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Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce



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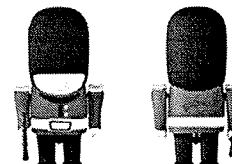
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Board of Directors' Meetings

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.



3rd ANNUAL VETERANS DAY 5K



The Wells Chamber of Commerce is hosting our 3rd Annual Veterans Day 5K Road Race/Walk on **Saturday, November 12, 2016**. The race starts and ends at the Wells Elks Lodge, 356 Bald Hill Road. Proceeds from the event will benefit Honor Flight Maine (www.honorflightmaine.org).

The race starts at 10:00am and the first 150 paying people registering receive a free long-sleeve race T-Shirt. The Elks Club will have food and refreshments available after the race. You don't have to run the course - walkers are more than welcome to join us!

We are in need of volunteers to assist - timekeepers, water station, registration, etc. We also need prizes for the runners ... a total of 14 Gift Certificates for 1st place runners in each of the age categories (under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+). If you would like to donate a gift certificate or if you can spare a couple of hours to volunteer, please contact Eleanor at 646-2451.

If you need further information about the event, or to register, visit www.wellschamber.org or RunSignUp.com/Race/ME/Wells/VD5k.

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

Just a quick reminder that your **2017 Membership Renewal Forms** are due back to the Chamber by **October 15**, so if you haven't sent them in, please do so at your earliest convenience. 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.

Our next event is the **3rd Annual Veterans Day 5K**, scheduled for Saturday, November 12. The race starts and ends at the Wells Elks Club on Bald Hill Road. Our **31st Annual Christmas Parade** is scheduled for Sunday, December 11. There's an insert in this newsletter to send back to us if you are interested in participating.

SAVE THE DATE! **Thursday, December 1** is the Chamber's Annual Breakfast Meeting at York County Community College. The invites will be hitting your mailboxes soon.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016 ... get informed and please exercise your right to vote!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 5-November 6 Million Dollar Quartet at Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

October 27 YCCC's Visiting Artist series presents Wade Zahares, 6pm, YCCC, 112 College Drive. drogan@yccc.edu, <http://virtual.yccc.edu/vas>.

October 28 Allman, Neville, Pitchell Band at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

October 28 Rizing Tide Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

October 29 On Tap Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

October 30 George Winston at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 7pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 4 Frontline Supervision Seminar at York County Community College, 112 College Drive. 9am-3:30pm. 216-4344, yccc.edu/academics/continuing-education.

November 4-5 It's All About ME! Shopping Weekend at Kittery Outlets, Route 1, Kittery. 439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

November 4 Jim Lauderdale at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 4 American Ride Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 5-6 33rd Annual League of Maine Craft Show, Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1. 10am-4pm. Free parking and admission. 646-5172, summersolsticecraftshows.com.

November 5 Taylor Hicks at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 5 Cool Change at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**31st ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
2:00 pm**

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UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

November 10 NRBQ at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 11-13 Veterans Day Sale Event at Kittery Outlets, Route 1, Kittery. 439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

November 11 Noel Paul Stookey at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 11 Mike Mazola at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 12 3rd Annual Veterans Day 5K Road Race sponsored by the Wells Chamber of Commerce. Wells Elks Lodge, 356 Bald Hill Road. 646-2451, RunSignUp.com/Race/ME/Wells/VD5k.

November 12 Vicki Monroe, Psychic Medium at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 12 On Tap Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 18-19 It's All About ME! Shopping Weekend at Kittery Outlets, Route 1, Kittery. 439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

November 18 Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

November 18 Martin Sexton at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

November 19 James Montgomery Band at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm, 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

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

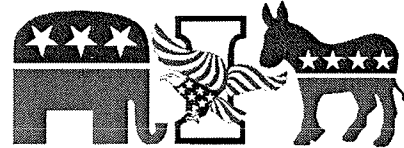
November 25 Sound Decision Band at Mikes' Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road, Route 1. 8pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

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

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016

A reminder from Town Clerk, Jessica Keyes ... all voting will take place at the Ward Gym at Wells Junior High School, 1470 Post Road, Route 1, Wells. The polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm ... Absentee ballots are available prior to November 8 as well ... If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Clerks Office at 646-2882.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!

OCTOBER 15 - 31 Operation SCARE 'n SHARE at Norton Lights. Show runs nightly through Halloween night. Collecting canned goods for the local food pantry. Facebook.com/Norton Lights Wells ME

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 Children's Halloween Costume Party at the Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 6pm. 646-8181, wellslibrary.org.

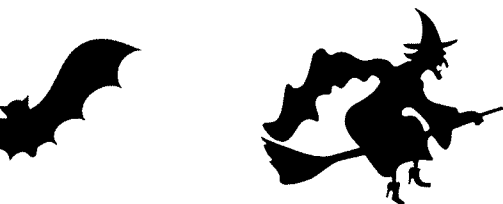
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 Trick or Treat on Our Street! At the Kittery Outlets, Route 1, Kittery. Receive special treats at participating stores beginning at 4pm. Stop at the Customer Service Center and pick up a bag which includes a coupon for a free kids meal. 439-4367, thekitteryoutlets.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 Damnationland at the Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 8pm. \$10 all seats. Featuring world premieres of six short films produced in Maine by Mainers especially for the Halloween season. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 Halloween Party and Dance at the Wells Elks Lodge, 356 Bald Hill Road. Happy Hour-5pm, Dinner-6pm, Music-7pm, Costume Judging-8pm. \$20 per person, \$40 couple. 467-0013.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 Victor Hugo's "The Man Who Laughs" - a silent film with live accompaniment at the Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 8pm. \$10 all seats. 646-3123, leavitttheatre.com.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Fall Family Festival at Messiah Christian Church, 2700 Post Road, Route 1. Festival & Luncheon begins at 11:30am. Free. 985-9287, messiahchristianchurch.org.



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The **Sanford Vet Center**, a division of the Department of Veteran Affairs has requested that we inform the community about the services that they offer. The mission of the Vet Center is to provide readjustment counseling for combat veterans, military sexual trauma veterans and bereavement counseling for those who have lost a loved one to military service. The Sanford Vet Center provides various group activities from guitar lessons and creative writing to field trips of blueberry picking and concert events. The Sanford Vet Center is located at 628 Main Street in Springvale. Their outreach Technician, Matthew Haley can be reached at 490-1513 or matthew.haley@va.gov.

The **Center for Workforce Research and Information (CWRI)**, part of the **Maine Department of Labor**, has published its 10-year forecast for the workforce for the period through 2024. The forecast examines total workforce change based on population and labor force participation expectations and examines job growth or decline among more than 80 industries and nearly 650 occupations. The outlook is designed to provide information for three core purposes: to help employers address and plan for future workforce needs, to aid individuals in making informed career choices and to guide educational institutions in developing curriculum that aligns with the needs of both students and employers.

The projections are broadly highlighted in a presentation at http://www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/data/projections/2024/2024_Outlook.pdf. A blog titled *The Outlook for Workforce Growth to 2024* (at www.maine.gov/labor/cwri/blog.html) discusses how demographic trends in the population have been slowing growth over the last three decades and how workforce growth is expected to be further constrained as more baby boomers age to retirement and smaller numbers of young people come of age to enter the labor force in the decade through 2024. CWRI develops and disseminates state and area labor market information on employment, unemployment, wages and other measures to assist in making decisions that promote economic opportunity and efficient use of the state's labor resources.