

PCCO Newsletter

Phelps Chamber Of Commerce

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Chamber Board Meetings

are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 to 7:00PM at the Water Side Wine Bar with a meet and greet following, bring your business cards for networking.

Business After Hours

hosted by member businesses on the second Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00PM with progressive jackpot. If you are interested in being a host call us at 548-5481, write us at P.O. Box 1, Phelps, NY 14532 or by email Chamber@PhelpsNY.com

Member Benefits Include:

- Advertising your business in the village window at the PCC!
- Ribbon cuttings for new businesses
- Newsletter with business members news
- Advertising your business at PhelpsNY.com
- Being a "Business of the Month"
- Inclusion in "Treasures of Phelps" brochure
- Business membership may allow eligibility for discounted medical coverage
- Membership plaques

Notice Anything Different on PhelpsNY.com?

Our website has a new look, and we want to know what you think. Please send your comments, questions, or general feedback to caryn@bamcopywriting.com.

What's different, and how it will make your life easier...

Sometimes change can be a little scary, but the new layout is designed with *you* in mind... to make using PhelpsNY.com as easy as possible.

Our new layout is stylish and attractive, don't you think?

It's also dynamic and modern, which makes it easier for you to find the most recent news, events, and articles. The front page has live 'stream' of the most popular and in demand topics. No need to search for the latest news from the Community Center or the Town and Village of Phelps... because it's updated in real time... right on the front page.

Did you notice the Featured section yet?

On top of the front page there is an attractive box that slides between Featured articles. These will include the Phelps Chamber Business of the Month announcements and other topics of special importance. To read more, please select the article you want to read, and click the title in the large image box.

Find what you're looking for, without looking for it...

The menus have been restructured to make it as easy as possible to navigate to the information you seek. The pages are categorized for Businesses, Community (Residents), Visitors, and information about the Sauerkraut Festival. If you have any trouble finding a page, please let us know!



What's next? New Benefits for Chamber Business Members!

PhelpsNY.com is your one stop resource center for online information about what's going on in Phelps. If you live in the Town or Village of Phelps, you will want to set this website as your home page as it tells you the latest News, current and upcoming events, and even the weather forecast so you can plan ahead.

Phelps Businesses - Local residents, businesses, and visitors will be able to find the shopping and services you need right here in Phelps, supporting the local economy and saving money on gas in the process. Chamber members: contact Bette Collier at Chamberpresident@phelpsny.com for more information about putting your own targeted Web Page on PhelpsNY.com for only \$30.

Steals & Deals- Once a week, we'll be featuring a limited time promotion or special offer on PhelpsNY.com. For residents, this is an exciting way to access super savings on local products or services. For Chamber members, this is a great (and free) way to boost sales. Please send your special offers to Bette Collier.

Got Your Float Ready for this Year's Kraut Festival Parade?



This year's Sauerkraut Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 2:00 PM sharp. Every year, the Phelps Fire Department and the Phelps Sauerkraut Festival put on one of the largest parades in the area. Pride in our community and in our heritage show in the faces of the young and old alike as they watch this top notch parade. Enter your float in this event and help make this a fantastic parade. This year's slogan is: Forty-five and Stayin' Alive. All prizes will be awarded at the festival headquarters building following the parade. To download a parade application go to <http://www.phelpsny.com/sauerkraut-festival/parade>.

June 2011

Steve's Electric Company

1783 Griffith Road, Phelps, NY 14532
(315) 548-9340

Born and raised in Clifton Springs, Steve graduated in 1967 and joined the US Navy Seabees a year later, where he was sent to an electrician school in Rhode Island following boot camp. During his 3 years of duty, Steve visited numerous places around the world and went to work for Kearns Electric (located in Oxnard, California) after he was discharged from the Navy in 1971.



For the next 5 years, Steve worked at Kearns Electric performing various jobs, including wiring tomato and strawberry processing plants. In early 1976, Steve decided to take his career in the electrical industry to the next level and he took the California State Electrical Contractors test. He passed the 8 hour long test on his first try.

After passing this test, Steve felt ready to start his own business and on July 14, 1976 he completed his first job: remodeling an office for Neissen Cadillac in Thousand Oaks, CA... for \$170.00.

Steve's company continued to grow over the next 4 years; providing services for residential, commercial, and industrial clients in Southern California.

However, Steve missed the quieter lifestyle of his hometown.

In July of 1980, Steve and his family returned to Clifton Springs, NY and were eager to get back to business.

Unfortunately, the economy slowed down around this time, and so did Steve's Electric Company. For a few years, business was slow before things turned around and, in Steve's words: "it's been a gratifying journey ever since."

In January of 1999, Steve's Electric Company, LLC moved from Melvin Hill Rd to its current location on Rte. 96, which provided opportunity for both the office and the shop to expand. It has continue to grow over the years. Through its 35 years of business, Steve's Electric Company has left its mark all over the Finger Lakes and surrounding areas in Central New York. When asked what he loves most about doing business in Phelps, Steve's response is certain: "It's where I grew up... this is my home."

