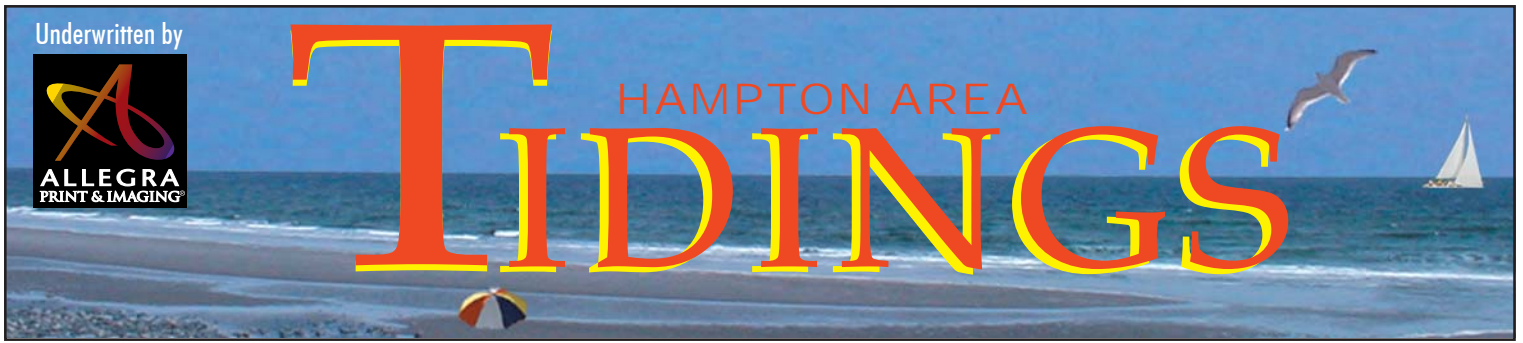


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Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

Hampton Beach Children's Festival

August 17 - 21, 2009

Presented by Farr's Famous Chicken & Ribs at the Beach Shack, this year's Hampton Beach Children's week will be one of the best ever! Filled with face-painting, music, balloons, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and much more! The Hampton Beach Children's Festival kicks off with a magic show and builds up to a Giant Costume Parade that marches almost the length of Hampton Beach on Friday, August 21st. Every child gets a prize just for being in it!

Thank you to our sponsors Farr's Famous Chicken & Ribs at the Beach Shack, Hampton Beach Village District, Seacoast NH State Parks, Casino Fast Foods, Buc's Lagoon, Seacoast Coca-Cola, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Ben's Beach Supplies, FPL Energy/Seabrook Station, ACG Payments, Owens Corning, HillCrest Inn, North Hampton Family Practice, Hampton Internal Medicine, Millie's Tavern on L Street, Grand View Motel, and all of the generous supporters of Children's Week.

All Children's Festival activities are free and open to the public. For more information call the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce office at (603) 926-8717 or visit the website at www.hamptonbeach.org for a complete Children's Festival schedule and other Hampton Beach events.



I WANT YOU!

TO VOLUNTEER AT THE

20th Annual

HAMPTON BEACH

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Call Katie at 603-926-8718 ext. 104

(See Separate Insert in This Newsletter for Details)

SPECIAL ONE TIME OFFER for Current Hampton Area Chamber Members ONLY!

Showcase your business at the 20th Annual Seafood Festival!



This is a banner year for New Hampshire, as we celebrate 20 years of this signature event that continues to be named "One of the Top 100 Events in North America". The Hampton Beach Seafood Festival offers tremendous exposure targeting over 150,000 people. More than 85% of our audience is from New England!

For this Anniversary year only, current Chamber members with dues paid in full are invited to be a festival sponsor at a discounted rate of \$1,500. This "bare booth" price includes a 10 x 10 booth, tented or not as you prefer. There is no marketing, ads, promotions, or other benefits with this discounted rate.

Contact Pat Morgenstern at 603-926-8718 or email pat@hamptonchamber.com to get a confirmation form if you are interested in this offer. Payment is due in full with your application.



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(We believe this letter to the editor from a long-term Chamber member and prominent Hampton Beach businessman was worthwhile to present in the Chamber newsletter. It is our opinion that he "hit the nail on the head" for all involved with Hampton Beach and its future. — B.J. "Doc" Noel, *President of the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce.*)

Beach Businesses Must Do Their Part

To the Editor:

Hampton Beach has been designated the cleanest beach on the eastern seaboard of the United States. Magazines have proclaimed that Hampton offers the best value for family vacations.

The taxpayers of the town of Hampton voted and invested in excess of \$12 million to upgrade the infrastructure of the beach; i.e. new sewers, sidewalks, street improvements. The state of New Hampshire's Legislature has just approved a \$14.5 million Hampton Beach Redevelopment Project and an additional \$1 million to continue repairs to the deteriorating seawall at North Beach.

The redevelopment project will include two new bathroom facilities and a pavilion, as well as an entirely new complex to include bath houses, a first-aid station, a lifeguard station and a brand new Seashell stage with seating for 800 guests.

