



# GGCC NEWSLETTER

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## 2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Directors meeting – 6:00 pm  
2/17– third Wednesday of each month

Whipple City Festival meeting - Wednesday  
February 10th at 6:00 pm at the  
GGCC office

We need helpers for the fundraising and  
for the promotional activities

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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 it is the only Chamber in Washington County with paid staff and an office which is open 4 days a week? We are also the only Chamber to administer health insurance for it's members.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to this new member..

### Sweet Spring Farm

Jeffrey Bowers - Proprietor  
240 Saunders Rd.  
Argyle, NY 12809  
518 692-7445

[Info@sweetspringfarm.com](mailto:Info@sweetspringfarm.com)

Producer of farmstead goat cheese.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

February is the GGCC Membership Drive when the Chamber waives it's \$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's activities and 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.

## 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

Do you have any suggestions or ideas to improve the event ? Can you donate some time to a committee or to helping that weekend?

Please let us know. Call the office 692-7979 or Mary Ann Spiezio at 695-5000

## 2010 Calendar of Events

Each year the GGCC organizes an area calendar of events which covers April–December. We print a few thousand calendars and distribute them to inquires and in area businesses and public locations. In addition the information is posted on the GGCC website, which serves to feed many other media who publish calendars. The online events calendar is updated throughout the year as we receive information.

If you belong to a church or an organization, whether it is civic or youth - feel free to submit events to the calendar.

## Tour of the Battenkill Bike Race – April 10 and 17 & 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 to provide something for the racers and their traveling companions and our local residents who come out to watch the races to do.

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 in Washington County . Please, give some thought to what you would like to offer, Kathy will be in touch with you in February .....

## Chamber's 20th Anniversary

Do you have any suggestions for the Board of Directors to consider as part of a celebration ?  
Do you have any suggestions to help the BOD make this a better organization ?  
Keep watch for plans for the annual membership meeting and election of directors in April....

## For Your Information:

### American Cancer Society

This year's Relay For Life event is scheduled for June 11th through the 12th . Anyone interested in participating or volunteering look at their website. [www.relayforlife.org/greenwichny](http://www.relayforlife.org/greenwichny)

This is a great event to support in some way, with a team or a commitment to walk or volunteer some time. This year's chairperson is Christina Dedrick and she can be reached at 518 265-3338