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Gardiner Main Street Welcomes New Businesses & Expansions

Ribbon Cutting Extravaganza: Thursday February 4, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Gardiner Main Street; Gardiner, ME, February 4, 2010 1:00 -3:00 PM – would like to invite the Kennebec River Community to join us in welcoming new and expanding businesses on Gardiner Main Street in Gardiner, ME. This is the second ribbon cutting in three months as historic downtown Gardiner, ME continues to attract new business, infrastructure improvements and expanding operations. Gardiner Main Street would like to invite the public to a ribbon cutting ceremony and formally welcome & congratulate the following businesses: **Mr. P's Car Wash, The Mad Dog Pub, The Girltrend Shop, Sweet Love/Baxter Tea Company, www.maineurniture.org, ShipOnSite, Kennebec Savings Bank, Karass Financial and Accounting, and Green Sharks Billiards.**

Gardiner Main Street has partnered with the Gardiner Board of Trade and the City of Gardiner to showcase some of Gardiner's most creative entrepreneurs for this event. With each new business added, downtown Gardiner becomes a more vibrant community. Restaurants, clothing stores, non-profit organizations, and services, all join to create variety and maintains Gardiner as a service center and destination for the region.

Gardiner Mayor Andrew MacLean will have a pair of golden scissors ready for ribbon cutting action and van transportation will be available to help people enjoy visiting all locations. Come to city hall at 12:45 to assemble. The first stop is Mr. P's Car Wash (396 Brunswick Ave) at 1 PM. If you miss the first stop join us at ShipOnSite. For those unable to make it to the ribbon cutting remember to shop on Gardiner Main Street where \$1.00 spent in your locally owned businesses can

generate upwards of \$18.00 in the local economy. There are several properties available downtown if you want to join the fun and live, work & play on Gardiner Main Street.

Gardiner Main Street is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization that encourages its downtown's economic and cultural vitality through concentrated efforts of organization, design, promotion and economic revitalization, while protecting Gardiner's unique historic character. If you're interested in checking out a historic downtown, where progress & history meet, check out our website at www.gardinermainst.org or find us on Facebook, twitter or LinkedIn!

The following is more background information on each business being visited in the order of the tour. The ribbon cutting tour will end at The Mad Dog Pub, which is great for those who have an appetite! Although not required, it would be helpful to know the number of people planning on attending. To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Gardiner Main Street at info@gardinermainst.org and or Jason Simcock at jsimcock@gardinermaine.com and/or (207) 582-6888. Look forward to seeing you on the tour!

2010 Gardiner Ribbon Cutting Extravaganza Tour!
February 4th, Thursday, Starting at 1pm....ending approx. 3 PM

Mr. P's Carwash, (396 Brunswick Ave) located less than a mile from downtown, is a brand new, modern, fully automatic drive-through which operates from 7am – 7pm. The car wash offers three bays self-service for cars and trucks and one self-serve bay for tractor trailers. Brushless, touchless. High-powered car vacuum, carpet shampooer & spot remover. Scent spray/mister with new car scent. Self serve is available 24/7. Cash & credit cards accepted. Mr. P's offers discounts for corporate accounts. Gift certificates are also available.

ShipOnSite of Gardiner is owned and operated by Gardiner native Ryan Fish. ShipOnSite is your neighborhood eBay, Office and Shipping Center serving the city of Gardiner and the surrounding area. ShipOnSite lets you price shop from multiple carriers to select the best price for the best service. They offer services by FedEx, DHL, United States Postal Service, and freighting services for larger items. In addition to shipping items large and small, ShipOnSite offers you an easy and convenient way to sell your items on eBay with AuctionsOnSite. Simply drop your items off at our convenient location and receive a check in the mail when you items sell and ship. With all ShipOnSite has to offer you can save time by getting everything you need in one place: shipping, gift cards, gift wrap, notary services. Stop by **35 Bridge St** and see what ShipOnSite can do for you or phone 582-8844 website- www.shiponsite-gardiner.com

