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## CANDIDATE FORUM MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Government Forum Committee of the Granville County Chamber of Commerce and the Granville County Human Relations Commission are sponsoring a Candidate Forum Monday evening, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 227 West McClanahan Street in Oxford.

The forum is designed to provide an opportunity for all Granville County candidates who have filed for the Municipal Election (November 6th) to give a brief summary of their campaign platform. Audience questions will be taken at the end of the summaries.

Thirty-seven candidates from Butner, Creedmoor, Oxford, Stem and Stovall have been invited to participate. The Human Relations Commission will be providing refreshments following the forum.

The public is invited to attend.

## GRANVILLE GREENWAYS

Granville County is working to link people and places by creating a system of walkable and bikeable greenways throughout the county. With support from



LiveWell Granville's Health Promotion Workgroup and funding from Eat Smart Move More NC, the first section is about to be completed. A trail linking Butner-Stem Elementary and Middle Schools was finished in August. The section linking the middle school to the corner of "D" and 24th Streets in Butner is slated for completion by October.

This recreational trail is paved and will be open for walking, jogging, biking or just strolling along. While this trail will not be open to the public during school hours for security reasons, it is planned to be part of a greater greenway system throughout the community.

**Granville Greenways** will be working to create a link between Butner and Creedmoor as well as a trail connecting Revlon to downtown Oxford and Granville Health System. These projects aim to enhance the quality of life of county residents by increasing opportunities for both recreation and alternative modes of transportation.

Once the second phase of the trail is complete, Granville County's Greenway Advisory Committee plans to hold a Grand Opening Celebration. Watch local newspapers for more details on the Celebration.

Multi-Use Trails and Greenways have become more and more popular as the need for safe recreation and exercise increases. The results of a recreation survey done in recent years indicate that 52% of respondents want walking/jogging trails. This was the highest-rated category of activities and facilities requested.

Join the Greenway Celebration!

### GRANVILLE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S MISSION STATEMENT

"The Granville County Chamber of Commerce seeks to promote a healthy economy with good business conditions, support good government, improve community relations and market services and programs for Chamber members."

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## NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Please join the Chamber's Board of Directors in welcoming **FIVE** new members.

**WALTER CANTLEY** is a retiree, joining our Associate Member category. Cantley lives at 229 Saddletree Road in Oxford and may be reached at 919.693.8773 or [wcantley@nc.rr.com](mailto:wcantley@nc.rr.com).

We look forward to his participation and support!

Everyone got a great sample of the offerings of **TEXAS ROADHOUSE RESTAURANT** at our September Alive After Five event. What incredible food! We are pleased to have them join our Chamber and immediately participate in an event. Located at 1807 North Pointe Drive in Durham, they may be contacted at 919.471.8738, or by fax 919.471.8741. We appreciate **Vickie Bailey** and **Tommy Keith** encouraging them to become a member of our Chamber.

Chamber Ambassador **Chris Emory** recently recruited **WYNNE SANITATION, INC.**, owned by **Chandler Wynne** to our membership. This Waste Management business, located at 609 15th Street in Butner, handles solid waste, recycling and debris removal. They may be reached at 919.575.4023/phone and fax or [wynne-sanitation@nc.rr.com](mailto:wynne-sanitation@nc.rr.com) Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. They are the people to call!

**ROCKERS REAL ESTATE**, represented by **Danny Batista**, Website Manager, is open Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for real estate needs. They are joining our Chamber because they have had "a lot of people from your area using our real estate services." They are located at 4499 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy. in Kissimmee, Florida 34746. Contact information is: phone 407.396.4009, fax 407.390.1554, [billy@rockersrealestate.com](mailto:billy@rockersrealestate.com) or by visiting their website, [www.greatorlandodiscounts.com/orlando\\_vacation\\_homes.htm](http://www.greatorlandodiscounts.com/orlando_vacation_homes.htm).

Is cleaning a dreaded chore because of old or worn-out equipment? **Fred J. Heath, Sr.**'s new company **VACUUM CLEANER SOLUTIONS** may be just who you need to call. Heath has opened a retail vacuum cleaner sales and repair store at 702 Hillsboro Street, Oxford, next to Oxford Laundry and Dry Cleaners. He is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. He may be reached by calling 919.693.0101, faxing 919.693.0104 or [fredjheath@msn.com](mailto:fredjheath@msn.com).

## OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2	8:30 am	Downtown Oxford Roundtable	Chamber Boardroom
3	9 am-12 noon	"Board Member Training", call 738.3240, Small Business Center for details	VGCC Main Campus
5	11 am-6 pm	Oxford Lions Clubs' Barbecue Chicken Lunch and Dinner	Public Works Building, Oxford
6		Stovall Gifts' Christmas Open House	Downtown Oxford
6		Granville Health System's Wellness Expo 690.3000	Granville Health System College Street, Oxford
8	6:30 pm	Candidate Forum – Municipal Election, Sponsored by Chamber's Government Forum Committee and Granville County Human Relations Commission	Public Works Building, Oxford
9	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
9	1:00-7:00 pm	Business EXPO	VGCC Main Campus
10	8:00 am	Ambassadors Club Meeting	Chamber Boardroom
12	11 am- 7 pm	Granville County Shrine Club's Fish Fry Eat in or take out	Oxford National Guard Armory
12-14		Homecoming Celebration	Masonic Home for Children's Campus
18	12:00 noon	Human Resource Committee Meeting	Revlon
23	12:00 noon	WOMEN IN BUSINESS Celebratory Luncheon, N.C. Representative Lucy Allen, Speaker	Oxford Baptist Church's Family Life Center
25	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Monthly Membership Meeting — BUSINESS AFTER HOURS (see article for details)	American Dream Properties, Creedmoor

## HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Our Human Resource Committee met in September at Carolina Sunrock. They were treated to lunch and a program by member Johnny Balmer.

October's meeting will be held on Thursday, the 18th at Revlon, 12:00 noon, for lunch and a program. Milt Thomas will be our host for that meeting.

Human Resource Committee members will receive program details in an e-mail notice one week prior to the meeting.

### PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

**Wednesday, November 21 • 7:30 a.m.**  
**Chamber's Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast**  
 Oxford Baptist Church's Family Life Center

**Thursday, December 6 • 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.**  
**Holiday Business After Hours**  
 Hosted by: Capital Bank, Jason Finch and Staff

**Monday, January 28, 2008 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Granville County Chamber of Commerce's 66th Annual Banquet**  
 Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center, Main Campus

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*BUSINESS AFTER HOURS  
 AMERICAN DREAM PROPERTIES  
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 • 5:30 'TIL 7:00 PM*

Jayne Currin, Diane Walsh and the team at AMERICAN DREAM PROPERTIES cordially invites the Chamber membership to their house at 106 North Durham Avenue in Creedmoor, across from the BP Station for October's Business After Hours.

From 5:30 'til 7:00 pm guests will be treated to hors d'oeuvres and beverages in grand style. If you missed their ribbon cutting, you are in for a treat! These folks not only sell real estate — they are fabulous cooks! October 25th will also be an opportunity to tour their new location.

We hope that many Chamber members will attend and enjoy food, fellowship and networking. Please let one of the Chamber's offices know that you plan to attend by contacting Glenda, 528.4994, [glenda@granville-chamber.com](mailto:glenda@granville-chamber.com) or Wanda, 693.6125, [granvillechamber@embarqmail.com](mailto:granvillechamber@embarqmail.com).

# WOMEN IN BUSINESS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

*The Granville County Chamber of Commerce  
and*

*Time Warner Cable*

*Invite you to attend*

*Our Second Annual Women In Business  
Celebration Luncheon*

*Tuesday, October 23, 2007*

*12:00 noon*

*Family Life Center, Oxford Baptist Church*

*Featuring Keynote Speaker:*

*The Honorable Lucy T. Allen,*

*North Carolina House of Representatives*

*RSVP by October 16th*

Tuesday, October 23, will mark the anniversary of our first Women in Business Luncheon. We have been overwhelmed at the success of this program, which has been meeting quarterly in Granville County.

Even though formal invitations will be mailed, we want everyone to have this date on October calendars and make plans to attend.

Representative Allen is excited about the opportunity to meet Granville County businesswomen and to share some of her own experiences with us. She is a respected, involved and active leaders and volunteer. We are delighted to have her join us for this celebration with Granville County women!

## AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT: SHARON BUCHANAN

Sharon Buchanan has worked in Granville County for 5 years as Director of the Imaging Department at Granville Health System. She enjoys her profession because "each day is different." She delights in the fact that she never knows who she'll meet or opportunities that she'll encounter on any given day.

Her job challenge is to make things run smoothly — more efficient, more cost-effective and more inviting for Granville County citizens to come to GHS. Sharon likes "informing the public of the many services we offer. I love seeing the look on faces in our county when I am telling them that we offer, for example, MRI." Many people are not aware of that service that we are so fortunate to have in the community.

A native of Spruce Pine in Western North Carolina, Sharon's family owned a farm with cows, horses, gardens and hay fields. They also grew tobacco at one time. She attended Western Carolina University and Montreat College, graduating from Wake Technical College. She has been in the Radiologic Technology profession for about 25 years.

Her involvement in American Cancer Society activities since becoming a mammography technologist also includes teaching various class for the ACS. She is a member of Oxford Presbyterian Church and loves antiques, music, gardening, cooking and the outdoors.

She credits for instilling in she and her brother that "one person can make a difference," her grandmother, who also taught her "that you create your own happiness — just look around you."

