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Mark K. Johnston Memorial Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers! This year we are holding our 5th Annual Golf Tournament & Silent Auction on Friday, June 28, at Lakewood Golf Course in Madison. Will you join us for this fun and memorable event? We still have 8 team spots left!

This annual tournament and silent auction will continue to raise essential funds for the Kennebec & Somerset Explorer public bus system, however, we are renaming our event to honor Mark Johnston. Mark was KVCAP's Chief Financial Officer for over 20 years. He believed wholeheartedly in our mission and was a champion for public transportation. Mark passed away unexpectedly last October, and is greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

KVCAP's Transportation provides a critical and essential service for our clients and our communities. However, we struggle to secure enough funding each year for operations, largely due to the rural nature of our service area. In 2018, we provided more than 90,000 Explorer bus trips throughout Kennebec and Somerset counties. And the demand continues to grow.

The goal of this event is to raise \$20,000 in funds to support the Kennebec & Somerset Explorer public bus system. These private contributions will be matched dollar for dollar by federal funding, ultimately infusing \$40,000 into this critical local need. The money raised annually through this event is vital to the ongoing success of local public transportation. Without these private dollars, KVCAP will likely have to reduce current bus routes and route frequency, severely affecting the people who depend on the Explorer for their transportation needs.

Over the past four years, our golf tournament has partnered with an average of 40 sponsors. The generous support of our sponsors helps energize our communities by increasing access to health care, education, employment, banking, and personal buying power at local businesses.

Would you like to be a sponsor? For sponsorship information or to register a team, contact Andrea Pasco at andreap@kvcap.org or 207-859-1630. You can also register an individual or team online at <http://bit.ly/2GWe9LV>.



4th Annual Tournament (left to right) Phil Grandmaison, Brian Hoffman, Karen Shaunessey, Mark Johnston



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Annual South End Bike Swap

This year the bike swap will be held at Green Street Park in Waterville, Saturday, May 18, from 9:00am - noon.



The bike swap is a partnership between KVCAP and the South End Neighborhood Association. Both new and refurbished bikes of all sizes will be available for local youth free of charge, with first priority going to those living in the South End neighborhood.

Helmets will also be available for youth in need and event volunteers will provide safety information.

Prior to the swap, volunteers will be available on Saturday, April 27 and May 4, between 9am - 11am and 1pm - 3pm, also at Green Street Park, to provide bike repairs for area youth who already have a bicycle but need assistance with repairs. There is no charge for this service, however, donations are always welcome.

For more information, please contact Anna Holdener at sena04901@gmail.com.

1st Annual Community Baby Shower

On Saturday, June 1, from 10:00am – 2:00pm, we will be hosting our first-ever community baby shower at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Skowhegan. If you are a new or expecting parent, this is an event you definitely don't want to miss!



Learn about area resources that support young children. Pick up a welcome baby bag, filled with essential items like diapers, sleep sacks, New Balance sneakers and much more. Take part in a maternity photo booth, eat from the cravings table, shop for inexpensive, gently used baby clothing, and even receive a short pregnancy massage.

The purpose of the shower is to let new and expectant parents know that the community cares and supports them. Being a parent can be tough and when parents feel included, supported and equipped with knowledge and resources, it makes parenting more enjoyable! For more information or to register for the event, please contact Kristen Plummer at kristenp@kvcap.org or 207-859-2520.

KVCAP's 5th Annual Community Celebration

Join us for this **FREE** event!



Come and let the child in your life interact with princesses, superheroes, the Cookie Monster, Elmo and other beloved characters. They can explore fire trucks, police cruisers, and an ambulance. And new this year, the Children's Museum will be joining us with a few of their mobile exhibits.

If you are looking for a fun, enriching, and free event that kids and adults are sure to enjoy, we hope you join us! For more information, please contact Andrea Pasco at andrap@kvcap.org or 207-859-1630.

KVCAP invites the public to attend our 5th Annual Community Celebration at Educare Central Maine on Saturday, June 8, from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

This family-friendly event offers a wide variety of activities for children, including music, a petting zoo, a climbing wall, face painting, temporary tattoos, cookie decorating, and many other hands-on activity stations.

There will be a luncheon barbecue from noon – 1:00pm, serving hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and a drink. And best of all...all event activities are free, including the barbecue!

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