

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON - NOVEMBER 6, 2008

THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 2008
METRO HOSPITAL
Noon - Luncheon
1:00 pm - Hospital Tour (opt.)

Metro Hospital has extended the invitation to 30 individuals to join them for lunch and a tour on Thurs., Nov. 6.

Metro will not only be sharing the vision of the hospital, but will also be giving update and showing the planned growth for the surrounding Metro Village. Following the luncheon, a tour of the facility will be offered to those interested.

This luncheon will also serve as the

official kick off for the '08 **GIVING TREE PROJECT** that will help provide Christmas to the less fortunate at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services. Project will end at our Dec. 11 Membership Luncheon.

PLEASE RSVP BY NOV 3 to 890-1378 or to info@cutlervillechamber.org.

UPCOMING CHARETTE FOR BUS TRANSIT LINE ON DIVISION

The upcoming charette scheduled to meet in October 2008 is a creative and intense work session with public workshops and open houses. It is a collaborative planning process that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to create and support a feasible plan that represents transformative community change.

The topic for this particular charette is the planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will bring stations to the intersections of 54th & Division and 60th & Division. The BRT will be a designated lane that will move people quickly from South Division Street into downtown Grand Rapids. Along with this project will come other growth as development tends to cluster around the BRT Stations. (Office space, store fronts, housing developments, etc)

All local business owners and residents near South Division should plan on giving input and attending some of these sessions.

Those seeking further information can contact Wyoming, Kentwood or Gaines Townships.

"IF YOU GO TO THE CHARETTE"

(Information following is printed from the September 30, 2008, Advance Newspaper - Article written by Tim Disselkoen)

The planning charette will cover the intersections of 54th and 60th Streets and Division Avenue.

The initial session will be from 10 am - 3 pm , Oct. 18, at the Grace Lutheran Church located at 150 50th Street SW in Wyoming. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. This is where the vi-

sion will begin to take shape.

A design studio will be open from Oct. 19 - 22, from 9 am to 9 pm, at 88 54th Street SW 103, where additional input can be given and on-going work can be viewed at your convenience.

From 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Oct. 20, again at Grace Lutheran Church, two or three alternative plans will be shown for review and comment to help define a draft plan.

From 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Oct. 23, those interested will once again meet at the church to make comments and influence the final changes to the plan.

The finished product will be presented in November.

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2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The 2009 Membership Drive has begun! Please be watching the mail for your invoice and/or registration form. Just a reminder that there is a \$25 credit for you if you refer a new joining member. Information will also be arriving with details for the new community directory. If you are planning your budget for '09 - don't forget to include funds for your ad!

"AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" - SATURDAY DECEMBER 6



Once we have reflected on our many blessings this Thanksgiving, we are going to usher in December and the Christmas Festivities with:

"An Old Fashioned Christmas"
Saturday, December 6, 2008
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This family friendly event is still "in the making" but is planned to be held in the parking lot in front of Kava House, Bella Mia, and the Kregal Parable Store.

Some of the highlights of the day will be carolers, music ensembles, live Nativity, Santa Clause & Pictures with Santa, Giving Project opportunities, Food, Kid's Crafts, Open Houses, Christmas Readings, Buggy Rides, and much more!

Businesses wishing to set up a "station" for this event should call Robin at the CGCC at 890-1378 no later than November 10.

Join with us in this celebration of the Christmas Season!

CUTLERVILLE COMMUNITY DAYS & DIEMER/AMERIKAM 5K

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

**"Celebrating Family,
 Community, & Country"**

It is once again planning season for the 37th Annual Cutlerville Community Days and the 20th Anniversary Diemer/Amerikam 5K.

As a Chamber, we would love to see each of our businesses involved in this day -- what a great way to give

back to the community while marketing your business and getting your name "out there"!

Be thinking ahead now as you are planning for 2009 and take advantage of this marketing opportunity by adding it to your calendars and your 2009 budgets.

The following are ways you can be involved - each with varied perks and benefits:

Sponsorships \$500 - \$5000
Serve on a Committee
Volunteer
Info Booth / Vendor
Advertising in Brochure
Parade Entry

We welcome the opportunity to come and discuss the possibilities with you and /or send you further information.

For more info: 890-1378 or email to info@cutlervillechamber.org

GIVING TREE PROJECT 2008

Helping to provide Christmas for those less fortunate at the Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Facility

- WHAT:** Collection of items for needy individuals in our community
- WHEN:** Nov 6 - Dec 11
- WHERE:** Drop off Sites:
 Byron Bank
 Flagstar Bank (in Gaines Meijer)
 Macatawa Bank
 Old Fashioned Christmas
- WHO:** Identified residents at Pine Rest that most likely won't have family support for the holidays
- WHY:** To give back to the community and help individuals that have some basic needs and a few "wants" during the holiday season

■ Giving Tree Items ...

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| <i>Toiletries</i> | <i>Scarves</i> |
| <i>Healthy Snack Items</i> | <i>Hats</i> |
| <i>Bus Tokens</i> | <i>Gloves</i> |
| <i>Gift Certificates</i> | <i>Socks/Slippers</i> |
| <i>Phone Cards</i> | <i>Sweatpants</i> |
| <i>Writing Pads</i> | <i>Sweatshirts</i> |
| <i>Greeting Card Packets</i> | <i>Art Supplies</i> |
| <i>Stamps</i> | <i>Games</i> |
| <i>Batteries</i> | <i>Puzzles</i> |
| <i>Family Friendly DVD/CD</i> | <i>Balls</i> |
| <i>Books/Magazines</i> | <i>Toys</i> |

Gift Certificate Ideas: Target, Meijer, Family Fare, K-Mart, Celebration, MP3 I-Tunes, Local Restaurants, etc.

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