

Bethel Area
Chamber of Commerce

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BETHEL AREA CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
SUNDAY RIVER GOLF CLUB

REGISTRATION AT 7:30AM
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 9:00AM
18 HOLES OF GOLF
PRIZES AND RAFFLES

TO SPONSOR OR REGISTER:
GOLFATBETHELMAINE.COM
207-824-2282

Hello JUNE

Hello, Mid-June from Sunny Bethel! ☀️ The long days and warm breezes are making our little slice of Maine even more wonderful, and we're officially in summer mode! While you're out enjoying everything from the mountain views to the river's edge, make sure to save the date for our big event: the Golf Tournament on Monday, June 23rd! Dust off those clubs – it's going to be a tee-rific day! We love living and working in such a special place, and it brings us so much joy to share these moments with you.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BOBBI VANDENBULCKE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Chamber Update: Welcoming the Momentum of Summer

As we step into June, there's a unique energy in the air—longer days, lively storefronts, and the unmistakable buzz of Maine's summer season beginning to take hold. For many of our members, this is the busiest and most exciting time of year. Visitors return, events fill the calendar, and opportunities to connect grow with the season.

At the Chamber, we're seeing that same momentum reflected in our membership. New businesses are joining our network, and longtime members are finding fresh ways to collaborate and innovate. This is the perfect moment to reintroduce yourself—update your directory listing, attend a mixer, or simply stop by the office and say hello.

Let's make this summer not just a season of growth, but one of connection. We're here to help bring more visibility to your business, support your goals, and celebrate the unique spirit that makes our region thrive.

Here's to a strong start to summer—and to all the exciting things ahead!

If your business is celebrating a special occasion or anniversary, let us know! Let's celebrate with a Ribbon Cutting for the event!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Artist's Bridge, built in 1872, is named the Artist's Bridge because of its reputation as being the most photographed and painted of the venerable covered bridges in Maine. It has also been suggested that the name came about because the artist John Enckling was observed working by the bridge on many days. The family he was staying with then referred to it as the Artist's Bridge.



Tara Pooles

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UPCOMING Events in the
newsletter?

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Would you like to
Be featured in the next
Business spotlight in the
newsletter?

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SPRING INTO ART

WITH **BAAM** BETHEL AREA ART MUSEUM
 @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BETHEL
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

JUNE 21	MAKE A WIND SOCK & TOUR THE BETHEL-DAVIS REGIONAL AIRPORT 13 NORTH ROAD, BETHEL
JUNE 28	FUN CRAFTS & TOUR THE BETHEL FIRE DEPARTMENT 9 MILL HILL ROAD, BETHEL

REGISTER IN ADVANCE OR SHOW UP THE DAY OF!
WWW.TINYURL.COM/SPRINGINTOART
 FREE FOR YOUTH

JUNE 2025

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Join Master Naturalist, Julie Reiff, for a woodland walk looking for wildflowers. Sunday, June 15th at Mc-Coy-Chapman Preserve. FMI and to register, <https://www.mahoosuc.org/events-calendar>

Click the calendar above to view more

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



50 Prospect Ave
 Rumford, ME 04276
 207-357-4733

Newly built hotel along US-2, just steps from historic downtown Rumford and its series of spectacular Rumford Falls, with a 176-foot total drop comprising the greatest drop east of Niagara Falls.

MEMBER CELEBRATIONS CONGRATULATIONS!



Museums of the
Bethel Historical Society



Crockett Law, P.C.
 Attorney-at-Law



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Introducing Chamber 101 Learn, Connect, Grow

We're excited to launch our new Chamber 101 sessions—monthly classes designed to help you build practical skills and get more from your Chamber membership. Each session will focus on a different topic, from mastering Canva and navigating ChamberMaster to leveling up your social media game and more. Whether you're a new member or a longtime participant, there's always something new to discover. Let's learn together, grow together, and strengthen our community one skill at a time.

LEARN MORE

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IN THE KNOW **HELP NEEDED**



What year did Bethel become a town?

