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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:

As we're in the middle of another busy summer season I want to take a minute to remind people to use caution and be safe with the large crowds we have this time of year. After reading in the news how a person was killed while walking across the Maine Turnpike at the Kennebunk rest area and how skimming equipment has been placed in area Bank ATM Machines, it reminds me to be aware of my surroundings and to pay attention.

It's nice to see the repaving project on Route 1 is completed. Some order has been restored on the roads now that the lanes have been striped again.

Our on-line calendar of events is full of activities for residents and guests that are staying in town. Please continue to check out both the on-line calendar and our Facebook page to see what events, etc. are going on.

Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,
Eric Nixon, Chair
Board of Directors

MAINE INVITES YOU 2017

It's that time of year again...advertising for the 2017 **Maine Invites You** has officially opened. As you are aware, the magazine **Maine Invites You** is the official fulfillment piece of the Maine Office of Tourism. Anyone requesting collateral from the MOT's toll free number or their web site, visitmaine.com, is sent a copy of this magazine. Every advertisement, print, TV and web campaign initiated by the Maine Office of Tourism promotes **Maine Invites You**. This magazine continues to evolve to remain an essential marketing resource for hundreds of Maine tourism-related businesses. With over 350,000 copies in print, **Maine Invites You** was the first travel planner in the country to have an on-line version.

The Wells Chamber of Commerce has had a strong presence in this magazine for years. We join in a co-op with the rest of the chambers in the Maine Beaches region of the state (York, Ogunquit, The Kennebunks, Biddeford/Saco and Old Orchard Beach). The publication has a late summer deadline in order for it to be available in print by January 2017.

Watch your mailboxes for the insertion order! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Eleanor at the Chamber office at 646-2451.

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

Summer is in full swing here at the Chamber office. The staff has been busy with the phone calls and walk-in's as well as the weekly call-around to our lodging properties checking on your room availability. Please keep us posted on any mid-week updates so we can continue to refer our visitors to your property.

We're entering our "event season" with the Pow Wow scheduled for July 16-17, Silent Auction at HarborFEST on July 30, Annual Chili Fest on August 27 and the Family Jamboree on September 17. If you've got a couple of hours to volunteer at any of the events, or if you'd like information on sponsorships, please let me know.

The mailing will be going out soon for the 2017 *MAINE INVITES YOU*, the official fulfillment magazine for the Maine Office of Tourism. This magazine continues to evolve to remain an essential marketing resource for hundreds of Maine tourism-related businesses. If you have any questions on whether or not your business should be advertising in this magazine, please let me know.

On a sad note, one of our past Information Center employees, Helene Larkin, passed away on June 15 at Pilgrim Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Peabody MA at the age of 89. Helene worked at the Information Center from 2006 to 2011. Our condolences go out to her 2 daughters Jane and Suzanne, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Last month, I mentioned a contest about the June newsletter ... I asked people to e-mail me with what they thought was different about the newsletter ... congratulations to Scott Wilcox at T-Shirts N' Things at Wells Beach who won a \$25 Gift Certificate to Mike's Clam Shack! The difference was that we printed the June newsletter on colored paper!! Thank you to all our members that responded!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 19 - August 1 Sanford Mainers Baseball Games. Goodall Park, Sanford. 324-0010, sanfordmainers.com.

July 20 Day Camp at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. "Fantastic Flyers" - explore the amazing world of bats, owls, fireflies and other animals of the air. Ages 6-10. Reservations required. 646-1555, wellsreserve.org/camps.

July 22 Day Camp at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. "Wilderness Survivor" - learn to orient yourself in the woods on a survival scavenger hunt. Ages 6-10. Reservations required. 646-1555, wellsreserve.org/camps.

July 25-29 Mad Science Summer Camp sponsored by the Wells Rec Department. "Brixology & Engineering" - a fun camp full of rockets, robots, wacky machines, flying devices and roller coasters. FMI 878-2222, maine.madscience.org.

July 30 Annual HarborFEST, Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. Noon-9:30pm. Event is sponsored by the Wells Rotary Club. A full day of family games and activities featuring the Wells Rotary Club Chicken BBQ from Noon-3:00pm, the Wells Chamber Silent Auction from Noon-3:00pm, a concert by The Windmills at 6:30pm, a Talent Show and Bonfire. For a complete listing of events go to wellschamber.org.

August 14 Annual David F. Talevi Bike Ride sponsored by the Sea-Vu Campground, 1733 Post Road, Route 1. Ride consists of a 12, 24 or 36 mile ride for adults and a 5-mile fun ride for kids. Registration is \$25 for adults. FMI 646-7732, sea-vucampground.com.

