Chelmsford Business Association Spring 2016

CBA Newsletter

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President's Message

The CBA hosted its annual televised Candidates Night recently at the Radisson Hotel, and it was a successful and informative evening, with three well-respected candidates. Congratulations to the election winners on April 5 Pat Wojtas and Glenn Diggs, but I want to thank all three for their participation and in the panel and for giving of themselves to help our town continue to be the wonderful place it is– Pat Wojtas, Sandi Martinez, and Glenn Diggs. Attorney and Chelmsford Resident Doug Hausler was event Moderator.

Advanced education is costly so I want to remind all of you who have a high school senior (or know one) in Chelmsford, that the CBA gives an annual monetary gift to one of our resident seniors. The Scholarship Committee is busy planning for the Spring 2016 award of \$1,500 to a graduating Chelmsford Senior who is planning to continue their education. You can find a link for the 2016 Application on our CBA website, www.ChelmsfordBusiness.org.

Many of our Board members are also on the Chelmsford Parade Committee, which has been working for months planning the 2016 Fourth of July Parade. Sponsorships are available for what we think is the best 4th of July parade in New England.

We are planning a couple of membership events over the next few months. More information to come.... I look forward to seeing each of you in town!

Warm regards.

Kathy Kelley President, CBA

Candidates' Night



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The Chelmsford Business Association hosted its annual "Candidates' Night" forum at the Radisson Hotel and Suites on Thursday, March 3rd. The CBA Candidates' Night has long been considered as the pivotal "kickoff" event of the local election season. This community service event has been sponsored by the CBA for more than 20 years. It offers an opportunity for those seeking public office to make known their positions on a wide variety of topics and its program is tailored to allow the audience to see how candidates distinguish themselves from their competition. Attorney Douglas Hausler, from the CBA Board of Directors, served as Moderator.

The Candidates' Night Committee invited Glenn Diggs, Sandy Martinez and Pat Wojtas, who were the individuals seeking election for the two open seats in the race for Board of Selectmen. Questions were prepared by the committee and others were submitted by members of the audience and also asked by a reporter from The Sun. The Candidates also had the opportunity to ask questions of each other. The event was broadcast and taped by Chelmsford Telemedia. The taped version of the program was shown throughout the election season until Town Election Day on April 5th. Congratulations to Pat Wojtas and Glenn Diggs who were elected to the two open seats.

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CBA Continues to Give to our Community



CBA donates to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank

Jim Cullen, Kathy Kelley, Amy Pessiea and John Harrington

CBA Donates to the Parade Committee

John Harrington, Amanda Camerano, Lynn Marcella, Rick Romano and Kathy Kelley





CBA Donates to the Table of Plenty

Kathy Kelley, John Harrington, Deborah Kenrick and Tom Boucher

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The Chelmsford Parade Committee, Inc. is pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase one of our "Summer Banners". We are sure that these banners will look great with the spring and summer flowers and colors!

The banners will be hung in Chelmsford Center, Vinal Square in North Chelmsford and along Drum Hill Road. They will be up by Memorial Day and stay there thru Labor Day. The "Summer Banners" sold out quickly last year so we urge you to get your application in soon. This is a great way to show your support for the Chelmsford 4th of July Parade!

The banners are \$500.00 each. These banner sponsorships are available in <u>limited numbers</u>, if you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to us by May 1st with your check payable to: Chelmsford Parade Committee, Inc.



If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give one of us a call. Thanks! Amanda Camerano: (978) 870-4294 Donna Sargent: (978) 621-3699

Please fill in this form and return with your check in the amount of \$500.00 payable to: Chelmsford Parade Committee, Inc., P.O. Box 369, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Name (as you would like on banner	r):
You may also send a logo to: <u>cheln</u> Address:	
Contact Name: e-mail address:	Telephone #:

<u>Please check your preference on location, on a first come, first served basis!</u> I would like my banner hung in Chelmsford Center:_____ I would like my banner hung in Vinal Square, North Chelmsford:_____ I would like my banner hung along Drum Hill Road:_____

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April 21 & September 22

1PM until 4 PM

BEST WESTERN PLUS CHELMSFORD INN 187 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford

All CBA members welcome!

