

NEWSLETTER – December 29, 2011

Williamston Area Chamber of Commerce

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Please share this newsletter! Forward it to your family, friends, employees, or provide the Chamber with the e-mail addresses of anyone who would like to electronically receive this newsletter. Thank you!

Have a Safe and Happy New Year!

This week:

New Year's Eve Celebrations –

Brookshire Inn is having live entertainment with “Uptown”, from 9 pm – 1 am, along with New Year's party favors and drink specials, on Saturday, December 31! Dinner served from 4 – 11 pm, with their full menu being offered along with some New Year's specials. They are located at 205 W. Church St, 517-655-4694, www.brookshiregolfclub.com.

Eagles - The Williamston Eagles Club is planning an exceptional New Year's Eve event for 2012 on **Saturday, December 31!** Listen to the live music of the Basement Dawgs band, also enjoy their prime rib special and a free champagne toast at midnight! The fun starts at 6 pm with a live auction of antiques and collectibles at 7 pm and the band at 8 pm. There is no cover and they are open to the public! The Eagles Club is located at 835 High Street in Williamston. 517-655-6510, www.foe4091.com.

Gracie's Place is having a New Year's Eve four-course dinner on **Saturday, December 31**. Cost is \$60 per person and each course is paired with a different wine/cordial (\$40 per person with no wine). To see the menu: <http://graciesplacewilliamston.com/new-years-eve-dinner>. Gracie's Place is located at 151 S. Putnam, www.graciesplacewilliamston.com, 517-655-1100.

St. Mary's New Year's Youth Lock In – St. Mary's is once again holding their World Famous New Year's Eve Youth Lock In on **Saturday, December 31**. This is open to all 7th-12th graders. Cost is \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door. Starts with Mass at 4:30 pm and ends at 8:30 am. 157 High Street, Williamston, www.stmarywilliamston.com, 517-655-2620. **See Attached.**

Williamston Area Senior Center is having a New Year's Eve Celebration today, **December 29** at the Senior Center, after lunch. 517-655-5173.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity – They have volunteer opportunities at their current Habitat build site located at 524 S. Main Street in Leslie, **this week through December 31**, from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Contact the Habitat office at 517-655-1872 if you are available. They need volunteers to sign up in advance as framing shifts may fill up quickly, and they need to notify in case of shift cancellation due to weather, material delays, leadership illness, etc.

The Sun Theatre is now showing *The Muppets*, **December 28-January 5**. PG, kids/family, comedy. All shows \$4, 517-655-1850, www.suntheatrewilliamston.com. Show times: 12/28, 2 pm & 7 pm; 12/29, 7 pm; 12/30, 7 pm & 9 pm; 12/31, 7 pm only; 1/1, 7 pm; 1/2, 2 pm & 7 pm; 1/3-1/5, 7 pm.

CHAMBER INFORMATION:

Chamber office closed – The Chamber office will be closed on Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2. The office will be open on Tuesday, January 3.

Ice Sculpture Event, January 6-7 – The Chamber is again hosting an Ice Sculpture event on Friday & Saturday, January 6 - 7, 2012. Well-known local ice sculpture artist Scott Miller (www.millerice.com) will carve on Friday from 3 – 6 pm, and on Saturday from 12 - 3 pm. Final locations and carving time schedule will be available next week. Current locations include:

Tina Brookhouse Fitness Studio, at 162 West Grand River Avenue, (one block west of the 4 corners). www.tinabrookhousefitness.com

Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic, 2295 N. Williamston Rd. (south of town, approx 3/4 mile south of I-96).
www.cedarcreekvet.com

Haynes Financial, Inc., 148 E. Grand River Road, Suite 107 (approx. 4 miles west of downtown Williamston, just east of Meridian Road). www.haynesfinancial.net

At the main 4 corners in downtown. Corner sponsors are Wood & Sons Corn Bin (www.woodandsonscornbin.com), The Williamston Theatre (www.williamstontheatre.com), and the Williamston Area Chamber of Commerce.

NEW! **Did you make a New Years Resolution**, to get rid of those unwanted pounds and inches? NU U Nutrition has a solution! Join in a community-wide challenge and you will receive support from experts in nutrition, a proven success plan, and a chance to win \$\$ while improving your health. Register now to reserve your spot! Tuesday or Thursday evenings, at 6 pm, starts **January 3**. FUN atmosphere. Only \$35 for 12 weeks. Call 517-204-5783 (Cindy) or 517-410-9804 (Whit). **See Attached.**

NEW! **Christmas tree pickup** in the city will be **January 3 and January 17**, weather permitting. All tinsel, garland and ornaments should be removed before a tree is placed at the curb.

NEW! **Williamston Library Events** – The library is located at 201 School Street (in the Community Center), 517-655-1191, www.cadl.org.

