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Driving Economic Development in the City of Cranston

The City of Cranston offers many cost-effective programs to support business growth: the Revolving Loan Fund Program, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit and the Tax Stabilization Program. The City of Cranston's Economic Development Team, Marcia LoPresti, Economic Development Coordinator and Paula Rocha, Economic Development Director look forward to serving the Cranston business community and welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Revolving Loan Fund Program

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the City's Revolving Loan Fund Program. The Revolving Loan Fund is a self-sufficient loan program that was established with Federal and City funds approximately twenty years ago, to offer low interest loans to new or growing businesses throughout the Cranston business community. The City of Cranston's Office of Economic Development administers both a Revolving Loan Fund and a Micro Loan Fund program to help support the financing needs of the Cranston business community.

The City's Revolving Loan Fund can provide gap financing for companies seeking to undertake new construction or any type of business development within the City. Depending upon the availability of

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funds, the City can provide low interest rate financing for up to 20% of a total project's cost with loans capped at \$100,000.

Expanding businesses can seek Revolving Loans that range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 dollars. The interest rate is established at prime of the day and terms are usually established between five and seven years. Application procedures require the same information as that of the clients' main lenders. Utilizing this information saves the client time and money by using the information already gathered.

For entrepreneurs seeking financing for

business start-up, the City's Micro Loan program can provide low interest financing up to \$10,000 for both new equipment and working capital. New Cranston business entrepreneurs or established companies that strive to create better job opportunities are strongly encouraged to consider a Micro Loan.

There is an employment requirement for clients utilizing the Revolving Loan Program based on Federal criteria. For each \$15,000 that is loaned, one new full-time employee needs to be hired.

A current Revolving Loan client, Cindy Silva has finally realized her dream and opened Salon Lux located on Pontiac Avenue in Cranston, RI. Salon Lux provides the latest in hair, nail, and skin technology including anti-aging facials and reflexology. At Salon Lux clients are able to experience, "Spa services at Salon Prices."

Cindy reached out to the City of Cranston and utilized its Revolving Loan Program. Cindy, "It's important to have programs in place that assist small business owners, especially during the start-up phase, and the Revolving Loan Program, has served our start-up needs at such a crucial time. I'm grateful for the partnership we have developed with the City of Cranston's Economic Development Department."

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A Letter From The President

Do you have what it takes to reach the Multi-Million Dollar Club?

I recently read in an article that the number of "pentamillionaires" (people who made 5 million dollars or more) has quadrupled in the past 10 years to more than 930,000. According to a study done by The Harrison Group a research and marketing firm, 70% of the nations big family fortunes are less than 13 years old, and the people who amassed them are entrepreneurs!

If you are wondering what got them to this level, it wasn't necessarily stock-market savvy, but on an average, folks who recently hit the \$5 million mark report that only 10% of their money came through passive investments. And only 10% of inherited their wealth.

You might think to reach this pinnacle of success you might need a little luck, but sometimes, luck is a matter of one's own making. Psychologist Richard Wiseman has found that people who describe themselves as lucky share common habits that account for their success: They're friendly and fond of new expe-



Susan Pagnozzi
President

riences, traits that put them on a collision course with new opportunities. In addition, "lucky" folks simply have higher expectations of success. The book *The Secret*, is a book that basically talks about how envisioning and believing in your success can help you achieve your goals. I am not saying that I believe all you have to do to become successful is just in believing that you can become successful; but after Jim Taylor, head of The Harrison Group, interviewed more than 3,000 of the "pentamillionaires" there was one common thread between 80% of them. Of these 80% none of them ever had a cushy job they all either started their own business or worked for a small company that saw explosive growth. And almost all of them made their fortune in a big lump sum after many years of effort.

At this month's board meeting one of our member's, Ray Sepe of Electro standards Laboratories shared with the board members that his company has experienced growth during times when most are having a tough time making ends meet. The message I took from his explanation, was that his success was in his ability to think outside of the box, being creative in coming up with solutions to problems. His entrepreneurial spirit has provided him and his company much success.

