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Leadership Luncheon

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Leadership Luncheon with Amber Lambke of Maine Grains
Thursday, June 10 - 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Amici's Cucina, Main Street, Waterville

Taste of Waterville

August 4, 2021 – 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!
For more information:
www.tasteofwaterville.com

Business Breakfast

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 7:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Best Western Plus – 375 Main St., Waterville

Cannabis Panel

Local business leaders Susan Meehan (Maine Cannabis Coalition), Erik Gundersen (State Office of Marijuana Policy), Bill Rafuse (GHM Agency), Charles Tetelman (KVCOG), and Ryan Poulin (New Dimensions Federal Credit Union) will address changes, resources and updates in the cannabis market. All CDC guidelines will be followed for this in-person presentation, with limited attendance. Masks will be provided and must be worn unless eating. Tables are well-spaced and hand sanitizer will be provided. Pre-register today, call 207-873-3315 or email cindy@midmainechamber.com.



2021 Business Breakfast Series
brought to you by Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce

Sept. 9: Business Panel: The Pivots to Success During COVID-19 and Beyond: Business owners Chris Gaunce (Central Maine Motors Auto Group), Mike Fortin (Fortin's Home Furnishings), Robin Samalus-Getchell (The Robin's Nest) speak to their challenges/successes and offer helpful tips to continue to flourish during and after the pandemic.

Oct. 7: Legislative topic to be determined.

Nov. 4: Help for Small Businesses: A speaker from CEI will share multiple resources available to small businesses including outlets for payroll challenge, business maintenance or expansion and helpful contacts and program information.

Dec. 2: In the Arena: A Discussion About Leadership: Sen. Matt Pouliot and Amanda Olson (of Maine Mushroom Co.) will explore the varying challenges that leaders face in their respective roles.

Cost per person: \$20 members; \$27 at the door and non-members. Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 50 Elm Street, Waterville, ME

TO REGISTER: E-mail: Cindy@midmainechamber.com
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Business After Hours

Waterville Country Club Hosts May BAH
Please join us on Wednesday, May 19th at Waterville Country Club, 39 Country Club Rd, Oakland from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. Enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres and drinks, as well as lots of great door prizes.



The Waterville Country Club (WCC) is a semi-private 18 hole-golf course and public restaurant located on 158 scenic acres in Oakland. This eighteen-hole course has regularly earned a place on Golf Digest's top five "best in state" courses and offers golf for all, from beginners to single-digit handicaps, men, women and aspiring young players. WCC has also been rated a four-star course by Golf Digest. The Maine Golf Guide has said "One can expect some great golf over a beautifully maintained course". WCC offers excellent conditions from spring to fall due to an outstanding grounds crew and boasts beautifully manicured greens, fairways and gardens all aided by advanced technology in drainage, cutting and seeding. WCC offers opportunities for all skill levels to play with weekly groups, also sponsoring a variety of tournaments throughout the season. This year, the club will host MSGA's The Maine Event on August 17 and 18.

WCC has more than just golf. The modern clubhouse offers a great atmosphere where members and their guests can meet others and relax before or after a round of golf, featuring two covered decks as well as a patio with a circular fireplace. The restaurant is open to the public and has a full menu and well stocked bar. Enjoy salads, sandwiches, burgers, Angus steaks and fresh seafood.

WCC offers several levels of membership including single, family, and corporate with a variety of payment options designed to fit your budgetary needs. The advantage of becoming a member allows you to book tee times seven days in advance, participate in tournaments, leagues, scrambles, and special events, and you can play an unlimited number of times during the season for no additional charge. There are a variety of social events for members.

Whether learning the fundamentals or perfecting your swing, Don Roberts, WCC's PGA golf pro and the experienced staff will help you to improve your game and increase your enjoyment. Practice facilities, consisting of a driving range, practice sand trap area, chipping green and putting green, are also available. There is a fully stocked Pro Shop, also open to the public, which carries a complete line of golf supplies with several brands of equipment, clothing, and accessories. Lessons, both group and individual, are open throughout the week and may be scheduled by contacting the Pro Shop at 465-9861. Directions to WCC - From I-95: Take Exit 127 toward Oakland (Route 137). Turn left onto Country Club Road and WCC is on your right.

