

Newsletter



2026 Main Street Festival

Vendor spots for the Main Street Festival on July 18th (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) are filling up fast!

This annual event transforms downtown Wellsville into a vibrant destination featuring local businesses, artisans, food vendors, community organizations, entertainment, and family-friendly activities. Each year, thousands of visitors from across the region come to explore Main Street, making it one of the largest and most well-attended community events of the summer.

Chamber Members receive a FREE vendor spot as part of their membership benefits. Several emails have been sent to your business's Chamber contact with registration information. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to Karen at msc@wellsvilleareachamber.com.

Why participate as a vendor?

- Showcase your business, organization, or club to thousands of potential customers and supporters
 - Increase brand awareness and build community connections
 - Sell products, promote services, or recruit volunteers and members
 - Engage face-to-face with people who love supporting local businesses
- Be part of a fun, high-energy event that celebrates everything that makes Wellsville special

If you would like an application, please contact Karen or register online here: www.wellsvilleareachamber.com/events/main-street-festival

Secure your spot today – vendor spaces are limited and the event is almost full!



2026
Annual Awards Dinner
& Community
Celebration

Join the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce for an evening dedicated to celebrating all things Wellsville and the people who make our community such a special place to live, work, and thrive.

*Saturday, May 16, 2026,
Cocktails at 5PM
Dinner at 6PM*

*Wellsville Country Club
3006 Riverside Dr
Wellsville NY*

Order tickets online

www.wellsvilleareachamber.com/annual-awards-dinner



2026 AWARDS

Business of the Year

New Business of the Year

Community Service Award

Caregiver Service Award

Educator of the Year

First Responder Award

Youth Service Award

Veteran of the Year

Submit your nominations by March 25th at:

: [https://us10.list-manage.com/survey?
u=02a59495adc38e27a543bd788&id=c554c55059&
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WELLSVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S

BANTER BUSINESS BEVERAGES

THURSDAY
APRIL 16TH
5:00-7:00PM

AT WELLSVILLE
COUNTRY CLUB

All are welcome to attend. Enjoy good food, cold drinks, & fun company. Learn about the WDC's 2025 achievements as well as our goals & new **SURPRISE INITIATIVE** for 2026! Plus, enter to win door prizes!



Free to attend. RSVPs not required, but helpful for planning. RSVP by 4/9 for a free drink coupon!

RSVP AT [LINKTR.EE/WLSVDEVELOPMENTCORP](https://linktr.ee/wlsvdevelopmentcorp)

Why attend?

- Expand your network and meet community leaders
- Discover new business opportunities
- Engage in insightful, casual conversations
- Share your business with potential clients and partners



