

Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber Raises Village Parking Issues

Concerned about recent evidence of a lack of parking on the street and in lots closest to stores, the Chamber has asked Village officials to consider measures aimed at improving customer parking.

As a first step, in an attempt to encourage store owners and employees to avoid all day parking in two hour spaces, the Village has agreed to step up parking rules enforcement beginning March 1.

Tickets will be issued for on street and parking lot violations of two hour, half hour and 15 minute, handicapped, and fire zone and loading zone ordinances. There will be no warnings.

It is vital that spaces closest to stores be kept available for customers. It is estimated that each parking space is worth \$250,000 a year in revenue.

Other longer term fixes are being considered, but in the meantime, please let your employees know that they should not use street parking or park in lot spaces closest to stores.

In a letter to merchants, Chamber Vice President Mindy Skura says "Continued disregard for (customer) convenience will drive them away to shop and do business elsewhere." Feel free to contact Mindy or Lori Belmonte at The Colony Shop with comments or ideas.

Month Long St. Pat's Celebration is Underway



Grand Marshal Kevin McGiff with last year's Marshals, Pat and Lynn O'Connell

Patchogue savors its Irish tribute, pacing it out over a month. The kickoff came Saturday night, Feb. 27 when Ronan Tynan made his annual visit to the Patchogue Theatre. The next day at BrickHouse Brewery, 2010 Parade Grand Marshal Kevin McGiff was formally inducted and the annual Soda Bread contest was won by the BrickHouse and the BrickHouse baker Cathy Fiebe. The competition came from Bobbique, Public House 49, Harbor Crab, On The Waterfront and Swan Bakery. The event also featured a bagpiper and the Irish music of Bangers & Mash.

The St. Pat's parade will kickoff from East Main Street at 11:00 a.m. on Sat., March 27, preceeded at 10:50 by the May The Road Rise To Meet Ye 4 miler. The race is sponsored by the Patchogue Kiwanis Club.

Tritec Receives State Grant For Renovation



Tritec has received a \$2.47 million Empire State Development Corporation grant to assist with its renovation of 31 West Main Street, the former Wedgewood building. The renovation, the first step in its planned \$130 million West Main Street redevelopment project is nearly complete.

Tritec is expected to turn next to residential construction along Lake Street. A timeframe for demolition of the old Swezey building is not yet known.

Save These Dates

Wednesday March 3—Healthy Hearts series:

"Medication LifeSavers", presented by Knapp Cardiac Care Center and Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center Cardiac Outreach. Class held at 100 Hospital Road (across from the hospital) Patchogue, conference room 206 from 6:00p.m.–7:00p.m., 631-654-7240.

Thursday, March 4—The Job Search with Career Coach Robert Considine, The Job Interview" Patchogue—Medford Library, 54-60 East Main St. Patchogue, 7:00 p.m. Get tips on highlighting your abilities, preparing for the various types of interviews and developing answers to interview questions. Register at the Main Desk or online at www.pmlib.org or by telephone at 631-654-4700.

Thursday, March 11—7th Annual Patchogue Garden Club Think Spring Luncheon, Mediterranean Manor, Patchogue. Doug Steigerwald of LI. Flower Garden and Florist, speaker, \$35.00 per person, 631-289-0867.

Tuesday March 16—Lecture: "Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Robert Musil", At St. Joseph's College McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall at 12:40 p.m., free and open to the public, 631-687-5147 or visit www.sjcny.edu.

Friday, March 5—29th Annual Community Mental Health Awards Luncheon, Federation of Organizations, Guest speakers, Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive & Edward Mangano, Nassau County Executive, Huntington Hilton Hotel, Melville, NY, 12 Noon, 631-669-5355, x 1102.

March 6 thru April 2—Art Exhibit, Mike Maas & Ted Stamatelos, WH Design Studios, 11 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, Opening Reception March 6th, 4 – 9 p.m., 631-289-0033, whdesignstudio.com.

Saturday, March 13—The Magic of Lyn, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 14—Atlantic Wind Symphony, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Monday, March 15—Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko, Town Hall to the Community in "Down Off the Hill" Tour, public meeting, Council District # 5, Patchogue- Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18—Fathom, Live In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10, 631-207-1313.

