

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Bethel
Area*
Chamber of Commerce

September 2025

Hello September

Oh September, as we say goodbye to the warm days of summer, we're ready to welcome the crisp air, vibrant colors, and cozy feeling that fall brings. This month is all about new beginnings, from back-to-school routines to the start of a new season. We're excited to see what September has in store for our members and community, and we hope you are too!

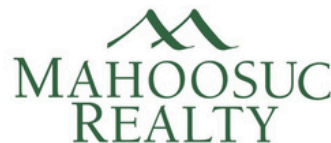
Bethel Area Chamber Harvestfest

at the Bethel Town Common

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 ~ 10 am - 3 pm



*Thank you,
Sponsors!*



Live Music 12 pm-3 pm

12:00 PM JEFFERINGO

1:00 PM VANESSA JONES

2:00 PM CHASE WINN



DO YOU HAVE YOUR BUSINESS CARDS,
FLYERS OR RACK CARDS AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE?
LET US HELP YOU PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!

Is your business celebrating a special occasion or an anniversary?
Let's celebrate with a Ribbon Cutting for the event!

Message from Executive Director

Connecting Talent with Opportunity: Bethel Area Chamber Partners with
FBLA Students from Telstar High School for Upcoming Job Fair



We are proud to announce an exciting event that brings together our community's employers, students, and job seekers in a powerful way. On November 14th, we're hosting the Annual Job Fair & Expo at Telstar High School. We will be working in partnership with the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at Telstar High School, this event is designed to help bridge the gap between education and employment by giving students and community members direct access to local businesses who are hiring, offering internships, or simply eager to connect with future talent.

Student Job Fair: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Open exclusively to high school students) This portion of the fair is tailored for students who are exploring career paths, seeking part-time employment, or interested in internships. Through this experience, students will learn valuable skills — from professional networking to resume-building — while interacting with real-world employers. We're proud to collaborate closely with FBLA students, who are not only participating but helping organize and run the event as part of their leadership and career development initiatives.


Community Job Fair: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (Open to the general public) From entry-level jobs to skilled positions, this portion of the event invites job seekers from across the community to meet with a wide variety of local employers. Whether you're looking for a new opportunity, reentering the workforce, or seeking a career change, this is your chance to make meaningful connections close to home. This job fair represents more than a chance to find work — it's a celebration of community collaboration. By working side-by-side with our local FBLA students, we're empowering young leaders and fostering a culture of growth, innovation, and opportunity. We invite local businesses to join us in investing in the future — not only by finding great employees but by mentoring the next generation of professionals. If you'd like to participate as an employer, please contact the Chamber office at 207-824-2282 or email events@bethelmaine.com.

Let's work together to build a stronger workforce and a stronger community!



Norway Savings Bank

This month, we're putting the spotlight on a cornerstone of our community, Norway Savings Bank.

 With a history that dates back to 1866, this bank has been a steadfast partner in the financial well-being of the Oxford Hills region and beyond.

A True Community Partner

As a mutual savings bank, Norway Savings isn't owned by stockholders; it's owned by its depositors. This model allows them to put their focus on the community, a principle that has guided them for over 150 years. This commitment is evident in their extensive community involvement. They've received the FDIC's highest "Outstanding" rating for their community reinvestment efforts, a testament to their dedication to local projects and initiatives.

Each year, Norway Savings Bank employees volunteer thousands of hours and the bank makes significant contributions to hundreds of nonprofit organizations. Their giving focuses on key areas that directly impact our region, including:

- **Education and Financial Literacy:** Supporting programs that build essential skills for all ages.
- **Economic Development:** Aiding initiatives that foster business growth and job creation.
- **Civic and Cultural Initiatives:** Enhancing the quality of life in our communities.
- **Support for Low-to-Moderate Income Households:** Providing vital assistance to those in need.

Welcome New Members



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FUN FACT

The birthplace of American ski racing

Bethel, Maine, is known as the birthplace of American ski racing. In 1882, the Bethel Outing Club was founded, which hosted the country's first organized ski races. The club's events drew skiers from all over New England and helped popularize the sport in the United States.



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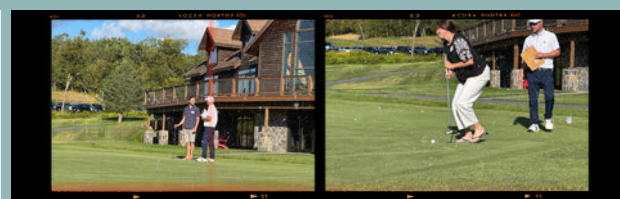
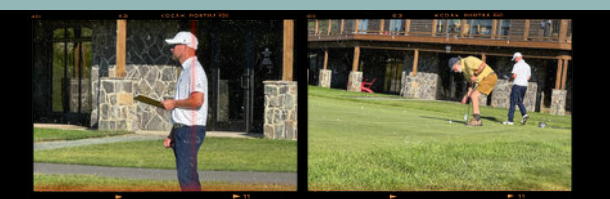
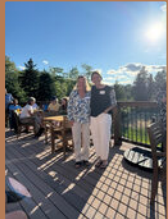
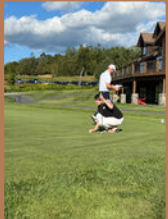


BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thank you to the Sunday River Golf Club for hosting a fantastic Business After Hours event. The venue was beautiful and the atmosphere was perfect for networking. We appreciate your generosity and hospitality, and we look forward to future collaborations.



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September Upcoming Events

Soup's On
11am-1pm

Methodist Church Dining Hall 79 Main Street - Bethel
September 17th

Hancock Lumber Tour
Thursday, September 18th
9:45am Start Time

Please email
connect@bethelmaine.com

North Peak Brunch at Sunday River
10:30am-12:30 9/20/25

Community Supper
Bethel Alliance Church 4:30pm-6pm
251 Walker's Mills Road, Bethel, ME

Business After Hours
Bethel Resort and Suite
October 15th
4pm- 6pm

Bethel Area Chamber Harvestfest
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 ~ 10 am - 3 pm
at the Bethel Common

For more details, please visit bethelmaine.com - events calendar



Job Fair and Expo coming soon!
November 14th

If interested in joining please email
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2025 LEADERSHIP EXECUTIVE TEAM:

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MAINE SKI LODGING CO.

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SUNDAY RIVER RESORT

SECRETARY

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THE BETHEL RESORT &
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GEM MUSEUM

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Chamber 101

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.

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Do you want to see something in the newsletter? Do you have pictures?
Let us Know!



Donations needed for silent auction.
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Smokin' Good BBQ
Sudbury Inn/Suds Pub
Sunday River Brewing Company

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