pm

The **York County Coast Star** announced their annual "Christmas Angels" recently. "Angels" representing the Wells community included the Wells Lady Warriors Basketball team and their "Shootin' for a Cure" program that benefits the Living Well Center at York Hospital that supports cancer patients. To date, "Shootin' for a Cure" has raised \$160,000! Other Wells "Angels" named are the Safe Haven Humane Society Cat Shelter for their work in providing a safe and pleasant, "no kill" environment for cats, and an eclectic group of ladies who make up "Women Who Drink and Do Good" - offering financial and social support to people and organizations. "Angels" from other communities include Beth Jones of Church Community Outreach Services in the Kennebunks, Linda Zuke, owner of Weirs Motors in Arundel, the students and faculty of the Kennebunk Elementary School for their fund raiser for Honor Flight Maine, Laura Rose of Ogunquit for Ogunquit's Ocean Rescue, Dean and Marcia Goodman, owners of Ogunquit's Old Village Inn for Make A Wish and the Wells-Ogunquit Outreach Committee who provide food baskets, gift cards and gifts for children of families in need. Congratulations to all of the "Angels"! Great job everyone!

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The York County Coast Star announced their annual "Movers & Shakers" awards. Of note were representatives from the Wells community including the Wells Reserve at Laudholm for meeting their goals to meet 100 percent of their electricity needs through solar power and to reduce fossil fuel use and electricity use by 20%, Police Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, and Wells-Ogunquit Community School District Public Information Officer Reg Bennett.

Other local communities were represented as well including the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce, Dave Barton of the Marginal Way Preservation Fund and Carol Brennan of Ogunquit Rotary and the Ogunquit Playhouse. Jenn Burrows, known as the "mayor of Arundel" and Jake Hawkins of the Arundel Historical Society represented their community. Kennebunk's nominees include Laura Dolce and Laura Snyder Smith of the Kennebunk/Kennebunkport/Arundel Chamber of Commerce, Blake Baldwin of the Kennebunk Economic Development Committee, Michelle Allen of the KKA Chamber Board, and Kennebunk's Citizen's Police Academy.

Kennebunkport was represented by Luverne Preble of the Save Our School campaign, Carol Cook, Kennebunkport's Parks and Recreation director, and resident activists Bill and Ki Leffler.

Thank you to the York County Coast Star for this annual recognition of our unsung heroes and thank you to all of the recipients. We appreciate all you do for our communities!