So bring all those old files on April 21 & September 22! Questions? Call Kathy Kelley at 978-256-7511.

CBA Scholarship

The purpose of the Association's fund is to award scholarships to Chelmsford residents who upon graduation from the Chelmsford High School, Nashoba Valley Technical High School or any other accredited private high school, intend to pursue a degree at an accredited two or four year college or junior college.

This year a \$1,500 Scholarship is available to any qulifying Chelmsford Student.

To qualify the applicant must be a Chelmsford resident, attend and graduate in the year of this application from Chelmsford High School, Nashoba Valley Technical High School or any other accredited private high school. The applicant must have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year degree granting accredited college or junior college attending on a full-time basis. The applicant must also have a 3.0 cumulative average.

When applying please include a completed application form, a copy of the applicants high school transcript, a copy of post secondary school acceptance letter (if available), and two letters of character reference from a non-family adult.

A completed application must be delivered to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation no later than 5 pm on April 21.





Welcome New Members

At the Chelmsford Business Association, our goal is to play a vital role in the community by promoting the services, skills and contributions that the Association provides to residents, businesses and professionals in the Town of Chelmsford. We strive to listen to the concerns of the business and professional community and relay those concerns to the appropriate town officials. We monitor town government regulations, rules and actions and to assist town officials in making the Town of Chelmsford one of the best in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please help us in welcoming these new members to our association:

Donald Van Dyne 2Way Realty LLC 978.250.3726

Katie Enright Howard Stein Hudson

617.482.7080

Jared Foster

Eric C. Foster Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, LLC 978.256.5976

Anita Saville

Budget Buddies 978.703.0820

Geno Villare

E. A. Villare Associates, Inc. 978.804.1139

Chris Witkowski Bertucci's Italian Restaurant 978.250.8800

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Volunteers Needed



The Chelmsford Parade Committee is pleased to announce that the Town of Chelmsford 49th Annual 4th of July Parade will be held on

Monday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the parade or even consider joining the committee please contact us - we would love more volunteers! www.chelmsfordparade.org or chelmsfordparade@aol.com

You can also contact any of our committee members including: Amanda Camerano, Jim Cullen, Hank Hamelin, Jeff Hardy, Paul Hardy, Chuck Marcella, Lynn Marcella, Rich McLaughlin, Brian Reidy, Karen Reidy, Rick Romano, Donna Sargent, Dan Silvia, Tom Boucher and Arline Wood.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee is always looking for candidates to serve on the board of directors and possibly take an officer's or director's position.

Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to CBA offices including name of the business they represent, city or town they reside in and anything else about them that might be pertinent.

People from all types of businesses are encouraged to apply especially members that represent accounting and law firms.

Hank Hamelin Chairperson, Nominating Committee



The CBA and the Economic Development Commission (EDC) are actively engaged with all CBA members to sponsor and support business and resident relationships. One such initiative is SHOP CHELMSFORD.



SHOP CHELMSFORD is a FREE service to Chelmsford businesses. It connects local businesses via "micro" websites with residents and day time employees. Every business has an individual website page that reflects their needs and desires. A business can post special announcements, events, promotions, and coupons. Claim your "micro" website today, it is a great tool to increase your profitability and connect with your customer base.

Claim Your SHOP CHELMSFORD "micro" website NOW

It's Fast and Simple:

- 1. go to www.shopchelmsford.org
- 2. Under "For Business Owners" click "Claim my Business"
- 3. Type your business name in the "Enter Business Name" text box.

(a) If your business is already listed in the system database you will be prompted to login or to "**Create Account**" using your email and password and accept "Terms and Conditions" for use of the site. You will receive an email confirmation that you have successfully "claimed" your business. (All first time users will receive an email confirmation "welcoming" you to Shop Chelmsford).

(b) If your business is <u>NOT</u> already listed in the system database you will see "**Is your business not listed below? Register Here**" (in purple text below) the "Enter Business Name" text box. Click "**Register here**". The next screen will bring you back to step (a) (see above).

**** NOTE: Prior to moving onto next steps in the process all business registrations require administrative approval. You will receive an email confirmation.

