

Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide leadership for the business community by providing economic, educational and legislative information and assistance which can be used by members to achieve profit, progress and prosperity.

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Applefest® a success again!

Thank you to the City of Franklin, our sponsors, core committee and all of the volunteers who helped make Applefest® 2008 a success once again! The weather was perfect, crowds were on level with the 25th anniversary in 2007, downtown businesses were packed with customers, and craft vendors reported one of their best sales years yet!



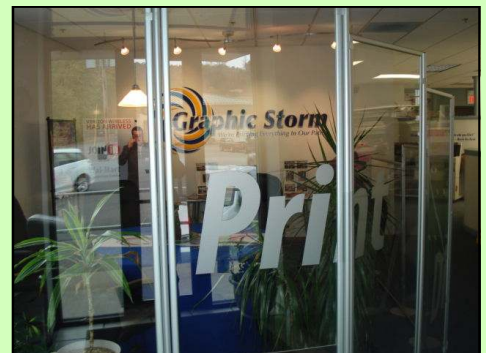
Franklin Moving Forward Project Started



Work has begun on Phase I of the Franklin Moving Forward, Inc. retail incubator project. Contractors began working on the two handicap accessible public restrooms in mid October. Phase I of the project is being funded through a Federal Community Development Block Grant, and will help address a major need for public restroom facilities in the downtown. The open air incubator is expected to be open in Spring 2009.

Membership Showcase

Summer House Coffee



Graphic Storm

Articles on Pages 6 & 7

New Member Spotlight



We are pleased to welcome six new members to the Chamber who joined in September. Please welcome the following businesses and individuals.

Welcome to the Chamber

Foxburg Inn

The beautiful 24-room Foxburg Inn is located on the riverfront in Foxburg. Rooms feature Jacuzzi tubs, fireplaces, LCD TVs, wireless Internet, and river or waterfall views. The setting is ideal for weddings, banquets, business meetings and more. Check out their new Web site www.foxburginn.com for more information, special packages, and room availability.

Contact: Mike Vereb
20 Main St., Foxburg, PA 16036
Phone: (724) 659-3116
Web: www.foxburginn.com

Edward Jones

Investment representative Merralee Obenrader has opened her own office at 1335 Liberty St., Franklin. She upholds Edward Jones' philosophy of quality and a well-balanced portfolio, and believes that personal relationships are key. Stop by to see the new office today!

Contact: Merralee Obenrader
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Phone: (814)432-0957 Fax: (877)212-8395
Email: merralee.obenrader@edwardjones.com
Web: www.edwardjones.com

Identity Studio & Design

Identity Studio & Design is a full service photography and graphic design studio equipped to fit your photography needs from family portraits to corporate product photos, and graphic design needs from business cards to Web sites. Be sure to check out their new location in Emlenton!

Contact: Aaron Weeter
217 Old Airport Road, Emlenton, PA 16373
Phone: (814)758-1613
Web: www.identitysd.com
Email: identitysd@hotmail.com

Kardan Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Got a hard-to-clean surface or a spot that just won't wipe away? Kardan Carpet owner Robert Karr has years of experience in industrial maintenance and runs his full service cleaning business out of his home. Call today for all of your carpet and upholstery cleaning needs.

Contact: Robert Karr
620 Pone Lane
Franklin, PA 16323
(814)437-5225

Oil City YWCA

The YWCA of Oil City is a service agency providing health and fitness, adult educational/informational programs, and children and youth services and programs. Watch for the upcoming YWCA Sweet Treats holiday event on December 6 and other special events.

Contact: Jennifer Friedhaber
109 Central Ave. Oil City, PA 16301
(814)676-6528 Fax: (814)676-6520
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Two Mile Run County Park

Two Mile Run County Park is one of Venango County's most treasured assets. Situated on nearly 2,700 acres surrounding Justus Lake, the park offers swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, camping, hiking, biking, bridle, and cross country skiing trails, and more fun for the whole family.

