

Quaboag Hills



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CEO Corner

JAMES PRZYPEK

As you might imagine, my first ninety days on the job have gone by in a flash. I would like to thank the Board of Directors, each Committee member and each of you for not only welcoming me, but for your dedication and commitment to keeping the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce a significant and valued resource all these years.

I look forward to the bright future the Chamber has, getting to know each of you better and how I can assist your business. I hope you enjoy this first edition and relaunch of the Chamber's newsletter. Each quarter, this newsletter will strive to deliver meaningful and helpful information to you, providing growth opportunities, along with celebrating the work you do.



The 2024 QHMA Business & Recreation Guide is coming!

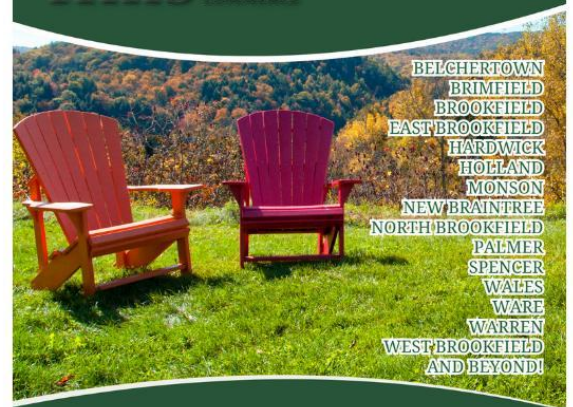
Featuring:

- Updated Municipal Information
- 2024 Calendar of Events
- Area Recreation
- Member Directory

Distribution begins mid-July!

Quaboag Hills
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2024
Business &
Recreation Guide



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Recent Chamber Events



The Chamber hosted its first After 5 event of 2024 on April 25 at the Monson Arts Council. The evening included a viewing of the MAC's 30th Annual Spring Art Exhibition & Sale featuring dozens of works by regional artists.



Cedarbrook Village hosted the Chamber's June 5 Legislative Breakfast with Representatives Aaron Saunders (D) and Todd Smola (R). The Guest Speakers were sponsored by Superior Plus Propane.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Tuesday, August 13 - After 5
Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer



Thursday, September 19 - After 5
Brimfield Winery in Brimfield



Thursday, October 3 - QHMA Golf Outing
Hardwick Crossing Country Club in Gilbertville

Wednesday, October 23 - After 5
Hardwick Vineyard & Winery in Hardwick



Thursday, November 7 - QHMA Annual Meeting & Dinner
Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge



**Registration & Sponsor Opportunities Open for
Events Thru October at QHMA.com**



New & Returning Members

- ★ Canna Retreat
- ★ Hardwick Crossing Country Club
- ★ HomeFront Strong
- ★ Life's Memories & More
- ★ Linton Septic
- ★ Nostalgia & More
- ★ Top Floor Learning
- ★ Ware Business & Civic Association & Beyond
- ★ ZenBusiness

Upcoming Affiliate Workshops & Training

7/10 6pm: SCORE Live Webinar - Starting Your Business - Basics

7/11 12p: SCORE Live Webinar - Digitizing Everything
& SCORE Live Webinar - Small Business Risk Exposure

7/15 9a: QVCDC - ServSafe Certification Session

7/16 10a: SCORE Live Webinar - Excel Power Query - Power Tool for Transforming Data

7/18 12p: SCORE Live Webinar - Financial Statements Unlocked: Building Blocks for Business Success

Member News

Recently, past QHMA Chairperson, Lena Buteau and Chamber CEO, James Przypek were able to visit with Echo Hill Orchard owners, Rich & Terry Krupczak for a tour and update on their latest addition to the venue, construction on an ADA compliant restroom facility.

In 2022, the Chamber was instrumental in helping secure earmark funding from the Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development and their fiscal recovery fund to help launch the project.

Thus far, work has cleared numerous planning, permitting, design, engineering, plumbing, construction and material purchases with plans to be completed later this year.



Grant Opportunities

The **Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation** accepts funding requests to be reviewed by the Foundation's Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. The next funding request timeline for nonprofit organizations is an August 1 deadline for consideration at their September Board Meeting.

New England Foundation for the Arts' New England States Touring grants support New England-based nonprofits presenting performances, readings, and screenings of work by local or national artists. Deadline: August 1, 2024.

The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's** Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program is now open. An estimated \$2 billion dollars in funds to support activities is available, which aim to improve disadvantaged communities through environmental and climate justice projects. Deadline: November 21, 2024.

See each organization above for full details

Upcoming Member Events thru September

July 9-14, 2024

Brimfield
Brimfield Flea Market
brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com

July 12, 2024

Three Rivers
Food Truck, Farmers, & Artisans Market
threeriversmachamber.com

July 12-14, 2024

Monson
Christmas In July
Silver Bell Farm
silverbellfarm.com

July 17, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

July 19-21, 2024

Monson
The Radio Play Disaster
Memorial Hall
monsonartscouncil.org

July 20, 2024

Brimfield
Trailer Trash Concert
Brimfield Winery
brimfieldwinery.com

July 21, 2024

Belchertown
Ice Cream Social
The Stone House Museum Grounds
stonehousemuseum.org

July 24, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

July 25, 2024

West Brookfield
Lobster Feast Summer Dinner Series
Salem Cross Inn
salemcrossinn.com

July 27, 2024

Ware
Janine's Frostee 19th Annual Car Show
Janine's Frostee
janinesfrostee.com

July 27, 2024

Brimfield
Brimfield Old Home Day
Brimfield Winery
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July 31, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

August 4, 2024

Monson
Ice Cream Social
Keep Homestead Museum
keephomesteadmuseum.org

August 7, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

August 9, 2024

Three Rivers
Food Truck, Farmers, & Artisans Market
threeriversmachamber.com

August 13, 2024

Palmer
Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce After 5
Steaming Tender Restaurant
qhma.com

August 14, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

August 16-17, 2024

Hardwick
Hardwick Community Fair
hardwickfair.com

August 21, 2024

Brimfield
Hitchcock Summer Concert on the Common
hitchcockacademy.org

August 22, 2024

West Brookfield
Gone Fishing Summer Dinner Series
Salem Cross Inn
salemcrossinn.com

Aug. 31-Oct. 14, 2024

Warren
Pick Your Own Apples & Farmstand
Breezlands Orchards
breezlandsorchards.com

September 3-8, 2024

Brimfield
Brimfield Flea Market
brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com

September 8, 2024

West Brookfield
Where's The Beef Summer Dinner Series
Salem Cross Inn
salemcrossinn.com

September 14, 2024

Belchertown
Living History Day
The Stone House Museum
stonehousemuseum.org

September 19, 2024

Brimfield
Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce After 5
Brimfield Winery
qhma.com

September 21-22, 2024

Monson
Fall Harvest Weekends
Silver Bell Farm
silverbellfarm.com

September 27, 2024

Brimfield
Classic Car Cruise
Brimfield Winery
brimfieldwinery.com

September 28, 2024

Three Rivers
Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce Holiday
Harvest Fair
threeriversmachamber.com

September 28-29, 2024

Monson
Fall Harvest Weekends
Silver Bell Farm
silverbellfarm.com

September 29, 2024

Chicopee Country Club
FORE A Great Cause Golf Tournament
benefitting Hitchcock Free Academy
hitchcockacademy.org

Don't See Your Event? Email Your Member Produced Events to james@qhma.com

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GOLF OUTING

2024



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

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