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1990–2010

The Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in April of 1990. It grew out of a group of 55 downtown businesses, who saw a vision for providing services and representation for a broader group of area businesses. It now includes members in Easton, Cambridge, Salem, Argyle, Saratoga, Schaghticoke, Schuylerville and beyond. In the last twenty years the Chamber has done a lot- it has sponsored numerous community events, its longest standing ones are the Whipple City Festival and the Halloween Parade and it has grown to 220 strong.

Did you know that GGCC is the only Chamber in Washington County that has sustained for 20 yrs ?

Did you know that it is the only Chamber in the area that organizes a calendar of events?

2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The GGCC Membership Drive runs through the month of March . It is when the Chamber waives the \$25 application fee. It helps to make our already low membership dues even more affordable to businesses.

We always need to recruit new members to sustain our revenue - to maintain the Chamber activities & office .

Do you know someone who should become a member this year? Let us know or help us to get them enrolled as a new member.

Benefits to Members:

- * Immediate Website Presence
- * Referrals from calls into the office
- * Affordable – Less than the cost of a large ad or a daily cup of coffee .
- * Affordable quality health insurance.
- * Affiliations with other business or organizations and local government.

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Directors meeting – 6:00 pm
3/17– third Wednesday of each month

Whipple City Festival meeting - Thursday
March 11th at 6:00 pm at the GGCC office

Annual Membership Meeting
April 20th at 111 main st.

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New York Main Street Program Needs Contractors

The NYMS Program provides revitalization grant money to qualifying projects. The goal is to enhance the commercial & 2nd story residential space in the targeted downtown area of Main Street in the Village of Greenwich .

The Chamber, working with Marvin & Company Community Revitalization has begun to receive

applications for projects. The Program is ongoing until all funds are expended or until August of 2011. To help stimulate the local economy we want to maximize the use of member and local contractors and trades people for the projects.

If you are interested in bidding on these projects, you need to be an ap-

proved contractor. It really is easy.....you need to complete an application, provide your proof of liability insurance, workman's comp insurance if applicable and use safe lead practices.

Questions?

Call the Chamber office 692-7979 or Michelle at Marvin & Company at 695-3344.

Whipple City Festival Plans Dates for 2010 are June 18, 19 & 20th

Plans are well underway and the next committee meeting is March 11th. We are finalizing the entertainment bookings and working to get everything else to fall into place. This year you will see the return of the Family Fun games and the Dunking Booth. Does anyone want to be dunked? Also a return of carnival rides with a very good wristband price for you. All this in the area of the town & village buildings. The 5 K Race will be again be run on Saturday morning. And the ever popular Horse & Wagon rides will be available on Saturday & Sunday. With music, food, a craft fair in Mowry Park. The Friday evening parade will have a theme of Olympic Sports, so get your imagination going on that idea and plan to be a part of it. More to come....

The festival is costly to fund and it provides a large part of the Chamber annual operating budget. We really depend on your support. We have received early donations from many of you and encourage those who haven't yet, to send in their donation forms and checks to be certain that you will be included in our promotion. Look for the second request letter in your mail in the next few weeks.

If you have questions or suggestions for the planning committee or you'd like to help in any way. Call the office 692-7979 or Mary Ann Spiezio at 695-5000

Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race — April 10th, 17th & 18th , 2010

Saturday April 10th is the Pro Am Race

Saturday April 17th is the Race to Recovery—a benefit race to raise funds for returning wounded veterans.

Sunday April 18th is the Pro Race

They will be racing or traveling through the Village of Greenwich and the Chamber is hoping to sponsor an event for the racers' traveling companions and our local residents who come out to watch the races. Also, to encourage our local economy to get a piece of the action, we'll be putting together a flyer or booklet of opportunities of coupons or special offers from your businesses to entice people to stop in and spend some money while they are in Washington County. Please return the enclosed form to the chamber office by March 15th if you want to participate.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION :

New York Main Street Program revitalization funds are still available : For more info – Call the GGCC office or Marvin & Co. Community Revitalizations at 695-3344 and ask to speak with Michelle DeGarmo

Commercial rental space is available at 99 Main Street – per members—Lorraine & Jim Ballard. Contact them at 518 692-2641 for details.

SAVE THE DATE:

The 20th Annual GGCC Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 20th

The tradition is to have a dinner meeting with a brief business meeting to vote on business at hand, but especially to vote on new Directors to the administrative board. The evening also gives the opportunity for you to learn more about the Chamber and to recognize contributing members and sustaining members of 10 years and this year we will recognize 20 years members. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE - Invitations will be in the mail in mid-March.

It will be at 111 main St. Tuesday April 20th at 6:00pm - a wonderful meal will be available @ \$27.50 per person