Whether it is a restaurateur, retailer, scientist, engineer, designer or any other profession, one of the most surprising things that these studies uncovered is that today's very rich say that money itself wasn't much of a motivator. Once you've got food in your belly a roof over your head and a big-screen TV, the mere prospect of more Benjamin's isn't enough to get you leaping out of bed at 5 a.m. Rather, rich folks often make their fortunes after they make up their minds to solve a problem or do something better than it's been done before.

Getting rich also requires a certain amount of stubbornness and clarity of purpose. Consultant Joel Kurtzman, who evaluated 350 startups for his book *Startups That Work*, found that successful outlets usually have a team of two or three founders who share a common vision; the success rate for this model was a remarkable 50%. Failure seems to happen often when entrepreneurs found themselves working at cross-purposes with hired guns that see things differently than the entrepreneur had planned.

Justin Jarvinen is a 34 year old entrepreneur who learned this lesson the hard way. The entrepreneur saw two promising business ventures go down the tubes after he took on partners who tweaked his ideas beyond recognition. But these failures did not stop him; he started another venture and carefully chose partners who supported his vision. Jarvinen now claims an eight-figure net worth. But what really excites him is his freedom to explore and support new ideas.

When people dream of getting rich, it's about more than nice clothes and fancy vacations. Being rich means freedom: to spend your time as you please, to pursue your real interests and to take a chance without courting utter ruin. Paradoxically, the road to riches often means acting as if you already have that freedom.

I see so many potential "pentamillionaires" every day. These special people walk into chambers every day with great ideas and the plan needed to make it successful, but it is their gut and their passion that makes it become successful.

Take the time to learn more about the programs available for businesses and potential businesses, through the City of Cranston's Economic Development Department.

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We believe that Cranston is a great place to open a business with easy access to all major highways, free parking, many programs and great communities full of consumers ready to patron your business.

The Cranston Chamber of Commerce along with the City of Cranston and The SBA's Business Development Center located at Johnson and Wales College business center are working on creating a partnership to work with you, our future entrepreneurs, to be sure you have all the tools available to you and your company to

become successful. These programs have been designed to help both established businesses and individuals with the entrepreneurial spirit achieve their goals.

Thank you to all the entrepreneurs who have ever taken a chance on their idea or beliefs and for the growth they have provided to our economy and conveniences they have afforded us the consumer.

For more information about the programs discussed in our front page article or tools that can help your business grow contact your Cranston Chamber office.

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For more information on Salon Lux's services or to schedule an appointment, call 401-467-5656.

On June 1, 2006, Simone Fargiorgio, opened an Allstate Agency office on 744 Park Avenue, Cranston. Mr. Fargiorgio has over 20 years' experience in the financial industry and has been with Allstate since May of 2004. Mr. Fargiorgio, "The location of my office was of particular importance to me because as an alumnus of Cranston East, I wanted to locate my business in the area where I have my roots."

Mr. Fargiorgio is an active member of the Cranston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fargiorgio, "I learned about the City's loan program through the Chamber, and immediately reached out to the City of Cranston's Economic Development office to learn more about the program and how I could apply.

Their help, information and resources have been valuable to me and have enabled me to grow and make my first year transition run smoothly. As an ambassador with the Chamber, I have referred several businesses to the Economic Development Office, and have received favorable feedback from each one."

As an agent representative of Allstate, Mr. Fargiorgio offers financial services that include auto, home, business, life, annuities, mutual funds, retirement and college savings plans. Mr. Fargiorgio, "The best part of being a representative in the financial industry is the opportunity to meet and help people achieve their financial goals and dreams. I invite you to stop by my office and say hello."

Revolving Loan Fund Statistics

The Revolving Loan Fund has distributed over \$2.3 million to companies that have

located or expanded in Cranston. These loans have leveraged more than \$26 million in additional investments with these same companies.

- Over 1,400 jobs have been created or retained as a result of the RLF program.
- The loan portfolio currently manages 23 loans with an average loan of \$43,500.
- 70% of the City's RLF loans have been made to companies with 20 or fewer employees.

