



# Chamber of Commerce

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615 Wilton Road, Farmington

207-778-4215

## Greetings!

### It is an event-full time of year at the Chamber!

This has been a fun time of year in Franklin County and for the Chamber of Commerce. A Business After Hours at Key Bank in Wilton was well attended by both local residents and visitors to the area. Great food and drink provided by Calzolaio's Pasta Co. and special treats from Ray-Ray's Café.

Branch manager Charlie Ellis gave an overview of the offerings at the bank, thanked all those in Wilton who support businesses in the area and then gave a tour of the old, original building next to the bank.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Expenet Technologies was held on July 24. Co-owned by Josh Michaud and Jeff Chaisson, Expenet opened a second location on Main Street in Farmington, a testament to how well their original business in Wilton has been going for the last four years. The Chamber was pleased to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

*An Internet search of the origin of the ribbon-cutting ceremony finds the following description:*

“Modern ribbon-cutting ceremonies symbolize new beginnings, as similar ceremonies

have done for centuries. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is often organized by a city's chamber of commerce when a new business becomes a member or opens a new location. The ceremony is reminiscent of wedding customs that symbolized the start of a marriage partnership but a new business is presented rather than a new family.” Read more: [http://www.ehow.com/about\\_6822394\\_origin-ribbon\\_cutting\\_ceremony\\_.html](http://www.ehow.com/about_6822394_origin-ribbon_cutting_ceremony_.html)

If you are starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like to have the Chamber of Commerce help organize a ribbon-cutting ceremony, please contact Penny at our Farmington office. She is like the “wedding planner” for ribbon-cutting ceremonies!

On July 24, Farmington was presented with a certification from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development designating the town as “Business Friendly.” Diane Jackson from DECD congratulated a gathering of town officials and presented Farmington with two road signs and a certificate.

The DECD highlighted Farmington's use of local, state and federal programs to create and improve infrastructure that supported new businesses. I also found it particularly gratifying that they mentioned the town's collaborations with the Mt. Blue Campus and University of Maine at Farmington since we have been working hard to bridge the business

## Town of Farmington: Certified Business-Friendly



*Ann Bryant photo*

Farmington's recognition as business-friendly by the state. From left: Penny Meservier, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce executive director; Richard Davis, Farmington town manager; Sue Jones, Farmington Downtown Association president; Cindy Gelinas, Farmington planning assistant; Matthew Smith, selectman; Michael Fogg, selectman; Joshua Bell, selectman chair; Alison Hagerstrom, Greater Franklin Development Corporation executive director; Diane Jackson of the state's Department of Economic and Community Development.

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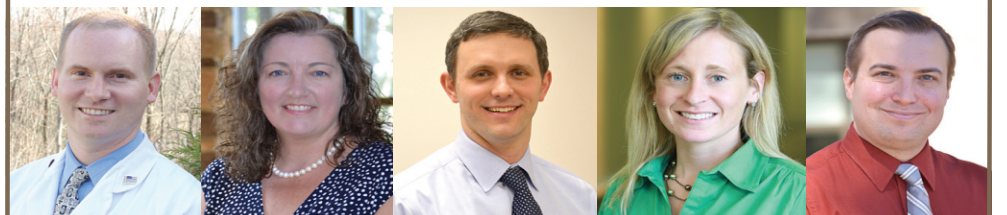
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## Citizen Recognition Awards

The Citizen Recognition awards presented by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce are given to local citizens as acknowledgement of their accomplishments and contributions to our community's future. The Chamber promotes civic engagement, community involvement, and economic development.

*Citizen Recognition Awards were presented to:*

- Shannon Smith for her 25 years as coordinator for Wilton Blueberry Festival.
- Ruby Hardy, in memory of her husband Fred Hardy, for his time as Franklin County Commissioner and for his tireless work to promote the growth of agriculture throughout the State of Maine. Fred's dedication, commitment, contributions and love for the State of Maine will long be remembered.

If you know of a person deserving recognition, please submit the nominee's name and a description of his/her accomplishment to [info@franklincountymaine.org](mailto:info@franklincountymaine.org) or call the Chamber office at 207-778-4215.



The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the newest members of the Chamber. Please join us in welcoming them by taking a moment to say hello, visit their website and patronize their business.

### Azulene Day Spa

216 Wilton Rd., Unit B.  
Farmington, ME 04938

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### Fish – N – Play

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and education pipeline.

On July 25, a good-sized crowd turned out for the Farmington Summer Fest. Many downtown shops offered special discounts. Susun Terese, the Summer Fest committee chairperson, and The Downtown Association did a great job in pulling together entertainers, vendors, artists and craftspeople. Penny was on hand at the Chamber booth giving out free coffee mugs to anyone who "liked" us on Facebook.

On Aug. 7, organizer Shannon Smith once again pulled off a great Wilton Blueberry Festival with a theme of Reading and Writing. Many activities filled the two-day event highlighted by the Blueberry Festival parade with over 100 entries. It was a beautiful day for the parade and a big event for all of Wilton. Before the parade got started, the Chamber of Commerce awarded Shannon Smith a Citizen's Award certificate for her 25 years of organizing the activities and the parade.

