

MC Chamber News

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Organized for the purpose of actively developing, promoting, focusing on and ensuring the economic growth and development of our business members and the community at large.

Calendar of Events

- Nov 9 Marketing Committee meeting
- Nov 18 Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec **Maritime Christmas**
For details, go to www.visitmarinecity.com
- Dec 1 **Maritime Christmas Lighted Santa Parade**
hosted by MCCC
- Dec 7 Marketing Committee meeting
- Dec 11 **Maritime Christmas Open House @ MCCC**
- Dec 16 Board of Directors Meeting

Chamber Events

Coming Up:

Maritime Christmas

Maritime Christmas is the coordination, promotion, marketing, and advertising of Christmas events in and around Marine City during the month of December.

As usual, your Chamber will host the Lighted Santa Parade; Chair Wynne Achatz, **Real Estate One Westrick** Remember the new day—WEDNESDAY, December 1. Our office will be open on Saturday, December 11, for the Open House programs that day. Cindy Koch, **General Printing**, will host. We'll offer cookies, hot cocoa, and a few of our Farmers' Market vendors. But our Chamber events are only the beginning—Maritime Christmas has something for everyone: Craft Show, Concerts, Home Tour, Santa's Winter Wonderland, Open Houses, Ladies' and Men's Nights and more.

Please consider involving your business with a parade entry or sponsorship or deco

2010-11 Officers; Erin Wright, Secretary, Amy Hart, Treasurer, Chris Kadey, Vice President, Georgia Phelan, President, and Bob Lepley.



rate your business. Flyers are attached, including one to distribute from your business. The schedule is being updated regularly and can be seen at www.visitmarinecity.com

Event Review:

Installation of Officers Breakfast: October 27, **Riviera Restaurant:** 21 in attended to see our new officers sworn in as the sun rose over the river. Many thanks to former Mayor Bob Lepley, our Installing Officer. 50-50 winner was Wynne Achatz, **Real Estate One Westrick.**

Chamber Open House

October 16 part of "Embrace the Arts" celebrated in Marine City, Sarnia, Lexington, Port

Huron & St. Clair. Marine City's International Sculpture, the "Watchman", was dedicated among other activities. Favorites: kid's sidewalk art at **The Sweet Tooth** and the Madeline Kerr exhibit at **Picture This.** Many visitors also enjoyed our Chamber exhibit of original artwork of Marine City ships by Heather Bokram of **The Heather House Networking Mixer** Oct. 14 at **AB Computer Solutions** w/co-host **Broadway Pizza & Grinders.** 22 attendees; 50-50 winner was none other than host, Art Byrson. Art also donated a lovely piece of maritime art to raffle and it was won by Craig May. Hope to see you next time!

President's Report

I don't know about you, but I really enjoy the holidays and am looking forward to sharing time with friends and family at Maritime Christmas events. Hope to see you there!

On to Chamber business—the Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Directory ad sales have begun!

This is our "official" annual Membership Directory. As a paid Member, your business

has a listing at no charge. Display advertising is also available to you at discounted Chamber rates.

10,000 copies are distributed through all participating Chamber offices—Anchor Bay, Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair, Richmond and Blue Water Area (greater Marysville and Port Huron areas).

If you're interested in advertising, but haven't been contacted, call our Sales

Georgia Phelan

Consultant, Pam Withorn, (800) 491-1760 x. 41 or email pwithorn@harborhouse.com

Several other annual advertising opportunities are also coming up—the tourism-based Discover the Blue Visitor's Guide and our own Marine City Visitor's Brochure.

Watch your mail/email and don't miss these chances to expand you business' reach.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

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Welcome New Members!



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Newspaper
Founded 2009

Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School
Marilynn Pavlov, Principal
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T 810-765-3591
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school@holycrossonline.net
www.holycrossonline.net
Quality Catholic education preschool-grade 8
Founded 1869

Featured Member Product/Service:

Member Discounts: This is a discount on paid-for products and services. Chamber members receive discounts on Area Business Mailing Labels, Marine City Visitors Brochure advertisements, Regional Business Directory ads, business programs, and ticketed events.



