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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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

Looking For An Easy Sales Idea?

One of my mentors used to say that it's usually a lot less difficult to work with what's around you than to come up with a new (and typically, expensive) approach. If you're looking for a sales idea for the upcoming season, does a virtually free advertising campaign sound interesting? Just take Wells Chamber events that are already being promoted and run a piggy-back sale. How about offering a "Chili-Fest Deal", a "Family Jamboree Special" or a "Christmas Parade Sale" to your customers? It's simple to put together - and then all those event banners posted around town can be working for your business! You can also promote it through the Tourist e-newsletters that are sent out by the Chamber. FMI, give us a call.

Sincerely,
Brian Lepine, Chair
Board of Directors

2017 DINING, SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

The Wells Chamber of Commerce will be publishing our Dining, Shopping & Entertainment Guide again this year. Cost is \$100 per page (front and back). The Guide is distributed to all of our lodging properties, retailers, real estate rental agencies and Visitor Information Centers. Copies are also available for sale to the general public. Please contact Darr at 646-2451 or wellschamber@wellschamber.org if you would like to get involved in this terrific marketing opportunity.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Wells Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 29, 2017. Servicemen and Servicewomen of all wars, the American Legion, B.P.O. of Elks, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will assemble at the Wells High School at 8:30am. Parade march will begin at 9:00am. The parade will be led by the Color Guard from the Wells Police Department.

After the playing of our National Anthem, the parade route will start at the Wells High School, march to Wells Corner and then on to Ocean View Cemetery where the invocations, decoration of graves and decoration of the Fireman's Memorial will take place.

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

What a great time we had at our Business After Hours/New Member Reception at Mike's Clam Shack on April 27! The turnout was great, the food was wonderful and the atmosphere was very positive! The new members were very appreciative for the opportunity to meet everyone and promote their businesses! Thank you to the crew at Mike's Clam Shack, our event sponsors Kennebunk Savings, SIS Bank, Sevigney-Lyons Insurance, TC Hafford Basement Systems and York Hospital in Wells.

A big thank you to Rich Hiltunan of RCH Pavement Maintenance for re-stripping and filling in the sink hole in our parking lot. What a nice gesture Rich ... we really appreciate it!

THE 2017 GUIDES AND MAP ARE IN !! STOP BY THE CHAMBER TO PICK UP A SUPPLY FOR YOUR BUSINESS !!

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

WELLS RESERVE AT LAUDHOLM ANNOUNCES "SUMMER OF ART & SCIENCE"

This year, the Wells Reserve at Laudholm will hold its first-ever "Summer of Art & Science", a season of integrated exhibitions and programs exploring nature through the complementary lenses of art and science.

The cornerstone of this summer-long celebration will be *Power of Place*, a major outdoor sculpture exhibition and sale featuring more than 40 works by New England artists. Acclaimed Maine art curator June LaCombe will install the show, positioning pieces across the historic campus and along the reserve's most popular walking trail. June has been installing shows at such destinations as the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens and Maine Audubon's Gilsland Farm. *Power of Place* opens on June 7 and continues through Columbus Day.

Other events scheduled for the "Summer of Art & Science" will include Touching Earth EcoArt Collaborative Landscape Photography course, Concerts in the Barn featuring The Windmills and DaPonte String Quartet, Author readings & book signings, the Laudholm Nature Crafts Festival and the Annual Punkinfiddle Family Festival.

For more information and a complete Calendar of Events for the 2017 season, call 646-1555 or on-wellsreserve.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18 Farm Party featuring Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig at the Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 6-7:30pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

May 21 Open House at the Wells Public Safety Building, 1563 Post Road, Route 1. 11:30am-2:30pm. Fire Chief Wayne Vetre and Police Chief Jo-Ann Putnam invite you to come by, tour the existing Public Safety Facilities, meet your first responders and address your questions and concerns. Light lunch available. 646-7912.

May 24 Opening Day for the Wells Farmers Market at their NEW LOCATION in the parking lot at the Wells Ogunquit Center at Moody (Senior Center), 300 Post Road, Route 1. Every Wednesday 1:30-5:00pm. Wellsfarmersmarket.org.

May 26-29 Memorial Day Weekend Sale, Kittery Outlets, Route 1, Kittery. 888-548-8379, download coupons at thekitteryoutlets.com.

May 27 Muscular Dystrophy "Boot Drive" sponsored by the Wells Professional Firefighters. 7am-Noon. Mile Road at Atlantic Avenue. Rain date May 28. 646-7912.

June 4 Wells Rotary Club Mini Golf Tournament at Wonder Mountain Fun Park, 270 Post Road, Route 1. 2pm registration, 3pm shotgun start, 5pm cookout. 646-8333, rick@exitococeansiderealty.com.