4. You are now able to create / manage your micro website. Under "For Business Owners" click "Edit your Business" and then click "View My Business Listing"

5. This screen will allow you to complete all sections that apply to your business. Make certain to click **"SAVE"**. If you need assistance with **"How To's"** click **"Video" or "Support"**.

6. Keep your mirco-website up to date by logging in routinely to post updates, news and new promotions / coupons.

For additional information or assistance setting up your site

CONTACT Evan Belansky at 978.244.3341

Why not think about inviting a friend who owns or works at a Chelmsford business to join the CBA!

As a member you know the benefits of being a part of this great organization that is celebrating its 25th anniversary. For details about membership contact the office at:978-250-3858 or chelmsbusassoc@comcast.net

Did You Know?

Invite a friend to join the CBA!

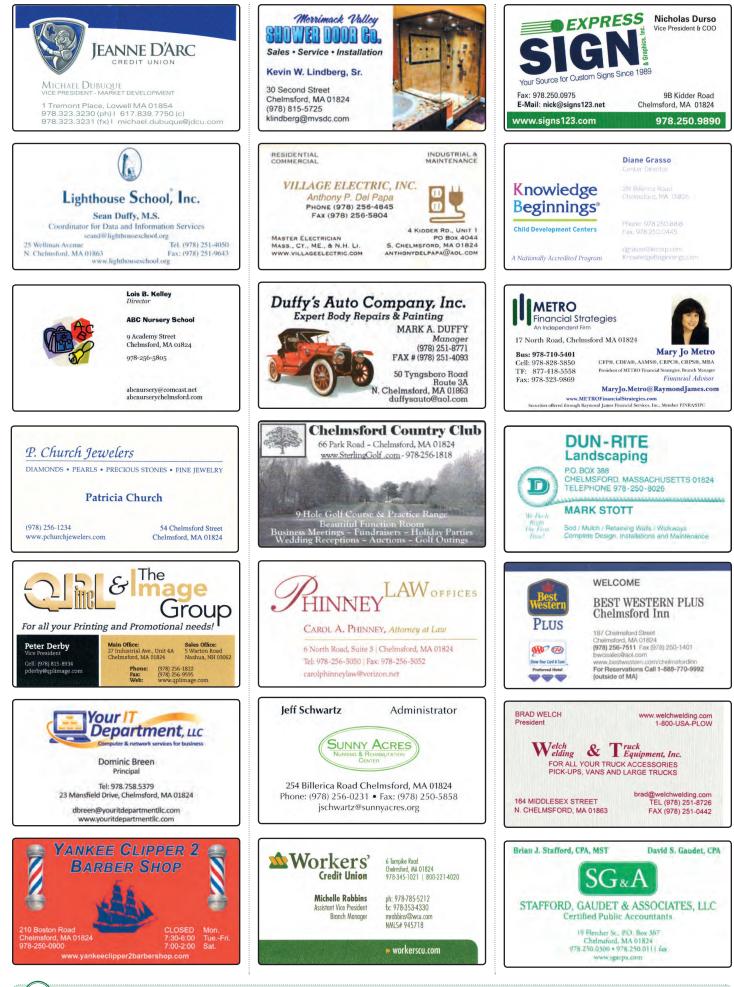
- The American industrial revolution began in Lowell. Lowell was America's first planned industrial city.
- 552 original documents pertaining to the Salem witch trials of 1692 have been preserved and are still stored by the Peabody Essex Museum.
- Boston built the first subway system in the US in 1897.
- Although over 30 communities in the colonies eventually renamed themselves to honor Benjamin Franklin. The Town of Franklin was the first.
- The first zip code in Massachusetts is 01001 at Agawam.

- The signs along the Massachusetts Turnpike reading "x miles to Boston" refer to the distance from that point to the gold dome of the state house.
- According to the US Census Bureau, Massachusetts has the lowest divorce rate in the country with 2.2 divorces per 1000 people.
- The first flag of the United American Colonies was raised on Prospect Hill in Somerville, in 1776.
- Clarence Birdseye revolutionized American mealtime when he invented frozen foods in Gloucester in 1925.



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Contact the CBA at 978-250-3858 or send an email to chelmsbusassoc@comcast.net and request a change in the method you receive this newsletter.

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