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THE 28TH VICTORIAN FAIR WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 14, 2008,
FROM 11:30AM TO 5:00PM

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The Melrose Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the 28th Victorian Fair on September 14, 2008. This years Victorian Fair Committee is co-chaired by Joanne Schamberg (Promotional Solutions) and Elaine Foley (East Boston Saving Bank) and the committee includes Kathy Patrycki (Servpro of Melrose), Lisa Figueiredo (ReMax), Jeff Jones (Melrose Cooperative Bank), Mike Lindstrom (City of Melrose) along with the Chamber Staff members Kathy Tozza and Jil Wonoski. In the tradition of the Fair our goal is to bring local businesses, organizations and Melrose residents together. It's the perfect day to meet old friends, sample great food, enjoy the entertainment, experience various services offered in Melrose, meet public officials and to keep our local businesses top of mind. If you have interest in joining the Fair Committee please contact us, we can always use volunteers to add to the success of the Fair.

We are currently soliciting items for our "Big Ticket" Raffle from our membership. Items must have a \$150 value and your generous donation will be highlighted in the local newspapers, online and in the fair program. Keep in mind your donation will be the main attraction of the Chamber booth and we see 12,000 people the day of the fair. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle please just give us a call at the Chamber office at 781-665-3033 or email at info@melrosechamber.org.

Meet with the Board of Director's

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month with the exception of September, for the remainder of 2008

May 7 at 7:45AM

June 4 at noon

No meeting in July

August 6 at 6:00PM

September 10 at 7:45AM

October 1 at noon

November 5 at 6:00PM

December 3 at 7:45AM

Just give us a call to discuss the agenda

Contact us at 781-665-3033 or at

info@melrosechamber.org

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Melrose Chamber of Commerce.

Nasty Nonni's, 321 Main Street, Saugus, MA This facility stocks wines made by hundreds of wineries, spirits from hundreds of distilleries and beer from around the world. We guarantee that we have the best selection of wine, beer and spirits. The principle owner is Dan Conde, he can be reached at 781-231-0100 or @ nastynonnis@aol.com

Sophistikate, 101 First Street, Melrose, MA One of a kind, handmade jewelry creations, we also have the ability to customize jewelry for weddings and remembrance. The principle owner is Kate Rowlands, she can be reach at 781-526-1001 or @ www.sophistikate.net

Wakefield Harborside Health Care, 1 Bathol Street, Wakefield, MA One of the most respected nursing and long-term care companies in the United States, offering a full range of quality programs and services to meet the critical needs of patients, residents and their families. Director of Marketing & Admissions is Jane Mayo, she can be reached at 781-557-2405 or @ JaneMayo@sunh.com

Please remember to support our members by frequenting these establishments.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



"As the summer months continue think about enjoying a staycation in Melrose—shop locally, visit local businesses, explore an innovative service, try a new restaurant, enjoy the library and visit our local parks."

*Jil Wonoski
Executive Director*

As we continue to build the success of the Melrose Chamber of Commerce by implementing programs, growing events and services that promote Melrose and its many business districts, we would like to highlight a few projects that impact you.

Our new website, www.melrosechamber.org is currently up and running as a test site. Our plan is to become the keeper of the Events Calendar for Melrose, by doing this the Chamber will be the "Go To" site for local information. All sponsorship opportunities and updated data will be completed by September, 2008.

Our Membership Committee is diligently working towards an October 2008, goal of holding a Membership drive. We plan on contacting groups dedicated to the continued well-being of Melrose; including various businesses, services, charitable organizations, government officials and school administrations to join the Chamber. Membership allows us to accomplish collectively what no one person could do individually.

Other highlights include the 28th Victorian Fair, the revamping of the Melrose Gift Certificate Program, Halloween Trick or Treat and It's a Wonderful Melrose (Home for the Holidays) and of course our continued involvement with city projects that effect our membership. The Melrose Chamber of Commerce relies on its membership to participate and get involved in active committee work to help the Chamber to achieve its goals. To get involved in please just give us a call 781-665-3033.

Since the Chamber is the voice of the business community please feel free to contact us at anytime. We welcome your comments, questions and concerns and will do our best to help you. Your feedback is important to us; we can be reached at 781-665-3033 or email us at info@melrosechamber.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the Melrose Chamber of Commerce we thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you. Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Joanne Schamberg

Victorian Fair

The 2008 Applications for a booth or a space at the Victorian Fair are now available, along with the food guidelines.

Go to the Chamber website to print your copy www.melrosechamber.org

Just click on the Victorian Fair button to read about the fair and print off your application.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

KARATE PRO DOJO

FREE INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM TO MCC

Karate Pro Dojo has a new location at 171 Tremont Street, Melrose MA and Kevin O'Connor (Certified Instructor) can be reached at 781- 665-9865. Karate Pro Dojo is a family oriented martial art school dedicated to helping our students achieve their goals. The classes are fun, safe and teach students much more than self-defense. They teach skills that can be applied in every day life. Classes are offered at various times throughout the week to children, young adults and adults alike.

