

Chamber News

September 2009

ANNUAL MEETING, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING, H1N1 FLU GUIDANCE, TAX REFORM SEMINARS, AND MORE!

Thanks to the efforts of library staff and patrons alike, as well as support from the community, the Charles M. Bailey Public Library recently reopened after being closed for many months due to a devastating fire last March. At the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on Thursday, September 3, library representatives Elizabeth Sienko, chair of the board of trustees, and Cindy Hinkley, children's librarian, will provide an update on what's happened since the fire and what's planned for the future.

Those who attend the breakfast meeting will have the opportunity to learn more about the clean-up and repair of the existing library building which was designed by architect John Calvin Stevens and built in 1916, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Attendees also will hear how plans for the library's

expansion have progressed as the library's building committee looks at a two-story addition with a two-story connector to the original building.

The library plans to begin a fund raising campaign and explore grants to support the cost of the addition.

"The Chamber breakfast

meeting will be a great opportunity for us to publicly thank the community for supporting the library since the fire in March. In particular, the town office was most generous in terms of providing a temporary space," said Sienko. "In addition, we have received many donations in the form of books and volunteer service for which we are most grateful."

The Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on Thursday, September 3 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 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.



**THE CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING IS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
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SLATE OF BOARD OFFICERS AND
DIRECTORS AND SEE PAGE 6 FOR
MORE DETAILS!**

Proposed Slate of Chamber BOARD OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

For 2009/10, the proposed slate of Chamber Board Officers and Directors is as follows:

Officers

President: Jeff Seguin
Vice President: Victoria Christopher
Treasurer: Matt Dwyer
Secretary: Daren Hachey

Board of Directors:*

Three-year Term

- 1) Shari Falcone
- 2) Howard Lake
- 3) Kelly Thompson
- 4) Annette Barney
- 5) Vacant

*15 member board



Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAM Presents Fall Musical, *Carousel*

The Theater At Monmouth will close its 40th season in Monmouth with the quintessential New England musical, *Carousel*. This beautiful and touching show will be a celebration of community as professional leads will be joined by a chorus of community members for a memorable production of the show Time magazine named “the Best Musical of the twentieth century.”

Carousel will be performed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 24, 25, and 26 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, September 27 at 2 pm; Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, October 3 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 207-933-9999.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!

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*The Winthrop clinic is one of 14 central Maine sites.



Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE

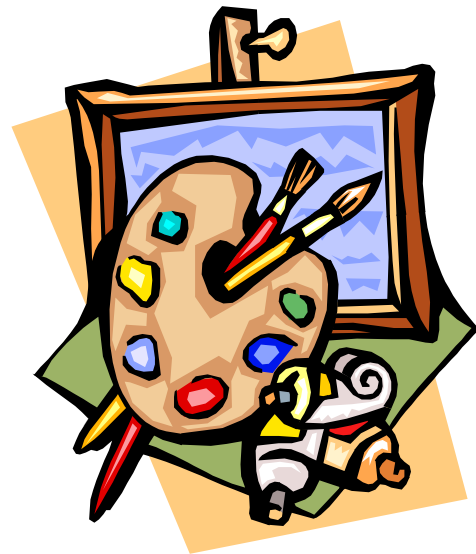
The current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber's new Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted at www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html. For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 207-377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

H1N1 Flu Update: Guidance for BUSINESSES & EMPLOYERS

The CDC is releasing new guidance (<http://www.flu.gov/plan/workplaceplanning/guidance.html>) that recommends actions that non-healthcare employers should take now to decrease the spread of seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu in the workplace and help maintain business continuity during the 2009-2010 flu season. The guidance includes additional strategies to use if flu conditions become more severe and some new recommendations regarding when a worker who is ill with influenza may return to work. The guidance in this document may change as additional information about the severity of the 2009-2010 flu season and the impact of 2009 H1N1 flu become known. Please check www.flu.gov periodically for updated guidance.

Comprehensive Planning CONTINUES IN WINTHROP

A comprehensive planning meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Winthrop Town Office. The goal for the meeting is to develop the first round of recommendations, so that the committee can continue its work at a deeper level and bring forward more fully researched, discussed, and integrated recommendations.



And the Winners Are . . . ART SHOW ANNOUNCEMENTS

The winners of 22nd Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show are as follows:

Oils: 1st: Dawna Gardner, Wayne, and 2nd: Sandra Leinonen Dunn, Chelsea

Watercolor: 1st: Irene Duplissis, Auburn, and 2nd: Marvin Jacobs, Belmont

Mixed media: 1st: Sheila Richardson, Turner

Photography: 1st: Harold Strout, North Monmouth, and 2nd: Craig Wratten, Winslow

Best of Show: Terry O'Maley, Troy

Honorable Mention: Alec Hartman, Vassalboro

Purchase Prizes went to John Holub, Winthrop; Judith Schuppen, Pittston; and Harold Strout, North Monmouth.

Of course, those who won our hearts are the dedicated art show volunteers. Many thanks to art show coordinators, Pat Ladd and Robin Struck, as well as volunteers Greg Chamberlain, Mark Christopher, Betsy Ladd, Jane Pelletier, Bob Pelletier, Joan and Bill Wing, and Mike Wing.



