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2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Directors meeting – 6:00 pm
9/15– 3rd Wednesday of each month.

September 23rd - Mixer & Tour at
The Fort Miller Group facility

October 13th - New York Life Insurance
seminar “Blueprint for Financial Success”

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NEW YORK MAIN STREET

We presently are working on the NYMS “STREETSCAPE”

A portion of the grant is intended for streetscape enhancements such as: planting trees and other landscaping; installing street furniture and trash cans; providing appropriate signs in accordance with a local signage plan; and performing other appurtenant activities.

Do you have ideas or wishes to share with the committee?

Call the Chamber office or come to the next meeting on 9/2 at 4:30 at Over Time Antiques and More at 83 Main St.

The Fort Miller Group invites you to a Tour on Thursday September 23rd

Light Refreshments from 6-6:30. Then a brief presentation to be followed by a tour until 7:00 pm

(It is recommend that you wear comfortable shoes and avoid sandals & high heels.)

Please RSVP by Monday Sept. 20th to the GGCC at 692-7979

Directions: NYS Rt. 29 to Wilbur Ave, make a right turn into the Fort Miller entrance and go to the entrance for the “Production Office”. It is a 2 story office building with a blue sign outside. Go inside and feel free to park anywhere in that vicinity.

Don't forget to Let us know if you plan to attend .

Lead Safe Work Practices for Contractors

Lead Paint Renovation Repair & Painting (RRP) Accredited Training

RRP Training is required for any contractor working on a pre-1978 residence or child occupied facility by September 30, 2010 and must apply for Firm Certification by December 30, 2010. The federal EPA law will be enforced beginning January 1, 2011. These courses are required for Firm Certification.

Courses are being offered this fall by RRP Certified Instructor Michelle DeGarmo of Marvin & Company : **To Register.**

Call 518 695-3344 or www.marvinandcompany.com

Initial Course Dates - September 3rd & September 17th Cost - \$300

Refresher Course Dates - September 10th & September 17th 8am to 1pm

Cost - \$150

Class Size is Limited Register

Courses held at the Fort Hardy Youth Center Schuylerville, NY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

GGCC Health Insurance Open Enrollment is in November/December with an effective date of January 1st. During open enrollment you can access plans , add employees or change plans. Updated plan information and rates will be available and mailed to you in November. But this is a good time to begin to think about yours or your businesses needs. Please let us know if you would like to see any changes in the present plans we offer. We can research it for you.

The Information Building on Academy St. is in need of your business flyers and business cards. Feel free to drop off your information to the building. It is FREE promotion for your business !

The GGCC welcomes your submission of articles to the monthly newsletter. Do you have news about some thing happening at your business, a change in personal , a location change, a new website, some contribution to the community by your business. Let us know and we can share them with the membership.

New Rules for Credit Cards

by Jonnelle Marte for the Wall Street Journal 8/22/10

New rules taking effect today could make giving and receiving gift cards more appealing. The regulations, which are part of the Credit Card Act, apply to retail gift cards for individual stores as well as cards with a MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover logo that can be used wherever those brands are accepted.

On gift cards bought starting today, balances can't expire for at least 5 years from the date of purchase, or from the last date additional money was loaded onto the card. If the physical card expires before then, you just need to get the balance transferred to a replacement card at no cost.

When money is added to the card, both the new money and the existing balance will be good for another 5 years.

There also are some changes to fees. Generally, inactivity fees now can be charged only if a card hasn't been used for at least one year. But gift card buyers may still be charged a fee to purchase the card or to replace a lost or stolen card. A gift card must fully and clearly disclose, directly on the gift card or its packaging any fees and the conditions of usage.

The new rules do not apply to reloadable prepaid gift cards and cards that are issued as a reward or through a promotion. For more on the rules, go to federalreserve.gov/consumerinfo/wyntk_giftcards.htm