Thursday March 18 & Sunday March 21—Theatre Performance: "In Acting Shakespeare", with performer James Devita at St. Joseph's college, Clare Rose Playhouse. Thursday show is 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 3:00 p.m., \$15.00 (\$12.00 for senior citizens and \$5.00 for students), 631-654-0199 or visit www.sjcny.edu.

Saturday March 20—Information Session: Undergraduate Studies Information for undergraduate students, bring transcripts for on site registration. The session will be held at St. Joseph's College, O'Connor Hall from 10:00 a.m., to 12:00 p.m., 631-687-4501 or visit www.sjcny.edu.

Saturday March 20—Friday, March 26—Spatial Relativity: The Art of Zig, exhibition, Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 E. Main St., artists reception, Mar. 20, 7:00 p.m., music by DJ Pete, 631-475-1235.

Saturday March 20—Andy Cooney's Forever Irish, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 21—Patchogue Star Shine 2010, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday March 26—Human Resources Diversity Conference: "Weathering the Storm: Managing and Leading in an Uncertain Economy", by Stuart R. Levine at St. Joseph's College, O'Connor Hall. From 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 631-687-2673 or visit www.sjcny.edu.

Friday, March 26—Patchogue Cooperative Nursery School will host its 11th Annual Chinese Auction at Patchogue-Medford High School, 181 Buffalo Avenue, Medford. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Calling begins at 7:00 PM. Over 100 prizes, 50/50 raffle and more! Admission is \$10. Table reservations are available, 631-475-6131.

Saturday, March 27—St. Patrick Parade on Main Street, Patchogue (11:00 a.m.) and "May the Road Rise to Meet Ye" 4 mile Run (10:50 a.m.), Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc., 631-207-1000.

Saturday, March 27—Long Island Philharmonic, Mozart and More, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Saturday, March 27—A Night in a Tropical Paradise, sponsored by New Beginnings, raising awareness for traumatic brain injury, Atlantis Marine World Aquarium, Riverhead, 7:00 p.m., pig roast, steel drum band, tropical drinks, raffles, special guest Miss New York State Alyse Zwick, \$75, \$700 table of 10, 631-617-5150, www.nbli.org.

Sunday, March 28—Open House at Paumanok Veterinary Hospital, 639 Rt 112, Patchogue, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., visit a real animal hospital, demonstrations, tours, raffle, lots of free samples, pony ride, petting zoo, obedience class info and lots more, 631-475-1312.

Sunday, March 28—Gene Keyes, Clarinet & Friends, Sunday Music In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Wednesday, April 7—National Start! Walking day. Make a pledge to Start! Walking and become active, heart-healthy adults-in the workplace and at home. For more information, please call 516-450-9104

Sunday, April 11—"Billy Elliot" a Motor coach trip, \$147.00 per person. For more information Contact the Village of Patchogue, Parks and Recreation: 631-475-4302. Limited space and Availability.

Saturday, April 17—Route 66, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, April 18—Patchogue Lions Club Testimonial Brunch honoring Charles C. Burton, West Lake Inn, Patchogue, 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., \$50.00.

Sunday, April 18—Long Island Philharmonic, Bach & All That Jazz, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Wednesday, April 21—Beautification Fund Raiser, Greater Patchogue Foundation, Pine Grove Inn, #1 First Street, East Patchogue, 631-207-1000.

Thursday April 22—"A Burst of Spring" Dinner and Fashion Show, presented by Suffolk Chapter Columbiettes, Bellport Country Club, 7:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m., \$43.00, Elaine 631-475-5722 or Ronny, 631-289-5758.

Thursday, April 22—2010 Women for Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, West Lake Inn, \$125.00, 631-687-4483.

Friday, April 23—Patchogue Lioness Lions Club Chinese Auction, Patchogue-Medford High School, 6:00 p.m., \$7, 631-758-7284.