These are difficult economic times. Small businesses face many challenges as do homeowners. But if the town and state cooperatively can muster \$27 million to invest in the future of Hampton Beach, let us as business folk or owners of commercial property turn today's problems into economic opportunities.

A good start might be to dress up the shops on Ocean Boulevard, not only during the season, but when closed for the winter months so that more uniform shutters can be put in place with the graffiti that has been on some locations for years.

Kudos to those who have demonstrated their faith and commitment to the Beach. Dick Roy, whose condos offer new first class accommodations on Ocean Boulevard, to Norm and Sandy Bolyea, whose Kentville hotel and B Street complex are a tremendous asset to our tourist industry and Skip Windemiller, whose Oceanside complex on Ocean Boulevard offers the finest hotel rooms on the coast.

Congrats also to Jim Trainor and his Boardwalk Inn and restaurant, and Vin Raciti's Sea Ketch Restaurant and Pub.

These individuals have made major investments and deserve the success they are experiencing. There are several others.

It's time to "walk the walk," as they say, and improve the storefronts in order to show our visitors more sidewalk appeal.

The Precinct taxpayers spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to provide events and fireworks to entertain our visitors – no more "honky-tonk" comments about Hampton Beach. Now is the time for other business folk to step forward and do their part to improve this jewel of the Seacoast.

Bob Preston
Hampton

(Bob Preston has been a Hampton Beach businessman for over 50 years, a former state Senator for many years and operates Preston Real Estate with his family.)

The Sea Ketch, one of Hampton Beach's premier spots for dining and enjoying the view was visited recently by The Phantom Gourmet. Visit

www.seaketch.com

to read the excellent review The Sea Ketch received for its food and ambience. The Sea Ketch offers dining inside and outside on three spectacular decks overlooking the beach. Call 603-926-0324 for more information.

CHAMBER CONNECTION

A Daytime Networking Event

Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 11:30 to 12:30

Speaker: To Be Announced

Hampton Area Chamber members and their guests are invited to join us for this straightforward networking opportunity at the Chamber office, One Lafayette Road, Hampton, on the first Wednesday of most months from 11:30 to 12:30. Attendees will meet other professionals to make contacts and expand visibility for their businesses. There will be time for a short infomercial about your business, a featured speaker will present a topic of interest, and the rest is all about networking.

Contact Katie Curran at (603) 926-8718, ext. 104 or e-mail katie@hamptonchamber.com to reserve a spot. Space is limited to the first 25 reservations received. **Reservations are required.** An e-mail confirmation will be sent to each month's attendees.

The First Annual Day for Little Miss Molly

August 15, 2009

Let Little Miss Molly continue to bring this community together.

Molly's Ride 10:00-1:30 pm

The Red Knights Motorcycle Club NH Chapter 2 will be hosting a ride to honor Molly. The ride will begin at 140 Winnacunnet Road, behind Hampton Fire Station #2. The registration process will begin at 10:00 am sharp. The ride will begin at 11:00 and will finish at The Frank Jones Center in Portsmouth, NH at 1:30pm.

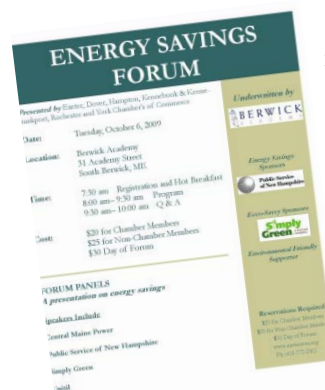
Fundraiser and Party for The Little Miss Molly Fund 1:30-6:00 pm

Friends of Molly will be hosting a party to raise money for The Little Miss Molly Fund. The event will include live music by local musicians, raffle prizes, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, a cookout meal (included in the entrance fee), and a cash bar. Continue to show your support for this cause whether you ride or not.

\$20 per adult \$10 per child 12 & under

To register by August 10, see www.mollyrowlee.com

Mark Your Calendar!



Plan now to attend this collaborative program on Energy Savings, presented by Exeter, Dover, Hampton, Kennebunk & Kennebunkport, Rochester, and York Chambers of Commerce on Tuesday, October 6 at Berwick Academy.

Please see separate insert in this newsletter for forum details and reservation information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Locally owned and operated, **White Glove Treatment** is providing exceptional commercial and residential cleaning services to the Seacoast area. Owner Laurie Savoy comes from Mount Washington Valley, and owns an award winning cleaning business in Carroll County. White Glove Treatment can provide janitorial services which can include extras such as floor refinishing and carpet cleaning.

Residential cleaning services are customized to meet the homeowners' needs and the same employee comes to the home each time. This provides the security of knowing who is in your home.

White Glove also works directly with real estate agents, condo associations, and property maintenance companies to facilitate cleaning needs in the most efficient manner possible. This is important when dealing with rental turnovers and new construction cleanups.

Call Laurie Savoy today and ask how they can give your company or your home the "White Glove Treatment". Call 603-662-6500 for more information.

