

BUSINESS Update

Business news and information brought to you by the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce

▶ Chamber HAPPENINGS



Wake Up, Lenoir!
Legislative Breakfast
Wednesday, Nov. 12
7:15 a.m.

Community Council for the Arts
400 N. Queen St.

Guest speakers include Senator Charles W. Albertson; Representative William L. Wainwright, Speaker Pro Tempore and Representative Van Braxton.

The Breakfast will provide an excellent opportunity for each of our Representatives to discuss legislative matters as well as future issues and challenges. A question and answer session will allow Chamber members and local constituents the opportunity to share thoughts on issues concerning Kinston and Lenoir County.

Wake Up Lenoir is an ongoing breakfast meeting featuring speakers on issues pertinent to doing business in Kinston-Lenoir County. In an effort to help businesses and the community prosper and to provide a forum to address issues of importance within the community, the Chamber invites all citizens to attend.

There will be no charge for this event thanks to a generous donation from:

Realo Discount Drug Stores and Domestic Fabrics.
Registration is required. Go online at www.kinstonchamber.com or call 527-1131.



▶ Save the DATE

Business After Hours
Thursday, Nov. 13
5:30 p.m.
Custom Computing
2431-B. N. Heritage St.

Join us for this great networking event with good food and great door prizes including the grand prize: Ativa, external DVD/CD Writer & Rewriter with LightScribe Technology

Wee Time Ribbon Cutting
Tuesday, Nov. 25
4 p.m.
2419 N. Heritage Street

Business After Hours
Thursday, Dec. 11
5:30 p.m.
Community Council for the Arts
400 N. Queen St.



▶ Contact the CHAMBER

To learn more or to become involved with the KLCCC contact us:
Phone: (252) 527-1131
Email: info@kinstonchamber.com
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▶ At the CHAMBER

Thanks to the Adult Spelling Bee team sponsors:

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Submitted photos

▲ **The Lenoir County Education Foundation Adult Spelling Bee raised over \$6,000 to fund this year's Teacher Mini Grants.** Thanks to the team players, all the team sponsors and event sponsors at the recent Adult Spelling Bee for raising \$6,520! First place and \$300 was awarded to Kinston High School; Second place and \$200 was awarded to South Lenoir High School and Third place and \$100 was awarded to Northwest Elementary School Team #1. Special thanks to event sponsors Embarq and Progress Energy; food and refreshment sponsors Pizza Hut and Minges Bottling Group -Pepsi-Cola; and support sponsors M & D Gifts and the Peach House Restaurant.

◀ **Kevin Thorne from Best Diamond Packaging and employees recently celebrated their 5th Anniversary with a special Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Everyone enjoyed a program that included a facility tour, employee recognitions and great food. Best Diamond is located at 1447 Enterprise Blvd.**



▶ Welcome New MEMBERS

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| <p>The Door
Christian Fellowship
Sean Duckett - Pastor
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Kinston, NC 28501
(252) 286-9977</p> <p>The Face Place
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410 W. Vernon Ave.
Kinston, NC 28501
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410 W. Vernon Ave
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(252) 522-4300</p> <p>Fred Evans
Individual member
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▶ Community UPDATES

Dear Community,
Recently I spoke to Pat Cabe, Vice President of Programs/Community Assistance & Outreach at the Golden Leaf Foundation to get an update on the much-anticipated Community Assistance Initiative. Lenoir County is in line to be the beneficiary of this program designed to assist Tier One counties. Ms. Cabe gave me the following information and also provided an outline of the program that is available at the Chamber office.
Laura Lee Sylvester
President, Chamber of Commerce

Golden Leaf Foundation Community Assistance Initiative update

Golden Leaf Foundation will use local advertisements, community connections and invitations to make sure everyone that would like to participate knows about the meeting date, time and location. 41 counties qualify for this initiative and they are presently working with 9 counties. With their small staff they need to complete one of the 9 counties before they start another. There is no date set for Lenoir County however they anticipate holding their first meeting before the end of the year. Up to 2 million will be awarded in each county. The goal is to reach all 41 counties and then return to each county in 18 to 24 months with a second round of funding. Once they arrive the process moves very quickly. The first meeting will help determine how many meetings may be needed to complete their process. In the first meeting participants will help identify key issues, objectives and desired outcomes before they identify specific projects to be funded.

Chamber schedules Annual Planning Forum sessions

The Chamber plays an active role in addressing issues and projects that are significant to Kinston and Lenoir County's business community. Planning for success can be accomplished with your help. Each year the Chamber conducts a series of Planning Forums to lay the groundwork for next year's goals. This year we are offering five 1-1/2 hour long sessions making it easy for everyone to participate by choosing one time that best fits their schedule. Each session covers the same topics so you only need to attend one. It's important to have representation from all sectors of our membership and community. Sessions are scheduled on Nov. 17 and Nov. 19. You can register by going to www.kinstonchamber.com or by calling 527-1131. Seating is limited for each session so register early.

Planning Forum schedule:
Monday, Nov. 17
8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 19
9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

▶ Just the FACTS

Are you posting your church, civic or organizational EVENT information on the Chamber's Community calendar?
In the last 30 days events listed were visited over 1,000 times.



Kinston we're on the way And here's why....
The Neuse Regional WASA is a cooperative partnership of water and sewer service providers formed in 2000 to develop regional solutions for meeting future resource needs. Current members include the Town of Ayden, Bell Arthur Water Corp., Deep Run Water Corp., Eastern Pines Water Corp., Town of Grifton, City of Kinston, North Lenoir Water Corp., and the Town of Pink Hill. At the recent Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony WASA shared information about the facility with the community and showed appreciation to everyone involved in the building process of this project.

▶ Now you KNOW New group now forming

The Chamber of Commerce is starting a group called Young Professionals of Lenoir County (YPLC). The goal of this group is to bring professionals, aged 21-39, together to promote professional development, personal growth, social networking, community outreach and mentoring. Membership is open to anyone that lives and/or works in Lenoir County.

There will be a Kick-Off event on December 3 at 5:30 with more details to come. We are collecting names, business affiliations, addresses and emails of anyone that might be interested. If you or if you know of anyone in your company, school, church or other group that would like to attend this informational social event, please let us know. You can call us at 527-1131 or email the contact information to yplc@kinstonchamber.com.

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