



Nominations for Board Elections

Annual elections for the Chamber Board of Directors occur each year at the October Annual Membership Meeting, October 12, 2010. To be considered for election, candidates must be nominated by the Nominating Committee or from the floor at the September meeting of the Board of Directors.

This year's September meeting will be held on September 14, 2010 at 7 p.m. Board meetings are held at the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad Building on Gilbert Street (Route 313).

All candidates must be the official voting representative of a member in good standing.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, contact the Nominating Committee chairman, Brad Eastman of A&M Printers. You can also contact the Chamber by phone (518-677-0887), mail (PO Box 405, Cambridge, NY 12816) or e-mail (cambridgechamber@gmail.com) to express your interest in being considered by the committee. Please express your interest by September 7, 2010.

To be nominated from the floor at the September meeting, you must be in attendance and your nomination must be made and seconded by two members of the Chamber in good standing. Each member has one official voting representative and that person is the only one allowed to serve on the board, nominate candidates and vote in the election.

Per the Chamber bylaws, no write-in candidates are permitted and no nominations can be accepted at the Annual Membership Meeting in October. The September meeting of the Board is the only opportunity to nominate candidates to be placed on the election ballot that is mailed to all voting members.

MEMBER BENEFIT UPDATES

The CVCC offers its members another benefit!!

With your membership, you and your employees can now join the TCT Federal Credit Union located at 17 Gilbert Street, Cambridge, NY 12816. TCT is a not-for-profit financial institution owned by people (depositors), more commonly referred to as members. TCT is locally owned by its members. They have offices in Saratoga, Warren, and Washington Counties in New York. TCT's sole purpose is to provide their over 11,000 members with high quality savings and loan services in order to help improve their personal financial condition. For more information on joining, call 518-677-2676 or stop by our local branch.

Thank you to Ashleigh Farrell for her recommendation and follow through with this new member benefit!

Due to lack of participation, the Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce no longer offers Health Insurance.

Clothing Bin Funds help brighten the whole community

We encourage everyone to continue dropping your unwanted clothing into the blue bins by VARAK Park and Cambridge Auto Parts.

Heather Mitchell, Beautification chairperson earmarked some of the funds raised from the clothing bins this year to purchase flowers for Main Street. Stannard Farms generously supplied the beautiful flowers that were planted by the Beautification committee and volunteers from 4H and other chamber members. Additional donations were given to the local food pantry, giving them much needed funds in this slow economic time. The food pantry is always looking for donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items and personal care products.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS AND HELP OUT YOUR COMMUNITY

NEW 2010

Brochures Available

The CVCC Chamber brochures are available for distribution in your place of business. If you would like some for your customers please contact the Chamber by e-mail: cambridgechamber@gmail.com or stop in Over the Moon Beads and pick up a stack. This year's brochure features an aerial view of Cambridge Village on the cover.

MEETING LOCATION Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad
The Board of Directors meets every month on the second Tuesday, with balloon meetings starting at 6 pm and regular board meetings at 7 pm.



APPLE FESTIVAL October 2, 2010

Save the date for fun in Cambridge. Come to our second annual Apple Festival held in Railroad Park and the Cambridge Freight Yard.

Get your favorite recipe ready and join us in the Apple Pie Bake-off. If eating pie is more your style you can participate in judging for the best apple pie. If eating fast is your style, join the pie eating contest, ala mode of course!

We are offering \$100 Sponsorships for our Apple Festival events. For your sponsorship your business name will be added to all of our press, website and facebook pages. Signs around the event will let everyone know who helped us organize such a great family festival.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS? There will be vendor booth spaces available, members have first choice. Contact us by September 15 if you would like to reserve a space.

Our next Apple Festival meeting is August 31 at 6:00 pm at the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad.

Go to the website for more information www.cambridgenychamber.com

DON'T FORGET, CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The 14th Annual Christmas in Cambridge Celebration will be December 3, 4 & 5th, 2010. Think about having a float in our annual night-time parade, decorating your storefront for our decorating contest, creating holiday specials for the weekend and participating in our annual Holiday Buy Local Raffle. Encourage your customers to shop locally this year, and shop locally yourselves.

CAMBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIFT CERTIFICATES: WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THEM?

If you don't know what to get someone but do want to support our local economy Buy Local and purchase CVCC Gift Certificates, good at all member businesses. The Gift Certificates are available for purchase through the Chamber. Contact us by phone 518-677-0887 or by e-mail, cambridgechamber@gmail.com. They are available in any amounts and are redeemable at member businesses.

MEMBERS: If someone spends a CVCC gift certificate in your business, redeem Gift Certificates by contacting the Chamber by phone or e-mail, or mailing the certificate with your store information to CVCC, PO Box 405, Cambridge NY 12816 and the Treasurer will send you payment. Check out the Chamber website for images of the certificates and other information you might need. The Gift Certificates make money for our local economy. It is one more service the Chamber offers its membership and community.

PLEASE NOTE: Membership in the Chamber is required for participation in this program.

AREA CHAMBERS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY WORKING TOGETHER

In an effort to advertise the region, and to save money because of the state cutbacks in available I Love NY funds, the Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Salem Area Chamber and Greater Greenwich Chamber to share advertisements in magazines and publications during 2010. The campaign ads have been placed in Capital Region Magazine, Saratoga 2010, Summer Guides and a continuing ad in the Hill Country Observer, all repeat the theme that "Why drive further than you need to" and featuring all of the highlights this area uniquely offers.

All businesses can help advertise themselves and the region for FREE! Make sure your business is listed on Google Maps, it is a free and really user-friendly service that can't be beat.

ANOTHER FREE ADVERTISING OUTLET! Make sure you go to the new Washington County site washingtontnycounty.com, place your business listing on the site, and submit any events too. If we all are listed it makes Washington County and Cambridge a more enticing destination.

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