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TRENTON CHAMBER NEWS UPDATE

Barneveld – If you are a member of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce or would like to be, just a reminder to submit your dues and information immediately. Invoices were sent out to all 2009 members with a deadline of April 1. Work is about to begin on the new membership brochure and you must have your dues paid in full to be in the brochure and continue to be listed on the chamber's website. Anyone interested in joining the chamber can download the application at www.trentonchamber.com

Also a reminder that Endowment applications are due by March 31. At the January dinner, the new Endowment program was introduced. A member in good standing can apply to win \$500.00 for their business. There are some requirements that must be met. Check the website for information and application. The winner of the Endowment will be announced at the April after hours.

Our spring Business After Hours is set for April 22, sponsored by Unity Hall Foundation. The event will be held from 5:30 until 7:30pm and everyone is welcome. Watch for more details soon.

Volunteers are needed to help pick up trash along Route 12 on Monday, May 17. This is part of our duty as participants in the Adopt-a-Highway program. Twice a year members are asked to help clean along the highway. Mark your calendars. Meet at 5pm at Adirondack Lanes. It takes about two hours to pick up trash, and then we return to the Lanes for refreshments. In addition to the Highway cleanup, this event is being used to kick off the "spruce up your business" time. Business owners along Route 12 are asked to get involved in making the area more attractive to visitors. Rake, pick up trash, plant flowers, whatever is needed for your spring spruce up!

Trenton Chamber members continue to be active with the Chamber Alliance of the Mohawk Valley and attend those monthly meetings. The Alliance has been taking stands on several issues over recent months and getting a great deal of publicity with the local media. If you have issues that you would like addressed, bring them to the chamber so we can get the Alliance involved. Having nine chambers speaking as one is a benefit of the Trenton Chamber belonging to the Alliance. The Alliance meets the third Wednesday of each month for lunch and discussion, all members are welcome.

Recent issues addressed by the Trenton Chamber as well as the Alliance include the potential closing of many area parks and historic sites, tourism funding cuts, snowmobile trail and maintenance funding and many more.

Area businesses are encouraged to tie into the Barneveld Village Wide Garage Sales on Saturday June 5. You are encouraged to put up signs and welcome visitors to our area and business community. If you're located within the Mapledale business corridor, you are asked to have a "sidewalk" sale or other special promotion. The chamber plans to put maps together indicating location of sales.

The Trenton Chamber of Commerce has joined the Unity Hall Foundation. This means that any chamber member business can help sponsor programs offered at Unity Hall for a reduced fee. Contact Betsy Mack for information.

Our chamber continues to be active and your participation is always encouraged. Please join us at a monthly meeting or if you can't attend the meetings, voice your concerns, interests or volunteer at any event. Contact President Debby Leiker via the chamber's e-mail, or contact any officer or director. Their names are all listed on the website.

The next chamber meeting will be April 15 at 8:30am at the Trenton Municipal Building. All members and potential members are encouraged to attend.

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