

GR. HUDSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October / November 2009

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Dates to Remember

- November 10th (Tuesday) Networking at the NEW Rodgers Memorial Library, 5:30PM. No Cost to attend.
- December 8th, at 6PM, Annual Silent Auction & Dinner for Charity. Cost is \$25 per person—Reservations!
- Book your event for 2010, call the chamber!

2009 Directors

- President: Dr. Scott Szela
Chiropractic Works (2010)
- Executive VP: Jerry Mayotte
Red Brick Clothing Co (2012)
- Treasurer: Janet Hamel
St. Mary's Bank (2010)
- Secretary: Jennifer Wheeler
Hudson Cycle Center (2012)
- Outgoing President: Tim Malley
TJ Malley Electric (2011)
- Steve Forkey
Web Action Group (2011)
- Scott Dionne
Specialty Kitchens (2010)
- Steve Flaherty
Sam's Club of Hudson (2011)
- Richard Lutz
Alvime High School (2012)
- Alison Cote
Merchant Solutions (2012)
- Mike Falzone
Area News Group (2012)
- Fred Ramos
Showtime Computers (2010)
- Tom Dean
T Dean Construction (2010)
- Ryan Fragala
Financial Insurance Services (2011)
- Executive Director: Brenda Collins



Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce
Charitable Foundation
Annual Silent Auction for Charity
King's Court, 222 Central Street, Hudson
Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM
Buffet dinner \$25 per person

It's people like you who make this event a success . . .

Attend the Auction!! Donate an auction item!! The item may be sporting or event tickets, gift baskets and gift certificates or a product or service, to the Gr. Hudson Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation, and help make our Annual Silent Auction for Charity another winner. Over the last ten years the silent auction has raised **over \$30,500** for charity!!

Your contributions can make a difference – You can help by donating an item for the auction, attending the auction festivities where you can enjoy a great meal and possibly take home some fabulous gifts, and being a sponsor for the event! Added all together we can improve the quality of someone's life! See form inside this newsletter!



YOU COULD WIN!!

Charter for 6 people on this 50-foot Sportfish from Newburyport, MA for four hours! Do a little deep sea fishing or cruise around at your leisure includes food and refreshments!

Donated by: Financial Insurance Services

Current Sponsors:



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State Representatives John
& Mary Ann Knowles



2010 Membership Directory & Community Guide

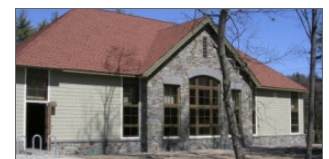
The GHCC Marketing Committee will be publishing the annual Membership Directory & Community Guide, which will list all GHCC members and member information. In order to properly list your business please take a moment to complete the form included in this newsletter, even if you are not planning to include an ad. For those interested in additional advertising, there are many size options at reasonable pricing for you to choose from, just complete the form and email your ad to the Chamber office.

Business After Hours at Rodgers Memorial Library

194 Derry Road, Hudson

**Tuesday, November 10th
at 5:30PM**

**No cost
to
attend!**



CAPTURED CONNECTIONS

AREA NEWS GROUP Family Style Networking—Great Fun for Everyone!
We look forward to seeing you at future Chamber events!



Welcome New Member

- ☆ **Advantage Self Storage** Donna & John Cresta , 84 River Road, Hudson (603) 595-4700. Offering self storage ranging in sizes 5' x 5' to 10' x 40'.
- ⇒ If you know of a business that could benefit from membership with the Gr. Hudson Chamber of Commerce, share their contact information with the GHCC or direct them to learn more about us by calling the Chamber office or to visit us at www.HudsonChamber.com

Does the GHCC Have Your Current Information?

Keep us updated! Every week the "Chamber Connection" email is sent , if you are not receiving it, please contact the chamber office at (603) 889-4731 or email us at info@hudsonchamber.com to make sure we have your current email address. Also be sure that your mailing address and telephone number listed on the GHCC website is correct so we have the right information for the upcoming Membership Directory & Community Guide.

Electronic Changing Sign Ordinance Proposal Update

Over the past year, the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors has been working diligently on a proposal to upgrade the Town of Hudson current sign ordinance to allow electronic changing signs.

This collaborative effort has been a daunting task that has required many meetings, much discussion, many compromises and several presentations to the Town of Hudson Planning Board.

BE INFORMED—On October 7, 2009 that Hudson Planning Board moved this proposed ordinance to one of the final stages before it is placed on the ballot for the March Election. This stage is the Public Hearing, in which residents and those effected by the proposed ordinance to have an opportunity to give their feeling on it, before the Planning Board votes to give their recommendation or not.

The Chamber has aided in crafting an ordinance that although provides strong restrictions on where electronic changing signs can be installed, it does open the option for the local business community to consider and explore this option. On **November 17, 2009 at 5:30 PM**, the Chamber will host an informational meeting on the proposed sign ordinance. This meeting is to answer any questions the business community has in reference to this ordinance and will be held in the Chamber office, 71 Lowell Road, Hudson.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT—The Chamber is seeking support for the **December 9, 2009 Planning Board Meeting at Hudson Town Hall, 7 PM**. It is time for the business community to unify, and shows the Town we support providing the business community with options for growth and prosperity.

Proposed Language:

§ 334-60 General Requirements.

H. Electronic Changing Signs are permitted in the business and industrial zones subject to the requirements of § 336-64 (C) see below. Electronic Changing signs shall be prohibited in the Town residence (TR), residential (R-1, R-2) and general (G and G-1) zoning districts.