Contact: Rich Mihalic
471 Beach Road, Franklin, PA 16323
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Thank You, Renewing Members

We would like to thank the following businesses and associates who have renewed their Chamber membership. Without our members, the community wouldn't be what it is today. Thank you again! We appreciate all that you do.

Jones Service & Party Magic
(38 Years)

Thomas R. Wilks, DMD
(25 Years)

Hagan Business Machines
(24 Years)

GROWAY Landscaping
(22 Years)

A. Crivelli Buick Pontiac GMC Truck (15 Years)

The Art of Eyecare (15 Years)

Joseph P. Findlan, DMD
(14 Years)

J&V Visions Collision Center, Inc. (14 Years)

Dr. Richard Eshleman (13 Years)

Garrett Dixon, M.D. (13 Years)

Lowry Auto Body, Inc. (13 Years)

St. Patrick Church (13 Years)

Hepler General Contracting
(13 Years)

T-N-T Deli (13 Years)

The Caring Place (12 Years)

Venango Steel, Inc. (11 Years)

Gravatt Painting & Wall Covering (9 Years)

Zonta Club of Oil City-Franklin
(7 Years)

Timothy Hartle Funeral Home
(6 Years)

Donna B. Fletcher (5 Years)

Antonucci Masonry Corp.
(4 Years)

Amazing Foods (2 Years)

Village Auto (2 Years)

The Hon. Judge Robert L. Boyer
(2 Years)

*Your company will be recognized for renewing your membership after your anniversary month.

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Central Electric
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Deep Harbour Properties
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Family Services & Children's Aid Society
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Industrial Truck & Crane
Kiwanis Club of Franklin
Ligo Architects
Myers Custom Woodworks
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Anderson Metal Industries
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Culligan Water Conditioning
Franklin Insurance Agency
Franklin Retail and Business Association
Franklin Surgical Group, P.C.

Gardner Optical
JEVS Support for Independence
Knights of Columbus
Metalife Industries
Phillips Flowers & Balloon Express
Primo Distributors, Inc.
Rotary Club of Franklin
Deborah H. Sharpe, Venango County Treasurer
The Kirtland Cancer Foundation
The Lambertson House
Bed & Breakfast
Venango Steel
Venango County Historical Society

**Special Thanks to Pioneer Electric*

On the Agenda

October Happenings

Applefest® 2008

There is much to see and do in Franklin in October, starting with Applefest® the 3rd through 5th. Enjoy live music and entertainment and browse more than 300 arts and crafts vendors, and take advantage of retail specials sales and events throughout the area. The best three days of the year begin the first weekend in October.



Dinner Theatre



The Barrow-Civic Theatre has started a new dinner theatre program and is holding several performances in October. "Monster Match" will parody the popular "Match Game" game show with panelists Dracula and his ghoulish cohorts. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Barrow Little Theatre, followed by dinner by Amazing Foods catering and then the show at 7:30. Shows will be October 17, 18, 24 & 25.

Halloween Bash

The City of Franklin will hold its annual Halloween Bash beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 25, in Bandstand Park. Treat bags will be given to all children 10 and younger, and some of them will have special surprises. The event will also include costume judging and a special performance by Studio 22 Dance Academy.



The Oil Region Alliance hosted a reception in September to welcome Continental Connection Gulf Stream to the Venango Regional Airport. The new daily air service will arrive and depart from the airport located just outside Franklin, and pick up connections in Cleveland. In the photo above, members from various elected offices and economic development agencies participate in a ribbon cutting for the new service.

International Credit Union Day

Celebrate International Credit Union Day October 16 at Galaxy Federal Credit Union, 1313 Liberty St. Galaxy will offer refreshments and giveaways with refreshments and giveaways all day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Member Entertainment

FoxTales

Saturdays from 9 p.m.-Midnight.

October 11—Rob Vance

October 18—Jay & Shelly

October 25—Mark G.

