

## Save the Date

Annual Awards Ceremony  
**Thursday, April 25, 2024**  
**5-8 p.m.**  
**Waterville Elks Banquet Center**  
**76 Industrial Road, Waterville**  
 Tickets: [cindy@midmainechamber.com](mailto:cindy@midmainechamber.com)  
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## Annual Award Winners

### 61st Annual Award Winners

- Distinguished Community Service:** Linanne and Chris Gaunce, Central Maine Motors Auto Group
- Small Business of the Year:** Sunrise Bagels
- Large Business of the Year:** Shyft Group/Duramag
- Municipal Employee of the Year:** Paul Castonguay-City of Waterville
- Exceptional Volunteer of the Year:** Carla Caron, Waterville Soup Kitchen
- Outstanding Professional:** Michael Phillips, O'Donnell, Lee P.A.
- Rising Star:** Emalee Hall, Dirigo Labs
- Customer Service Stardom:** Karen Kelley-Grenier, Waterville Elks Banquet Center
- Elias A. Joseph Award:** Martha Wentworth, Allen Insurance & Financial

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## Meet the Reps



Meet the Reps  
 We invite you to join us for:  
**MEET THE REPS**  
**March 7, 2024 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
**Hampton Inn | 425 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville**

Don't miss out! This is your opportunity to meet and ask questions of your state and local representatives and hear about important legislative updates.

FMI: [www.midmainechamber.com](http://www.midmainechamber.com)  
 This event is proudly sponsored by: Kennebec Savings Bank, Valley Beverage

## Business After Hours

Business After Hours  
**Wednesday, March 20**  
**5:30-7 p.m.**  
 Hosted by:  
**Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services**  
 To be held at:  
**Chace Forum**  
**150 Main Street**  
**Waterville**

Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services is an innovative full-service agency that provides a range of programs and services designed to meet the unique needs of people experiencing homelessness. It is best known for its radically inclusive shelter program that provides 20,000 bed nights a year to people with big challenges. Its services and impact include homelessness prevention, housing for young adults, and case management services for anyone in the community who is experiencing homelessness. It serves hundreds of children, veterans, and seniors every year. Waterville is leading the way by demonstrating how communities can collaborate to end homelessness.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about this issue in the community, and the fact and evidence-based practices that are proven effective at ending homelessness, is encouraged to attend this Business After Hours event. It promises to be a robust and informative conversation that engages everyone in how to tackle the most pressing human challenges facing the community today.

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### SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING BAH:

**April 10: Humane Society – Waterville Area**  
 100 Webb Road, Waterville

**May 15: Mbingo Mountain Coffee**  
 7 Silvermount Street, Waterville

## Joseph B. Ezhaya Memorial Scholarship

Joe Ezhaya was a community leader who distinguished himself with his warmth, enthusiasm, generosity and particularly, his friendships.

Successful candidates for this scholarship should share Joe's interest in citizenship, community service and exemplify his spirit and vitality.

Deadline for application is April 19, 2024.  
 FMI: <https://www.midmainechamber.com/about/joseph-b-ezhaya-memorial-scholarship>

## Welcome New Members

- Bright Beginnings Learning Center**  
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PO Box 1833 | Waterville, ME
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2 Lafleur Road | Waterville, ME

## Ribbon Cuttings

- March 21, 3:30-4 p.m. | New Beginnings 2**  
1 College Avenue, Waterville
- April 4, 3-3:30 p.m. | Peak Aesthetics**  
325C Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville

## Business Breakfast

Business Breakfast  
**Thursday**  
**March 14**  
**7:15-9 a.m.**  
**Best Western Plus**  
**375 Main Street**  
**Waterville**



Join the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce for another engaging presentation. Director of the Colby College Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Amanda Stent, will speak on the courses offered in present day development. She will share the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, given the growing AI proliferation.

Dr. Amanda Stent

### SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING BBS:

**April 11: Quality Child Care: A Vital Component of a Community's Economic Structure.** A panel of Early Childhood leaders, including Chief Operating Officer KVCAP/Educare Central Maine, Tracey Fortin; Educare School Director Rhonda Kaiser, and a Parent Ambassador, 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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Cost per person: \$23 members; \$29 at the door and non-members. Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 50 Elm Street, Waterville, ME 04901-6015  
 TO REGISTER: [www.midmainechamber.com](http://www.midmainechamber.com) or 873-3315

## Save the Date



**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Head of Falls**  
**Waterville**

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## Save These Dates

Business to Business Showcase  
**82B**  
 An Event of MMCC  
**Tuesday**  
**May 21, 2024**  
**Thomas College**  
**Field House**  
**West River Road**  
**Waterville**  
**12 - 6 p.m.**  
 Over 120 Exhibition Booths • Free Admission  
**\$1,000 Cash Prize**  
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Mid-Maine Chamber Golf Classic  
**Monday**  
**June 17, 2024**  
**Waterville Country Club**  
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