July 2011

Ann Sheppard Signs

P.O. Box 92, Oaks Corners, NY 14518
(315) 789-7833

In June of 1986, the entrepreneurial side of Ann Sheppard saw a need and she decided to start making quality signs for local businesses. She dove right in when asked to paint signs for the Geneva Little League outfield and the opportunity was a success.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Ann Sheppard Signs, a local business still going strong, and the Phelps Chamber of Commerce recognizes Ann, and her talent for creating quality signage, as Business of the Month this July, 2011.



Ann has lived in Phelps her whole life, growing up in the Village and bought a house in the Town. It's a peaceful and scenic setting in the country where she lives and works, surrounded by gardens and the sound of birds. Her favorite thing about living in Phelps is the people.

Last summer, Ann's mother was missing and the entire community of Phelps united together and found her quickly, which wouldn't have happened without the response and participation of our community. This sense of community is what Ann loves most about living in Phelps and she would like to personally thank everyone who got involved in the missing person search.

Ann Sheppard Signs is well hidden in a shop behind her home, and Ann likes it that way. Surrounded by gardens and the (sometimes distracting) chirping of birds, it's a very peaceful work environment that certainly beats an "office with a window."

Though her workshop is low profile, Ann keeps busy based on word of mouth referrals, and she says this is a huge bonus to working in a small town. Most of her customers come from Phelps and Clifton Springs, and she's never needed to advertise her services. She loves working at home, but she does not work alone...

Her loyal companions accompany her in the shop all day. Kippy is a small dog who is "stuck to her like a burdock" and Willis is an American Breed who dutifully notifies Ann of any visitors. She is also kept company by two cats, Cleo and GrayC (Gray Cat, pronounced Gracie.) Each of these pets chose her to adopt them, and they are all very close.

If you'd like to congratulate Ann Sheppard on 25 years of business, please call Ann Sheppard Signs at (315) 789-7833. During the month of July, congratulate Ann on being named Business of the Month and receive a 10% savings at Ann Sheppard Signs.

**Frederick Farms Annual
SUNFLOWER HAYRIDES**

FREE

Weekends in Mid-August while flowers are in bloom
Group rides available with advance notice

*Donations
Accepted*

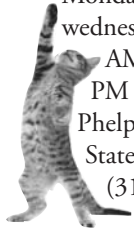
(315) 548-2515

Dr. Sara Wiggins joins Veterinary Hospital

Phelps Veterinary Hospital welcomes Dr. Sara Wiggins as the newest member of their Veterinary Staff.

Dr. Sara Wiggins, DVM joined the practice in May. She has been in practice for 6+ years in a neighboring community and decided to take this opportunity to become part of Phelps Veterinary Hospital. Her presence here enables the hospital to accommodate their client's needs for basic ultrasound services and more evening and lunch time appointments. The addition of Dr. Wiggins enhances the existing top-notch veterinary services that have been provided here for 35 years. Dr. Sara Wiggins joins Dr. Lynda Wright, Dr. Eli Coleman and Dr. Cyndie Hobson.

We are accepting new clients! Effective immediately, the practice will be open Monday 8 AM – 8 PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 8 AM – 6 PM, Thursday 8 AM – 7 PM, Friday 8 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 8 AM – Noon. Phelps Veterinary Hospital is at 1990 State Route 96, Phelps, NY 14532, (315) 548-8321.



New 2011 Chamber Members

Businesses who have joined the Phelps Chamber since May 15th include:
 American Red Cross in the Finger Lakes
 BAM! Copywriting
 Bonnie's Beauty Boutique
 Canandaigua National Bank & Trust Co.
 Chuck Molloy Financial Services
 Country Corner
 Dan's Ebay Sell It for You
 DRW-Devinney Insurance Agency, Inc.
 Empire Resource Recycling, Inc,
 Garden Galleries
 The Historic Phelps Hotel
 James E. Cheney CPA
 Personal Computer Services
 Picture- Perfect Custom Framing & Mat Design
 Phelps American Legion
 Phelps Lions Club
 Phelps Recycling Inc,
 Phelps Veterinary Hospital
 Terry Ho Stables
 Upchurch Accounting

Medication Drop Off Event

On Saturday, July 23th, The Partnership For Ontario County will partner with The Ontario County Sheriff's Office to hold a Pharmaceutical Drop Off Event from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Phelps Community Center, Banta St., Phelps. This event is sponsored by a community collaboration led by the Partnership for Ontario County, Inc. and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office. The Drop Off is the 3rd in a series of five Medication Drop Off's planned this year for Ontario County.



