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"Ossipee Valley News"

Happy post-Memorial Day Weekend, everyone! I survived it, how about you? How was the weekend compared to last year's opening weekend for your business? I would like to know, so please send me a quick note. I think everyone should start thinking about "gas-saver" packages we can put together for the rest of the summer to encourage people to come to our area and patronize our businesses. We know that there are people who will still be traveling this summer, and we don't want them to forget about us up here in NH. So, if you have any great ideas on how we can combine our efforts, please let me know. Now is the time to stick together and help each other out, and that includes sharing resources - if I am going down to Rochester for whatever reason, is there something I could get someone while I'm down there? Let's get creative on how to help each other out.

On the other end of it, as my school year winds down, I will start working on figuring out ways to help people with their health insurance - that's been the number 1 question I've heard from all of you. I'm not sure if the chamber can be a buying group for you all, so we might have to come up with more creative solutions on how to decrease our health care costs. I will be checking into that for you this summer.

The Moving Wall

Thanks definitely need to go out to Dave and Susan Dube of Lazy Susan's Restaurant in Center Ossipee. They successfully, with the help of many volunteers, brought the moving Viet Nam Memorial Wall to Constitution Park this year! In my short time volunteering there, it was easy to see how much having the wall in our area helped so many people. There are more than 50,000 names on that wall. Bringing the moving wall to Center Ossipee made it possible to honor many of them, something that may not have been done the first time around. When you see Dave or Susan, please thank them.

Website updates

FINALLY, with the publication of this year's guidebook, I was able to put together a pretty comprehensive ongoing calendar of events for the rest of 2008 AND PUBLISH IT ON THE WEB!!! I got quite a few events, but I know I didn't get them all. Please let me know of any additions as soon as you can, and I will put them on the website (under the events listing at the top of the page). Previous newsletters and board meeting minutes are also on the web, too!

Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition

Community members are cordially invited to a free screening of the independent documentary, "Communities & Consequences," on June 5 at Anderson Hall. This intriguing film explores the negative impact of N.H.'s aging demographic and unintended consequences of community decisions. Created by filmmaker Jay Childs and based on the book by expert demographer Peter Francese, the film questions whether New Hampshire is slowly committing economic suicide by well-intentioned community land use rules that ultimately attract the elderly and push away younger working families.

The screening event will begin at 6 p.m. with networking and refreshments at Anderson Hall on the Brewster Academy campus. The hour-long documentary will air at 6:30 p.m., followed by an interactive audience and panel discussion. The four panelists bring expertise in the areas of demographics, planning, conservation, and housing. The screening and panel discussion is made possible by the participation of co-sponsors: Brewster Academy, the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, Huggins Hospital, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the WEDCO-Wentworth Economic Development Corporation, the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Land Bank. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the screening event, as well as at local bookstores including the Country Bookseller in Wolfeboro. The book is also available at public libraries in Wolfeboro, Wakefield, and Center Ossipee, Alton, Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, Sandwich, New Durham and Freedom. For more information and to screen a clip of the film, go to www.communitiesandconsequences.com. For more information, contact Kathy Barnard, Vice Chair, ELRHC 569-9042, or Edie Des Marais, board member, at 569-2512. Please RSVP by May 30 if possible, via email to lrhc@roadrunner.com, or through the WEDCO-Wentworth Economic Development Corporation office at 569-4216.

We look forward to seeing you at the screening!

Center Ossipee park

Great Park update! Hot off the desk of Brad Harriman, Public Works Director is a schedule that will help us have green grass on the park by the 4th of July! I'm trying to hold a **meeting on Monday night June 2 at 6 p.m.** after the selectmen's meeting **location to be determined** at this point. We've had a tremendous number of volunteers step forward recently to help make this dream come true. At the meeting, we need to organize some work parties for helping seed the lawn on June 18 with the highway crew and others between June 11 and 16 to lay brick edging for paths through the park. We'll also need food and beverages organized and I could use some help figuring out a watering system. There are also some decisions to make about plantings, benches, garbage cans, etc.

Water and sewer lines were installed this week and our volunteer plumber is ready to install an exterior faucet. Our neighbors in the little house on the corner, the Akatazewskis will help water plantings along the perimeter of their property. Materials have been donated to reduce many of our costs. There are myriad jobs to do and things to line up and have on the property at the right time. Main Street has not reached out to some of you on this list before. I am hoping you'll want to be a part of this effort to make the park come true. I really need your help to make all this happen by the fourth so I hope you can join us.

See you Monday!
Sarah Millette
Executive Director
Ossipee Main Street Program

Bits, Bytes & Business - Digital Photography - Beyond the Basics!!!

Bits, Bytes & Business will be held Thursday, June 5th, 2008, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Tech Village in Conway. The topic will be **Digital Photography - Beyond the Basics!** with Guest Speaker, Photographer Greg Strom. What are the possibilities with digital photography??? Greg Strom will instruct you on what each function and icon on your camera does to effect the images. Greg will also give you the basics on how to use your camera now that you know all that it is capable of, followed by individual questions from participants based on your specific needs and interests. Please bring your digital Camera!!! The cost is \$15.00 for Council and Chamber members, and \$17.00 for non-members. Please register before June 2nd, by responding to this email, or by calling 447-6622. You can also fax us at 447-9947. Hope to see you there, Carol Stansell.

Happy summer, and make sure you're not leaving your pet in the car when it's too hot in there for them - even though it's windy and cool, your car can still get VERY HOT due to the sun!

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