Chamber events

COMING SOON

May

5/2/2026 Annual Wine Walk

5/16/2026 Annual Awards Dinner & Community Celebration

June

6/4/2026 Golf Tournament & Clambake

July

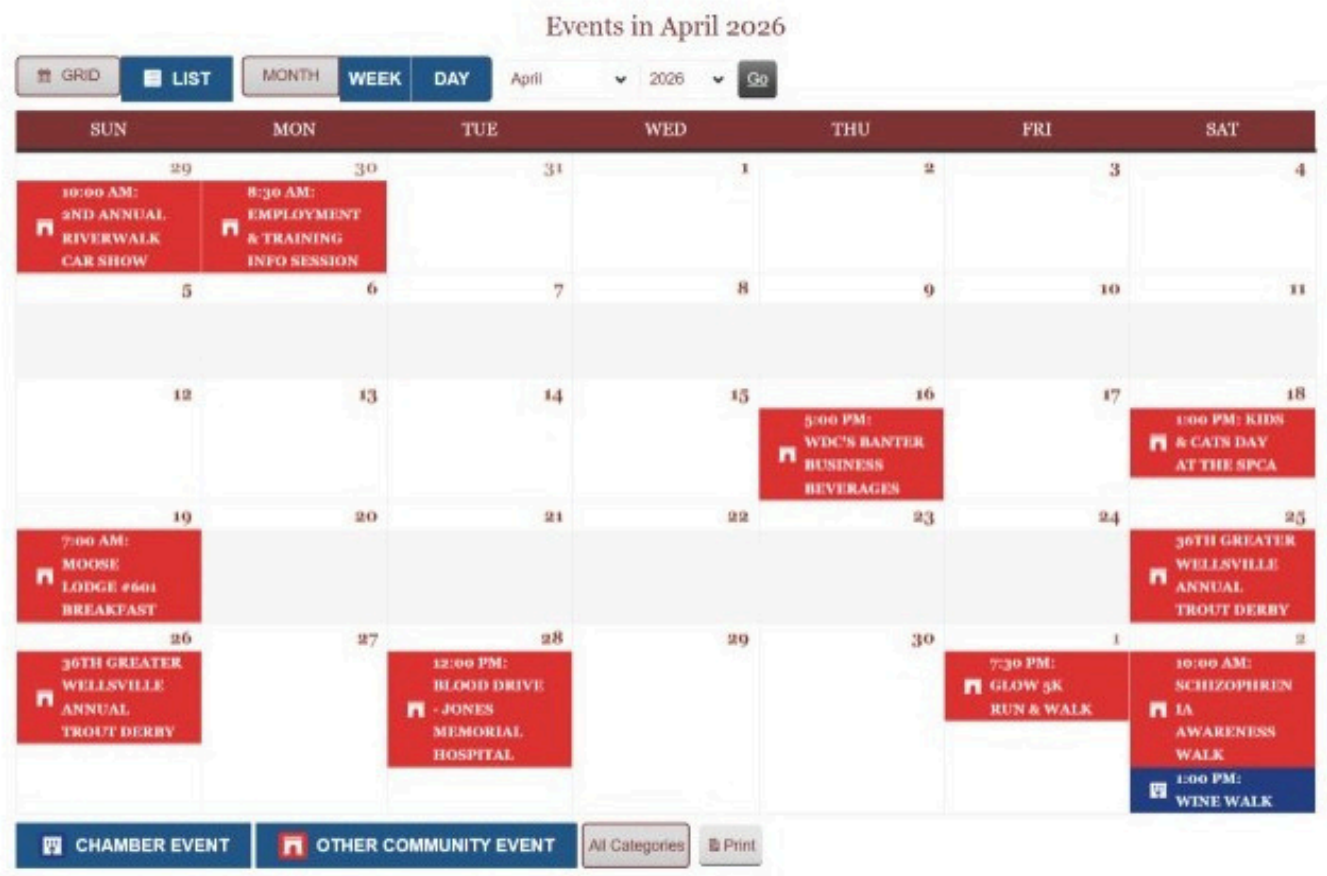
7/18/2026 Main Street Festival

All dates subject to change

Check out website for more information!

www.wellsvilleareachamber.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Check on line for updates and additional events!

<https://wellsvilleareachamber.com/community-calendar/>

Send a flyer with your events to msc@wellsvilleareachamber.com to be added to our Community Calendar on our website!

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March Board Member Spotlight

Board Member Spotlight: Niki Gordon

Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce – March 2026



Growing up in Wellsville, I always knew it was a special place. But like many people, I left soon after graduating high school to explore other opportunities. I lived in several different cities and states before eventually returning to Wellsville in 2010. Moving back after so many years away felt like a big step, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made.

Shortly after returning, I began working at the David A. Howe Library. Fifteen years later, I'm still there, and it has been an incredibly rewarding career. Working as a public librarian has given me a completely new perspective on my hometown. Every day I interact with patrons from all walks of life, which allows me to see firsthand the diverse needs and interests of our community. It's also given me the opportunity to create programs and events and build partnerships with local organizations to bring meaningful services to the people of Wellsville.

My involvement with the Chamber of Commerce began when Bruce Thomas approached the library about having representation on the Chamber board after a seat opened. Since the library plays such an active role in the community, he thought it would be beneficial to have that perspective included. I was honored to join the board and contribute to the Chamber's work.

The Chamber plays a vital role in supporting local businesses and strengthening our community. Through advocacy, networking, and marketing opportunities, it helps businesses thrive while also fostering community connections through events. In many ways, the Chamber contributes to the cultural life of Wellsville in the same way the library does, by bringing people together and enriching the community experience.

I've had the opportunity to serve on several Chamber event committees, from Wine Walk to Hometown Holidays. However, the event that gets me most excited each year is Brewfest. I've been involved with the event since its inception and have enjoyed watching it grow into one of the Chamber's signature celebrations. This year is especially exciting as we celebrate Brewfest's 5th anniversary, and we have some fun ideas brewing, pun intended.

Another event close to my heart is the community Scarecrow Contest. The library proudly hosts the contest on its front lawn, and it's always amazing to see the creativity our community brings to it. I also enjoy creating the library's own scarecrow each year, which is a fun way to combine creativity with community spirit.

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To me, community means creating a safe and welcoming place for everyone, regardless of financial status, background, race, gender, or identity. A strong community gives people a sense of belonging and connection, all while working toward the shared goal of making our area a great place to live and thrive. When I first moved back to Wellsville, I was honestly a little nervous. After spending years in bustling, fast-paced, culturally diverse cities, I wondered how the transition would feel. I worried about finding the right job, whether my kids would adjust, and what there would be to do. But everything has a way of working out. My role at the library became more than just a job, it became a place of community, family, and personal growth. And I've come to realize that Wellsville is a wonderful place to raise a family. Between the library and the Chamber, there's always something happening.

Outside of work and community involvement, I love to travel, especially to the Caribbean. I've been visiting the region every year for the past 15 years, and I have a particular fondness for Jamaica. I'll be making my sixth trip to the island this May. According to the locals, that officially makes me "Jamerican." Another fun fact about me is that I've been mostly vegetarian or vegan for nearly 30 years.

Over the years I've also been involved with several community groups. I've always been an animal lover and volunteered with Friends of Felines, helping with their trap and release program. At one point I nearly got evicted from my apartment for bringing too many cats home with me. I'm also passionate about the arts. While living in Ohio, I was part of the Columbus Photography Group and later volunteered with the Allegany Arts Association after returning to the area.