The purpose of the event is to collect and properly dispose of unwanted and outdated prescription and over-the-counter medications. Household wastes, pesticides, etc. will not be collected at this event. Residents that have mercury or mercury containing devices will be instructed to hold that material until the next Ontario County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection day.

According to the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, 3 to 7% of all medications go unused. Some of these unsecured drugs end up in the hands of young people in our community, in our drinking water or are otherwise improperly disposed of drugs. The issue affects many in our community and has prompted this collaborative of County agencies and individuals to meet, address the problem, and ultimately plan for this Drug Drop Off Event. In addition to the Ontario County Sheriff, The Partnership For Ontario County and Wegmans, the initiative includes: Thompson Health, Ontario County Office of the Aging, Ontario County Office of Planning, Ontario County Public Health, Finger Lakes Visiting Nurse Service, Seneca Lake Pure Water Association, Lifetime Care Home Health, Turnings, Canandaigua Police, Town of Hopewell and others.

For this event, volunteers will direct vehicles of community members that wish to drop off their unused medications to the drop off parking lot through the designated markers at the Community Center in Phelps. (This will be a vehicle-only drive by drop off.) The Ontario County Sheriff's Department will oversee the collection and pharmacists will be available for any questions.

More Drop Offs will be held throughout the year in Ontario County including Geneva Tops on September 24, from 9:00am to 1:00 pm.

Invite Phelps Business People to Your Business

Business After Hours is a relaxed networking event that gives members a chance to know you and your business better. Refreshments and a door prize drawing are provided by the host. **Join us Tuesday, August 9 at the Phelps Arts Center, 15 Church Street, from 5:30 to 7:00.**

The Phelps Chamber will draw a 50/50 raffle and a progressive jackpot. Each event holds a jackpot drawing with the winner selected from a pool of all Chamber members. You must be present at the time of the drawing to win the pot. If the selected member is not present at the time of the drawing, the money carries over to the next month's drawing.

Please call 548-5481 if you would like to host a Business After Hours like these businesses:
 September - Ontario Telephone
 October - Benemy Welding
 November - Bank of Phelps
 December - available

PCC Window Schedule

August Community Bank N.A.
 Sept DRW Devinney Insurance
 Oct. Bank of Phelps
 Nov. Phelps Community Center
 Dec. Phelps Historical Society

Advertise your business for a month in the Phelps Community Center's Chamber Window. To sign up call the Chamber Hotline at 548-5481 or email Diane Williams at sunshine@wmsmicro.com.

Welcome to Phelps Day, Saturday, July 30



Sidewalk and antiques sales, art vendors and more will be Downtown Phelps till 3:00 PM. Phelps residents can enjoy a free slice of pizza at the Phelps Community Center at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Jim Cheney invites the residents of Phelps to get to know more about the Village of Phelps on July 30th. Shop Downtown and enjoy what our businesses and organizations have to offer or you can start your day with a 5K Race, starting at the Phelps Community Center, and then come back for more fun and meet local organizations in the afternoon. Stay for slice of pizza, music and a movie in the evening. A full day of fun is planned.

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Kimberly Marie Antiques' **Sidewalk & Antique Show & Sale, Classic Cars**, Downtown Main Street

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM: **Art Vendors**, Phelps Arts Center **Sidewalk Chalk Art**, Church Street

9:00 AM

5K Race registration at the PCC, race at 10 am

3:00 pm:

PHELPS PHENOMENAL RACE

Our own version of TV's *Amazing Race* starts at the PCC, must pre register: Teams of 2 will be \$20 and will include T-shirts, call 548-8484 for more info

3:00 to 6:00 PM

Live Music, "Futures Past," Church Street parking lot

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Guided Historic Tours starting at the Howe House

3:00 to 5:00 PM

30 ft Blow Up Water Slide and other games for children at PCC

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Information booths at the PCC, from Community Service Organizations and Village services. Tours of Community Center

6:00 PM

Giant 12'-12" Pizza, Pizza Dinner free for residents, at the PCC

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Live Music by "Dave Berger" at the PCC

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Family Games at the PCC

8:30 PM

Movie UNDER THE STARS at the PCC

8:30 PM

Campfire with 'Smoers at the PCC

For an up-to-date list of events go to www.PhelpsNY.com.

Friday August 5

8:00pm - Midnight

At Fireman's Field

in conjunction with the
45th Annual

*Phelps
Sauerkraut
Festival*

Ontario Street, Phelps

A fundraising event for

Phelps Community Center



★ Opening Act ★



Johnny Bauer

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Junius Ponds Campgrounds, Wide Awake
Grange, Phelps Mercantile and Country Corner

Hometown Boy

**DEREK
JOSEPH**
NASHVILLE RECORDING ARTIST

www.derekjosephband.com

Ticket are only **\$15**

Available online at www.xorbia.com/tickets/phelps or at the
Phelps Community Center (315) 548-8484) and at the event.