



THE VILLAGE OF WALDEN

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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WCC CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

2010 is a very important year for the Walden Community Council (WCC). This year marks the 15th anniversary of the WCC and the 25th anniversary of the Harvest Fest (which is organized by the WCC). Stay tuned for news of exciting anniversary events. Speaking of news, 2010 also marks the 3rd year that we've been writing the revised WCC newsletter, The Village of Walden Community Connection.

In this issue of the Community Connection we highlight recent news and upcoming events focused specifically on our community. Everything you want to know about Walden – all in one place.

And as we do each quarter to help promote our business owners and village, we spotlight a local business. See page two for this quarter's spotlight – Ciardullo Printing, Inc. If your company is interested in sponsoring a future newsletter, please email waldencommunitycouncil@yahoo.com.

Be sure to join our mailing list to receive The Community Connection via email as well as other important and timely information about our neighborhood. Join the mailing list by visiting www.waldencommunitycouncil.org and clicking on "about us."

If you have an interest in the positive promotion of the Village of Walden, the Walden Community Council is for you. Our members consist of Village residents, employees and business owners, working together to enrich our community.

Monthly meetings are held in various business locations throughout the village on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and new members are encouraged to join.

Upcoming Walden Community Council Schedule:

February 17	Fox Hill Community
March 10	The Lady's Corner
April 14	Walden Day Care
May 12	State Farm Insurance
June 9	Masonic Lodge

All meetings start promptly at 7:00pm.

OCCC SPONSORS ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

New York State's Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (EAP) has been around since 1987, and since its inception, the EAP initiative has helped entrepreneurs create new businesses and has provided in-depth assistance to minorities, women, dislocated workers and individuals with disabilities interested in starting a business.

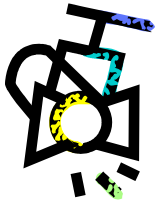
Now EAP is in our back yard. A 10-week, 60 hour session started in January of 2010 at the new Orange County Chamber of Commerce (OCCC) Business Resource Center in Montgomery.

EAP assists new and aspiring entrepreneurs in developing basic business management skills, refining business concepts, devising early-stage marketing plans and preparation of action plans. In addition, the program actively assists EAP client efforts to obtain business financing.

A typical EAP center provides the following in-depth services to owners and operators of start-up businesses:

- Counseling on the feasibility of starting a business
- Assistance in refining a business concept and developing a business plan
- Education in established management principals and practices
- In-depth business counseling in product development and marketing
- Guidance in exporting, contract procurement and licensing
- One-on-one counseling in identifying and accessing capital and credit
- Access to business support networks
- Ongoing and continued technical assistance to program graduates including linkages to other small business services

A second 10-week session is planned for September of 2010. If you've ever wanted to start a new business, or find ways to grow your business, this 10 week course is perfect for you. Email edison@orangenyeap.com or visit orangenyeap.com/startyourownbusiness to learn more.



LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

Ciardullo Printing

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WALDEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The WBA is in the process of updating its website WaldenBusinessAssociation.org. One new feature is that their directory will include links directly to any member business that has a website. Earlier this year the WBA received a certificate of recognition from the village for Christmas on Main Street and the program is being reworked by the village recreation department and the WBA to be even bigger & better next year. For more information, visit their website now or join them at their next meeting. Their meetings have been moved to once every other month (next one is April 2nd) and an informational speaker is on each agenda.

MAIN STREET GRANT NEWS

After the very successful 2008 NYS Main Street Grant Program, the WCC has decided to apply for the 2010 grant. The grant was established to financially assist properties that want to perform some sort of building renovation. A target area around Main St. and Orchard St. has been established and those in the target area will receive an intro and eligibility letter shortly.

The grant is for up to \$500k and covers up to 75 percent of the total project cost. Eligible activities include up to 50k per building for first and/or second floor civic/commercial use, plus an additional 25k for each additional residential unit, not to exceed 150k per building. Building renovation projects include facade renovations and interior work.

Continued interest and utilization of grant funds will ensure continued participation and revitalization of our village. Those interested should contact the WCC.

MUSIC IN THE GROVE UPDATE

The Music in the Grove Concert Series begins again this summer with concerts on Saturday evenings in July and August at the Walden Rotary Rail Trail Theater at Wooster Memorial Grove, East Main Street. The concerts are free, open to the public and feature a variety of musical performances. Refreshments are available for purchase. Business and individual sponsorships are available. Interested in performing? Please call 778-7442 or visit www.waldencommunitycouncil.org. The series is made possible by the Walden Community Council, the Josephine-Louise Public Library and the Village of Walden.

Other Upcoming Walden Events:

March 3 - 7 PM	Walden Harvest meeting, Community Room, Walden Municipal Bldg.
March 11 - 7 PM	Meet the Candidates, 3rd Floor Municipal Bldg. Moderated by Carl Aiello, Editor WWT.
March 16 - 6 AM – 9PM	Village Election at Walden Firehouse
March 21 - 9 AM – 4PM	Friends of Walden Youth Yard Sale, Wooster Grove
March 27 - 2 PM	St. Baldrick's Fundraiser for children's Cancer, Walden Firehouse
April 11 - 2 PM – 4PM	Local History Day, Walden Municipal Building



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