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Skowhegan to Celebrate Small Business Week with Block Party

SKOWHEGAN—On Saturday, May 6, approximately 20 Skowhegan merchants will celebrate National Small Business Week and the opening day of the summer [Skowhegan Farmers' Market](#) with the [Skowhegan Block Party](#). Participating businesses are offering an array of discounts, door prizes, raffles, sidewalk sales, free food, and more.

After spending the winter at Boynton's Greenhouse two Saturdays a month, the Skowhegan Farmers' Market will begin its summer season 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Somerset Grist Mill parking lot on the corner of Court and High streets. The market will be open every Saturday through October.

At 10 a.m. one of Skowhegan's newest small businesses, handcrafted-jewelry shop [the Noble Pine](#), will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its 134 Water Street, Suite 2, location. The Noble Pine will offer 5 percent off, light refreshments, and a mother's necklace raffle.

Three other Skowhegan businesses will commemorate anniversaries during the block party. Celebrating three years, [Bigelow Brewing Company](#) will feature specialty brews—including free samples of their newest beers—plus music, wood-fired pizza, a spectacular 3D cake crafted by [the Bankery](#), door prizes, and more.

In business for one year, the [Kennebec Valley Inn](#) will mark the occasion by opening for additional Saturday hours, selling hamburgers, hotdogs, and soda from noon to 3 p.m.; the fun will continue at night with patrons enjoying a DJ, dancing, and 50 cents off any purchase from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Also celebrating one year, [The Maine Barkery](#) will offer 10 percent off total purchase (excluding sale items) and serve pup cakes to any dogs that come to the shop.

As winner of the 2015 Main Street Skowhegan Savings Entrepreneur Challenge, Amanda Clark of the Maine Barkery received a \$20,000 incentive package that included a \$10,000 forgivable loan from Skowhegan Savings Bank, allowing her to increase production and open her storefront at 134 Water Street last April. Main Street is now gearing up for its second Entrepreneur Challenge, slated to kick off in September.

For a full list of businesses participating in Saturday's block party, see the event at [Facebook.com/MainStreetSkowhegan](#).