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MASON IN MOTION UPDATE

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2008 MACC AWARDS DINNER SOON, SO RESERVE TODAY! -- The 2008 Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at the Eldorado Golf Course Banquet Center, 3750 W. Howell Road in Mason. Reservations are \$30 per person and may be made by calling or e-mailing the Chamber office before January 31, 2008. Last year we had to turn people away! The 2008 Citizen of the Year Award will go to Shirley Grieve, a Special Recognition Award will go to the American Legion Post 148 with another Special Recognition Award going to Colleen Briggs, the Excellence in Education Award will go to Margaret Cottrill of **Mason High School**, the Excellence in Business Award will go to **Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors**, and the President's Award is going to Cathy Groce.

RECREATION WORKSHOPS THIS WEEK -- The **City of Mason** invites you to participate in a community workshop to gather ideas on recreation opportunities within the city. Your input will help them update their five-year recreation plan. Recreation opportunities are important in promoting many aspects of our community. The **City of Mason** strives to provide citizens with important health and exercise benefits, family and community bonding opportunities, and relaxing leisure opportunities through recreational facilities. Attend one of the workshop sessions on Thursday, January 17 and Tuesday, January 22, 2008 from 6:30 to 8 PM in the basement Community Room at City Hall, 201 W. Ash Street.

THE FIX IS IN ON M-36 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) is beginning the M-36 reconstruction project very soon. This will greatly affect most area businesses and residents. M-DOT will hold informational sessions at the **Ingham County Fairgrounds** Community Building, 700 E. Ash Street in Mason, on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. Attend either session, with one from 2 to 4 PM and the other from 6 to 8 PM and have your questions addressed. The **City**, **DDA** and **Chamber** staff will attend.

NEW CHAMBER OFFICE ADDITIONS -- We've just hired a 10-hour per week part-time Program Assistant responsible for limited aspects of planning and implementation of our meetings, festivals, and special events at the Chamber. Aleasha Parrish, who most recently worked for Leslie Area Ambulance Service, will be in the office mostly on Wednesdays, for some meetings, and at some of our events. We also welcome Jenny and Kyle. Jenny is a LCC student intern who works several hours a week (mostly Tuesday and Thursday) on our MACC Golf Classic outing and Independence Day Celebration & Parade. Kyle is a **MHS** and **Career Center** student intern working on our database computer applications on Monday afternoons.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE -- All Mason Area Chamber of Commerce members have their yearly dues due on January 15th. Thanks to the over 65 percent of you that got them in even earlier! If you misplaced your invoice, we'll be sending out reminders soon. Your annual membership dues are an important way you show others that you are an active part of our business community. Thanks for making Mason such a great place to call home.

K of C ST. JAMES FRIDAY FISH FRY TO START -- We know you've been waiting for these to start! Fridays from January 25 through March 14 the **Knights of Columbus** at St. James Church, 1010 S. Lansing Street in Mason will hold their annual Fish Frys. Times are 4:30 to 7 PM. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for kids 5-12, and kids under 5 are free. Takeout dinners are available. There are also a limited number of shrimp dinners often available.

ANTIQUA SHOW IN FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER FOR MUSEUMS -- The 4th annual **Mason Area Historical Society's** Antiqua Show will be Saturday, February 16th from 10 AM to 5 PM and again on Sunday, February 17th from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Cobblestone Events Center, 205 Mason Street in our Mason Antiques District. Admission is \$3. For more information, contact Sandra Pier at 244-0620.

CACS WALK FOR WARMTH ON FEBRUARY 23 -- Our newest Chamber member **CACS** will hold their 18th annual WALK for WARMTH on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the **Capital Area Community Services** office at 407 N. Cedar in Mason to raise funds for utility assistance. Make a call today for a pledge sheet to 676-1065. Their slogan is: Hearts and Feet providing HEAT!

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BIG CRUISE WINNER ANNOUNCED -- In the printed paper MIM newsletter coming out in the next couple of weeks, we'll tell you about a couple of winners. **Salon 130** had their big cruise giveaway sweepstakes drawing on Saturday, December 15th at 12 noon. They already "spilled the beans" in last week's **Ingham County Community News**. You won't believe who won another prize there the same day! **Salon 130** is located at 130 W. Ash Street.

MASON MEN ARE COOKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST -- On the first Sunday of every month there is a pancake breakfast at the **Masonic Lodge**, 840 E. Columbia Street, at the corner of Temple & Columbia, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 3-10, free for children 2 and under. They'll serve pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, milk, juice and coffee. The next one is on Sunday, February 3rd.

UPCOMING MACC COMMITTEE MEETINGS -- The **Economic Development Committee** meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 AM. The **Membership Services Committee** meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 9:30 AM. The new **Housing Committee** will meet Monday, January 21 at 2:30 PM. **Spring Fling/DHD Committee** will meet Thursday, January 24th at 9 AM. The **MACC Raffle Committee** is meeting on Monday, January 28th at 5 PM and the **Thursday Night Live Committee** is meeting the same evening at 6 PM. The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 6th at 9:30 AM. The **MACC Board of Directors** will meet on Friday, February 8th at 7:30 AM. The next **Ambassadors Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 AM. The next **Hometown USA Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, February 19th at 8:30 AM. **JOIN US!** Call the Chamber office for more information at 676-1046. All meetings are held in the Chamber office.

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