August 20 Annual Woodies in the Cove Car Show sponsored by the Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit. 8:30am - 2:00pm. Parade starts at 2:00pm. 974 Post Road, Route 1 (beside Perkins Cove Candies). woodiesinthecove@gmail.com.

August 27 Annual Chili-Fest sponsored by the Wells Chamber. 11am-3pm, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1. 646-2451, wellschamber.org.

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

July 23 Wells Summer Concert Series at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "Soul Mate" featuring soul, funk and disco.

July 23 Quinn Sullivan at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

July 28 Jonathan Edwards at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

July 30 Wells Summer Concert Series at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "The Windmills" featuring blues, dance, jazz, pop and rock.

July 31 Tierney Sutton, After Blue & The Joni Mitchell Project at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 4 Madeleine Peyroux at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 6 Wells Summer Concert Series at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "On Tap" featuring popular favorites back to the Beatles up to Adele.

August 7 Kathy Mattea at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 13 Wells Summer Concert Series at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "Eddie Forman Orchestra" known for polkas with Polish lyrics and a consistent steady beat.

August 13 Jimmy Keys at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 14 John Sebastian at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 20 Wells Summer Concert Series at Wells Harbor Park, 331 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "Jumbo Circus Peanuts" a 12-piece group featuring pop, swing and rock.

August 18 Albert Cummings at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

August 19 Aztec Two Step at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansogunquit.com.

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ON STAGE

The **Ogunquit Playhouse** presents *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* from July 13 through August 6 and *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* from August 10 through September 3. Show times are Tuesday through Sunday evenings and Matinees on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Hackmatack Playhouse is featuring *On The Town* July 6-23, *Once Upon A Mattress* July 27 through August 13 and *Almost, Maine* August 17-31. Show times are Wednesday through Saturday evenings and Thursday Matinees. 698-1807, hackmatack.org.

The **Leavitt Theatre** presents *Lady Luck Burlesque* July 23, *David Sedaris* July 31, *Leavittfest* August 14-16 and *Melissa Manchester* August 19. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

SIS BANK announced the Grand Re-Opening of its Wells branch location. Located at 1149 Post Road, Route 1, the building has had a complete renovation including updating the dark brick outside with a light-colored siding and a complete new remodel inside. The branch was open the entire time it was being remodeled and SIS President, Mark Mickeriz was extremely grateful to have such great support and understanding from their customers and the community while the changes were being completed. Kudos to SIS Bank ... the building looks terrific!

In other news **SIS BANK** recently presented a gift of \$150,000 in support of the **York County Community College Capital Campaign** for its new academic building.

WONDER MOUNTAIN FUN PARK, 270 Post Road, Route 1 has added a new feature this summer with a 730-foot long Go Kart Track along with a fleet of 28 electric-powered Go Karts. Both single and double seater karts are available allowing parents to ride with small children. A rider must be at least 6 years old and 4 feet tall. Wonder Mountain is open from 9:30am to 10:00pm every day.

OGUNQUIT MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART located at 543 Shore Road in Ogunquit, will host "Totally Tuesday Talks" every Tuesday through August 30 at 6:00pm. "Totally Tuesday" will feature guest speakers on a range of subjects including current OMAA exhibitions and topics in contemporary art. Preceding each talk, light refreshments will be served from 5:00-6:00pm. FMI: ogunquitmuseum.org.

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WELLS ROTARY CLUB



Wells Maine
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual HARBORFEST
Saturday, July 30
Wells Harbor Park

Wells Rotary Chicken BBQ 12-3pm - \$12/ticket
 Wells Chamber of Commerce Silent Auction 12-3pm
Free Concert (The Windmills) 6:30pm
Bonfire 8pm
Talent Show 8:30pm

Day & Evening-Long Activities:
 Kid's Crabbing Contest, Donut Eating Challenge, World Championship Lobster Trap Toss, Paddle Board Demo's, Wells Fire Department Jaws of Life Demo and Fire Extinguisher Inspections, Wells Police Department K9 Demo and Children's Safety ID Fingerprinting, Face Painting/Balloons, Pirate Treasure Hunt, Story Book Walk, Lumberman's Challenge, S'mores by the Campfire.

Exhibitors:
 Wells Fire Department Vehicles, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Wells Reserve, Coast Encounters, Wells Republican Party, Safe Haven Humane Society, Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, Wells Elks Lodge




Wells Maine
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

15th Annual
CHILI-FEST
Saturday, August 27
Wells Junior High School

"Maine State" Cook-Off
11:00am - 3:00pm
Food Vendors • Crafters
People's Choice Chili

PRIMARY EVENT SPONSOR



Kennebunk Savings