To continue to support the Melrose Chamber of Commerce—Karate Pro Dojo is offering a Free Introductory Program (\$20 value). This program is a great way to be introduced to the benefits of Karate. The Introductory Program consists of two semi-private lessons and one regular group class. They teach a few basic Karate skills as well as the rules of the dojo. This offer will expire on 8/31/08.

For more information please give Kevin a call at 781-665-9865 or visit the website at www.karateprodojo.com

What a great way to explore Karate at no cost to you.

IT'S A WONDERFUL MELROSE.....

What makes Melrose Wonderful.....A business community that is constantly aiming to do better.

The Melrose Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the businesses of Melrose that generously donated to the new "Skate Park", your donations continue to make these type of projects a reality. Your efforts continue to enhance the quality of life in Melrose. Many thanks!

Main Street has a new addi-

tion to the Victorian Lighting. We now have gorgeous hanging flower pots running down the length of Main Street. The petite pink flowers would brighten up any day. This project was single handedly executed by a Chamber Board Member. Both private and business donations are credited with this wonderful addition to Main Street. Great work!

The Merchants of Main Street are working with the Chamber to build awareness around a new pro-

gram, "Alive After 5". Together with numerous Main Street retailers we named the program and will be promoting the fact that local Melrose businesses will now be open Thursday evenings. We are very excited about expanding the hours of retailers to meet the needs of the residents of Melrose. Shop locally and support the businesses of Melrose.

THE ARC OF EAST MIDDLESEX – RUN/WALK 5K

The Arc of East Middlesex's 14th Annual Melrose 5K Run/Walk will be held on the morning of the Victorian Fair, Sunday, September 14th. The Kids ½ Mile Fun Run takes off at 10:15 a.m. and the 5K for runners and walkers starts at 10:30 a.m. Both races begin and end next to the Melrose Family YMCA at 497 Main Street. The Kids Fun Run is non-competitive and each child receives a ribbon at the

finish line. The 5K is professionally timed and awards are presented after the race in front of the Victorian Fair stage. The Melrose business community and local residents have been tremendously supportive of this event to benefit our recreation programs for kids and adults with developmental disabilities and autism. Registration fees are \$5 for the Kids Fun Run and \$18 for the 5K (\$20

after August 31st). Businesses and community organizations are encouraged to run or walk as a group. Register online at www.firstgiving.com/emarc To learn more about the Arc's programs, please visit their web site at www.theemarc.org.

CHAMBER UPDATES

"After Hours"

Based on member feedback, the Chamber held it's first "After Hours" get together at Stearns and Hill's Bistro in late June. We were thrilled that you braved the rain storms and some of you brought along a guest to join the group. It was a pleasure to catch up, exchange ideas and to share future plans. A good time was had by all.

"Save the Date"

Plans for our next "After Hours" get together are underway. We are planning on getting together following the Victorian Fair. So please **hold the following date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008, from 5:30PM to 7:30PM**. \$10, with a cash bar and light appetizers will be served. Feel free to bring a guest.

An email will be sent to you in August as a reminder and to disclose the location. We hope to see you there, this is a great way to meet members of the Melrose Chamber of Commerce and to see what's going on around the city.

Melrose Chamber of Commerce

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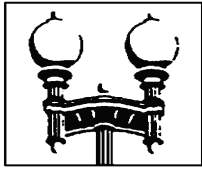
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DONATE LIFE – MELROSE

Donate Life – Melrose

This is a new organization formed to promote organ donor awareness. It's an outgrowth of a support group for the Linehan family, whose 20-year-old daughter, Laura, succumbed to the complications of liver disease the day an organ was found for a transplant. She exhibited extraordinary strength as she suffered and courageously tackled her mission to restore her health while being away from family, friends and loved ones.

In appreciation for all the gifts and prayers for Laura, the family has asked their friends to channel this energy into a campaign to let the public know the critical need for people to state their willingness to be organ donors, should they ever be in a situation to do so.

Every day, 18 people die waiting for a transplant; currently, there are 99,000 people on the transplant list.

While it is unlikely that most of us will be in a position to donate, everyone should be

willing to do so. This means having the conversation with loved ones in calm, healthy times.

In the next few weeks, visible signs of this campaign will appear in Melrose: green ribbon pins, green bracelets, a kiosk sign, window signs in businesses, and conversation cards that businesses will be asked to display in their shops. If you have any questions about this campaign, please contact Nancy Kukura at 781-665-1374, or by email at nfkura@comcast.net.

Chamber Events

BOD Meeting, 8/6

Victorian Fair, 9/14

After Hours, 9/23

*Multi Chamber ,
October TBD*

Halloween ,10/31

*Home for the Holidays,
12/4–12/6*