



Upcoming Events

October

- 10/4 **Modern Mornings**
7:30 - 9:00 am
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 10/11 **Business Expo**
4:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Augusta Civic Center
- 10/18 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 10/25 **Business After Hours**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Moody's Collision Center

November

- 11/8 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 11/13 KVCC Board of Directors
5:30 pm
- 11/15 **Modern Mornings**
7:30 - 9:00 am
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 11/29 **Business After Hours**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Colonial Theater

* **Bold open to public**



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Don't miss out on the Business Expo!

This exciting and highly regarded annual business and organization networking event is held each October at the Augusta Civic Center. Over 100 businesses and organizations of the Capital Area exhibit their services and wares. The program runs from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and includes great food and a cash bar. More than \$6,000 in prizes are offered to attendees, including a \$1,000 cash Grand Prize!



The show that everyone is talking about. What makes it so special? Local businesses showcasing local products and creating local demand. Come meet the capital area's business community—explore, make connections and learn more about what makes this area so unique.

This event is a terrific opportunity to build your business. Get out of the office and get up to speed on topics from technology to marketing. In a single afternoon you can network with prospects and compare hundreds of the latest products, services, and companies committed to helping your business grow. The business world is moving fast, embrace the opportunities at the Kennebec Valley Chamber's Business EXPO.

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Nancy Marshall
Nancy Marshall Communications

How to Build Your Brand by Creating a Tribe of Raving Fans

October 4, 2017
7:30 - 9:00 am
The Senator Inn & Spa

RSVP to Info@KennebecValleyChamber.com

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Betsy Pohl
Director of Lithgow Public Library

Creating Positive Change with Teamwork

October 18, 2017
11:30 - 1:00 pm
The Senator Inn & Spa

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the members above when you see them in the community.

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City of Gardiner

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Eaton Peabody
Gagnon Home Improvements
Town of Winthrop
Maine Motor Transport
Salvation Army

10+ YEARS

Tri-State Staffing Agency
Housing Initiatives of New England
Riverfront BBQ and Grille
GHM Insurance
American Lung Association
Maine Turnpike Authority
Kennebec Valley Community College

5+ YEARS

The Allumbaugh Agency
Mid Maine Generator
The Advertising Specialists of Maine

ALSO RENEWING

Augusta Food bank
Hoang Realty
National Safety Council of NNE
Pizza Degree



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Cynergy for our 3rd Annual CEO Panel discussion featuring executives from businesses in the Kennebec Valley region and beyond.

Together, we will dive into their path to success and talk about the opportunities for growth in Maine.

This event is free and all community members are welcome. Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available to all in attendance.



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Governor Hill Mansion
Tuesday, October 24th
5-7:30 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming the Chambers new Marketing Director!



Caroline Saban is the newest addition to the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce as the Marketing Director. Caroline began her career in business and marketing after graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of New England in 2015. An Augusta native, Caroline is passionate about her community and being a part of the development and revitalization of Kennebec Valley.

In her free time, Caroline enjoys spending time with friends and family, taking pictures of her dog, and watching football.

Did you know as a member of the Chamber you can buy a membership list?

Call the Chamber at 207-623-4559 for more information.

Maine Hewmah--ain't that odd
Gary Crocker



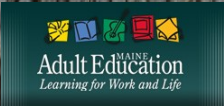
Join us for this rare
 public appearance

October 21, 2017
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Gardiner Area High School
 Ticket fee: \$20

Bring your sense of humor to Gardiner High School's Little Theater and be prepared to laugh, excessively! Ayuh!!

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Donate Blood In Memory of
Michael G. Quirk

In Memory of Michael G. Quirk, Quirk Auto Group will be hosting a multi-day blood drive at Company locations in Bangor, Belfast, Augusta, and Portland during the month of October in partnership with the American Red Cross.

This event will be open to employees, family, friends, and members of the community.