If you're ever interested in connecting or learning more about me, you can find me at the David A. Howe Library. I'm always happy to talk with members of the community, and my office door is always open. You can also reach me by email at wellsville@stls.org.





Welcome New Members!

Bowl M Over Lanes, 64 E Dyke St, Wellsville NY

Gift Certificate Program

Does your company participate ? It is very easy and provides additional advertising at no cost. With over \$30,000 sold in 2025, that money goes back to our local member businesses.

You can now order Gift Certificates on our website!

Member Benefits

- Hiring? We will be happy to post a flyer for you? You can also add it to our website for 30 days.
- We can now add your events to our Calendar of Events on our website! Check it out! Please send us your events. You may even find some of yours on there already!
- Schedule a month to use our display window to promote your business or event. It's prime advertising space!

Business After Hours

If you are interested in hosting your own Business After Hours, Please contact the Chamber.



Business Quote of the Month

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes but don't quit”. –
Conrad Hilton

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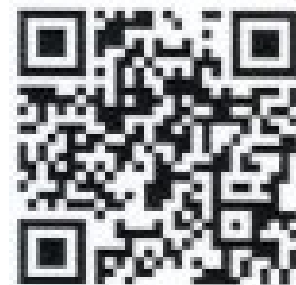
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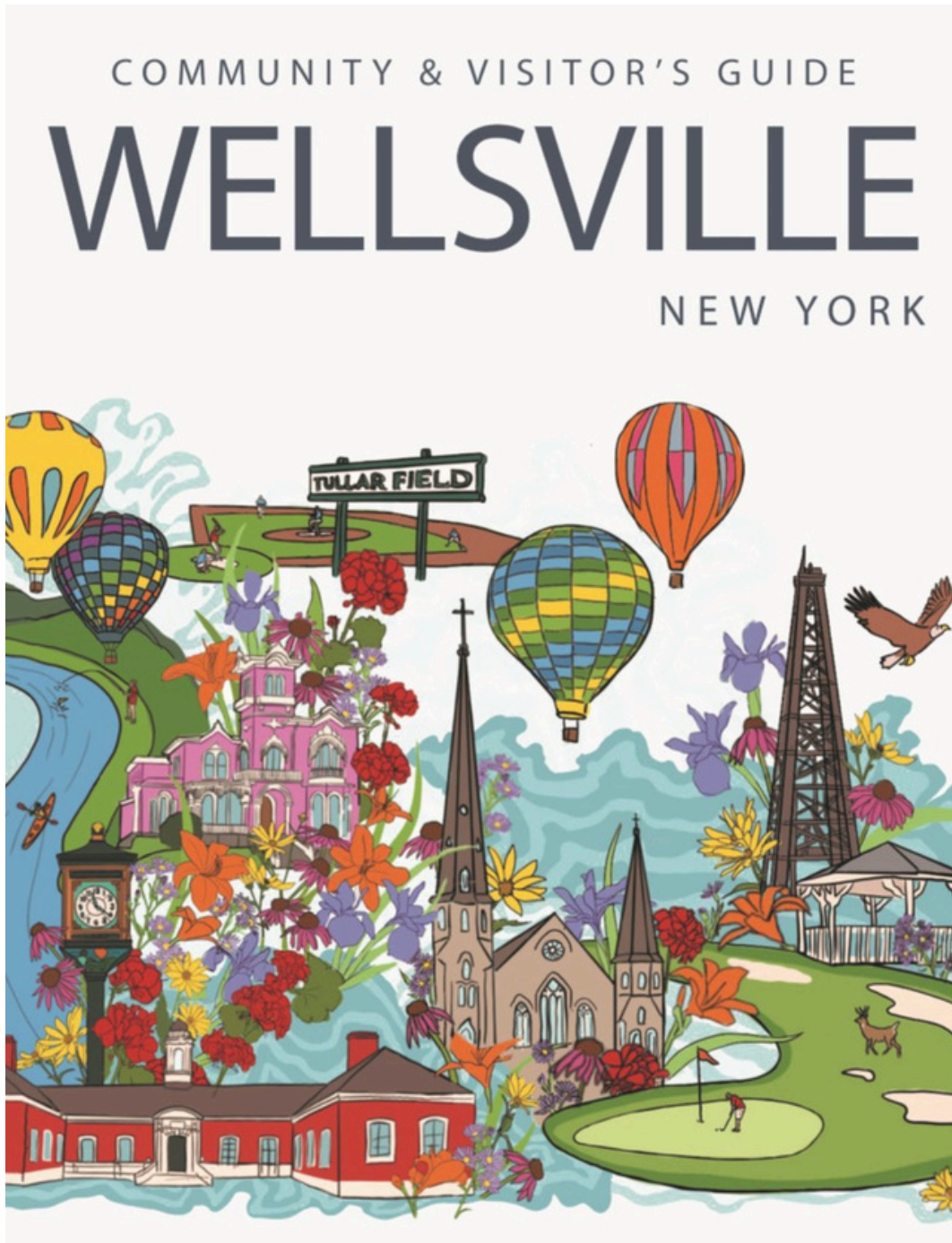


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