October 31 (Friday) Halloween Party! DJ

Trivia every Thursday

www.foxtalespub.com

The Bricks of Franklin

Fridays, 9 p.m.-Midnight, Live DJ

Saturdays, 7:30-Midnight, Karaoke

www.thebricksfranklin.com

I-80 Toll Proposal Nixed

After more than a year of uncertainty about the economic future of businesses on the I-80 corridor, a proposal to toll the Interstate in Pennsylvania has been rejected by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Chamber had joined forces with a group of other Chambers, economic development agencies, and businesses earlier this year to help fight the tolling proposal. Many local lawmakers, including State Rep. Scott Hutchinson, State Sen. Mary Jo White, and U.S. Congressman John Peterson, took up the charge to fight against the tolls to protect I-80 corridor businesses from the undeniable strain the tolls would have placed on them, not to mention the increase in prices of everyday goods to the citizens.

Peterson released this statement in response to the Highway Commission's ruling:

"Fifteen months ago, when I received word that the Pennsylvania State Legislature passed Act 44 at the behest of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC), Congressman Phil English and I embarked on a crusade to keep I-80 toll free.



Interstate 80 will remain toll free!

"I have repeatedly stated that the tolling of Interstate 80 would kill the future economic viability of the Commonwealth. Today, the Department of Transportation agreed. According to the Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters, the application to toll I-80 did not meet the technical and statutory requirements set forth by law. "It's time for the Governor and State Legislature to stop using highway funds

for mass transit and other non-highway related issues and get serious about fixing our roads and bridges. Until that occurs, Pennsylvania will continue to find itself in a transportation funding crisis.

"Today, the 'Closed for Business' sign has been removed from Pennsylvania and the residents and business community along the I-80 corridor can now move forward without this burdensome cloud hanging over the Commonwealth.

"This decision is final. The legal decision rendered today by the FHWA is not subject to appeal and the application can not be resubmitted. Game over. The people of Pennsylvania have won this monumental battle."

Member Updates

Contact Update

Linda Routzahn is the new regional manager of Penelec and will replace Rud Van Horn as Penelec's Chamber representative. She works out of the Oil City Office at 1600 West First St. and can be reached by phone at (814)676-7549 or email at lkrouztahn@firstenergycorp.com. Check out Penelec online at www.firstenergycorp.com.

Hagan Awarded

Hagan Business Machines of Meadville has been named first ever Toshiba Certified Innovation Dealer award winner by Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc. for demonstrating market leadership and creating exceptional customer awareness. Hagan offers state-of-the-art products for copying, printing, scanning, plus. Check out www.hagan1.com for more.

Nominations Needed

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office for 2009 Oil Heritage Region Historic Preservation Awards. Any preservation, rehabilitation or restoration project in the region (Venango County, Titusville, Hydetown, and Oil Creek Township in Crawford County) is eligible. Nominations are due at the Oil Region Alliance office by March 15, 2009.

Deep Harbour Properties

Construction is being completed on two new apartments that will add a new high-end housing option to downtown Franklin. The two apartments are under construction at the Lamberton Building on 13th Street, owned by Deep Harbour Properties, LLC, of New York.

The idea for the new apartments was born from the Hyett-Palma Blueprint study for downtown improvement, that emphasized the use of second and third floor spaces downtown. A focus group conducted by the Chamber and Deep Harbour found that many couples had interest in living downtown, but the available apartments did not fit the style they were looking for. The couples were looking for energy efficient heating and cooling systems, high ceilings and windows, dishwashers, garbage disposals, and an open, airy floor plan. After hearing what people wanted, the Deep Harbour executives determined that the project was doable and started the plans to convert several efficiency apartments into two, larger apartments. The final layout includes two bedrooms, walk-in closets,

one and a half bathrooms, a kitchen with new appliances and custom oak cupboards connected with a dining area, a living room, and a laundry room in each apartment. All heating and cooling costs will be included in the rental prices, and every room is wired for phone, internet and cable. Plans are already drawn up to begin construction on two more similar apartments once the first two are rented. Deep Harbour Executive Partner Dave Dworkin said if this style of apartment proves to be in demand, there is room for four to eight more in unused space on the second and third stories. The apartments are just the latest in a series of improvements Deep Harbour has made to the Lamberton Building. Work has been carried out on the exterior of the building, including replacement of 40 rotting windows. The building has been placed on the National Registry of Historically Significant Places.