Maritime Christmas
details at www.visitmarinecity.com

Member News

Washington Life Center presents on November 11, for their Veterans Day celebration, *The Mood Swings*". They'll be performing WWII era, Andrews Sisters & Big Band style music at 6:30 p.m. suggested donation of \$12.00 in advance and \$15 at the door. Refreshments available. Call (810) 765-3523.

The Arc of St. Clair County is having their Membership Meeting & Elections on Tuesday, November 16 at the Arc Arena, 1033 26th Street, Port Huron, at 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome. **The Arc** is also having Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale on the same day and location from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. \$6.00 per plate. Woman's Life Insurance Society Chapter 820 will match the first \$500

raised.

St. Clair County Community College (SC4) Programs:

St. Clair County Community College Alumni Association annual meeting, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18, Quay Street Brewing Co., 330 Quay St., Port Huron. Network with other alumni, 2010-11 Distinguished Alumni of the Year announced, summaries of alumni association events and efforts, and alumni scholarship recipients success stories. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. No reservations are required. Info: 810-989-5761

Free screening and panel discussion of the documentary **The Beloved Community**, Thursday, Nov. 18, Fine Arts Theatre. Film at 6:30 p.m., panel discussion 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsor: SC4 Green Team and Blue Water

Sierra Club. The one-hour documentary discusses the possible health and environmental impact on nearby residents from the Chemical Valley petrochemical industry in Sarnia, Ontario. The film explores the disproportionate number of male versus female births and other health issues that have emerged within the Aam-jiwnaang First Nation community just south of Sarnia. The panel discussion will explore these and other environmental and health concerns surrounding Chemical Valley.

The panel will include:

Dr. Jim Brophy, retired director of Ontario Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. of Sarnia-Lambton.

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From Our Committees

Marketing Committee

Business advertising opportunities for 2011:

1. Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Directory NOW
2. Discover the Blue Visitor's Guide WINTER
3. Marine City Visitor's Brochure JAN-FEB

Have you seen our Marine City businesses and their 360° videos on the Discover the Blue website? Check 'em out-
<http://www.bluewater.org/Main/CommunityInfo.aspx?cityid=6&s=MarineCity>

Hits to visitmarinecity.com were up this summer by quite a

bit and visits to Marine City info on bluewater.org (Discover the Blue) remained strong. Marine City's getting out there!

Membership Committee

Welcome to new committee Chair Gary Forst, *Muffler Doctor*. He's excited to get to work and that's exciting for the rest of us!

Member Products & Services

Member Products

- Free member business listings on:
 - www.marinecitychamber.net
 - www.visitmarinecity.net
- Free Regional Chamber Directory listing
- Member Discounts on Products & Services
- Newsletter advertising
- B-to-B advertising
- Marine City Visitor's Brochure
- Chamber Events
- Member-to-Member mailing labels
- Area business mailing labels

- Member-to-Member "Quick Deals"
- Blue Cross Blue Shield products

Member Services

- Networking Mixers @ no cost
- Business Education programs
- Red Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- Participation "Discover the Blue" tourism
- Community & business marketing
- Free Business Concierge assistance
- S.C.O.R.E. Business Counseling

Member List

AB Computer Solutions

ABC Home & Comm. Services

Ahead Turner Designs

AJ's Salt Docks

Anchor Inn Motel

Anderson Consulting

Anita's Place

Back Porch Antiques

Beauchamp, Gauss, Gschwind LLC

Bill MacDonald Ford

Blue Water Ferry

Bower-Rose Funeral Home

Broadway Pizza & Grinders

Butler Plastics

City of Marine City

Civic Women's Club

Comm. Pride & Heritage Museum

Corner Grocery

Cottrellville Township

D. Bruce Beaton, Attorney

Detroit Bulk Storage

East China Charter Township

East China Mini-Storage

Edson, Melissa

Edward D. Jones/Patrick Dorcey

Edward Jones, Alice Jehle

FB Package & Shipping Center

Fifth Third Bank

First Michigan Bank

Foster Drug/Apple Core

Gannett Directories

General Printing Services

Gilbert Chiropractic

Harbor Health Home Care

Harvest Time Church

Henderson Glass

Henry F. Bayshore VFW Post 12085

Historical Society of Marine City

Holy Cross Catholic Elem. School

JGM Property Group, Inc.

