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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:

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

A "Membership Survey" was sent out to everyone on Tuesday, May 30 via Survey Monkey. We've heard from some of you - thank you. We ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the survey ... your comments are important and the Board of Directors is looking forward to hearing what you have to say. Feel free to speak your mind - all your comments and suggestions are welcome!

If you did not receive the survey (check your spam folders), please let Eleanor at the Chamber know (eleanor@wellschamber.org) and she'll send you another copy.

Sincerely,
Brian Lepine, Chair
Board of Directors

MAINE HOUSE & SENATE PASS BILL TO RESTORE TIP CREDIT TO MINIMUM WAGE LAW

After a lengthy debate last Tuesday, lawmakers in the Maine House voted overwhelmingly to restore the "tip credit" to the state's minimum wage law. Tuesday's House vote followed the approval of the repeal the prior week in the Senate, where the bill will go for another vote before being sent to Governor LePage, who has indicated he will sign the repeal into law.

Although the Senate failed to reach the two-thirds support for the repeal to make it an emergency bill and effective immediately, it faces at least one other vote in that body and those opposing it could change their minds. Otherwise, the bill would not become law until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or sometime in October.

The vote essentially repealed part of a ballot question approved by voters last November that increased Maine's minimum wage and eliminated the tip credit. The tip credit rule allows employers to pay tipped workers half of the minimum hourly wage. Restaurant owners and workers turned out in large numbers during public hearings to request the change, saying the voter-approved minimum wage hike would drive up labor costs for restaurant owners while eroding tips for servers.

Senator Ron Collins and Representative Bob Foley both voted in favor of restoring the Tip Credit - our thanks go out to both!

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

I cannot believe that summer starts this week! Where does the time go??

Thank you to Vinegar Hill Music Theatre for inviting our staff to their Hospitality Night this past weekend. We saw "The Four C Notes" (a tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons). Great show - we were singing at the top of our lungs (much to the chagrin of the people around us)! The former Arundel Barn Playhouse has undergone some beautiful upgrades and is a lovely venue! Check it out!

Remember to keep us in the loop about what's happening with your businesses - we're here to help you get the word out!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Wells, ME 04090
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JOHNSON HALL MUSEUM AND FUNCTIONS LLC
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmer's Market - every Wednesday, 1:30-5pm, Wells Ogunquit Center at Moody (Senior Center), 300 Post Road, Route 1. wellsfarmersmarket.org.

June 24 - Live & Silent Benefit Auction, 5-7:30pm, Messiah Christian Church, 2700 Post Road, Route 1. 985-9287, messiahchristianchurch.org.

June 25 - Wells Antique Show & Sale, Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 10am-4pm. 800-641-6908.

June 26-30 - Summer Day Camp at Messiah Christian Church, 2700 Post Road, Route 1. 985-9287, messiahchristianchurch.org.

June 27 - Author Talk at Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. Author Karen Creamer. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

June 30 - Open House at The Lovelight Center, 2089 Post Road, Route 1, 5-7:30pm. 216-9584, lovelightilluminations.com.

July 1 - Summer Concert Series - Wells Harbor Park, 362 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "The Strafford Wind Symphony".

July 7 - Wells Knights of Columbus Annual 2 Cent Sale, St. Mary's Church, 236 Eldridge Road, 7pm. 646-6870 or 850-6488.

July 8 & 9 - 35th Annual Summer Solstice Craft Show, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1. 10am-4pm, rain or shine. 646-5172, summersolsticecraftshows.com.

July 8 - Summer Concert Series - Wells Harbor Park, 362 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "Party Starters".

July 10-14 Summer Day Camp at Messiah Christian Church, 2700 Post Road, Route 1. 985-9287, messiahchristianchurch.org.

July 12-15 - Spiritual Retreat at The Lovelight Center, 2089 Post Road, Route 1. 216-9584, lovelightilluminations.com

July 15 & 16 - 15th Annual Val Ranco Native American Pow Wow, Wells Harbor Park, 362 Harbor Road. 9am-5pm. 603-651-8769.

July 15 - History Walk & Talk at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am. 646-4775, historicalsocietyofwellsandogunquit.org.

July 15 - Summer Concert Series - Wells Harbor Park, 362 Harbor Road. 6:30pm. "The Bel Airs".

ON STAGE

Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 646-5511 - now through July 1 - *Mamma Mia!* July 5 through July 29 - *Bullets Over Broadway*. ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Hackmatack Playhouse, 538 School Street, Route 9, Berwick. 698-1807 - now through July 1 - *She Loves Me*. July 5 through July 22 - *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*. hackmatack.org.

