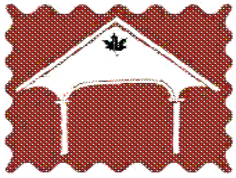




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# Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce

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## Get Ready for a Great New Year!

First, a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Stars and Stripes Festival and participated with their time and effort to make it a fun, safe event for everyone. We were fortunate to have Miss Vermont Ashley Wheeler perform the Star Spangled Banner at the start of the parade. The following is a quote from her Miss Vermont blog. "During the last couple week's travels there have been some stand-out moments I would like to highlight. Foremost, it was a joy to sing the National Anthem during the parade at the Stars and Stripes Festival in Lyndonville. This was my first "fly-over" experience. Dick Axelrod of Lyndon executed a grand fly-over coordinated in perfect time during the last part of my singing in memory of Rep. Cola Hudson and Dr. Elliot. It was an honor to be part of a moment so much bigger than myself. Both of these men had such a profound impact on our community. They made contributions so great, I only hope to some day be as well respected." Well said, Ashley.

Little did anyone know, that our dear "Forget Me Not Girl" and Grand Marshall Harriet Fisher would be taken from us by a stroke so soon after the Festival took place. We are so grateful that she was able to take part and will never forget her many, many contributions to the community. No one will ever take her place in our hearts. Our sincere condolences to Carol, Kermit, Lois, Bill, Janet and Alan and the rest of Harriet's loving family.

The new membership year is fast approaching and your participation is key to the Chamber's continued success. We ended this year with a record high 147 paid members, with many members taking advantage of the VACCE insurance benefits. We are looking to add even more value to the very reasonable membership in the coming year. The web page keeps expanding and many people use it for their first information about the area. We hope to add the newsletter to the webpage and give people the option of receiving the newsletter via email to save on paper and postage. We are continuing to partner with NEKTTA and stay involved with the National Geographic GeoTourism project. There's lots going on with YOUR chamber, look for membership information in the mail soon. Please attend the September 16th meeting and help us elect Officers and Board members!

### AGENDA

- Election of Officers
- Election of Directors
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report and Budget
- Dues Structure 08-09
- Stars and Stripes Wrapup
- New Business
- Adjourn

*Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Business meeting Tuesday, September 16th at 8 am at the Cobleigh Public Library. Officers and Directors will be voted on and the budget for the 2008-2009 membership year will be set. See you there!*

## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM GREAT RACE PLANNED**

Have you ever watched the CBS VT Hit series “The Amazing Race” and thought WOW, I want to do that. Well here is your chance. The Northeast Kingdom Great Race has officially come to Vermont. Teams of four will compete by racing through the Northeast Kingdom completing challenges that will send them through various situations and activities which will be both physically and mentally challenging. Just like the TV series, participants can expect a few surprises along the way.

The Northeast Kingdom Great Race is scheduled for **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**. The race will start at The Burke Town School in West Burke, Vermont. From there, teams will be given a challenge to complete. After a challenge is completed your team will move on to a new challenge. There will be many challenges throughout the day. Cash and other prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Even if your team does not win a prize it will still be worth the great day you have spent with your friends or family.

Get your team together and be ready for a fun filled day. Each team consists of four participants all of which must be over 18 years of age and of good physical health. One member of each team needs a valid driver's license. Team Captains are encouraged to choose their teammates wisely as their teams success will depend upon member's physical fitness, problem solving skills, ability to work and play well together and maintain a sense of humor. The entry fee for each team of four participants is \$100.00, (\$25.00 per person). This event is sponsored by the Northeast Kingdom Skating Club. The NKSC consists of skaters ranging in age from five to fifty and are based at the Chester Arena in Lyndonville, VT and the CREW Arena in Morrisville, VT. Members provide and receive skating instruction, perform in shows and exhibitions and introduce hundreds of young people to the amazing sport of Figure Skating. The goal of the organization is to provide a safe environment that encourages and supports development of positive life skills, fosters self discipline and teamwork, develops a sense of community, promotes physical fitness and provides an opportunity to enhance mentoring skills.

**To enter your team, a registration form will need to be submitted by September 10, 2008** so don't waste any time. Late registrations will be accepted after September 10, 2008 for an additional \$50.00 registration fee. No registration forms accepted after September 18, 2008. Registration forms for the Northeast Kingdom Great Race are available at: Currier's Market, Glover, VT. and Village Sports Shop, Lyndonville, VT or download a form from our website at [www.neksc.org](http://www.neksc.org). If you have any questions about the race or would like a registration form sent to you in the mail please **contact Krystal Ingalls at 525-4576 or Bridget Murray at 467-3909**.

