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Wednesday, December 13, 5:30-7 p.m.
O'Donnell Lee P.A. Attorneys at Law
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O'Donnell Lee, P.A. was founded in 1996 by Bill Lee and Tim O'Donnell, motivated by their shared vision to provide clients with comprehensive legal representation under the highest professional standards and dedication to personal client attention. The Firm began with three lawyers and five staff members. Tom McCowan joined the Firm in 2001, and Mike Phillips in 2006. Bryan Ward started with O'Donnell Lee in 2009. Today, Mike, Tom, Bryan steer the Firm as its shareholders. Bill Lee continues in active practice, and the recent addition of associate attorneys Rachel Bouchard and Sarah Gracie has expanded the Firm to six attorneys and twelve staff members.

For 27 years, O'Donnell Lee has taken pride in assisting clients with legal matters regarding Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning, and Probate; Business and Corporate Law; Residential and Commercial Real Estate; Personal Injury; Family Law; Criminal Defense, Municipal Law, Litigation, and a multitude of issues that fall in between or span several of these areas. The Firm's clients range from individuals to large corporations, non-profit organizations, and municipalities.

In January 2022, the Firm made its biggest facilities enhancement since its founding, moving from its Silver Street location to larger, newly renovated offices at 325-E Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville.

Extending its long-range vision from the legacy of its founders, O'Donnell Lee continues to make investments in technology, employees, and facilities to ensure its ability to effectively assist its clients for decades to come.

Additional information about the firm and its lawyers is available at www.watervillelaw.com.

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- Please join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**
- January 17:** **Alford Youth & Community Center**
126 North Street, Waterville
 - February 28:** **TD Bank**
182 Main Street, Waterville
 - March 20:** **Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services**
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 - April 10:** **Humane Society – Waterville Area**
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 - May 15:** **Mbingo Mountain Coffee**
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Ribbon Cutting was held on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. at 38 Summer Street in Oakland.



Congratulations to METAMORPH JEWELRY STUDIO
Ribbon Cutting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 2:30 p.m. at 40 Main Street in Waterville.



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Ribbon Cutting was held on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. at 8 Water Street, Oakland

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Business Breakfast



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Thursday, December 14, 7:15-9 a.m.
Best Western Plus, 375 Main Street, Waterville



Gabe Gauvin

Join us for an engaging business breakfast presentation with Gabe Gauvin of the Central Maine Growth Council and a presenter from TRC Companies. This presentation will detail several public support programs for local businesses, developers, and early-stage entrepreneurs, with a featured highlight of the City of Waterville's Brownfields grant program and CMGC's Economic Recovery Implementation Hub (ERIH) funded through a program of Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development.

This session will specifically educate on how to leverage these local programs and funding opportunities to deploy direct grant dollars to your business or project, reduce needed investment in redevelopment projects, and explore how CMGC provides resources, funding, and mentorship to entrepreneurs.

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January 11: GrowSmart Maine. Housing Policy and Practices: Here's What You Can Do Now. CEO of GrowSmart Maine, Nancy Smith, will present on creation of more housing choices, and policy options keeping municipal budgets stable, protecting productive farmland and open space and fostering economic and community development. Hear about statewide policy and community technical assistance where you live and work.

February 8: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel Part 2: What Can Be Done in Our Communities and In Our Workplaces to Embrace DEI? Panelists will include: Winslow Town Manager, Ella Bowman; Career Success Navigator, Maine Department of Education, Karen Morin, and Thomas College Professor of Education Dr. Richard Biffle.

March 14: The AI Phenomenon—Its Advantages and Cautions: Director of the Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Amanda Stent will speak on the courses offered in this present day development. She will share the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, given the growing AI proliferation.

April 11: Quality Child Care: A Vital Component of a Community's Economic Structure. A panel of Early Child- hood leaders, including Chief Operating Officer KVCAP/Educare Central Maine, Tracey Fortin; Educare School Director Rhonda Kaiser, and a Parent Ambassador to be determined, will share data and strategies to increase quality early childhood programming across Maine.

May 9: What Happened? How Did Electricity Get So Expensive? Public Advocate William Harwood will address the underlying reasons why electricity prices are unusually high and what can be done to lower them. Specifically, he will focus on the unpredictability of Standard Offer prices, the option of selecting a Competitive Electricity Provider, the benefits provided to renewable energy developers, the rising cost of restoration of service after major storms and, finally, the need to provide financial assistance to low income ratepayers.

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