9621

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



MAINE MINERAL AND GEM MUSEUM

HISTORY

The museum was born from the historic Perham's Maine Mineral Store, established in 1919. After the store closed in 2009, philanthropists Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden acquired the collection, leading to the opening of the Maine Mineral & Gem Museum in 2019.

NOW

Step into a world of natural history spanning millions of years, from the rugged terrain of Maine to the far reaches of Mars. Explore how meteorites help us unlock the mysteries of our solar system, discover the fascinating process of crystal formation, and learn why Maine is renowned for producing some of the world's most extraordinary gemstones.

A highlight includes a beryl crystal known as the "Heart of New England," originally displayed at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. A matching piece from the same remarkable find is proudly exhibited right here at the museum in Bethel.



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BEYOND THE MAIN STORY

AMP; CLINICAL
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
JUNE 17TH

Bethel Adult Education is offering this course through their partner, The Academy of Medical Professionals. Please register here with with Bethel Adult Education. To register call **207-824-2136** or email **adulded@sad44.org**. You can also go directly to the AMP website click the "click here" for more details:



[CLICK HERE](#)



NSB has made a \$120,000 commitment over the next six years to send students from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and Oxford Hills Middle School to the acclaimed NorthStar 4-H Youth Mentoring Program! NSB currently provides the same opportunity to a cohort of Telstar students in Bethel. Check out the full story about the donation, the partnership, and how NorthStar is increasing self-reliance and leadership skills for young people in Maine's rural communities.

[Full story click here](#)

September 20th 2025

Harvestfest
Needs you!!!!

Kids entertainment
Firebreathers, jugglers
face painters, mimes
or clowns
PASS THE HAT
Enjoy making people
laugh and smile

Email me at
events@bethelmaine.com

Volunteers needed

HELP wanted

Volunteers needed to help at Harvestfest this year September 20th please reach out if you can help

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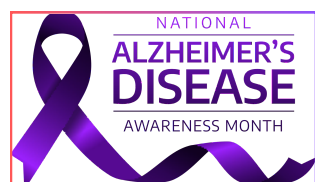
DONATION

DONATIONS NEEDED BETHEL FOOD PANTRY

Needs:
Non-perishable food
Diapers (sizes 3,4 & 5)
Toilet Paper
Tooth paste
Soap
Shampoo
Snacks (cracker, microwave popcorn etc.)

**DROP OFF
HERE AT
THE CHAMBER
MF
8AM-4PM**

Donations



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Bethel Area

Chamber of Commerce

2025 LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE TEAM:

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Events and Marketing
Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Get ready for excitement in Bethel! Almost time June 23rd, we're kicking things off with a golf tournament at Sunday River Golf Club. September we'll be celebrating Harvestfest, and we're currently seeking talented brewers and engaging kid's entertainment like jugglers, fire breathers, and face painters for a "Pass the Hat" opportunity. If you offer these services, please reach out! We're also still looking for donations to put towards our end-of-year awards.



Happy Pride Month &
Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

Tara

History A Look Back



Civil War memorial
groundbreaking, Bethel,
1908



Main Street, Bethel
Hill, 1896



Grand Trunk Railway
station, Bethel, ca.
1880

Thank you to the Historical Society for the memories

Summer TIME

Ah, June.

Here in our lobby, fresh copies of visitors' guides from towns all over Maine are being grabbed by those passing through, and our own Visitors' Guides are being snatched up and perused by the many folks staying in the area. I am, once again, getting an earful of stories of what life is like in North Dakota, southern California, and some town on the outback in Australia. Kids of all ages are getting their pictures taken with the moose and snow lady, gasping at the pendant from Olympia and Angus's nose as they realize how huge the snow people were. Introducing people to Maine, especially our little corner of it, is a pleasure and honor.

Members, please bring in your business cards, menus and rack cards? About half the people coming in or calling are looking for local resources. They will take our writing your contact numbers down on a piece of scrap paper, but something professional is so much better for business. They gravitate to those. If you don't have something to put on the shelves in here, long-time member Smith & Town Printers would love to help you. They delivered our new local map a few weeks ago, and did a terrific job. I'm sure they would do the same for you!

Cathy Howe
Visitor Center Specialist



Cathy



To Our Premium Tier Members CORNERSTONE PARTNERS



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