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

June 23 Brian Johnson at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 24 Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 24 Comedian Juston McKinney at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

June 25 Deep Blue "C" Studio Orchestra at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 30 James Montgomery Band at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 30 Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 30 Rustic Overtones/MYRO at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

July 1 On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

July 7 Brian Trio at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

July 7 Livingston Taylor at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

July 8 Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

July 8 Tribute to The Band at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

July 12 Bob Charest Quartet at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

July 13 Comedy with Lenny Clarke at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

July 13 Robert Klein at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

July 14 Northern Charm at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

July 15 Mike Mazola & Ray Zerkle at Mike's Clam Shack, 8:30pm. 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

July 15 & 16 Paula Poundstone at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

F.Y.I.

The Wells Chamber will be hosting our **Annual Silent Auction** on Saturday, July 29 from 3:30-5:30pm. The proceeds from the Auction go toward our Scholarship Fund which finances the two \$1000 scholarships given to seniors at the Wells High School (see story below). Our staff will soon be calling all of our members in hopes that they will once again donate an item, gift basket or gift certificate to support this cause! The Silent Auction is held in collaboration with the annual **HarborFEST** which includes the ever popular Chicken BBQ and a full day of games and activities for the family hosted by the Wells Rotary Club. Stay tuned for more information and details!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce recently awarded two **\$1000 scholarships** to Wells High School seniors. We look for pre-graduates of Wells High School to invest in; self-driven, motivated students who will make the most of their education. Seana Grealey and Isaac Michaud were selected for the 2017 awards out of the 28 applications that we received. Thank you to Koriahn Quint, Nancy Hafford, Doreen Rogan and Brian Lepine for serving on this committee.

WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

All programs take place at the Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1 unless otherwise noted. FMI 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

- **Children's Storytime** - every Monday, 10:30am.
- **Books at the Beach** - every Wednesday, 10:30am, Wells Harbor Park, 362 Harbor Road (weather permitting).
- **Lego/Cube Club** - every Friday, 3pm.
- **Fiber Arts Group** - every Friday, 10:30am-Noon
- **Crafty Kids** - every Wednesday, 3:00pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER PROGRAMS

All programs take place at the Meetinghouse Museum at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. FMI 646-4775, historicalsocietyofwellsandogunquit.org.

- **History Games** - every Saturday, 10am-1pm.
- **Tuesday Tours** - 10am-1pm.

FIREWORKS!!

Monday, July 3

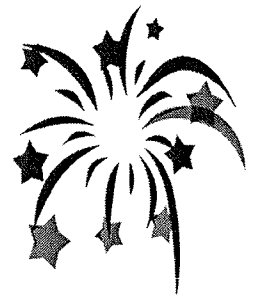
Sanford, #1 Pond off Route 202, 9pm.

Tuesday, July 4

Kennebunk, Gooch's Beach, 9pm.

Ogunquit, Main Beach, 9:15pm.

Old Orchard Beach, The Pier, 9:45pm.





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CHAMBER SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Wells Chamber is seeking members that are interested in volunteering for a 3-year term on the Board of Directors. Each year, there are four seats that become available. Following is the outline of the Directors' Responsibilities and Duties":

1. The Board of Directors is responsible for evaluating the mission statement of the Chamber, and, with the Chamber President/CEO, formulating a Program of Work and Budget for the coming fiscal year.
2. Each board member must be accountable to the general membership for competent, conscientious and effective accomplishments of its obligations as a body. It will allow no officer or individual of the board to usurp this role or deter this discipline.
3. Each board member is expected to be prepared for and attend regular monthly meetings. The meetings are presently held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chamber office at 5:00pm. The time may be adjusted with a majority vote at a regular meeting. Special meetings may be called if a priority issue arises that cannot wait until the regularly scheduled meeting.
4. Each board member is expected to serve on at least one committee. Most serve on more than one. The current committees include Membership & Civic Relations, Advertising & Marketing, Community & Government Relations, Events, Building & Grounds, Transportation, and Trolley.
5. Each board member is expected to serve on individual fundraising efforts for specific needs - Events, Auction, etc.
6. Each board member is expected to make every effort to attend all functions sponsored by the Chamber including, but not limited to: Business After Hours, Chili-Fest, Family Jamboree, Annual Meeting, Christmas Parade, tri-Chamber events, etc.
7. Board members are asked to volunteer for specific "behind the scenes" activities that may include special event participation, etc.

If you are interested in submitting nomination papers, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor at the Chamber office at 646-2451