**MAINE REVENUE SERVICES
TO PRESENT
SALES AND USE TAX SEMINARS**

Recent legislation has made a number of changes to the sales, use and service provider tax laws affecting a wide range of taxpayers. Maine Revenue (“MRS”) is committed to providing accessible and affordable educational opportunities to as many taxpayers as possible. In an effort to reduce your travel time, eliminate the need for you to leave your business during normal work hours and to make these sessions affordable, these seminars are being provided at numerous locations across the state, during the afternoon and evening hours and at no charge. Agenda will focus on the upcoming changes regarding:

- The expansion of sales tax to the following services:
 - Amusement, entertainment and recreational services
 - Personal property services
 - Installation, repair and maintenance services and
 - Transportation and courier services
- The increase in tax rates on prepared food, lodging, short term auto rentals and liquor for on-premises consumption.
- New definitions of candy and soft drink.
- Applying sales tax to rental payments and lease payments
- An airport transportation fee on taxicabs and limousine operators
- Applying sales tax to residential long distance telephone service

In addition, the agenda will also cover other legislative changes like:

- Additional sales tax exemptions
- Change in sales tax treatment of park model recreational vehicles
- The expansion of the motor oil premium fees to pre-packaged motor oil and
- Change in tax rates on smokeless tobacco products

The presenters will also review MRS’ electronic services that are available, such as the MRS website, internet filing, EZ pay applications and Telefile system. If time permits, the presenters will be available to address your general questions regarding the administration of the sales, use and service provider tax law.

See next page for schedule of sales and use tax seminars

Sales and Use Tax Seminars: Dates & Locations
Afternoon session: 1 to 4 pm Evening session: 6 to 9 pm
For additional information, call Maine Revenue Services: 207-624-9693

<i>Day</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>Town/City</i>	<i>Location (for directions please refer to the web address listed)</i>
Monday	Aug 31	Augusta	Augusta Civic Center, North Wing, 76 Community Drive www.augustaciviccenter.org
Tuesday	Sept 1	Bethel	Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street www.bethelinn.com
Wednesday	Sept 2	Farmington	University of Maine, Olsen Student Center, North Dining Hall, High St. www.umf.maine.edu
Thursday	Sept 3	Waterville	Holiday Inn, 375 Main Street www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/wvlme
Tuesday	Sept 8	Belfast	University of Maine Hutchinson Center, Belmont Ave www.hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu
Wednesday	Sept 9	Rockport	Samoset Resort, 220 Warrenton Street www.samosetresort.com
Thursday	Sept 10	Bath	Kennebec Tavern, Sequin Hall, 119 Commercial Street www.kennebectavern.com
Monday	Sept 14	Ellsworth	Holiday Inn, 215 High Street www.holidayinn.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/elwme
Tuesday	Sept 15	Machias	University of Maine , Science Lecture Hall www.umm.maine.edu
Wednesday	Sept 16	Calais	Washington County Community College , St. Croix Lecture Hall www.wccc.me.edu
Thursday	Sept 17	Bangor	Ramada Inn, 357 Odlin Road www.bangorramada.com
Monday	Sept 21	Wells	York County Community College , Cafeteria, 112 College Drive www.yccc.edu
Tuesday	Sept 22	Saco	Holiday Inn Express, 352 North Street www.hiexpress.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/scame
Wednesday	Sept 23	Portland	Clarion Hotel, 1230 Congress Street www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-portland-maine-ME061
Thursday	Sept 24	Freeport	Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park Street www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=PWMFDGI
Monday	Oct 5	Medway	Gateway Inn, Route 157 www.medwaygateway.com
Tuesday	Oct 6	Bangor	Ramada Inn, 357 Odlin Road www.bangorramada.com
Wednesday	Oct 7	Dover-Foxcroft	Center Theater, 20 East Main Street www.centertheatre.org
Thursday	Oct 8	Lewiston	Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, Theater Room www.ramada.com
Tuesday	Oct 13	Skowhegan	Ken's Celebration Center, 201 Madison Avenue http://kensfamilyrestaurant.com
Wednesday	Oct 14	Augusta	Augusta Civic Center, North Wing, 76 Community Drive www.augustaciviccenter.org
Thursday	Oct 15	Portland	Clarion Hotel, 1230 Congress Street www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-portland-maine-ME061
Monday	Oct 19	St. Agatha	Lakeview Restaurant, 9 Lakeview Drive www.connectmaine.com/lakeviewrestaurant
Tuesday	Oct 20	Caribou	Caribou Inn and Convention Center, Route 1 www.caribouinn.com
Wednesday	Oct 21	Presque Isle	Presque Isle Inn and Convention Center, Route 1 www.presqueisleinn.com
Thursday	Oct 22	Houlton	Shiretown Motor Inn, 282 North Road www.shiretownmotorinn.com/



WINTHROP AREA
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE
Serving the Winthrop Lakes Region

Annual Meeting

**Please join us for the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Social Event
at the Augusta Country Club.**

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009

5:30 to 7 pm

Augusta Country Club, 19 Hammonds Grove, Manchester, Maine

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Cash bar will be available.

RSVP by September 18: info@winthropchamber.org or 207-377-8020

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