For more information visit www.watervillecountryclub.com.

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Welcome New Members

Nicholas Electrical Company - Nicholas Dumont – So. Garand St., Winslow - 207-649-0192
Bearly Used Boutique – Tara Gagnon
104 Kennedy Memorial Dr., Waterville – 207-872-5055
Mount Merici Academy – 18 Mount Merici Ave. Waterville – 207-873-3773

Takeout Challenge

Still a few weeks left! We've extended and expanded our Takeout Challenge – with 9 weekly winners through Memorial Day!

Due to the continued support of Damon's Beverage and Central Maine Motors we now have more winners! It's so easy to join the fun and help our local Chamber businesses as well! Simply scan, drop off or mail your dine-in or takeout receipts from any Chamber eatery. Each week, we will draw nine winners at random to win either a \$25 Damon's Beverage gift card, or one of 8 \$25 Chamber gift certificates. Multiple entries are accepted. Email receipts and contact information to cindy@midmainechamber.com, or drop at our office, at 50 Elm St., Waterville.



Board Member Profile

Name: Michael Guarino
Place of Birth: Wolcott, Connecticut
Education: Secondary: Holy Cross High School, Connecticut
College: Thomas College, B.S. & Thomas College MBA
Other - Seminars, etc. Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness First Aid, Certified Climbing/Belayer



Place of Employment: Snow Pond Center for the Arts
Maine Wilderness Guide Service, LLC

Position: Community Development Specialist, Owner
Length of Employment: 4 years at Snow Pond and 25 years at Maine Wilderness

Current Service and Civic Organizations:
President - Friends of Messalonskee Lake Association
Board Member - Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group
Board Member - Kennebec Valley Tourism Council
Committee Member - Mid-Maine Bass, Taste of Waterville, Membership Committee, Board Member - Sidney, Maine Task Force. Volunteer - Belgrade Lakes Alliance, 7 Lakes Alliance, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Thomas College Alumni Association, Day of Giving Class Coordinator, Men & Women Soccer

Past Service and Civic Organizations:
President - Belgrade Public Library Board of Directors
Treasurer - North Belgrade, Snow Pond Association
Board Member - Belgrade Park and Rec.

VP & Treasurer - Belgrade Lakes Business Group
Soccer Coach - Central Maine United, Acadia Fire, Messalonskee High School, Thomas College

Personal Data:
Family: Wife - Kelly Guarino; Children - Katie and Elena; one dog, one cat, one rabbit and two large aquariums.

Hobbies: Outdoor recreation, fishing, hunting, hiking, canoeing, etc. Playing with pets. Gardening, cooking, photography.

Chamber Involvement and Statement of Purpose:
As a long-time development and community relations professional, working with the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce allows me to further personal passions such as: Improving the quality of life for children in our region, enhancing our overall business climate by attracting and retaining younger talent, creating a cohesive network of business leaders in the greater Waterville area, adding cultural opportunities to improve the general well-being of individuals, and use outdoor recreation and education to help one find their overall sense of place.

In the past few years, I have been involved with the Chamber in a variety of ways including attending events, committee work and volunteering. It is my hope to further utilize the Chamber and its Board of Directors as a resource to improve the quality of life in rural Maine. By showcasing the area's strengths, which include a variety of excellent educational opportunities, a motivated workforce, and a dynamic sense of community, we have an opportunity to improve our overall regional economic development.

Ribbon Cutting



Front & Main at The Lockwood Hotel
9 Main St., Waterville
Thursday, April 15



UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTING:
Paragon Shop
36 Main Street, Waterville
June 9 – 4 p.m.

Thank you to our 2021 Ribbon Cutting Sponsor: CUNNINGHAM 207.846.3350

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