

Chamber News

January 2009

BREAKFAST MEETING TO FEATURE SPEAKERS FROM WESTERN KENNEBEC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AND MAINEGENERAL'S WORKPLACE HEALTH

Start the year off right by becoming informed about plans for Winthrop's development and growth. Representatives from the Western Kennebec Economic Development Alliance (WKEDA) and Workplace Health at MaineGeneral Health will discuss opportunities for their organizations and the Winthrop community at the Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, January 8.

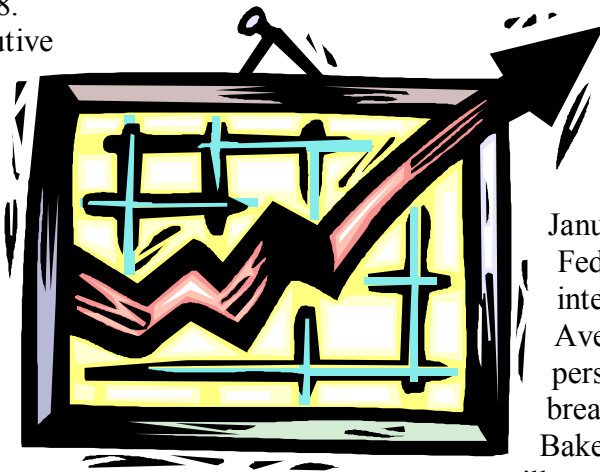
WKEDA Executive

Director Amy Lawson will present information about where her organization has been and where it's headed. Her discussion will include the organization's history, its role in the Winthrop Area Business Park, its current and upcoming programs, and how the Chamber and WKEDA can work together to achieve common goals. Lawson has an undergraduate degree in Public Management and a graduate degree in Public Administration. She resides in Winthrop.

Two representatives from Maine-General Health's Workplace Health--Medical Director John Bielecki, MD, MPH, and Marketing Manager Sharon Crowe--will speak about Workplace Health's possible expansion to Winthrop. Workplace Health, a department of MaineGeneral Medical Center, has provided expert occupational health services to the region's employers for the past 20 years.

Recognizing the needs of Winthrop area employers and the already well established MaineGeneral imaging, laboratory, family practice, and orthopedic services at the Winthrop Commerce Center, Workplace Health is exploring the feasibility of expanding services to the Winthrop region. At the breakfast meeting, employers will learn more about the Workplace Health's services. In addition, employers will be invited to discuss their needs and the possibilities of having local, expert occupational health, prevention, and wellness services.

The breakfast meeting on Thursday, January 8 will be held at the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union (located at the intersection of Route 202 and Highland Avenue in Winthrop). The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided by the Sweet Spot Bakery beginning at 7:15 am and the meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.



Chamber Breakfast Meetings

On the first Thursday of each month during the school year, the Chamber hosts breakfast meetings that are dedicated to topics of interest to members and others in the Winthrop Lakes Region. Presentations have ranged from economic development to energy efficiency and from health insurance to tax reform.

The breakfast meeting committee is in the process of lining up future speakers and would like to hear from members about topics of interest to them. If you have a suggestion for a presenter or topic for an upcoming breakfast meeting, please contact the Chamber at 377-8020 or info@winthropchamber.org.

Thanks so much!



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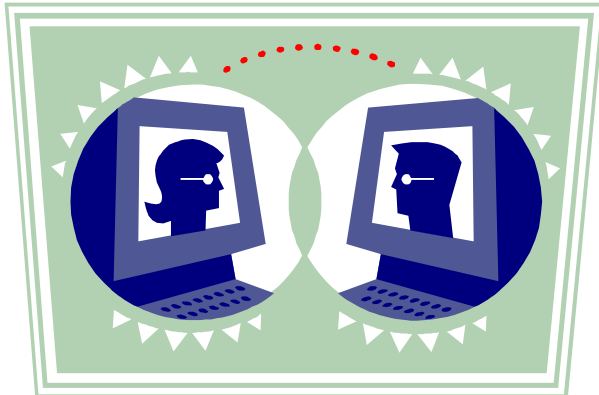
The Sweet Spot Bakery

Small town bakery that offers homemade goods.

100 Main Street in Winthrop

Phone: 207-377-2147

Contact: Lisa Semans or Jennifer Averill



Congratulations to the ADOPT-A-POLE WINNERS

For the second year in a row, the Chamber sponsored an Adopt-a-Pole Contest in downtown Winthrop during the holidays. **Winthrop Veterinarian Hospital** won first place and **Kennebec Savings Bank** and **The Vintage Violet Antique Shop** tied for second place. The winner received \$50 in Chamber Cash. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to those who participated.

Chamber Business After Hours: SIGN UP NOW FOR SPRING

Looking for a great way to generate interest in your business or organization this year? Consider hosting a Chamber Business After Hours (BAH) event. BAHs are among the Chamber's most popular gatherings. They provide an excellent opportunity for you to showcase the products and services your business or organization has to offer and for Chamber members to learn about them first-hand.

The Chamber would like to hear from members who are interested in hosting a BAH in the spring. To sign up to host a BAH, please contact Jeff Seguin at 377-2124.



New Chamber Web Site Is RESOURCE FOR BUSINESS

The Chamber's new Web site is now up and running. Go to www.winthropchamber.org to check it out. The new site has many more user-friendly features and much richer content—making it the “go to” site for information about the Winthrop Lakes Region's attractions, business climate and resources, relocation services, and more!

The Chamber site has always gotten a lot of traffic and an increase is expected. (A monthly activity and statistical report regarding the site will be available starting on February 2.)

Such traffic makes advertising on the Chamber site a cost-effective way to promote your business. Advertising rates are posted on the site at www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html. For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

Many Thanks from the Chamber PARADE COMMITTEE!!!

The Parade Committee would like to thank the following people for their ongoing commitment to the parade: Victoria Christopher, Dale Deblois, Larry Fitzgerald, Marion Healey, Earlene Ingram, Brian Ketchen, Doug Kilgore, Becky Lucas, Laurie Tompkins, Winthrop Public Works, and Winthrop Police.

We also would like to thank the following sponsors for their generosity:

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This Year, Resolve to USE CHAMBER CASH

OK We all know that money doesn't grow on trees. But did you know that when you shop at locally owned businesses, for every \$100 you spend, \$45 goes back into the community (as opposed to only \$14, when you spend the same amount at chain stores)? That's why Chamber members should resolve to use CHAMBER CASH* gift certificates this year.



CHAMBER CASH is easy to purchase, offer something for every taste, and support local businesses! So please be sure to keep CHAMBER CASH in mind when you need to give a gift as recognition, for a birthday, or just because—at anytime throughout the year!

CHAMBER CASH gift certificates may be purchased at the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union and redeemed at any of these businesses:

A Touch of Health
Apple Valley Books
Audette's Ace Hardware
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Becky's Second Time Around
CME Jewelry
DR Struck Landscape Nursery
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Lakeside Motel & Marina
Maple Tree Inn B&B & Antiques
Mister Market
Monmouth/Winthrop Adult Education
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The Theater at Monmouth
The Vintage Violet
Winthrop Fuel Company
The Write Approach
Your Maine Stamper

Participating Chamber members should keep in mind that CHAMBER CASH is now in check form so it can be deposited at members own financial institutions.

**CHAMBER CASH gift certificates do not expire, and like cash, are non-refundable if lost or stolen.*