



CHAMBER CONNECTION

FROM THE TAUNTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TACC, Pro-Home to host Breakfast with Mayor Hoyer

The TACC and Pro-Home, Inc. are hosting a Breakfast on Thursday, March 20, at Benjamin's Restaurant in Taunton. Registration is at 7:45 a.m. and the program begins at 8 a.m.

Mayor Thomas Hoyer is the guest speaker. Mayor Hoyer was elected into office in January of 2012. Since being elected Tom has worked to revitalize Downtown Taunton, enhance economic development and promote job growth in Taunton and Southeastern Massachusetts. He has introduced a more effective way of doing business by streamlining the permitting process. His administration is focused on finding innovative solutions and enhancing technology to make government more efficient to better serve the community.

The cost to attend is \$20



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for Chamber Members and \$30 for Non-Members and includes a full breakfast. Register in advance by calling the Chamber office at 508-824-4068 or by emailing info@tauntonareachamber.org.

~ Refunds for cancellations honored until noon of the day prior to the event; otherwise, you will be billed. ~



Last year's Legislative Breakfast.

Annual Legislative Breakfast set for April 11

Join us at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 11 at Benjamin's Restaurant for the Chamber's Annual Legislative Breakfast. The breakfast draws more than 100 businessmen and women from the Taunton area and surrounding local communities. This is a great opportunity to catch up with the delegations' legislative agendas and those of other elected officials. Sen. Marc Pacheco and our state representatives have all been invited to provide an update on local issues. We encourage

you to submit a question for the legislators by emailing info@tauntonareachamber.org.

The cost to attend the breakfast is \$25 for Chamber Members and \$35 for Non-Members. Register in advance by calling the Chamber at 508-824-4068 or emailing info@tauntonareachamber.org.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center

The Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center is located at 35 Route 44 in Raynham, across from Stop & Shop. The Raynham Donation Center accepts clothing, bedding, drapes, books, shoes, towels, blankets and more. It is open seven days a week. Tax receipts are available. They also make home pickups at no charge.

100% percent of all proceeds go directly to families in New England. They sponsor the only overnight children's camp in New England.



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Businesses and organizations can raise money by sponsoring a clothing drive. Call John for more information at 781-378-2313.

Visit www.donatenewengland.org for more information. For a free pickup call 888-322-8209.

CHAMBER NEWS



A new branch of Mechanics Cooperative Bank recently opened at 316 Broadway in Taunton.

Mechanics Cooperative Bank expands its Taunton presence

Mechanics Cooperative Bank, and President and CEO Joseph T. Baptista Jr., are proud to announce the grand opening of their new state-of-the-art bank branch facility located at 316 Broadway, Taunton. This new location will employ five full-time and five part-time positions and be fully equipped with complete lobby banking services, drive-up ATM, drive-up teller access and a self-service coin machine.

Baptista commented "on feeling proud to have been able to expand in the City of Taunton while offering our customers a complete and modern banking facility. I would like to personally thank the City of Taunton for their support and our customers for banking with us. This new bank branch is another example of how we are truly making our "Let's Keep it Local!" philosophy, a reality."

Mechanics Cooperative Bank was recently honored with a Small Business Community Development Award at the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting for this project and committing over \$1 million in real estate development within the City of Taunton.

Mayor Tom Hoyer stated "Mechanics Cooperative Bank can not be thanked enough for their commitment to Taunton and for kicking off this project – the second of its kind might

I add. Mechanics has transformed two problem-properties within Taunton over the past three (3) years into functioning bank offices – paying taxes, serving our community, and ultimately improving the quality of life for our residents. Thank you Joe, and thank you for your commitment to "Keep it Local!"

The new branch at 316 Broadway will serve the existing Bay Street customers however a functioning ATM will remain at 308 Bay Street along with back-office staff.

Kerrie Babin, President of the Taunton Chamber "is proud to have Mechanics Cooperative Bank as a member of our Chamber community. Their commitment to Taunton and our local business community is clear with this very significant investment. Thank you for your help, support and commitment to the City of Taunton."

Established in 1877, Mechanics Cooperative Bank is Massachusetts' second-oldest co-operative bank with eight conveniently located branches in Bridgewater, Taunton, North Dighton, Somerset, Swansea, Fall River and Westport. For more information, call 1-888-MECHANICS (632-4264) or visit Mechanics-Coop.com. Member FDIC. Member SIF. Equal Housing Lender.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

March 19

The next Business After Hours will be held on Wednesday, March 19. It is being held at The Travel Experience, Inc., located at 634 Broadway in Raynham. Stop by between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. and enjoy hors d'oeuvres while networking with local business professionals. Don't forget to bring your business cards to exchange and to enter in the raffle.

The travel agents at The Travel Experience are Disney Specialists as well as Sandals and Beaches Resorts Specialists. They received the Golden Apple Award from Apple Vacations. Visit www.thetravelexperience.com for more information.

April 10

BankFive is hosting a Business After Hours on Thursday, April 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Visit the branch on 2093 Bay Street in Taunton and enjoy hors d'oeuvres while networking with local business professionals. Don't forget to bring your business cards to exchange and to enter in the raffle drawing!

Since 1855, BankFive has been serving the communities of the SouthCoast with a steadfast commitment to provide local individuals, families and businesses with outstanding products and services designed to meet their financial needs. With thirteen offices conveniently located throughout the SouthCoast, BankFive is one of the top community banks in the area. For more information, visit www.bankfive.com.

The cost to attend either of these events is \$5 for Members and \$10 for Non-Members. To register for this event, contact the Chamber at 508-824-4068, e-mail info@tauntonareachamber.org, or visit www.tauntonareachamber.org/news_events.

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SAVE THE DATE

22nd Annual Teacher Recognition & Scholarship Awards Breakfast

WHEN: Friday, May 16, 2014
WHERE: Benjamin's Restaurant
(Packets available at TACC)

27th Annual Golf Tournament

WHEN: Monday, June 16, 2014
WHERE: Segregansett Country Club
\$165/Player and \$650/Foursome
(Contact TACC for Sponsorship Opportunities)

For more information call the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce at 508-824-4068.