

# SEPTEMBER 2016

# 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

### WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Our new Fiscal Year started on September 1 and with that, we had our annual Board of Director elections. Jackie Grant of Seaglass Village and Mike Manos (civic member) were elected to serve a second 3-year term and new board members (3-year term) include Eric Beaugard of SIS Bank and Doreen Rogan of York County Community College. Lauren Janousek (civic member) was elected to serve a vacated 2-year term. Thank you to all of our members who filled out ballots for this election. Not all Chambers of Commerce have their membership elect the Board - we're happy that our by-laws are set up this way.

The new officers will be elected at the October Board of Directors meeting - we'll keep you posted.

We will be honoring the new board members at our Annual Meeting later this fall. Watch your mailboxes for the invitation!

Enjoy the fall!

Sincerely,  
Eric Nixon, Chair  
Board of Directors

## YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THEIR "VISITING ARTIST SERIES"

The York County Community College's Visiting Artist Series continues the tradition of presenting some of the region's most renowned artists with an outstanding line-up in this fall's schedule. Each of these unique Maine artists will give an hour long lecture, presentation and/or demonstration that highlight their work. All events will be held at the YCCC Campus, 112 College Drive in Wells. Attendance is FREE and open to the public.

**October 13, 6pm** - Jonathan Edwards, songwriter and performer

**October 17, 6pm** - Anne Beattie, short story writer

**October 27, 6pm** - Wade Zahares, artist and children's book illustrator

For more information, contact Doreen Rogan at drogan@yccc.edu or visit <http://virtual.yccc.edu/vas>.

The Visiting Artist Series is funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

## News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

We just wrapped up our third event in 45 days thanks to a great group of sponsors and volunteers! Our next event will be 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.

Other events on the horizon are the Annual Breakfast Meeting in November and the 31st Annual Christmas Parade, scheduled for Sunday, December 11. Let us know if you'd be willing to sponsor or volunteer for this great event!

Membership Renewal paperwork was sent out. Please don't hesitate to contact either Darr or myself if you have any questions or need assistance filling out the forms!

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

## FAMILY JAMBOREE THANKS!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce 8th Annual Family Jamboree, held on Saturday, September 17 at Harbor Park was a great success! As you're aware, we moved the location of the event from Spillers Farm to Harbor Park to accommodate more vendors as well as additional activities. While we missed the atmosphere at the farm, the additional activities worked out very well.

A huge thank you to the following: Primary Event Sponsor Kennebunk Savings, Bronze Sponsors DF Richard Energy and People'sChoice Credit Union, Jim and Jeannine Spiller of Spiller's Farm Market, Gary Leech of Congdon's Doughnuts, DF Richard Energy for the propane, Maine Diner for the ice, TC Hafford Basement Systems for the use of their truck and trailer, the Wells Rotary Club for the use of their grill and the members of the Wells Fire Department for bringing their Safety Trailer and Fire Engines.

Thank you also to the volunteers: Bob Subilia of Carriage House Motel, Bob Foley of Cole-Harrison Insurance, civic members Ted Gadomski and Lauren Janousek, Nancy Hafford of State Farm Insurance and her mom, Marianne McMaster, Brian Lepine of Lepine Home Inspections, Eric Nixon of Bangor Savings Bank, Koriahn Quint of Kennebunk Savings, Maureen Clayton of Leavitt Theatre, Eric Andrews of Gorham Savings Bank, Jim & Patti Berger & Bri Worthington, Stacia & TJ Gadomski, The Littlefield crew, Nick Days, Gail Sallop and Darr Littlefield. Great job everyone we couldn't have done it without you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 7-October 1** Seven Brides for Seven Brothers at Ogunquit Playhouse, Route 1, Ogunquit. 646-5511, [ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://ogunquitplayhouse.org).

**September 24** Punkinfiddle at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 10am-4pm., 646-1555, [wellsreserve.org](http://wellsreserve.org).

**September 24** Wells Knights of Columbus Pasta & Meatball Benefit Dinner at St. Mary's, Eldridge Rd., 5 & 6:15pm. \$10. 646-6870.

**September 24** Tom Papa at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**September 24** Northern Charm at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**September 29** Tommy Cash - A tribute to my brother Johnny Cash at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**September 30** Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**October 1** On Tap Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**October 2** Bark for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. 10am-2pm, Wells Harbor Park. 373-3728, [relayforlife.org/barkyorkme](http://relayforlife.org/barkyorkme).

**October 2** Jim Kveskin and Geoff Muldaur at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**October 5-November 6** Million Dollar Quartet at Ogunquit Playhouse, Route 1, Ogunquit. 646-5511, [ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://ogunquitplayhouse.org).

**October 6** Leon Russell at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**October 7** Jethro Tull Guitarist Martin Barre at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**October 7** Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**October 8** Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, [mikesclamshack.com](http://mikesclamshack.com).

**October 9** Suede at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, [jonathansrestaurant.com](http://jonathansrestaurant.com).

**October 13** YCCC's Visiting Artist series presents Jonathan Edwards, 6pm, YCCC, 112 College Drive. [drogan@yccc.edu](mailto:drogan@yccc.edu), <http://virtual.yccc.edu/vas>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

**October 14** Sound Decision at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

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

**October 16** Tom Rush at Jonathan's, 92 Bourne Lane, Ogunquit. 8pm. 646-4777, jonathansrestaurant.com.

**October 17** YCCC's Visiting Artist series presents Anne Beattie, 6pm, YCCC, 112 College Drive. drogan@yccc.edu, <http://virtual.yccc.edu/vas>.