June 7 Power of Place - Sculpture Show Opening at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 4:30-6:30pm. 646-1555, wellsreserve.org.

June 9 Night Hike at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 8-9:30pm. 646-1555, wellsreserve.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

May 18 Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

May 19 Ray Zerkle at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

May 20 Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

May 25 Buster Keaton Silent Film Double Feature at Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Ogunquit. 7pm. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

May 26-28 Baywatch at Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Ogunquit. 7pm. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

May 26 Brian Johnson at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

May 26 Suede with Fred Boyle & Rich Hill at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

May 27 On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 2 Braiden Sunshine & Hilton Park at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 2 Sound Decision at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 3 Nick Fradiani at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 6:30pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 3 Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 8 Running Wild Silent Film at Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Ogunquit. 7pm. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

June 9 Vicki Monroe, Psychic Medium & Spirit Messenger at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 9 Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 10 On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8-10:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

June 15 River Whyless at Jonathans, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

June 17 & 18 The Four C Notes at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 985-5552.

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SUMMER CAMPS

College for Kids at York County Community College is a fun, educational, summer experience for your child. The weekly camps start July 10-14 with the last one the week of August 7-11. Camps run Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm (Friday 8:30am-4:00pm) and are geared for kids ages 7-9 and 9-11. The course offerings are outlined in a flyer enclosed in this newsletter. New for 2017 is their Summer Program for Teens - classes inspired by college-level courses. FMI 216-4344 or on-line at yccc.edu/CollegeforKids.

Hack-ma-Camp at Hackmatack Playhouse is a one, four-week long camp from June 26 through July 22. It is geared for children between the ages of 7 and 13 with no experience necessary. Camp runs 9am to Noon, Monday through Friday with performances at 10am on July 21 and 22. FMI 698-1807 or on-line at hackmatack.org.

K-6 Summer Camp at Wells Recreation Department. Camps run from June 19 through August 11 with a varying menu of options from Full Camp (8 weeks) to Pick-a-Week. The hours also vary from 9am-3pm or 7:30am-5:30pm. Multi-Child Family Discounts are also available. Parent Orientation Night is Friday, June 16 at 5:30 at the Wells Rec Pavilion, 412 Branch Road, Route 9A. FMI 646-5826, wellsrec.org.

Rising Stars Theatre Camp at The Ogunquit Playhouse is for students ages 5-8. The camp starts the week of June 26. Camp runs 9am to Noon, Monday through Friday with a performance for families on Friday at 11am. FMI 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Center Stage Theatre Camp at The Ogunquit Playhouse is for children ages 8-10. The camp runs the week of July 24-28 from 9:30am-3:30pm culminating in a full-length performance on Friday afternoon. FMI 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Junior Players Theatre Camp at The Ogunquit Playhouse is designed for students from ages 9-16 who are interested in a more intensive and professional experience. The Junior Players offers either 1 week or 2 week sessions (depending on the production) starting July 3 through August 20 with camp running Monday-Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm with dress rehearsal and performances Saturdays and Sundays. FMI 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

Adult Programs at Wells Recreation Department include Men's & Women's Softball Leagues, Pick Up Pickleball, Zumba and Kickball. FMI 646-5826, wellsrec.org.

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OGUNQUIT MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART RELEASES SCHEDULE FOR THEIR 64th EXHIBITION SEASON

The OMAA released the schedule for the 2017 Season which presents an innovative program that combines exhibitions, performance, installations and presentations by scholars, historians and artists.

Opening the season is the Sculpture Gallery installation of one of Maine's most beloved talents **Dahlov Ipcar: Creative Growth** retracing Ipcar's early achievements with a selection of original works drawn from the artist's first solo exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, organized in 1939 when she was just 21 years old. Also opening the season is **SALT/SEA/STONE**, an exhibition of contemporary landscape photography by artist Carl Austin Hyatt, featuring works that are monumental in scale.

Other highlights of the season include the July 1 opening of **John Marin: On the Verge of Wilderness**. John Marin arrived in Maine in August of 1914 and opened perhaps the most moving chapter in American Modernism. He would spend the next four decades finding inspiration in the tides, weather, horizons and experiences in the state. The exhibit features twenty five paintings made during his time along the coast and captures his sense of reverence for the natural forces at play in what he described as "on the verge of wilderness".

Beginning September 1, exhibits by **Cabot Lyford: Truth of Material** which places the artist's sculptures alongside rarely seen works on paper and realist painter **Steve Hawley** whose paintings are included in OMAA's permanent collection.

A partial list of the season-long exhibits include: *Tradition and Excellence: Art and Ogunquit, 1914-1918*, *Ernest Hemingway and Henry Strater* and *Gary Haven Smith*.

The Ogunquit Museum of American Art is located at 543 Shore Road in Ogunquit. FMI 646-4909, ogunquitmuseum.org.