

CHAMBER CHATTER



Welcome our newest members!

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Broadway Bar & Grill

Dr. L. Thaker Dentistry

Yoga Station

Message from the President

Now that summer's finally here—and let's hope it lasts well into the fall—it's time to plan for business continuity in the face of extenuating circumstances.

Planning for the worst while hoping for the best is much like keeping your umbrella handy—as long as you have it with you, it hardly ever rains. And when you don't have one, it's guaranteed to pour!

With the World Health Organization predicting a second wave of H1N1 pandemic this coming fall/winter, it's time to make your plan. There are some excellent resources available at these two sites: <http://www.pandemic.cpha.ca/> and <http://www.pandemicbusinesstoolkit.ca/>.

I have no desire to be alarmist, but I do urge local businesses to have a strong contingency plan—it will help you and your business survive—and provide support to others who need your service.

For example, as a pandemic, H1N1 is expected to affect 25 to 50% of the population (a normal flu virus will affect 5 to 20%). Conservatively, businesses are asked to plan for 20% absenteeism. Some staff will need to stay home with children if schools are closed—can you provide the tools for telecommuting?

All businesses need to do their part to educate staff on prevention and preparation. Downloadable posters and checklists are available at the websites noted above. Simple reminders to wash hands, stay home if symptomatic and avoid shaking hands will help prevent the spread of this

very communicable flu. Coughing and sneezing into a tissue and disposing of the tissue right away, along with frequent cleaning of common surfaces such as light switches, door handles and keyboards are other helpful habits to embrace.

Teleconferencing and conducting business by email during the contagious season will help. And encouraging your employees to have a home contingency plan is wise. Families are encouraged to stock up on food and water (from 3 days to 2 weeks worth), home medical supplies (thermometer, prescription meds & pain/fever relievers), health and hygiene supplies and general items such as garbage bags, batteries, etc.

Share information with employees on how to recognize the signs, how to treat the flu at home and how to recognize when medical help is required.

All the resources you need are available at the websites indicated in this article. For updates, visit the World Health Organization at <http://www.who.int/en/>.

Lastly, once a vaccine is available strongly encourage all who qualify to get it. You might even be able to host a clinic in the workplace.

Happy fall, and plan to stay healthy!

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EASTERN ONTARIO ECONOMIC SHOWCASE
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The Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase is being held September 24th in Ottawa.

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Tourism Update—Meet Me On The Mississippi!

Summer is always a busy time, but in this town it seems fall is even busier. Just take a glance at the opposite page to note which events you can attend in September!

The Visitors Centre & Gallery is gaining momentum—not only are residents coming in to find out about local events, we're seeing visitors from as far away as Germany, Florida, England, Scotland and from out-of-province.

Sadly for us, we said goodbye to one of our summer students, Jennifer Kozera a week ago. Jen returns to university to complete an undergraduate degree in Tourism Promotion—she was a wonderful asset to have in the office! Fortunately, Chris Anderson will be staying with us on a part-time basis through out the fall.

On another note, Heather Currie, our tourism coordinator arranged for Primo Self Storage to donate a very large trade show display unit to the Chamber.

This item, worth at least \$5,000, is an excellent resource for the Town. Well done Heather—what a coup!

Congratulations in advance to Dan Angel, Sharon Sinfield and Julie Argue on putting together a phenomenal golf tournament in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation! This year's event is shaping up to be the best yet, thanks to a great team effort.

We're planning to release the Community Guide early in 2010, so get ready to take out an ad, and confirm your 2010 events before October 31st to ensure that we get them listed.

Is your store haunted or you know any local ghost stories? Please let us know! We would like to share them in our next issue.

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Happy Labour Day Weekend!

The Chamber is closed September 7th!

Lanark Pure

Cool, clear water—the purest in Eastern Ontario—is available right here in Carleton Place from Lanark Pure.

Fresh from a source in the Lanark Highlands, Lanark Pure water is a perfect balance of total dissolved solvents—in other words, it contains minerals that are good for you, while tasting fantastic.

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Upcoming Events:

ART SALE—September 5th & 6th—Linda Blakeney is leaving town, and selling off her artwork at the corner of Townline and Bridge Street!

GRAND OPENING NORTHERN COMFORT—Northern Comfort is celebrating their new showroom at 155 Hooper Street on September 11 & 12. check out the Grand Opening specials.

