



Insider Newsletter

October 2019

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce
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Upcoming Events

October

- 10/02 **Membership Refresher**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ KV Chamber
- 10/02 **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
4:00 pm
@ MaineGeneral, Gardiner
- 10/02 **Cynergy Behind the Scenes**
5:30 - 7:00 pm
@ Darling's
- 10/09 **Business EXPO & Business After Hours**
2:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Augusta Civic Center
- 10/11 **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
11:00 am
@ Smart EyeCare
- 10/16 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 10/23 **Chamber Connection**
7:30 - 9:00 am
@ Senator Inn & Spa

November

- 11/06 **Cynergy Behind the Scenes**
5:30 - 7:30 pm
@ Maine State Crime Lab
- 11/12 **Small Business Resource Team: Finding, Hiring, and Retaining Great Employees**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ Purdue University Global
- 11/13 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 11/20 **Business After Hours**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Transco

*Bolded items are open to the public



Do you want to establish your own business? Are you looking for a career change? Do you want to meet the business leaders of the Kennebec Valley? If you live, work, shop, or play in the Kennebec Valley, then you don't want to miss the KV Chamber Business Expo on **Wednesday, October 9th** at the **Augusta Civic Center**.

Over 100 businesses and organizations from the capital area will be showcasing their products and services. From 2pm to 7pm, network and grow your business, compare hundreds of the latest products and services, and even interview for various career opportunities right on the spot!

With three sessions of speed networking available at the 2019 EXPO, there is opportunity for you to grow your business at great speed! Sessions will begin at 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30. Speed networking is brought to you in partnership with Townsquare Media.

EXPO runs **from 2:00 to 7:00 pm** 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!

At this year's Expo, Business After Hours will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to offer even more networking opportunities. KV Chamber members and the public are welcome to join us for networking with business professionals from the 23 communities we service!

More information on page 4

Women's Network

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Kimberley J. Mendall Mondoneda,
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Female Financial Literacy and the Hidden Problem of Late-Onset Poverty

October 16, 2019
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The Senator Inn & Spa

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CHAMBER CONNECTION

SERIES 2018



Panel discussion on Workplace Impacts of Marijuana Legalization

October 3, 2018
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Governor Hill Mansion

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- Rebecca's Place

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- City of Gardiner
- Gagnon Home Improvements
- Kennebec Valley Humane Society
- Maine Motor Transport Association

10+ YEARS

- Aveda Institute Maine
- Are You Ready To Party??
- Capitol Dental Care
- Housing Initiatives of New England
- Kennebec Valley Community College
- Maine Turnpike Authority
- Mid Maine Generator
- Motivational Services Inc.
- Tallwood Design
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Blaine J. Guido, a local Edward Jones financial advisor, has accepted an offer to establish an office in Manchester.

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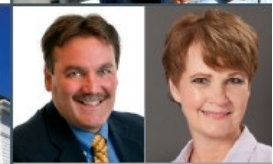
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Wednesday, October 9, 2019

NEW TIME: 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Augusta Civic Center

Admission is FREE!

2019 EXHIBITOR LIST

- 1 Assistance Plus*
 - 2 Liberty Mutual Insurance
 - 3 Amtrak Downeaster
 - 4 Wayfair*
 - 5 Oakes & Parkhurst Glass
 - 6 Sullivan Tire*
 - 7 Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley*
 - 8 First Park Commerce and Technology Center
 - 9 Finance Authority of Maine
 - 10 Comdoctor
 - 11 MaineHousing*
 - 12 Concord Coach Lines
 - 13 The Elm
 - 14 E. J. Prescott Inc.*
 - 15 Turner Publishing
 - 16 Johnson Hall
 - 17 Statewide Towing, Inc.*
 - 18 United Way of Kennebec Valley
 - 19 Le Club Calumet*
 - 20 Snow Pond Center for the Arts*
 - 21 MaineGeneral Workplace Health
 - 22 Ouellette's Janitorial and Lawncare LLC
 - 23 Sexual Assault and Crisis Support Center*
 - 24 Damon's Beverage Mart – Augusta
 - 25 Evergreen Dental
 - 26 Independent Mary Kay Consultant/ReUse ME*
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 - 47 Thomas College
 - 48 Burgess Technology Services*
 - 49 Macomber, Farr & Whitten
 - 50 U.S. Cellular
 - 51 City of Augusta*
 - 52 Summit Natural Gas*
 - 53 Giri Hotels
 - 54 Valley Beverage, Inc.*
 - 55 Waterville Creates!
 - 56 Gibson LeClair LLC
 - 57 Kennebec Valley YMCA
 - 58 Redzone Wireless, LLC*
 - 62 What About Maine
 - 87 Edward Jones*
 - 88 Transco Business Technologies
 - 89 Purdue Global University*
 - 90 J.M. Arbour Wealth Management
 - 91 AAA Northern New England
 - 92 Mix Maine Media
 - 93 Maine Market Refrigeration, LLC*
 - 94 Minuteman Signs
 - 95 University of Maine at Augusta*
 - 96 A Partner in Technology
 - 97 BNI - Kennebec Networkers
 - 98 Bouchard Cleaning & Restoration Inc. DKI*
 - 99 Pine State Beverage*
 - 100 Pine State Beverage*
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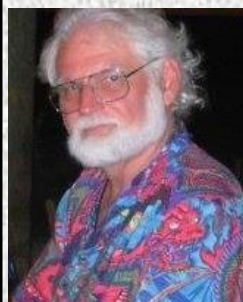


CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS

Augusta Downtown Alliance hosts Trick or Treat on Water Street on October 31st from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Enjoy a night of fun and safe trick or treating! Merchants, local businesses, and public safety organizations have a lot of fun planned for the whole family. There will also be bounce houses, live music, dance performances, and window display contest, and much more!

