

CHRONICLES

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Taste of Newton Chambers Premiere Event

Calling all restaurants!

September 8th 2008 is Taste of Newton. This is always one of the Chambers premiere events and there are some great new restaurants in the area and of course we will have Wry Toast entertaining us.

As always volunteers are needed to collect tickets and help set-up and clean up, but lots of fun and great food is promised in between. Please call Kristi Becker at 973-670-2155 or Nancy at the Chamber office at 973-300-0433. Tickets sales will be announced later this summer!

Mark your calendars.

Sweetest Day Our First-Ever

The first-ever Sweetest Day Festival will be held on October 18, 2008 on Spring Street. Festivities will begin at 12:00 noon and end at 4pm. Vendors are needed for gift, craft and baked good sales and samples for a nominal fee. Nonprofit agencies are also invited to participate in order to highlight volunteer opportunities and projects for those attendees who are looking for ways to give back to their community. The event will feature a Sweet Harvest Collection, collecting food items and paper products for area food pantries and shelters. Finally, nominations will be accepted until October 11th for individuals and groups whose kind acts have made a positive difference in someone's life. For details, sponsorship opportunities, and other information on these events, please email Kimberly Woodhull at kwoodjull@aol.com or contact the GNCC office at 973-300-0433.

July 2008



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Newton Day Festivities



Volunteers enjoying time between karaoke acts. You Go Girls!



Vendors are setup and ready to go on Spring Street.



Glen Zervas performs for the crowd at Newton Day.

Letter from the President



Dear
GNCC
Members,

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who participated in the Newton Day Festival and what a turnout from the community! It was extremely warm but that didn't seem to make much of a difference to the crowds of people both during the day and in Memory Park. The activities on Spring Street ran smoother than ever before thanks to our committee members who worked together to accommodate all of the vendors and participants which added to the success of this event. A special "thank you" is in order to the Blue Emerald Band for "continuing to play" through the thunderstorms that hit Memory Park. The music kept the spectators in the park and through the fireworks display which ended the evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow board member and Vice President Kristi Becker and her running mate Helen LeFrois on their election to the Newton Town Council.

I hope you all enjoy the summer months ahead and please keep in mind that with gas prices rising, why not shop historic downtown Newton!

Sincerely,

Dawn Delaney,
President

Sidewalk Sales Showcasing Merchandise

For over 50 years Newton Chamber has been hosting the annual Sidewalk Sales Days. This year the event will be held on July 17th, 18th, and 19th. It is a great opportunity for merchants to offer customers bargains, and to showcase their merchandise. Every year customers look forward to this annual event sponsored by the Chamber.

Business Expo September 25, 2008

The 2008 Business Expo is coming soon! This year's expo will be held at the Newton Holiday Inn Express, on Thursday, September 25th, 2008. The hours of the Expo will be from 4pm to 8pm. We added an extra hour to give our vendors more time to showcase their products and services, and to give the public more time to enjoy the event.

Join us and showcase your business. Registration information will soon be available. Call the Chamber office for information on how to register. Joann Ciancitto is chairing this event.

Newton Day Wrap Up

Maxwell and Molly's Closet was the proud sponsor of the third annual "Just for Fun" dog show! In spite of the heat, the dogs were rockin' to the beat of the terrific Glen Zervas and his beautiful music. All participants were winners as they each received a gift bag of toys selected by Maxwell himself and much applause. Also receiving gift certificates to Maxwell and Molly's Closet were the top three finishers: 1st Place Max, owned by Lisa Yuelling and Allan Skoven, 2nd place Tod owner, Cate Howey, and 3rd place went KD, owned by Patty Bryce.

Maxwell and Molly's Closet was excited and proud to be part of such a fun event and looks forward to creating a long standing tradition partnering with the GNCC.
(Submitted by Bonnie Bitondo)

As always the Karaoke contest was a popular event at Newton Day. This year the winner of the 10 -17 year range was Thatcher Iliff, and the winner in the over 18 year category was Taylor Tiger. Everyone enjoyed the performances of the participants, even if we had to hold our ears for a few of them!

A sincere thank you to chamber members; Barbara Wortman, Faith & Brad Ullmann, Eileen Kithcart, Claire & Tom Caine and Tammy Westra for volunteering to help out with judging the karaoke contest & dog show and manning the GNCC booth during the day.

We hope to see you again next year.

New Members List (as of June 30, 2008)

TailWorks Gallery

Jennie Schaeffer Lombardo
135 Spring St.
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-1307

Bula

Jackie Sinclair
134 Spring St.
Newton, NJ 078610
973-579-7338

Hayek's Market

Dan Hayek
PO Box 909
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-1640

Dominick's Pizza

Peter and Salvatore
19 E. Clinton St.
Newton, NJ 07860
973-383-9330

Calendar of Events

July – September 2008

JULY 9, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting – 8am
GNCC Office

JULY 17-19, 2008

Newton Sidewalk Sales
Spring Street

AUGUST 7, 2008

Bridal Show – 6pm - 9pm
TBA

AUGUST 7, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting – 8am
GNCC Office

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Taste of Newton – 7:00 - 10:00pm

SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting – 8am
GNCC Office

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Business Expo – 4pm – 8pm
Holiday Inn Express, Newton

From the Scholarship Committee

This year we awarded three scholarships. The winners were:

Kelly Hontz from Newton High School who will be attending Bloomsburg University.

Amanda Chirico from Newton High School attending Sussex County Community College.

Margaret McLaughlin from Sussex Vo-Tech the Culinary Scholarship, who will be begin her studies at Sussex County Community College.

Good luck to all the students as they continue their education with the Chambers help.

Awards Committee

Duncan Caldwell, chairman of the Award committee wants you to begin thinking about persons and businesses you feel should be nominated for our annual awards. Be looking for a mailing soon with the nomination forms. This is a great opportunity to honor our Volunteers, and businesses who are striving to make our community a better place.