Jan. 10 & 24	Lego Club (ages 6-14), 4–4:45 pm
Jan. 13	Computer Basics, 9:30-10:30 am
Jan. 17	Adult book discussion, 1 pm, <i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i> by Muriel Barbery
Jan. 18	Functional Fitness for Seniors, 11 am, taught by Tina Brookhouse
Jan. 21	Hawaiian Luau Drop-in Activities, 12:30-2 pm
Wednesdays	Preschool story time (ages 3-5), 10:30 am

NEW! **Happenings at Gracie's Place**, 151 S. Putnam, Williamston, 517-655-1100 -

Dark Horse Brewing Company Beer Dinner - Wednesday, January 18 at 6 pm, five courses all paired with a different Dark Horse beer. Price is \$55 per person or \$45 without beer and wine substitutions can be made for those who do not drink beer. **See Attached.**

Martini Bartending Class – Monday, January 30, 5:30 pm - Bar manager Donovan Miske will be teaching how to make a variety of flavored martinis and teach the mixology of what goes into making each drink. Price is \$55 per single person, \$50 for a group of 2 or more and \$45 for any group of four or more. Must be 21 to attend.

Live Jazz Wednesdays, from 7-10 pm.

Yoga with Cherie (Cherie Ferro), is opening a new yoga studio! Everyone is invited to an open house at Our Space Yoga on **Sunday, January 8**, from 3-5 pm. Her new location is at 2896 N. Williamston Road, Suite 320, in Williamston (near the highway). Stop in and see her beautiful new space. Fun & food provided. Cherie has been teaching yoga in the Greater Lansing area for the past 16 years. 517-347-1301, yogawithcherie@att.net, www.ourspaceyoga.com.

REMINDER! **Promote your business** – Williamston is hosting the Annual Meeting of the Capital Area Municipal Clerks Association on **January 9**. Holly Thompson, Williamston City Clerk, is putting together “Welcome to Williamston” bags for all attendees. This can be fliers, coupons, samples, brochures, whatever you have to promote your business. Twenty-five (25) copies are needed, and you can drop them off either at City Hall or here at the Chamber office.

Grease is the Word – The Williamston High School Theater Production class presents “Grease is the Word” on **January 26, 27, 28 at 7:30 pm, and on January 29 at 3 pm**. This will be at the McGoff Auditorium at the High School. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 students. Mark your calendars now!

barbslist - Have something to sell, rent? Looking for something? List it here.

NEW! **Hiring Part-Time Office Manager** – Small company in Williamston looking for a 25-30 hour/wk office manager. Owner wants a dedicated, organized person with skills to do office work and to help the business

grow. Pay is \$13/hour with incentive package. Hours are flexible, but will be during weekdays before 6 pm.
E-mail your interest and resume to Joe at jhoedel@CharacterAndLeadership.com.

Apartment for Rent – One bedroom, upstairs of house, private entrance, approx. 500 sq ft, \$395/month, pay own utilities, in Williamston, 517-655-6793.

Yoga Cork Floor for Sale from Cherie's Yoga Studio - moving yoga studio, and need to sell floating cork floor -- 470 sq. ft. Paid \$1,400 for it 4 years ago and asking \$500. It has only light wear as students were always in socks or bare feet. It is a floating floor, which means it can be laid over any floor, and fits together, tongue in groove. Contact Cherie Ferro at 517-347-1301.

Opening Soon - Four Seasons Assisted Living, located in beautiful country setting in Williamston, is now taking reservations for adult foster care home. "The joy is in the journey - bridging our dreams with yours." Call for more information, 517-410-2867, or 517-395-9526.

Updated Information - House for Sale or Lease – 3 bedroom, finished walk out lower level, ranch, 2 ½ baths, 2 ½ car garage, central air, approx 3,000 sq ft, fireplace, living room, amish kitchen with appliances, family room, 3 season room, exercise room, security alarm system, dining room, reverse osmosis water system, a generator for the complete house, mother-in-law apartment with private bath, storage shed, huge deck overlooking the Red Cedar River, lovely yard and landscaping, many extras. Move in condition, located on the Red Cedar River, Williamston Schools, walking distance to downtown, churches, shopping, theater, restaurants, other services. 517-230-3093. Asking \$189,900.

Updated Information - Condo for Rent, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage and basement, near Zimmer and Grand River, no long-term contract, \$1200 month, all utilities included. Immediate occupancy. 517-256-7908 or 517-230-3093.

La-Z-Boy rocker recliner for sale, turquoise, excellent condition, asking \$50. 517-256-7908.

Computer Problems? Contact Casey at Casey's Computer Company, 517-304-3104. Computer, printer, software, internet problems, give him a call. Facebook – "Casey's Computer Company".

Pyper's Diapers diaper drive, distributed through the Williamston Food Bank. You can send monetary donations directly to Sandy Bowden-Whelton or buy diapers and wipes and drop them off at her home at 428 Mill Street in Williamston. 517-655-3831, jubileemom@aol.com.

Farm Fresh Eggs – TLC Acres, farm fresh eggs, only \$2 /dozen. 3030 E. Grand River Avenue, 517-655-2802.

