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November 2009

Announcements

**Leamington's
Light Up the Night
Community
Christmas Parade
Saturday Nov. 28th**

6:00pm

*To sponsor,
to register or
for more information
see insert and be sure
to participate in this
huge event!*



**Know what to do to fight
the H1N1 Flu Virus
(Human Swine Flu)**

**Knowledge is your
best defense!**

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*Hope when you
changed you clocks you
remembered to change
the batteries in your
smoke detectors
and CO alarm.*



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Christine Chopchik



President Nick Mastronardi

Busy in November

This year we have partnered with the Sherk Complex to participate in their hat and glove tree. We are asking all non profit agencies to participate in a community tree. We would ask you to buy a Christmas tree ornament and mark it with your agency's logo or name to be hung on the tree. If you would rather have the Chamber look after getting the ornament and putting on your name we would ask for \$10.00. Any monies left over would be donated to the Toys for Tots.

I would like to thank our Leamington ambassadors. Another great job this summer at the Tomato information booth, approx. 5,000 visited the booth.

We had a wonderful turn out for the HST Breakfast Meeting with Minister John Wilkinson. This new tax will take effect on July 1, 2010. If there is a topic that you would like to hear about please call us at the office and we will try and arrange a speaker to speak on it.

As the Holiday season seems to be creeping up on us please don't forget to shop locally.

Please join us for our family Christmas party at Colasanti's; the Committee is working very hard to make it a great night. I have my car reserved for the bumper cars. Looking for a challenge. Our ever popular Christmas parade will be held on the 28th of November. Have you sent in your parade application?

Hope to see you at both events!

Welcome fellow members of the Leamington and District Chamber of Commerce and a big welcome to those businesses that have recently joined our membership. We appreciate that you have decided to invest in your organization by joining this local chamber and I hope that you take an active role in our member activities and our member benefits. It is you, the member, which makes this chamber a strong and vibrant business-to-business association.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and now we look ahead to the upcoming holiday season and the end of 2009. For most of us, we are busily working to keep our businesses and careers strong and put a big finish to this year. I know I have talked to a lot of business owners and this seems to be the time when we start to look at the upcoming year and do our budgeting and planning. Your local chamber is also in the midst of our 2010 budget and planning deliberations; we look forward to sharing our membership activities and events with you.

The Leamington Chamber of Commerce has completed several successful events recently including the HST breakfast meeting in September featuring the Minister of Finance, John Wilkinson, the federal budget review by our Member of Parliament, David Van Kesteren, and our regular networking morning users group, as well as a number of other initiatives. We are looking forward to introducing more activities for 2010 for our membership and I ask that you check with our local office or visit our website for more upcoming announcements.

As always, I would like to thank all of our members for being involved in our local chamber of commerce. It is a choice that you make and it is our privilege to serve our members. I ask for one favor from our members and that is that you help to spread the word of our chamber. Please tell other business members that you deal with or an associate about the value of being a member. We all win by having an avenue such as the chamber to help to promote and educate us in our business and open new opportunities within our community. Feel free to drop me a message if you have an idea or an opportunity to make a positive difference for our chamber of commerce. I can be reached by email at nick@lucier-mastronardi.com. Thank you.

***Congratulations to Chief Dean Gow and all the Police Officers
for a job well done in cleaning up our streets!***