Friday, April 23—High School Jazz Showcase, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday, April 23—Sunday, May 2—"Boeing, Boeing", By Marc Camoletti. Presented by St. Joseph's College, 155 Roe Boulevard, Patchogue, Clare Rose Playhouse, 8:00 p.m. on April 23, 24, 30 May 1, 7, and 8; and at 3:00 p.m. on April 25, and May 2, 631-654-0199.

Saturday, April 24—Youthstock 2010, Brookhaven Town, Brookhaven Amphitheater, S. Bicycle Path Drive, Farmingville, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Louise 631-451-8091 or ladipietro@brookhaven.org.

Saturday, April 24—Foot & Fiddle: Keep The Country Dancing, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

May—American Stroke Month. Awareness campaign about the risk factors, warning signs, prevention and treatment of stroke. For more information check out www.strokeassociation.org.

Thursday, May 6—New York Funk Exchange, Live In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Saturday, May 8—The Amazing Kreskin, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Monday, May 10—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Golf Classic 2010, Bellport Country Club, 631-475-0381.

Saturday, May 15—Pleasures of Tea, Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 East Main Street, Patchogue.

Sunday, May 16—Temple Beth El of Patchogue Man of the Year Brunch honoring Martin Bradley Ashare, Noon, \$54, 631-475-1882.

Sunday, May 16—Lazer Vaudeville, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, May 23—Patchogue Lioness Lions Club Walk for a Guide Dog, Patchogue Fire House, 9:00 a.m., 631-475-0070.

Thursday, May 27—Brookhaven-Roe YMCA Golf Classic, Bellport Country Club, 631-289-4440.

Sunday, April 25—Opening reception, for Friends of Fire Island National Seashore Art Exhibit that runs through May 31 at Watch Hill Ferry Terminal, West Ave. **Thursday June 3**—Mercy Haven Inc. 11th Annual Golf Outing, Island Hills Country Club, Victoria at 631-277-8300.

Sunday, June 6—Atlantic Wind Symphony, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

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- Suffolk County Legislature Meeting Agenda
- Chamber Newsletter

Let us know if you are interested.

New Members in February

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www.patricecareers.com.

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President's Message

I am pleased to report, our
monthly January luncheon meeting
hosted by Brookhaven Memorial
Hospital was very well attended. The
meeting was informative and I thank
President and CEO Tom Ockers for
advising the Chamber, not only of the
recent additions, but also of the posi-
tive plans for the future for our hospi-
tal. I even noticed some networking
going on during lunch, and that's a
good thing. Thank you BMHMC.

Congratulations to Patchogue-
Medford Youth and Community
Services on their First Annual Fashion
Show benefiting the Youth Services
and Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer
Research Fund, Inc. held on February

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12th. It appeared to me to have been a
very successful evening and fundraiser.

I enjoyed reading the article in
the February issue of Long Island
Pulse magazine written by Jan Rose of
Rose Jewelers regarding ring settings
and wedding bands. Jan, of course,
does have her pulse on the jewelry
business.

Congratulations to Chamber
member Dean Murray of D & S
Advertising, Inc. on being elected to
the Third District Assembly Seat.

Industrial Coverage Corp. hosted
our February 17th networking meeting.
Those of us who had not been in their
new home (former Union Savings
Bank) were astounded by the renova-
tions. It is truly amazing to see how
they were able to modernize and yet
keep the nostalgic value in the building
which will be 100 years old next year.
Michael Romeo Jr. spoke on the histo-
ry of the business and gave an interest-

ing presentation of the before and
after of the renovations followed by a
tour of the building guided by the
Romeo family. Their warm hospitality
was delightful.

I'm looking forward to our St.
Patrick's celebrations and thinking
SPRING!

President Lari

Meetings In March

Thursday, Mar. 4—Grants
Committee, 10:00 a.m., office.

Tuesday, Mar. 9—Foundation
Board, 8:00 a.m., office.

Tuesday, Mar. 16—Board of
Directors, 8:00 a.m., Temple Beth El.

Tuesday, Mar. 23—General
Meeting, Noon, Harbor Crab. Guest
Speaker, Fire Island National Seashore
Superintendent Chris Soller.

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