Also before the parade began, the Chamber presented a Citizen's Award certificate to Ruby Hardy in honor of her late husband Fred Hardy. Participating in the ceremony were Representative Russell Black, State Senator Tom Saviello and Congressman Bruce Poliquin. Fred's certificate reads: "Given to Ruby Hardy, In memory of her husband Fred Hardy for his time as Franklin County Commissioner and for his tireless work to promote the growth of agriculture throughout the State of Maine. Fred's dedication, commitment, contributions and love for the State of Maine will long be remembered."

**Thank you,**

*Glenn Kapiloff*

*President, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce*

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## Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Mission

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization of business and civic leaders. It exists to promote its members and their services, and to provide a voice for the interest of area businesses. Through partnerships with others, the Chamber seeks to promote economic growth, job creation and retention, tourism, civic pride and cultural awareness.

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## Calendar of Events

### August 29

Livermore Falls Paper Makers, Logging  
& Wood Festival  
Recreation field, Livermore Falls

Come join in the fun starting at 10 a.m. on the recreation field behind the Livermore Falls town office. Special events to celebrate our paper makers, the paper industry, logging and wood products. Activities include log train rides, face painting, paper mache and demonstrations. The museum will be open to celebrate 50 years that the Androscoggin Mill has been in Jay.

*FMI, contact Sherry Judd at 207-592-1807 or  
sjudd1807@gmail.com*

### September 9

MOT on the Road  
GH Bass Room, Franklin Memorial  
Hospital, Farmington

Maine Office of Tourism will go through the findings of the recent Market Segmentation Study, highlights of the 2014 Annual Report and an overview of the 2015 Marketing Plan and updated Creative. Tourism focused businesses and organizations are encouraged to attend the meeting in Farmington to learn what visitor segments may offer the most potential value to their businesses, what the Maine Office of Tourism is doing to build visitation to Maine, and how they might align with the state's tourism marketing campaign and benefit from strength in numbers in their own marketing efforts. The session will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the GH Bass Room at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington.

*To RSVP, contact Jennifer Geiger at Jennifer.  
Geiger@maine.gov*

### September 12

Maine Mountain Chamber Music with  
Guest Artist Daedalus Quartet

An evening of Maine Mountain Chamber Music with guest artist Daedalus Quartet is presented by the Arts Institute of Western Maine at Nordica Auditorium, Merrill Hall, UMF

Campus from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Admission: Adults \$12, 18 years and under and students with ID are free.

### September 20 – 26

Farmington Fair

Ready for the Fair? The 175th annual Farmington Fair kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 20 and runs through Saturday the 26. The week of activities include livestock events, musical entertainment, harness racing, a midway full of rides and games, G-force laser tag, mutton bustin' and the demolition derby!

*For a complete schedule go to www.  
farmingtonfairmaine.com*

### October 2

Seth Wescott & Franklin County  
Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic

Join us at the beautiful Sugarloaf Golf Course for a fun day of golf. The tournament begins 9:00. The Golf Tournament supports the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce scholarships and Seth Wescott's Level Field Fund for area students. Sign up your team today!

*Call the chamber at 207-778-4215 or email  
info@franklincountymaine.org*

# TIME TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM!

*13th Annual*  
**SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC**

**OCTOBER 2, 2015**  
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**SUGARLOAF GOLF CLUB**

*Presented by*  
**SETH WESCOTT**  
&  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we're teaming up again with Seth Wescott to host the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic on Friday, October 2nd, 2015. Proceeds are used to help fund the Annual Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program and the Level Field Fund for area students and athletes.

For more information contact Penny Meservier at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce at 207-778-4215 or [director@franklincountymaine.org](mailto:director@franklincountymaine.org)

[www.franklincountymaine.org](http://www.franklincountymaine.org)

To register your team, please visit our website at [www.franklincountymaine.org](http://www.franklincountymaine.org) or stop by our office at 615 Wilton Rd. Farmington

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End of the Rainbow Alternatives in Farmington offers natural and alternative products, supplements and services for your wellness. Shirley Hill Bourgault purchased the business in 2008 and moved it to its present location. The move enabled the business to grow as a retail store and offer additional services. They offer the public healthier choices when it comes to wellness products and services.

The store offers all that you would expect including natural skin care, soaps and shampoos, mineral make-up, teas and herbal supplements. You can find a large variety of essential oils and Bach flower essences. Also, a large variety of products to help with weight-loss, detox and protein powders are available. The knowledgeable staff is there to answer your questions and help you find the right product for your wellness.

End of the Rainbow Alternatives features several products that are made in Maine. One of these products is Wild Maine Chaga and ground teas: Vanilla & Chai Spices, Chaga Chai and Chaga Tea with Spearmint. Locally made My Berry Organics offers Chaga Extracts and Wild Blueberry Eye Creme, Face Cleanser and Moisturizing Cream.

Do you like to create your own soaps and other products? End of the Rainbow Alternatives carries the supplies you need including essential oils, bees wax, glycerin, clay and containers.

Services offered are reflexology and massage along with skin care and a hair salon using the best natural products. Ear candling is offered as a service or you can purchase the supplies to take home. Classes are available including



an herbal walk which will teach you what is available in the natural environment.

Whether you are looking to lose weight, get more energy, have a special health concern

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## Ribbon cutting at Expenet



On July 24, the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of Expenet's second location at 145 Main Street, Farmington. From left: Penny Meservier, executive director, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; Sue Jones, president, Farmington Downtown Association; Joshua Bell, town selectman; Josh Michaud, co-owner, Expenet; Diane Jackson, governor's account executive, Dept. of Economic and Community Development; Glenn Kapiloff, president, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.