§ 334-64. Freestanding business and industrial signs.

C. Electronic Changing Signs are allowed only as a component of a freestanding sign and shall conform to the following minimum requirements along with all other requirements for freestanding signs within the sign ordinance:

(1.) Definitions relevant to Electronic Changing Signs.

(2.) No more than one (1) Electronic Changing Sign shall be allowed per lot.

(3.) Electronic Changing Signs shall not exceed 50% of the area of a freestanding sign or 50 square feet whichever is smaller. Electronic Changing Signs shall be restricted to a maximum of four lines of text or message display and text shall be restricted to a maximum of 10-inches in height.

(4.) Electronic Changing Signs shall be required to have a minimum of 150-feet between other Electronic Changing Signs located on the same side of a street or roadway.

(5.) Electronic Changing Signs shall be allowed only on lots with a minimum street frontage in accordance with the "Table of Minimum Dimensional Requirements".

(6) Electronic Changing Signs shall be located a minimum of 200-feet from any residential dwelling unit.

(7.) The portion of a freestanding sign that contains an Electronic Changing Sign component shall only be operated during the hours the business associated with the electronic changing sign is open.

(8.) All illumination elements on the face of Electronic Changing Sign shall remain at fixed level of illumination for a period of not less than 15-minutes.

(9.) All text and message displays of an Electronic Changing Sign shall fade onto and off of the electronic message display area, statically and uniformly, at a rate of change of no more than two seconds.

(10.) Electronic Changing Signs shall be equipped with automatic dimming controls, so the brightness level will be highest during the day and lowest at night. Manufacturer specifications shall be submitted at the time of sign permit specifying maximum sign brightness. The maximum brightness shall not exceed 8,000 NITS with a maximum night-time reading not to exceed 20% of the sign maximum brightness.

§ 275-8.B. Site Plan Review, Application Procedures

(13) Brightness measurement process for Electronic Changing Signs shall be as follows:

(a.) At least 1 hour past sunset, a foot-candle meter shall be used to record the ambient light reading for the area adjacent to the proposed sign; the sign shall be off at this time.

(b.) The reading shall be taken with the foot-candle meter aimed directly at the sign at a distance of 30-feet from the sign face.

(c.) The sign shall be turned on and shall display an all white background; Step (13)(b) shall be repeated.

(d.) There shall be a difference of not more than 0.3 foot-candles or less from the first reading, versus the second reading, for the sign to be in compliance with this ordinance.

(14) Under the provisions of this ordinance, the applicant for a sign permit for a Electronic Changing Sign shall provide with the application an affidavit, sworn or attested by the land owner, applicant and sign installer attesting to the fact that:

(a.) The sign to be installed meets all of the criteria set forth in the ordinance; and

(b.) That the sign shall operate in a manner consistent with the criteria set forth in this ordinance; and

(c.) That the land owner and applicant agree to be held liable, separately or collectively, if these provisions are not met, for any fines or cost incurred by the Town of Hudson to enforce these provisions arising from such violations. This provision shall not be construed to supersede any other responsibility or remedy for such violations set forth in the ordinance.

Should Your Business be selected "Business of the Year" Or do you know a business that is deserving of the nomination?

The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce is in the process of planning its 40th Annual Award Dinner to be held in March 2010 to recognize our community's outstanding citizens and businesses.

The Chamber is seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year, Businesses of the Year and Junior Citizens of the Year; deadline is January 30, 2010. The ***Citizen of the Year*** recognizes the outstanding achievements of an individual of Hudson or surrounding towns, in their ability to contribute to the community. The ***Businesses of the Year*** will have two categories. The first category is for businesses with fewer than 50 employees and the other for businesses with over 50 employees. These awards recognize deserving local businesses that exhibit successful business practices and distinguish themselves as a business that advances the best interest of the local community through leadership and community contributions.

The ***Junior Citizens of the Year***, which includes a scholarship award, recognizes outstanding high school seniors for both scholastic ability and contributions to the surrounding community. Eligibility Criteria for Junior Citizen of the Year can be found on the Chamber website, all Jr. Citizen nominations must mailed

or dropped off at the Chamber office with the requested documents.

A committee of Chamber members will review the nominations, and consider the reasons for nominating the person or business and make the final selections for the award. The Citizen of the Year, Large and Small Business of the Year winners will be honored at the Gr. Hudson Chamber's Annual Dinner to be held in March 2010 while the Jr. Citizen of the Year will be awarded among their peers at their June Scholarship Night event. If anyone would like to submit a candidate, please forward the name of your nomination and reason they are deserving of the award, along with your name and contact information in case the Chamber's nominating committee requires further information or visit www.HudsonChamber.com for online submissions.

Specific and detailed explanations are requested to allow the committee members to best understand the deserving individual. Eligibility and Criteria information is available at the Chamber website.

Nominations can be mailed to: The Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce, 71 Lowell Road, Hudson, NH 03051 or faxed to (603) 889-7939. All nominations must be received prior to January 30, 2010. For questions regarding this process please call the Chamber office at 889-4731.

We've even have made it easier!

Submissions for Citizen and Businesses of the year can now be made ONLINE at the Chamber website, www.HudsonChamber.com.

Yes, you can nominate your own business!

NOW BOOKING!

The Program Committee is working on future Chamber events—Are you interested in hosting a Business After Hours with the GHCC—book now for 2010 and we can begin promoting your business early and often!



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**Happy
Thanksgiving**