MEMBER NEWS



Senator Maggie Hassan Attends Grand Opening of Second Generation

New Generation, Inc. celebrated the opening of their third Second Generation Thrift Shoppe in Seabrook, NH on Friday, July 10th. Senator Maggie Hassan was among the guest speakers, noting that

"This is New Hampshire at its best," as she spoke of the entrepreneurial spirit of NH and how New Generation supports its shelter for homeless pregnant women through its thrift shop sales, and how the community supports the shelter by shopping at and donating goods to Second Generation.

B.J. "Doc" Noel, President of Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed Second Generation to Seabrook and thanked New Generation for being a long-time member of the chamber. Rosemary Tator, Principle Partner, 2beffective and member of New Generation Board of Directors thanked the shoppers and guests for their support, noting that New Generation will continue to seek support in all forms so that the shelter will be here to provide a home for pregnant and newly parenting women in crisis.

The ceremonies concluded with guests enjoying a specially designed cake in the shape of a purse and shoe, donated by Melissa Carter of Bumble Bee Cake Studio in Hampton Falls, and Mini Moe's donated by Seabrook Moe's Subs, while shopping the special ½ price grand opening sale.

Pictured at the ribbon cutting are: 1st row, from left: Hannah Hart, Rosemary Tator, Senator Maggie Hassan, Gail Contant, Lisa Vincent, Janet Hamilton, Ruthie Ford, Kelsi Deters-McCarthy. 2nd row, from left: B.J. "Doc" Noel, Brendon Kelly, Chairman, Seabrook Board of Selectmen, and Pat Morgenstern, Hampton Area Chamber.

Founded in 1987, New Generation, Inc. is a shelter for homeless pregnant and parenting women of infants that houses up to seven women and their children at a time, providing counseling, parenting education, nutrition and life skills, and transportation to partnering agencies. Other services: *Second Generation Thrift Shoppes* (in Greenland, Rochester and Seabrook), and *Generation Gap Furniture Barn*. For further information, stop by 568 Portsmouth Avenue, Greenland, call 603-436-4989, or visit their website at www.newgennh.org.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire opened its doors in Dover one year ago, hoping to attract a wider audience with a larger space, new exhibits, and expanded age appeal. Nearly 130,000 people have visited the new museum during the last 12 months, and have come from all fifty states and places as far away as Singapore and Japan. This attendance figure is well beyond pre-opening projections and is nearly 50,000 more than the number of people who visited the Portsmouth location on an annual basis.

"We are thrilled with the response the new museum has gotten," said Denise Doleac, Director of the museum. "Our family memberships are up 100 percent, and we've welcomed people from nearly 100 New Hampshire communities so far. Everyone's feedback has been extremely positive. Adults and children appreciate our one-of-a-kind exhibits, creative and colorful use of space, and family-friendly location in Henry Law Park on the Cochecho River."

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is housed in Dover's historic, 80-year-old armory that was completely redesigned by ARQ Architects of Kittery, ME. A total of \$3.6 million was raised through generous donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to fund the building's renovation. The museum was recently awarded Silver LEED certification by the U.S. Green Building Council in recognition of the many green design features and materials that were incorporated into the design, including high-performance windows, high-efficiency HVAC system, low-flow plumbing fixtures, non-toxic, low-VOC finishes, and materials with high recycled content.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire is located at 6 Washington Street in Dover and offers two levels of hands-on, custom-created exhibits for children ages 1-12. Children can explore a wide range of subjects, from dinosaurs, music and aeronautics to world cultures, art and natural history. Open year-round, the museum hosts a variety of live performances, workshops, classes and special events for families. For more information, please call the museum at (603) 742-2002 or visit www.childrens-museum.org.

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THE VICTORIA INN and ANNEX to Host "Business After Hours"

Co-Sponsored by Atrio Properties GMAC Real Estate

Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 5:30-7:30 pm

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Come have fun, relax, and network with local business owners at the "Vicky" on August 19th. The Victoria Inn Bed & Breakfast and Annex, located at 430 High Street in Hampton, is hosting the next Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours in their beautiful outdoor Annex. Enjoy a sampling of their popular summer gourmet food featuring Mahalos Catering! Parking is free on site. Admission is 2 business cards. Cash bar will be available, and drawings will be held for door prizes. Tour the Main House, beautifully renovated and decorated by owners Aaron and Maureen Brown (also owners of Atrio Properties of Hampton Falls and Greenland). See you there!

Atrio Properties GMAC Real Estate is in its 24th year of servicing the needs of home buyers and sellers of the greater Seacoast of New Hampshire and Southern Maine. Their offices are located in Hampton Falls and Greenland, NH. The company has been built on the integrity of the owner Aaron Brown and the agents representing buyers and sellers. Atrio Properties has always had a strong team spirit that enables them to work well together! Agents at Atrio Properties are informed and active within the communities they live and work in enabling them to share

local knowledge to better serve their clients' needs. Their commitment is "Achieving your goals is our success". Atrio GMAC is a one-stop real estate company. The in-house mortgage department can simplify the finance process by assisting the client from application to approval. Their motto is simply "Service You Deserve. People You Trust."



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