

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



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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!

Welcome New Members!



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Newspaper
Founded 2009

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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.

Member News



Maritime Christmas
details at www.visitmarinecity.com

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	Harvest Time Church	Safe Haven 4 Kids of Michigan
ABC Home & Comm. Services	Henderson Glass	Saph & Saph, PC
Ahead Turner Designs	Henry F. Bayshore VFW Post 12085	Save-A-Lot
AJ's Salt Docks	Historical Society of Marine City	Schantz, Randolph T.
Anchor Inn Motel	Holy Cross Catholic Elem. School	Seaway Community Bank
Anderson Consulting	JGM Property Group, Inc.	SEMCO Energy Gas Company
Anita's Place	KD Bookkeeping Services	Shangri-La Mobile Home Park
Back Porch Antiques	Kenneth McCormick, DDS	Skwiers, Rosalie
Beauchamp, Gauss, Gschwind LLC	Kloeffler Industries	St. Clair Chevrolet, Buick, GMC
Bill MacDonald Ford	Lester-Brown Foundation	St. Clair Chrysler, Jeep, Ram
Blue Water Ferry	Lighthouse Books 'n Brew	St. Clair County Community College
Bower-Rose Funeral Home	Living Faith Lutheran Church	St. John River District Hospital
Broadway Pizza & Grinders	Luce, Henderson & Lane Attorneys	Steffy Builders
Butler Plastics	Lumber Jack Building Center	Steinmetz-Vandenbossche Insur.
City of Marine City	Maid in the USA	Sunrise Convenience Store
Civic Women's Club	Maple Lawn & Landscaping	Terhune Sales and Service
Comm. Pride & Heritage Museum	Marine City Dental, PC	The Arc of St. Clair County
Corner Grocery	Marine City Gunsmith	The Heather House
Cottrellville Township	Marine City K of C Banquet Center	The Little Bar
D. Bruce Beaton, Attorney	Marine City Music & Art Festival	The Pearl's Boutique
Detroit Bulk Storage	Marine City Rotary	The Sweet Tooth
East China Charter Township	McBride, Manley, & Miiller, PC	The Voice Newspaper
East China Mini-Storage	McDonald's Restaurant	Thompson-Phelan Group
Edson, Melissa	MediLodge of St. Clair	Thumb Print News
Edward D. Jones/Patrick Dorcey	Michigan Notary Service	Vera Grace Emporium
Edward Jones, Alice Jehle	Muffler Doctor Auto Repair & Sales	Verellen Farms
FB Package & Shipping Center	North Bay Building Co.	Verus Financial
Fifth Third Bank	Picture This Art Shop & Framing	VG's Food Center
First Michigan Bank	Quilting Dreams	Washington Life Center
Foster Drug/Apple Core	Real Estate One Westrick	Waterford Financial Management
Gannett Directories	Refuse Equipment Services, Inc.	Zimmer Chiropractic
General Printing Services	RehabCare	Zimmerman's Meat Market
Gilbert Chiropractic	River's Edge Wash & Lube	
Harbor Health Home Care	Riviera Restaurant	



2010 MARITIME CHRISTMAS

Plan to participate!

Plan to attend!

Fun for all!

[www.visitmarinecity.com/
calendarofevents](http://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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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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