Dworkin said Deep Harbour has had a vested interest in Franklin and the success of the local economy. They continued with their pursuit of properties in Franklin in 2006 by acquiring the Liberty Building (1243 Liberty St.), and that building has also gone through some major improvements. In addition to new housing options,



Inside the new Lamberton Building apartments on 13th Street. (Top)
The hallways of the Lamberton Building have also undergone improvements. (Left)

Deep Harbour rents office spaces of various sizes in the Liberty Building. The building's upper stories had been largely unused, but Deep Harbour continues to add new tenants has done extensive renovations to the lobby, including a new elevator and some decorative touches in order to make the building more appealing to their business tenants. Some tenants prefer to decorate and equip their own office spaces, while others ask for specific amenities. Deep Harbour works with all requests to give clients the look and feel they want at an affordable, all-inclusive price.

Deep Harbour first took interest in Franklin when they found a building for sale online. Although they were in town looking at a different property, they fell in love with the Lamberton Building and knew they wanted to restore it. Since purchasing the Lamberton Building, Deep Harbour has worked with the city and the local community to figure out the best way to help the area economically. "We feel comfortable here and we hope we're making a difference," Dworkin said.

To contact Deep Harbour Properties, call (516)798-0732 or email deepharrowri@aol.com. Also, check them out on the web at deepharrowriproperties.com.

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Calendar of Events



OCTOBER

October 2-4...“The Sound of Music” Barrow-Civic Theatre, www.barrowtheatre.com

October 3-5...APPLEFEST®! 2008 full schedule available at www.franklinapplefest.com.

October 4...Free stage coach rides by Never Enough October Carriage Rides at Bay Tree Farms, Rt. 38 south of Nickleville, noon to 4 p.m. Fall crafts for sale and sheep, lambs, horses, donkeys, mini donkeys and llamas for the kids to enjoy.

October 4 & 5...PA Preferred® Regional Best Chef of Pennsylvania Competition, 12th Street during Applefest®.

October 8...International Walk/Bike to School Day.

October 16...International Credit Union Day at Galaxy Federal Credit Union, 1313 Liberty St., 9 to 4

October 17, 18, 24 & 25...“Monster Match” Dinner Theatre at the Barrow-Civic Theatre. Cocktails, 5:30 p.m., Dinner, 6:30, Show, 7:30.

October 21...“Dine for the Cure” Bella Cucina, 5 to 8 p.m., a portion of sales go to “Pink Splash for the Cure”

October 23...Venango Chamber Orchestra in concert, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 3 p.m.

October 25...City of Franklin Halloween Bash, starting at 11 a.m., Bandstand Park, treat bags for all children

October 25...Remora Deign will perform at the Barrow-

Civic Theatre. 7 to 11:30 p.m.

October 26...Venango Chamber Orchestra in concert, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 3 p.m.

October 28...“Dine for the Cure” 5 to 8 p.m., Oskie’s Restaurant & Pub

October 29...“Proposal Writing Basics” workshop, 9 a.m. to noon, Franklin Public Library. Call the Library to register (814)432-5062.

October 31...Happy Halloween! Trick or treat hours in the City of Franklin and Sugarcreek Borough will be from 6 to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

November 1...The Allegheny Sounds in concert, Barrow-Civic Theatre.

November 9...The Franklin Fine Arts Council will be making a trip to Pittsburgh to see “Mama Mia!”

November 12...Franklin Retail Association Christmas season kickoff mixer at the Quality Inn.

November 21...Branson Country Christmas, 8 p.m., Barrow-Civic Theatre.

November 22...Light Up Night, Downtown Franklin.

November 27...Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28...Franklin Silver Cornet Band, 8 p.m., Barrow-Civic.