City of Hallowell welcomes music and craft fans to celebrate Maine's stringed instrument makers at the 3rd Annual Maine Luthiers Showcase the weekend of October 4-6, 2019 in downtown Hallowell. The weekend features exhibition of Maine-made acoustic and electric guitars, violins, and other stringed instruments at the Harlow, demonstrations of the luthier craft, and musical techniques and performance by musicians playing these instruments on-stage at multiple venues all over town. Music performances will be hosted in venues throughout downtown Hallowell including the City Hall Auditorium, The Harlow, the Second Street fire station, and in restaurants and pubs on Water Street. For the full schedule, visit www.hallowell.org/luthiers

Gardiner Main Street is celebrating its annual Halloween Trick or Treating event for children in costume on Friday, October 25th. It will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, October 26th, in the Water Street area. Water Street will be closed from Brunswick Avenue to Church Street during the event. Participating businesses will have a pumpkin printout placed in a window near their front door.



Kennebec Historical Society's Personnel Committee has picked longtime archivist Ernest L. Plummer as the first recipient of the society's newly established W. Scott Hill Service Award. The award honors society members who have initiated or organized landmark improvements in the society's operation, reputation or contributions to the community. Plummer became KHS vice president in 2007 and was elected to two-year terms as president in 2009 and in 2013. He has upgraded and maintained the KHS collections database, enabling catalogers to embed photographs and scanned images or original written documents into the record. The improvement in quality and quantity of society holdings has effectively opened KHS files to many more researchers seeking to learn more about some aspect of Kennebec County history. As he winds up his years of service, he is training six volunteers to carry on his work of cataloging materials in the database.

The Kennebec Performing Arts Company (KPAC) is accepting advertisements for the 2019-2020 performing season booklets. The ad prices are \$50.00 for a business card size, \$100.00 for a quarter page size, \$150.00 for a half page size, and \$250.00 for a full page size. For more information, send an email message to kpac.board@gmail.com or call 207-370-5381. KPAC exists to allow adult musicians (both vocal and instrumental) to enjoy the performance of music for their lifetime.

Maine Isshinryu Karate Academies is hosting its 6th Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at 954 Western Avenue in Manchester. The parking lot will be full with cars, trucks, firetrucks, boats, police cars, and more! Each vehicle will have their trunk decorated and children will walk from trunk to trunk gathering goodies and enjoying the festive decorations. Plus, MIKA will have a life sized Candy Land with real life characters.

Snow Pond Center for the Arts is partnering with **Augusta Fuel Company** for a campaign called "Fueling Arts Education." By purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket online at snowpond.org, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a free delivery of 250 gallons of heating oil from AFC. AFC's delivery area includes towns from Monmouth to Jefferson, Richmond to Pittsfield and everywhere in between, the winner must receive delivery within normal AFC delivery areas.

United Way of Kennebec Valley launched its 2019



fundraising season with \$1.16 million in committed support, the most ever pledged this early in the campaign.

Twenty-six businesses reported their advance campaign success to a crowd of more than 320 people at the Campaign Kickoff on September 12th. Steve Shuman and Elissa Shuman Emmons, from Charlie's Family of Dealerships, are co-chairing United Way's annual appeal effort. They announced a goal of raising \$1.8 million by December. This marks United Way's highest campaign goal in its 64-year history. United Way's Community Builder Award was presented to Rob Gordon, the former executive director of UWKV, by longtime United Way supporters Charlie and Nancy Shuman. Gordon was celebrated for his 33 years of generosity and his dedication to strengthening the Greater Augusta community. The award was renamed the "Rob Gordon Community Builder Award" in his honor.

CYNERGY PRESENTS

BEHIND THE SCENES AT DARLING'S AUGUSTA

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 2 | 5:30-7:30

Cynergy and Darling's Auto Group invite you to tour Darling's at **439 Western Avenue in Augusta** on **October 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30**.

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HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

QUARRY TAP ROOM
OCTOBER 15TH | 5:30-7:30PM

Ghosts and ghouls and goblins, oh my! Join **Cynergy** for our Halloween Trivia Night on **October 15th** at **The Quarry Tap Room**, located at 122 Water Street in Hallowell! Proceeds benefit the **Theater at Monmouth**. \$5 per person to play with prizes for 1st and 7th place teams!

5:30PM - Doors Open

6:00PM - Trivia Starts

7:30PM - Trivia Ends

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

BUSINESS
after HOURS

Join us at the KV Chamber's
Business Expo!

The October Business After Hours will be hosted at the KV Chamber **Business Expo** at the **Augusta Civic Center** located at **76 Community Drive** in **Augusta** on **Wednesday, October 9** from **5:00 to 7:00 pm**. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking with business professionals from the 23 communities we service! All are welcome to attend the Expo from 2:00 to 7:00 pm.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. More than \$6,000 in prizes are offered to attendees of the Expo. Raffle tickets are available to purchase for a chance to win a \$1,000 cash Grand Prize!

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