Calendar:

Denotes Chamber meeting/event

Dec. 29	Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served - & New Year's Party
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party at the Williamston Eagles Club
Dec. 31	New Year's Youth Lock In at St. Mary's
Dec. 31	Brookshire Inn – New Year's Eve Celebration
Dec. 31	Gracie's Place – New Year's Eve four-course dinner
Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Jan. 3	City of Williamston Christmas tree pickup
Jan. 3	Rotary, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 7:15 am
Jan. 3	Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm, St. Mary's Annex, public invited
Jan. 3	City Planning Commission Mtg, 7 pm
Jan. 3-5	Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served
Jan. 4	Williamston Library – Preschool story time, 10:30 am
Jan. 4	Live Jazz at Gracie's Place, 7-10 pm
Jan. 6-7	Ice Sculpture Event
Jan. 8	Williamston Masonic Lodge, Family Style Farm Breakfast, 8 am – noon
Jan. 8	Williamston Depot Museum Open, 2-4 pm
Jan. 8	Open house at Our Space Yoga, 3-5 pm
Jan. 9	Red Cedar Garden Club Meeting, 7 pm, Depot Museum
Jan. 9	City Council Meeting, 7 pm
Jan. 10	Rotary, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 7:15 am
Jan. 10	Williamston Library – Lego Club, 4-4:45 pm
Jan. 10	Kiwanis Club, Spag's Bar & Grill, 6:30 pm
Jan. 10	City ZBA Mtg, 7 pm
Jan. 10-12	Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served Jan. 11 – Tim Krsys presents "managing Stress" Jan. 12 – Birthday Bash
Jan. 11	Depot Museum Board Meeting, 8:30 am, Depot Museum
Jan. 11	Williamston Library – Preschool story time, 10:30 am
Jan. 11	Williamston Area Service Organization (WASO) Meeting, 11:30 am, Depot Museum
Jan. 11	Williamston Comm. Library Foundation (WCLF) meeting, 7 pm, Community Center
Jan. 11	City Parks & Rec Meeting, 7 pm
Jan. 11	Live Jazz at Gracie's Place, 7-10 pm
Jan. 12	Chamber Ambassadors Meeting, 8:30 am
Jan. 12	Tentative Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
Jan. 13	Williamston Library – Computer Basics, 9:30-10:30 am
Jan. 14	Girl Scout Can/Bottle Drive, 9 am – 3 pm, Citizens Bank parking lot
Jan. 14	Boy Scout Paper Drive, Corner of High and Putnam
Jan. 15	Abrams Planetarium Trip with the Williamston Area Senior Center
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 16	City TIFA/EDC Meeting, 7 pm
Jan. 17	City of Williamston Christmas tree pickup

Jan. 17 Rotary, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 7:15 am
 Jan. 17 Williamston Library – book discussion, 1 pm, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
 Jan. 17 Kiwanis Club, Spag's Bar & Grill, 6:30 pm
 Jan. 17 Lions Club Meeting, 7 pm, St. Mary's Annex, public invited
 Jan. 17 City DDA Mtg, 7 pm
 Jan. 17-19 Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served
 Jan. 19 – Senior Benefit Mtg, 1 pm
 Jan. 18 Williamston Library – Preschool story time, 10:30 am
 Jan. 18 Williamston Library – Functional fitness for Seniors, 11 am, taught by Tina Brookhouse
 Jan. 18 Gracie's Place – Dark Horse Brewing Company Beer Dinner, 6 pm
 Jan. 18 Live Jazz at Gracie's Place, 7-10 pm
 Jan. 19 **Chamber Board of Directors' Meeting, 8:30 am, Depot Museum**
 Jan. 20 Vaudeville review, Romantic Fools" play, Trip with the Williamston Area Senior Center
 Jan. 21 Williamston Library – Hawaii Luau Drop-in Activities, 12:30-2 pm
 Jan. 23 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
 Jan. 23 Rotary, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 7:15 am
 Jan. 23 Kiwanis Club, Spag's Bar & Grill, 6:30 pm
 Jan. 23-26 Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served
 Jan. 25 – Info. on drug take back program Jan. 26 – Bingo
 Jan. 24 Williamston Library – Lego Club, 4-4:45 pm
 Jan. 25 Williamston Library – Preschool story time, 10:30 am
 Jan. 25 Live Jazz at Gracie's Place, 7-10 pm
 Jan. 26 **Business Networking Lunch, 11:30 am, Brookshire Inn**
 Jan. 26-29 *Grease is the Word*, WHS Theater Production Class, WHS McGoff Auditorium
 Jan. 30 Gracie's Place – Martini Bartending Class, 5:30 pm
 Jan. 31 Rotary, Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 7:15 am
 Jan. 31 Kiwanis Club, Spag's Bar & Grill, 6:30 pm
 Jan. 31-2/2 Williamston Area Senior Center, 9 am – 2 pm, lunch served
 Jan 31 – Bingo and Birthday Bash