Blood Drive
 Location Dates & Times

Date	Location	Address	Times
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Belfast-Quirk Auto	244 Main St. Belfast, ME 04915	1:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Augusta-Quirk Auto	7 Water St. Hallowell, ME 04347	1:00pm-6:00pm
Friday, October 13, 2017	Portland-Quirk Auto	1000 Brighton Ave. Portland, ME 04102	1:00pm-6:00pm
Friday, October 13, 2017	Saco-Frank Galos	884 Portland Rd. Saco, ME 04072	12:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday, October 14, 2017	Bangor-Quirk Auto	293 Hogan Rd. Bangor, ME 04401	10:00am-3:00pm

The Quirk Family realized during Michael's hospital stay how important the availability of blood and blood products are in a time of need.

To sign up to donate blood or volunteer, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS and ask about the Michael G. Quirk Memorial Blood Drive.

Let's all get together and support this great cause.



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767
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October 11, 2017

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Augusta Civic Center

Admission: \$5 or FREE with your business card

COME JOIN OVER 100 LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Online registration available: KennebecValleyChamber.com/business-expo

Visit our website for the most up to date registration and booth assignments.

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2017 EXHIBITORS

- 1- Kaplan University
- 3- AAA Travel and Insurance
- 4- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- 5- Minuteman Signs
- 6- Moody's Collision Centers
- 7- Disability Rights Maine
- 8- Capitol Computers
- 9- A-Copi
- 12- Transco Business Technologies
- 15- Amerigas Propane
- 16- Summit Utilities
- 17- Camden National Bank
- 18- CBU Benefits
- 22- Kennebec Networkers
- 28- Augusta Fuel Company
- 30- U.S. Cellular
- 31- Island Sign Works
- 32- KV Federal Credit Union
- 33- Maine General Medical Center's Workplace Health
- 34- Maine DECD
- 35- Augusta Age Friendly
- 38- O&P Glass
- 39- Cape Air (MAJOR SPONSOR)
- 40- Kennebec Pharmacy & Health Care
- 41- Kennebec Behavioral Health
- 42- Premier Marketing Group
- 43- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)
- 44- Bangor Savings Bank
- 45- Children's Center Early Intervention & Family Support
- 46- Mattson's Flooring and Window Treatments
- 47- Maine State Credit Union
- 48- Capital Area Staffing Solutions
- 49- Cross Insurance/Cross Benefits
- 50- US Small Business Administration & SCORE
- 51- Austin Associates Certified Public Accountants
- 52- Marketplace At Augusta
- 53- Kennebec Savings Bank (MAJOR SPONSOR)
- 54- Harold Alford Institute for Business Innovation
- 55- Blane Casey Building Contractor
- 56- Kennebec Valley Board of REALTORS
- 57- Maine Natural Gas
- 58- Mix Maine Media
- 59- Maine State Credit Union
- 60- Burgess Technology Services
- 61- Tri-State Staffing
- 62- Darling's Auto Group
- 63- Serra Public Affairs
- 64- United Way
- 65- Gibson LeClair, LLC
- 66- Modern Pest
- 67- Mix Maine Media (Major Sponsor)
- 71- Sugarloaf
- 72- Maritime Energy
- 73- Maine State Museum
- 74- Macomber, Farr & Whitten
- 75- University of Maine at Augusta
- 76- Aerus
- 77- Maine Technology Group
- 78- Emery Meats
- 80- Key Bank
- 84- Kents Hill School
- 89- Evergreen Dental Associates, LLC
- 90- Wellness Connection of Maine
- 91- National Worksite Benefit Group DBA The Allumbaugh Agency
- 92- Townsquare Media
- 96- Concord Coach Lines
- 98- Kennebec Valley YMCA
- 99- Vacationland Lodging
- 100- A Partner in Technology
- 101- Seacost Security, Inc.
- 102- Sam's Club
- 103- TD Bank
- 104- TRC
- 105- Johnson Hall
- 118- Augusta Civic Center
- 119- Cynergy

the kenney awards

January 26, 2018

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to present, again, in 2018 The Kenney Awards! The Kenney, named for the region we hail from, is awarded annually to area businesses and professionals that are deserving of our attention and recognition.

This event is the premier opportunity for the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce to highlight and celebrate the success in our community. The Kenneys will recognize six awardees; Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement, Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, President's Choice, Community Service and the Cynergy Young Professional.

The winners of the Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award, Large Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year will be announced prior to the ceremony. The remaining awards will be chosen via live voting by the attendees.

Here is your list of 2018 Kenney Awards winners and Finalist!!!

