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Taste of Newton

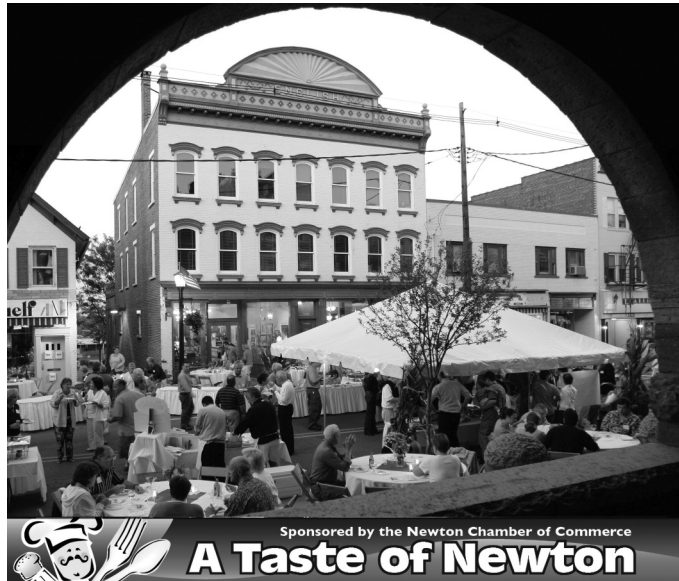
Save the Date - Monday September 14th

Calling all restaurants!

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 14, 2009 for the 8th Annual Taste of Newton. Spring Street comes alive for a festive evening kicking off the fall season. Restaurants and culinary businesses have an opportunity to showcase their talents by supplying samples of their cuisine. Music is provided for your listening and dancing pleasure. This is a premiere event for the Chamber and our biggest fundraiser.

With 500 people attending the event we need your help. Volunteers are needed to help set up and dress the tables; help for this shift would begin at about 3:00pm until completed. Chairs have to be unfolded and placed, tables need to be draped. We need people who are willing to man the ticket tables at each end of the street between the hours of 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. It would be great if we could get some shifts working that detail, so everyone attending has a chance to enjoy the event. We also need help at 10:00 pm to break down and clean up the event. Many hands make light work. Please call Kristi Becker at 973-670-2155 or Nancy at the Chamber office 973-300-0433.

Ticket sells will begin soon, so get your order in, this event has always sold out!



Business Expo

Save the Date - Monday
September 24th

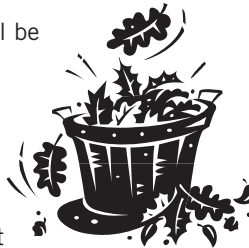
Mark your calendars for the Business Expo, Thursday, September 24, 2009 at the Lafayette House. We needed more space to comfortably accommodate our vendors. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, company or service to the general public. It is free to the visitors, and we offer some good incentives to get the public to attend.

Registration information will soon be available. Join us to advertise your business. In a down economy this is another way to promote your business. Call the Chamber office for information on how to register. Joann Ciancitto is the chairman of this event.

Sweet Harvest Day

Save the Date - Saturday
October 10th

This year the Chamber will be coordinating with Main Street and Sussex County Community College on October 10th to host a combination event. SCCC will host the Old Mine Road Festival, Main Street will be having their 2nd Saturday event and the Chamber will host another old fashion baking contest and tasting. We will again be collecting food for both the local food pantries and also a collection for the pet pantry. More information to follow on this upcoming event.



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Sidewalks Sales

The Chamber again hosted the sidewalk sales that are held annually in July. This year we changed the date to co-coordinate with the Main Streets 'Second Saturday' event. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather all three days of the sale. Customers look forward to this annual event to search out bargains.

Scholarship Awards

This year the Chamber awarded four scholarships. The winners were:

■ **Rebecca Presher** who received the award for a student attending Sussex County Community College.

■ **Jessica Tomarchio**, received the Edward Elvidge Scholarship and will be attending The College of New Jersey.

■ **John-Paul Couce** who will attend Cornell University received the \$500.00 Chamber Scholarship.

■ **Erica Schorling** received the \$1000.00 Culinary Scholarship to attend Johnson & Wales University.

Congratulations to all the winners and we wish the students good luck as they continue their education.

Joe Stickles is the Chairman of the Scholarship committee.

Newton Day Festival Another Successful Year

This was another successful year for the Newton Day Festival. Thank you to all the members who gave of their time to help out on the day of the festival. Thank you to Dominick's Pizza and Shoprite Liquors for the donation of food and beverage for the evening part of the event. It helped the Chamber generate extra funds to offset the cost of the many free events that the community enjoyed that day. Rain in the evening didn't dampen the spirits of the many people who attended.

Events during the day included a Karaoke contest, Just for Fun Dog Show, Kofi Drum Circle, and Snakes, Snails, & Turtle Tales, along with about 90 booths selling food, trinkets, and offering information. At Memory Park in the evening the Miss Newton Contest, and Little Miss and Mister Newton Contest was held. As folks enjoyed the music of The Blue Emerald Band, rides were given on the Itty Bitty Fire Truck and the children enjoyed making wax hands and sand art. Of course the highlight of the evening was the Fireworks display.



CLOWNING AROUND - Young visitors enjoy entertainment and refreshments at the Newton Day Festival.

Greater Newton Area Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificate Program

The GNCC is initiating a Gift Certificate Program whereby individuals can purchase Chamber of Commerce gift certificates that will be honored at local participating businesses. The business owners then turn the certificates in to the Chamber Office for reimbursement.

This has proven to be a successful program in other communities. It is a win-win situation, whereby the recipient can choose from several stores, restaurants, and services to use their gift and it encourages people to shop locally.



Awards Committee

It is time to begin thinking about persons and businesses that you feel should be nominated for our annual awards. This is a great opportunity to honor our Volunteers, and businesses who are striving to make our community a better place. Be looking for a mailing soon with the nomination forms.

Calendar of Events

August – September 2009

AUGUST 12, 2009

Board Meeting - 8:00 AM
GNCC Office

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Board Meeting - 8:00 AM
GNCC Office

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Taste of Newton - 7:00 PM
Spring Street

SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 (RAIN DATE)

Taste of Newton - 7:00 PM
Spring Street

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Open House - 5:30 PM
Liberty Towers

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Business Expo - 4:00 PM
Holiday Inn Express

These events are wonderful opportunities to network with your fellow members and develop your business. Unless you participate you don't receive the benefit.

New Members List

(as of August 1, 2009)

Atlantic Private Care

Paula Vasquez
103 Spring Street
Newton, NJ 07860
973-540-8265

Connections Magazine

John Lawson
6605 Lake Ariel Hwy.
Honesdale, Pa 18431
570-647-0086

PB & J Stores, Inc

Sara Ann and Jim Megletti
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Newton, NJ 07860
973-729-5095

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