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MASON IN MOTION UPDATE

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MACC RIBBON CUTTING -- Join us for the MACC Ribbon Cutting on Friday, May 16th at 3 PM sharp for the 80th anniversary of **Kean's Store Company**. We'll have even more cuttings very soon!

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE! STARTS MAY 29 -- Our fourth year of summer concerts on the **Ingham County Courthouse** lawn are again presented by **Independent Bank** on select Thursdays, weather permitting. They start with the **Mason Middle School Jazz Band** on Thursday, May 29th at 6 PM, sponsored by **Ware's Pharmacy**. Two weeks later, the **Mason Community Orchestra** will perform on Thursday, June 12th at 6 PM, sponsored by **LAFCU** "Your Credit Union for Life." **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the rest on June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28 and September 18. Don't make dinner! Buy it from the **Mason Optimists** Hot Dog Fundraiser Tent or eat at a great downtown restaurant.

MASON AREA ENTREPRENEURS CLUB -- Talk with business owners just like you at this fourth MAEC meeting. Thinking of a new business? You're also welcome! It is on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the City Hall Basement (rear entrance). Get in on open guided discussion and networking, this time with a Capital Area Michigan Works speaker! No Charge! No Dues! Sponsored by the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce, the **City of Mason**, **Capital Area District Library**, **Mason DDA**, and the **Ingham County EDC**.

FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI DINNERS -- Upcoming dinners at the **Mason A&W Restaurant**, 628 N. Cedar Street, for the following non-profits: 5/19/08 Mason Firefighters, 6/02/08 Mason Police, 6/16/08 Water Wonderland Chorus. These are on select Mondays from 11 AM to 9 PM, with \$5.99 for spaghetti and meatballs, salad or soup, and garlic toast. Dine in or carry out.

"RUMORS" OF AUDITIONS ON JUNE 1 -- The **Mason Coventry Players** are holding auditions for "Rumors" by Neil Simon on Sunday, June 1st at 8:30 PM at the **Mason Area Historical Museum**, 220 E. Oak Street in Mason. Performance dates for the show are September 26-28 and October 3-5. They need four couples and two police officers. Call Phyllis at 676-1765 for more information.

KEEP YOUR \$600 RIGHT HERE! -- Now that your economic stimulus check is arriving from the federal government, the best thing to do is to spend it locally -- right here in Mason, Michigan - Hometown U.S.A. Buy locally. It's good for our community and good for our future. We know that you already have realized this -- now tell everyone else. We have snazzy posters for you to post at your place -- right here in the Chamber office. Stop by and pick one up!

CABLE CHANNEL SLIDES ON WEBSITE -- If you don't get Mason's **Broadstripe** Cable Channel 21, don't despair! You can view the City Channel's community event and announcement slides right on our website www.masonchamber.org. They change each week!

THE MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO A PANCAKE BREAKFAST -- Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 7:00 AM to noon, a pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held at the **Chief James M. Pelton Memorial Fire Station**, 221 W. Ash Street in Mason. Cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids 2-12, kids 2 and under free and \$20.00 for a family. Eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, and more are on the menu. The money that is raised will benefit the Mason Firefighter's Association.

MASONIC CENTER RELAY FOR LIFE ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER IS MAY 18 -- The **Masonic Center** Ice Cream Social at the **Masonic Temple** is on Sunday, May 18th, at 840 E. Columbia Street, the corner of Temple & Columbia Streets. It runs 2 PM to 5 PM with a \$4 donation for adults and \$2 donation for children. It features a make-your-own ice cream sundae, with cookies. Proceeds will go to the **Mason Relay For Life**, a program of the **American Cancer Society**. The **Mason Relay For Life** will be held June 13 -14 at the **Michigan Trapshooting Grounds** in Mason. Contact Pat Hall: 676-1360.

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RE-STORE OPENING SOON IN MASON -- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Ingham County will be opening a Habitat Re-store on Cedar Street in the old Felpausch Express soon. They need help on projects, etc., including activities with young people at the **Ingham County Fairgrounds** the next two days. Call their volunteer coordinator John at **Habitat for Humanity** in Williamston, (517) 655-1872.