DRAGON BOAT—September 12th—for more information visit the DragonBoat Festival's website, www.fall400.com

SOUNDS OF DOWNTOWN—September 12—Bridge Street; 4th annual Arts Carleton Place fundraiser co-presented with the Carleton Place BIA; featured headliner is Monkey Junk, a hot blues and roots band. Tickets available at 132 Coleman Street, Visitor's Centre & Gallery (\$25.00)

FREE SEMINAR ON DOWNSIZING & MOVING—September 16th, 10 to 11a.m., Waterside, RSVP by Sept. 10th at 613-253-2010; free advice on downsizing, refreshments

CP FARMERS MARKET CHILI COOK-OFF—September 19th the Farmers Market invites all area restaurants & residents to participate in a chili cook-off. Bring a crock pot of your best chili, cups, and spoons for sampling at 10:30am. Judging will start at 11am. Be creative & have fun!

TAKING STEPS AGAINST BREAST CANCER—September 19th noon: a 5 km walk for local breast cancer survivors and those who have lost their lives. Pledge forms available at TD Canada Trust, Carleton Place Town Hall, CIBC, The Granary, Ferguson Graphics and Curves. Call Gerry & Elizabeth Leger at 613-257-5401.

CARLETON PLACE & DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES COMEDY NIGHT—September 19th, 6 pm; come out for a fundraising dinner and laugh with Absolute Comedy at the Carleton Heritage Inn; tickets are \$40.00 and available at Main Street Suds; call Meghan or Rhonda at 613-257-8901 or email cpyouthcentre@hotmail.com

ELGIN'S CROP FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER—September 19th, 11am to 11 pm, Arena, Register now (\$50.00) at <http://www.scraptease.ca/>

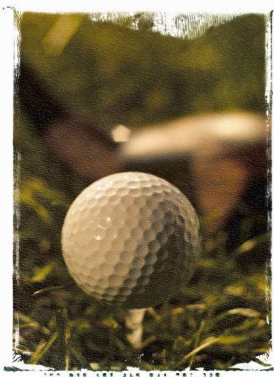


TWILIGHT GALA..September 26th—25th Anniversary Carleton Place Child Care Services Gala; tickets at Carleton Place Daycare. \$100 per person or \$150 per couple.

HERITAGE BALL - September 26th The Annual Sister Committee—Heritage Ball. Tickets can be purchased at the Town Hall \$150 each.



Golf Tournament 2009



Taking place this year on **Monday September 14, 2009** at the **Mississippi Golf Course** where the funds raised will go to support the Chamber and Juvenile Diabetes.

Regular rates for teams registering are \$125 per golfer, or \$500 per team. Fees include green fees, BBQ lunch and buffet ham & beef dinner.

Prizes will be awarded for **Best Dressed Team- Be creative! Be original! Have fun!** There will also be a silent auction with a wide selection items that have been donated, below are just a few of the items that have been donated:

- a week at a condo in Lake Tahoe, NV, USA
- Stay and play at the Brookstreet , donated by the CIBC
- Autographed Senators Jersey, donated by the Sens Foundation
- 2 tickets to the Eastern Ontario Economic Showcase, donated by TD Canada Trust

If you cannot attend the tournament or just don't play golf, please join us for dinner and the silent auction—the cost is just \$40.00. What a great chance to network and support the Chamber & the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation!

For registration forms, donations or to book your dinner contact Julie@cpchamber.com.



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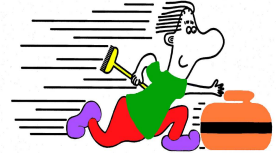
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Community Curling Bonspiel



Monday Sept 28 – Saturday Oct 3, 2009

Why not try curling? This is a great opportunity to try this sport in a friendly competition. Form a team with your friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc.

All teams are guaranteed three 6-end games.

The first 32 teams are accepted.

\$100 entry fee per team

See the CPCC website for up-to-date information: cpcc.ovca.com

Saturday night party

INCLUDING DINNER AND MUSIC

(Your entry includes dinner & party for 4 people. Extra people at the dinner and/or party pay \$12 each.)

This is the 25th year that the Carleton Place Curling Club has held the community bonspiel