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2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

Board of Directors meeting – 6:00 pm
8/18- 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Summer Business Mixers – Listed on the
second page of this issue.

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NEW YORK MAIN STREET

The present New York Main Street revitalization program is well underway working with property owners in the target area Main Street from Washington Street to Hill Street north/east to Livery Sq. and west to 138 Main St.. There may be more funds available in our program and applications are now being placed on a waiting list pending the spending of the presently approved projects.

The next phase of the program is the “STREETSCAPE” component .

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.

We are looking for a few community members & business people to help put this streetscape plan together.

It should involve a few meetings and follow-up research to determine what is a good way to provide enhancements in the target area. The process of streetscape planning and implementation will need to be complete d in the next 12 month.

(The time and dates of the meetings will be determined by the members availability.)

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with the streetscape plan or if you have any questions about what is involved or if you have questions about available funds for a potential project on your property.

Call the office at 692-7979

Lead Safe Work Practices for Contractors

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County in conjunction with the Health Departments of Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties has been sponsoring classes for Lead Safe Work Practices & Renovation, Repair & Painting Training. Classes are scheduled through September.

They are available to anyone who needs to have this training by 10/1/10 in order for them to work in federally funded programs. If you as a contractor are planning to work on New York Main Street projects in buildings built before 1978 you may need to take these classes. Some of them are at no charge to you. You can get the schedule and registration information at : <http://nysdhcr.gov/General/calendar/> or call the Chamber office at 692-7979 for assistance.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Greenwich Harvest Festival in Jeopardy !

A Letter from the Past Organizers

In 2004 a group of downtown merchants formed a committee to organize the first "Downtown Greenwich Harvest Festival" the goal of the event was to showcase the variety of businesses within the downtown area.

Thanks to the support of The Greater Greenwich Chamber, the community, additional sponsors, and participation from the majority of downtown businesses the success of the event has grown each year. The event now attracts regional as well as local visitors and generates a remarkable increase in business activity throughout the entire downtown that weekend.

The downtown has also seen many changes over the last two years, with the economy crisis many businesses have chosen to close. This has drastically reduced the number of committee members.

Unfortunately we fear we can no longer organize the event without more help.

If you have are interested in helping this year please contact :

Janice DeCitise / Over Time Antiques & More 692-8600 or 279-0621

OR Glenda Clausen / Just Because 692-2670

The GGCC has fully supported this event , it began as a merchant run event and that's what it should be. It will only happen if a few new people step forward to take it on . The GGCC will continue to support it .

~ SOCIAL CALENDAR ~

August

Wednesday, August 18th - Chamber Breakfast at Saratoga Track from 7-9:30 am. It is a \$14.50 buffet breakfast on the porch of the Clubhouse to watch the thoroughbreds prepare for the days races. So arrive when you want to and look for the group of GGCC business people. Free tram and walking tours of the stables, from 8:00 – 9:15. There is no admission to the track just the cost for the buffet. Park in a trackside lot for \$10 and it is refundable when you leave before 10:00 am or the parking on the street is free. You must clear the track at 10:00, you can reenter and pay the days fee.

Let us know if you plan to go!

September

Thursday, September 23rd - 6:00 -7:30 pm at the Fort Miller Group. The event will include a tour and brief talk. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Chamber office by September 21, 2010

November

*Thursday, November 4th - 5:30-7:00 pm at the Agricultural Stewardship Association at 14 Main St. Greenwich - Come learn more about the ASA! Refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Chamber office at 692-7979 by November 2, 2010

*TBA at Country Power Products and Living Center with a presentation by Laura McDermott of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County.