## **Burke Mountain Honored With National Guest Services Award**

Burke Mountain is the 2008 nationwide recipient of the **Best Overall Guest Service Program** for ski areas with up to 100,000 skier visits. The award was presented at the June 2, 2008 National Ski Areas Association annual meeting in San Francisco. According to Emilie Kelley, of Camp Kelly Inc. and one of the judges for NSAA, Burke Mountain's “Bend Over Backwards” campaign did a great job of encouraging employees to exceed everyday expectations.

While in San Francisco to receive the award on behalf of Burke Mountain, Joe Kasprzak, the ski area's Director of Service Operations, said, “Our employees are passionate about Burke Mountain and providing our guests with memorable experiences. We've empowered and encouraged them to just make it happen for our guests. I'm proud of them and pleased that they're being recognized for their dedication.” Congratulations from the Lyndon Chamber on winning this prestigious award!

## POWERS PARK PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Dear Members of the Chamber of Commerce!

It is with great excitement that we introduce ourselves to you: We are the newly formed Powers Park Playground Committee.

As you may know, we have started our community wide capital campaign to build an exciting, accessible and fun playground at Powers Park for the use of the children of the area during the spring, summer and fall. Every year Powers Park offers a summer program of swimming and tennis lessons, a swim team, free swimming in the afternoons and access to a free lunch program that is available to all children. This year, our tennis program has a record number of children participating, according to instructor Tom Powers, who says that our park program has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest participation of any other Parks and Recreation Organization in New England. Pool director Dustin Hunter says this year's participation in swimming lessons is over 350 area children. These are incredible numbers and it's because we have such a great park!

And this great park would not be possible without the generosity of the community. That is why we plan to contact each and every one of you personally through letters and face-to-face meetings to seek your valuable input and financial participation in this terrific project. Look for our letter in the coming weeks and then our phone call to schedule a meeting to talk to you personally to show you the blueprints for the playground and invite you to contribute to the fund.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you! Thank you in advance! JAngel Corrow, Adrienne D'Olimpio, Janet Dunphy-Brown, Val Rutledge and Radha Heath



### **Volunteers Needed to Help with the LACC Coin Drop to Benefit Stars and Stripes!!!!**

**Can you help out on Saturday, October 4th during the hours of 9 am to 1 pm?**



**We were chosen for a Coin Drop to help raise seed money for next**

**year's Stars and Stripes Festival. If you would like to help out, please call the Chamber at 626-9696.**

## Chamber Calendar and Newsletter Deadlines

- **The September meeting on Tuesday the 16th at 8 am at the Cobleigh Library is the Annual Business and Budget meeting and we need to have a slate of officers in place.**
- **Membership Forms for the 2008-2009 year will go out the last week of September.**

**If you would like your business profiled for this newsletter, please call Cheryl at 626-9696.**

## The Lyndonville Board of Trade-History of the Lyndon Chamber

*(The following is excerpted from an article that Harriet Fisher wrote for the May, 2008 Northland Journal.)*

The Lyndonville Board of Trade was organized in 1896 for the purpose of business promotion and economic development in Lyndonville and the area. One report showed that the Board of Trade, in April 1897, was discussing the prospect of having a New Jersey hosiery knitting mill locate here. Other enterprises "have an eye on the place and with the right manipulation may be secured." The board also considered a steel shoe-pin manufactory, and other enterprises, but there were some who voiced these concerns: "It is the most natural thing in the world for a prospering village to over-build, and the fact is seldom discovered till rents go begging," they noted.

The Board of Trade was apparently re-organized in 1926. Welcome signs were placed at the north and south ends of Lyndonville. Ten thousand brochures at a cost of \$500 were issued and distributed by the Board advertising attractions of Lyndonville and the vicinity. The brochure, with several photos, says "Beautiful Lyndonville, Vermont, Gem of the Passumpsic Valley".

A Board of Trade meeting report, June 11, 1929 stated that there were 69 paid-up members, with 17 as the average attendance at meetings. It was around 1950 that the Lyndonville Chamber of Commerce was formed, now known as the Lyndon Area Chamber of Commerce.

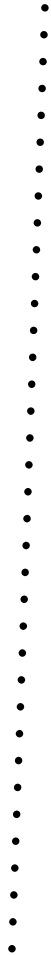
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The Friends of the Cobleigh Public Library are having  
their 5th Annual **HUGE Book Sale**  
Friday, October 10th from Noon to 7 pm  
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at the Lyndon Municipal Building. Info: 626-5475

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The Darling Inn Senior Meal Site has a bus  
going to the  
Fryeburg Fair on Senior Day,  
Tuesday, September 30th.  
Seating is limited, first come, first served.  
Call Cindy at 626-8700 for more information.