**October 22** Haunted Halloween Hayride sponsored by the Wells Rec Department. 4:30-8:30pm. Walter Marsh Recreation Park, Branch Road, Route 9A. 646-5826, wellsrec.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** 7th Annual Damnationland at Leavitt Theatre, 259 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 8pm. World premier of 6 short films produced in Maine by Mainers of classic thriller and horror categories especially for the Halloween season.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### BEST BREW TOURS

David D'Auteuil  
8 Blueberry Lane  
Kittery, ME 03904  
207-703-8060  
[www.bestbrewtours.com](http://www.bestbrewtours.com)

### THE KENNEBUNK VILLAGE

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PO Box 682  
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## CHILI FEST THANKS!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce Annual Chili Fest held August 27, was a terrific success thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers!

A huge thank you to: Primary Event Sponsor Kennebunk Savings, Gold Sponsor DF Richard Energy, Bronze Sponsors SIS Bank and People'sChoice Credit Union; Gary Leech of Congdon's Doughnuts; Maine Diner; Steven, the custodian at the Junior High School; Koriahn Quint from Kennebunk Savings for making the Wells Chamber "People's Choice" chili and TC Hafford Basement Systems for the use of the truck and trailer.

Thank you also to the numerous volunteers that assisted: Danielle Simoneau and Jayne Adinolfi of State Farm Insurance; Nancy & Steve Kwederis of Bellevue by the Sea; Brian Lepine of Lepine Home Inspections; Jim Kanak of the York County Coast Star; Sonny Perkins & Connie Sullivan on behalf of the Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit; Eric Andrews of Gorham Savings Bank; Maureen Clayton of Leavitt Theatre; Jim & Patti Berger; Bob Burt; Marianne & Howard McMaster; Eric Nixon of Bangor Savings Bank; Scott Joseph, Donna Burroughs, Ray Fortin and Darr Littlefield. A HUGE thank you to our Chief Judge and Scorekeeper Mike and Mary Alice Kropp as well as ICS judge Vickie Tankis - what a great group effort!

Following are the winners of the 2016 Maine State Cook-Off:

#### Red

- 1st Place - Roxanne Ballachino - Manchester, CT
- 2nd Place - Kurt Leithner - Avenel, NJ
- 3rd Place - Michael Freedman - Somers, CT

#### Verde

- 1st Place - Jack Cowell - Ansonia, CT
- 2nd Place - Dave Kelley - Loudon, NH
- 3rd Place - Dave Schulman - Avon, CT

#### Salsa

- 1st Place - Mario Saccoccio - Enfield, CT
- 2nd Place - Dave Kelley - Loudon, NH
- 3rd Place - Laurie Kniffin - Weatogue, CT

#### Youth

- 1st Place - Kyriell Scheffield - Granby, CT
- 2nd Place - Erin Navaroli - Southborough, MA
- 3rd Place - Sam Santosuosso - Reading, MA
- 4th Place - Chelsea Herbert - Keswick Ridge, NB Canada

#### People's Choice

- 1st Place - Jeff Cullen & Josh Hart - Wells Professional Firefighters Association - YAY!!
- 2nd Place - Dave Kelley - Loudon, NH
- 3rd Place - Matt McSheehy - Reading, MA

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## F.Y.I.

The **Ogunquit Playhouse** is pleased to announce the appointment of Dan Breen to the position of Director of Development. Dan has 30 years of fundraising experience at educational and arts institutions including the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Middlebury College. Dan's plans are to increase the Ogunquit Playhouse membership program, expand the Hartwig Legacy Society and to work with the Board of Directors and the community to raise funds for the capital needs of the iconic National Historic Register theatre and campus. Welcome Dan!

The **Amtrak Downeaster Packages** is pleased to present the Tony Award winner *The Jersey Boys* at the Boston Opera House Theatre from October 4-16. The package includes round-trip Downeaster Train Service, a mezzanine seat to the Jersey Boys, all taxes and service charges. FMI 888-574-0777, [downeasterpackages.com](http://downeasterpackages.com).

Wells Town Clerk, Jessica Keyes has announced the date that the **Town of Wells Clam Licenses** go on sale. The first day of sale is November 22, 2016. The Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Cost of the Licenses are \$30 for Wells Residents, \$60 for Non-Residents. Designated digging areas will be open every other weekend and holidays starting January 1, 2017. Absolutely NO commercial digging is allowed!

Wells Town Manager Jonathan Carter and the Wells Board of Selectmen announce the appointment of Wayne D. Vetre of Guilford, CT as its new **Fire Chief**. Chief Vetre comes from a similar coastal community Fire Department in Connecticut as is Wells, with many of the same challenges of growth and hazards of being located along a busy transportation corridor and rail line. Welcome Chief Vetre!

### SAVE THE DATES!

**October 28** - Maine State Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Cross Insurance Center, Bangor. 623-4568, [mainechamber.org](http://mainechamber.org).

**November 9-10** Maine Innkeepers Association Annual Meeting & Conference. Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland. 213-2060, [maineinns.com](http://maineinns.com).