MASON'S MEMORIAL DAY -- Monday, May 26, 2008 is Memorial Day. The day's events will start at 8 AM at the **Ingham County Courthouse** southwest corner with a service including placing of wreaths at the memorial at the corner of Ash and Jefferson, by the **VFW Post 7309** and **American Legion Post 148**. This service will conclude at about 9:15 AM. At 9 AM, the parade will begin forming in the 100 block of W. Oak Street and is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM. This is an open parade, but those wanting to have their names or units mentioned as they pass the Courthouse are encouraged to send their information to: **American Legion Post 148**, P.O. Box 361, Mason, MI 48854. No sirens, no getting on and off units, and no throwing candy or any items. Units must clean up after any animals. The parade route is east on Oak Street to Jefferson Street, north on Jefferson Street to Maple Street, west on Maple Street to State Street, northwest on State Street to Columbia Street (with a pause at the bridge for Navy services and wreaths), east on Columbia Street into the **Maple Grove Cemetery**. All persons participating are encouraged to attend the services inside the cemetery, as those represent the true purpose of Memorial Day. Dansville has its bigger parade immediately after things are done in Mason.

M-36 MEETINGS EVERY OTHER WEEK -- On Monday, May 19th and every other Monday thereafter through the season, MDOT will hold 9:00 AM meetings in the **Mason City Hall** basement (201 W. Ash) about the road construction on M-36. Remember that surviving and even thriving during this road construction is the topic of a booklet available from your Chamber of Commerce. The M-36 reconstruction project taking place in Mason this year is the focal point for the booklet entitled: "Mason is Open for Business! Tips for Businesses Affected By the 2008 Reconstruction of M-36 in Mason, Michigan -- Hometown U.S.A." Free copies are available at the Chamber office at 148 E. Ash Street, open 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Sections of the booklet cover topics like becoming informed on the project, how businesses can help reduce unnecessary traffic, keeping customers informed, and how businesses can keep the customers coming. The information is designed to help business owners and managers brainstorm for innovative ideas to promote their business and to communicate with customers.

EDUCATION EXPO ON MAY 21 -- An Education Expo will be held at Lansing Community College's West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone in west Lansing, on Wednesday, May 21st from 3 to 7 PM. Attendees can meet with a large number of education and training providers all in one place. This is part of the CAMW "Keep Learning" initiative, supported by the Chamber. More information is at the www.learnforourfuture.org website.

PRINTED CHAMBER DIRECTORIES ARE AT THE OFFICE -- The combined business directory from the Lansing Regional Chamber, which includes our Chamber and several others, is now available from our office. We're open 9 to 3, Monday through Friday, so just stop in! Last year, these were mailed to all our members, but we've gone back to having you pick them up to save us about \$300 in postage. While you're here, check out our visitors' center and see how you can be a part of that program, too.

UPCOMING MACC COMMITTEE MEETINGS -- The **Economic Development Committee** meeting is Thursday, May 15th at 7:30 AM. The **Membership Services Committee** meeting is Thursday, May 15th at 9:30 AM. The **MACC Golf Classic Committee** will meet on Friday, May 16th at 9:30 AM. The **Ambassadors Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, May 20th at 7:30 AM. The **Hometown USA Committee** meeting will also be Tuesday, May 20th at 8:30 AM. The **MACC Raffle Committee** will meet Monday, May 19th at 5 PM. The **Thursday Night Live Committee** will meet right after that on Monday, May 19th at 6 PM. The **Housing Committee**, the **Spring Fling/DHD Committee**, and the **Independence Day Celebration Committee** will all meet again soon, but call us for exact dates and times. The **Executive Committee** will meet on Wednesday, June 4th at 9:30 AM. The **MACC Board of Directors** will meet on Friday, June 6th at 7:30 AM. Call the Chamber office for more information at 676-1046. All meetings are held in the Chamber office. **JOIN US!**

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