KD Bookkeeping Services

Kenneth McCormick, DDS

Kloeffler Industries

Lester-Brown Foundation

Lighthouse Books 'n Brew

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Luce, Henderson & Lane Attorneys

Lumber Jack Building Center

Maid in the USA

Maple Lawn & Landscaping

Marine City Dental, PC

Marine City Gunsmith

Marine City K of C Banquet Center

Marine City Music & Art Festival

Marine City Rotary

McBride, Manley, & Miiller, PC

McDonald's Restaurant

MediLodge of St. Clair

Michigan Notary Service

Muffler Doctor Auto Repair & Sales

North Bay Building Co.

Picture This Art Shop & Framing

Quilting Dreams

Real Estate One Westrick

Refuse Equipment Services, Inc.

RehabCare

River's Edge Wash & Lube

Riviera Restaurant

Safe Haven 4 Kids of Michigan

Saph & Saph, PC

Save-A-Lot

Schantz, Randolph T.

Seaway Community Bank

SEMCO Energy Gas Company

Shangri-La Mobile Home Park

Skwiers, Rosalie

St. Clair Chevrolet, Buick, GMC

St. Clair Chrysler, Jeep, Ram

St. Clair County Community College

St. John River District Hospital

Steffy Builders

Steinmetz-Vandenbossche Insur.

Sunrise Convenience Store

Terhune Sales and Service

The Arc of St. Clair County

The Heather House

The Little Bar

The Pearl's Boutique

The Sweet Tooth

The Voice Newspaper

Thompson-Phelan Group

Thumb Print News

Vera Grace Emporium

Verellen Farms

Verus Financial

VG's Food Center

Washington Life Center

Waterford Financial Management

Zimmer Chiropractic

Zimmerman's Meat Market



2010

MARITIME CHRISTMAS

Plan to participate!

Plan to attend!

Fun for all!

www.visitmarinecity.com/calendarofevents

"Great minds discuss ideas; Average minds discuss activities; Small minds discuss people."

Eleanor Roosevelt



Your membership is important!
Please pay your dues this month.

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Chamber of Commerce**

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A small crowd listens to the artist describe his sculpture during the "Embrace the Arts" dedication of Marine City's "The Watchman" in October.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber members *Save-A-Lot* and *VG's Food Center* are among the sponsors of a free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25 at Southeastern Michigan Conservation Club. 1:00 p.m. 810-765-3848 or 765-4494 for details.



Blanket Drive for Kids in Distress during the Santa Parade, Wednesday, December 1. Give your donation to any Scout at the parade.

Member News continued

- Dean Edwardson, Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Assoc.
- Kristen Jurs, St. Clair County Health Department.
- Margaret Keith, former occupational health research coordinator of Ontario Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. of Sarnia-Lambton.
- Ada Lockridge, Aamjiwnaang community organizer.
- Doug Martz, Macomb County Water Quality Board.

The SC4 Green Team consists of faculty, staff and students working together to develop new environmental ideas for campus.

Registration for winter semester classes at St. Clair County Community College runs November 1-26. Winter classes begin the week of January 10. Info: enrollment@sc4.edu or (810) 989-5500.

St. Clair County Community College's Theatre Discipline in December will present *The Gifts of the Magi* in the college's Fine Arts Theatre. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Students and over 60, \$5, adults, \$7. Tickets at the door or call 810-989-5513, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Send us your Member news and announcements!

Chamber Board of Directors & Committees

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