Sharon's involvement in the Ambassadors Club and Chamber has given her an opportunity to see the many things that Granville County has to offer its residents. She notes that she thoroughly enjoys each time she rides down College Street and sees all the historical houses. Also, as an Ambassador, she has met really interesting and lovely people.

## EXPO!SURE

Tuesday, October 9 • 1:00 until 7:00 p.m.  
VGCC's Main Campus Civic Center

All Chamber members are encouraged to visit the **BUSINESS EXPO** Tuesday, October 9 from 1:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Vance-Granville Community College's Civic Center. This year's EXPO will be even bigger and better than before so businesses will reap the benefit of participating. Attendees come face-to-face with area business leaders and customers from across the region. There will be incredible prizes given throughout the day by exhibitors and cash prizes totaling \$1,000.00.

Once again, the 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. time will be a Business-After-Hours event with restaurant and caterer chamber members providing samples of their food offerings.

Many Granville County Chamber of Commerce members will be exhibitors at this year's event. We hope that you and your business associates will plan to stop by VGCC's Main Campus Civic Center on Tuesday, October 9th.

## LEADERSHIP GRANVILLE'S CLASS OF 2007-08

The Steering Committee for Leadership Granville is pleased to announce that 13 participants have begun this exciting program. They are:

Mike Arrington, Altec Industries, Inc.

Sharon Buchanan, Granville Health System  
Cheryl Carrier, Granville County Senior Services

Vicky Cates, Town of Butner Commissioner  
Sherri Debolt, Suntrust Bank

Sandy Gable, Granville County Cattlemen's Association

Carl Hann, Jr., Vance Granville Community College

Lenessa Hawkins, City of Creedmoor

Amber Liggon, Watson, Dunlow & Wilkinson, P.A.

Roger Pope, SunTrust Bank

Dale Strayhorn, Granville County Schools

Charles "Chuck" Teeter, Union Bank & Trust Company

These individuals and the businesses they represent have made a commitment to be involved in our Leadership Granville Program. Also, many citizens, businesses, community organizations, and government agencies will be providing programs and information for the class sessions.

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# KUDOS

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The Chamber's **New Teacher Breakfast** was a success due to the sponsorship of **Chick-Fil-A Restaurant**. We appreciate **Josh Towne**, owner, and **Melanie Brewer**, marketing director, for their assistance with the annual event. And, a special thanks to the **Masonic Home for Children**, **Allen Hughes**, Administrator, for hosting the event at their facility.

Chamber Members who contributed items for gifts bags for the new teachers were:

Anderson Homes, Carolina Animal Hospital, the City of Oxford, Coble Printing Co., Creedmoor Family Dentistry, Education Liturgy Bookstore, Express Personnel, Granville County Administration, Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Granville County Library System, Granville County Museum, Joe Bryan and Associates, Mallard Homes, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, Nationwide Insurance/Larry Mitchell, Revlon, School of Graphic Arts, Tatum & Edwards, C.P.A., P.A., The Daily Dispatch, The Road to Fitness, Time Warner Cable and Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

**THANK-YOU** for contributing such wonderful items!

The **Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio**, located at 128 Hillsboro Street in Oxford, has received the "Gold Medallion" award for meeting Merle Norman's standards of excellence for customer service.

The "Gold Medallion" program addresses consumer demands by identifying studios which met expectation of personal service, knowledgeable beauty consultants and pleasing atmosphere. These award-winning studios set the standard of service and quality among the 2000 independently owned, retail outlets nationwide.

**Melinda Pritchett**, owner and proud recipient of this award, adds that she is honored to be recognized as a Gold Medallion studio and is excited that Merle Norman Cosmetics recognizes her studio as one that meets the expectations of her customers.

The **First Annual Hot Sauce Contest**, held September 8th in downtown Oxford was an incredible success! **Julia Overton**, owner of **Stovall's Gifts**, did an incredible job of organizing the event.

Also, organizers of the **HERITAGE FESTIVAL**, the **GRANVILLE GARDENERS**, **RICHARD H. THORNTON LIBRARY** and the **GRANVILLE COUNTY MUSEUM** are to be commended for their participation and special events.

We'll look forward to an even more exciting event in 2008!

## Chamber's Ambassador Club

Hal Muetzel, Express Personnel  
(Ambassador Chairperson)  
Sharon Buchanan, Granville Health System  
Virginia Clay, Smith Barney  
Christene Emory, South Granville  
Exchange Club  
Twanna Jones, American Red Cross  
Susie Lee, Joe Bryan & Associates Inc.  
Sheila Owen, Remax in the Country  
Donna Parham, Bailey-Wright Realty  
Kristi Perkins, Granville Health System  
Roger Pope, SunTrust Banks, Inc.  
Wayne Randall, Concord Baptist Church  
Paul Williford, Coldwell Banker  
Larry Wilson, Lewis Electric

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