Kennebec Savings Bank opened their Gardiner branch, at 35 Bridge Street, adjacent to the Hannaford Store in downtown Gardiner. This location is temporary while they look for the best location to construct a new branch office in Gardiner. The new Gardiner branch location includes full commercial and residential banking services as well as 24 hour drive-thru ATM. As part of Kennebec Savings Bank's commitment as a community partner, they have announced gifts to four Gardiner organizations, totaling \$10,000- Johnson Hall, Gardiner Public Library, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner and Gardiner Main Street each received \$2,500 donations. We are happy to welcome Kennebec Savings Bank as a community partner. For more information please contact

phone: 588-5801 or visit their website at: <http://www.kennebecsavings.com>. The Gardiner branch lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Sweet Love and Baxter Tea Company will officially open their doors on Valentine's Day, February 14th, with a kick-off event from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The shop will be specializing in gourmet teas, coffees, and cupcakes, as well as high-end new and used wedding dresses. In addition to these offerings, owners Lisa Liberatore and Kara Wilbur are excited to bring new activity to downtown Gardiner through scheduled events including tea parties, book clubs, cribbage tournaments, and acoustic coffee nights. For more information, email Lisa at info@baxtertea.com or Kara at info@sweetloveboutique.com. 289 Water Street. Phone: 512-5859 website-www.sweetloveboutique.com

Girltrend Shop (234 Water St) is owned by local resident Stephanie Baker and tailored as an upscale women's consignment shop. The Girltrend Shop is located on historic Water Street in Gardiner across from the well known Gerard's Pizza. The shop is looking for brand name clothing. No appointments necessary. Stop by any time to consign. Winter hours Tues-Th 10-2:30 Fri 10- 2:30 & 3:30-6 Sat 11-5. Stephanie is looking forward to her partnership with the local shops in bringing the public to the quaint brick paved sidewalks of Water Street which has served the public for many years with shops of many flavors. For more information contact Stephanie at 512-5442 or email thegirltrendshop@yahoo.com.

www.MaineFurniture.org is a non-profit organization founded by furniture designer Mark McKelvey. The organization is dedicated to promoting the world class furniture makers and woodworkers here in Maine, and the preservation of Maine's rich woodworking history. The organization provides free advertising and/or promotion to Maine woodworkers, and in conjunction with www.HiddenEquity.com, they offer low-cost, professional, search engine optimized websites and SEO plans. Working with local and state government agencies, and other non profits, Maine Furniture is the most comprehensive online resource for exceptional quality Maine woodworkers. **283 Water Street**. Call Mark at 841-7361 to schedule an appointment.

Karass Financial and Accounting provides clients a full range of business services including CFO, Controller, and business management consulting services and is located on second floor at 218 Water Street. Additionally, Edward Karass is licensed to practice before the Internal Revenue Services and provides a wide range of tax services for individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations including tax return preparation, consulting, and representation of tax payers before the IRS. For more information, please contact Ed Karass at 582-5000.

Green Sharks Billiards (294 Water Street) is a classic pool hall featuring 14 Brunswick Goldcrown III tables and hosts VNEA and APA pool leagues. Jerome Abrams has also created an online community for billiard enthusiasts. While Green Sharks has a lot to offer those with expertise, it also caters to beginners and non-pool players. Ping Pong, Air Hockey, Buck Hunter, Foosball and more will keep you entertained. Starters, dinner baskets and pizza are among the offerings from the kitchen and Green Sharks has a full bar. Planning a party? Call to make a reservation for your business party or bachelor/bachelorette party- 582-5551 website- www.greensharkbilliards.com

The Mad Dog Pub has re-opened under new ownership. Rebecca Adler and Heidi Ellrich offer enticing meals and delicious cocktails. In addition to their regular menu, The Mad Dog features Tapas on Tuesdays, Mexican Night on Wednesday and Martini Night on Thursday. The cozy atmosphere makes the Mad Dog a perfect location to converse with friends over dinner and drinks or take a seat at the bar and make new friends. The Mad Dog accepts reservations. 259 Water Street. 203-2500 website- www.maddoggardinermaine.com