Lifetime Achievement Peter Topsham Award



Norm Elvin

Large Business of the Year

Lajoie Bothers, Inc

Small Business of the Year

Capital Area Staffing Solutions



President's Choice Finalist

Darling's Auto Group

Thomas College

Marketplace at Augusta

Community Service Finalist

Ray Fecteau

Gina LoMonaco

Cecil Munson

Cynergy Young

Professional Finalist

Jac Arbour

Erika Bush

Rachel Merriam

Member Spotlight



Pine Tree Fence Company is a full service custom fence company servicing the greater central Maine region. A well-established company with over 30 years of fence product and service knowledge. Pine Tree Fence carries a full line of chain link, vinyl, aluminum and wood fence products as well as a full line of automated gate systems.

From keeping children safe and secure around swimming pools, to creating an element of solitude and privacy, Pine Tree Fence offers a range of different fence solutions to meet any need you may have. Servicing the residential, commercial and agricultural markets they install everything from a backyard fence to high security commercial fence system.

President Wayne Rankin believes that his employees and sub-contractors make the difference. "We have sales associates with an average of more than 10 years' experience each. Our installation foremen have more than 20 years' of fence installation experience each. At a time when staffing shortages are the norm, having experienced people in every position assures we will provide the right product installed correctly."

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Chamber Member News

River of Trees Festival

The Augusta Downtown Alliance in partnership with the Augusta Colonial Theater is pleased to announce our second annual River of Trees Festival on November 24 – 26, 2017. This large raffle event will allow the public to bid on decorated trees generously donated by Augusta area merchants. We ask that the total value of items or services included with the tree be valued between \$500 and \$1,000.

- Support the ongoing revitalization efforts of downtown Augusta
- Create a unique team building event for your staff
- Increase brand awareness and identity through creativity



For more information and to sign up email augustadowntownalliance@gmail.com

SAFECO AWARD OF EXCELLENCE



Safeco Insurance recently announced recipients of the 2017 Award of Excellence to the different regions in the country. Martha Wentworth of GHM Insurance Agency is one of the recipients for the Northeast Region.

Recipients of Safeco's Award of Excellence have displayed a track record of actively partnering with Safeco to provide an exceptional customer experience. Safeco deeply values this relationship and their commitment to a disciplined underwriting approach and focus on profitable growth.

Safeco announced "This elite group of agents possesses superior underwriting skills and meets strict criteria, including membership in Safeco's Premier Partner program, appointment tenure and loss ratio requirements. "



Enrich Your Life...

Become a Volunteer!

We have a huge challenge in front of us as our senior population is growing. In fact, without the love and support from family, friends, and caring people like you we couldn't provide the support needed for our elderly. With your assistance in volunteering we can make a difference in their life!

You can do this by investing a few hours a week into the life of an isolated senior right here in the Kennebec Valley. This can happen through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, running errands or even a phone call. FMI please contact Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137 or lkidd@ccmaine.org.

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Art on the Courts

Sunday, October 15
12:00 - 6:00 PM
Kennebec Valley Tennis Association
A-COPI - 23 Leighton Road, Augusta ME



KENNEBEC VALLEY
Tennis Association

This event benefits KVTA Community Tennis Development Programs and MaineGeneral's Action Plus Program: Medication Support for Opioid Drug Rehabilitation.

Live Auction with James Julia Auctioneers of Fairfield, ME begins at 3:00 PM

- New York City 3 day getaway with 2018 US Open Tennis Championship Passes
- 3 bedroom condo at Sugarloaf Mountain, in Sugarloaf, Maine
- 4 bedroom cottage on Lake Cobbosseecontee in Manchester, Maine
- Augusta Country Club Social Membership and much more!

Go to www.kvtatennis.org/auction to view a list of items.

To submit Member News, just send your press release to:

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Our Mission:

The KV Chamber exists to enhance life quality by strengthening our regional economy.



Join us at Moody's Collison Center

Moody's Collison will host the Business After Hours on Wednesday, **October 25th** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in Augusta. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking and great food!

Every Business After Hours is an incredible opportunity to win amazing door prizes and take part in the 50/50 raffle. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be available and guests are welcome to partake in the cash bar.

Be sure to bring a large stack of *business cards* to share with your new business contacts.



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