Available Property Listing

The Economic Development website also provides a listing of available properties ranging from 1,000- 77,000 square feet, with detailed information on each property. In addition we keep an extensive hardcopy property listing in our office. We can assist in identifying business space and also connect you with the appropriate real estate broker.

RI Enterprise Zone Business Tax Credit

The Enterprise Zone Program is designed to offer tax incentives to businesses that expand their workforce at facilities located in an Enterprise Zone. The goal of this program is to foster growth, create new job opportunities and encourage business expansion.

Any business located in a state enterprise zone that grows its employment base by 5% with full-time Rhode Island residents may be eligible for the Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Business Tax Credit. The tax credit is equal to 50% of the annual wages paid to new employees to a maximum of \$2,500 per employee. If new employees reside in an enterprise zone then the tax credit is equal to 75% of the annual wages paid to those new employees to a maximum credit of \$5,000 per employee. Earned but unused enterprise zone tax credits may be carried-forward for up to three years. Every year a company, located within an enterprise zone, may be eligible for the annual tax credits based on full-time employment levels increasing by 5% over that of the previous year.

- The Establishment must be located in an enterprise zone
- The new employee must be hired during the application year, a Rhode Island resident, employed full time (30 hours per week or more), and employed on December 31 of the application year
- The employee must begin and end each work day in the zone
- The establishment must meet the 5% growth requirement

If your business is located in an Enterprise Zone and you would like to learn more we will have an information meeting on Wednesday, June 27th at 8:00a.m at City Hall Council Chambers. Victor Barros, Urban Development Manager for the RI



Paula Rocha, (right) Economic Development Director and Marcia Lopresti (left) of The City of Cranston's Office of Economic Development

Economic Development Corporation will be on hand to answer any questions about the program. If you are interested in learning more and would like to attend please call Marcia LoPresti at (401)780-3168. Tax Stabilization Program

Tax Stabilization Program

The City of Cranston has established a tax incentive program for the new construction or expansion of qualified facilities located on industrial or commercially zoned properties.

- 5 year property tax phase-in for all new construction or renovation on industrial or commercially zoned property that cost between \$250,000 and \$1,999,999.

- 10 year property tax phase-in for all new construction or renovation on industrial or commercially zoned property that cost more than \$2,000,000.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Total new construction must exceed 3,000 square feet.
- The new facility must house a minimum of 10 employees.
- If an addition/renovation: the building must have a floor plan of 3,000 square feet or greater, and the minimum renovation cost must be at least \$250,000 for the 5 year property tax phase-in or \$2,000,000 for the 10 year property tax phase-in program.

Qualifying commercial facilities would include any building or structures used essentially for offices or commercial enterprises, including but not limited to professional office space, for example brokerage and investment services, medical, legal, and insurance uses, operation centers, bank branches, restaurants but exclude any and all facilities or property used for retail sales.

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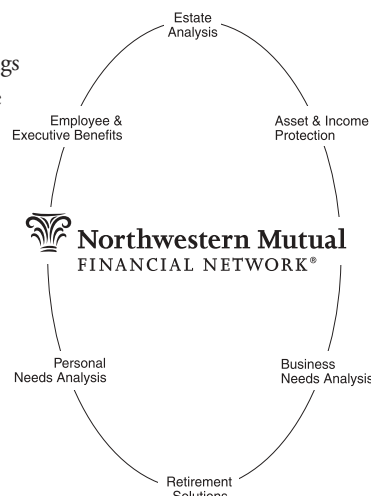
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Newly Mandated Fire Suppression Codes, at What Cost to Business?

By David Maher,

Recently the Chamber News Letter ran a two question poll about what the membership thought, first, about full fire alarm and fire suppression systems being mandated for all schools and public buildings and second, did we feel that this was a detriment to the small business community.

As a State, our legislators have reacted strongly to a very catastrophic accident that took place with the Station Fire in West Warwick. For all those involved and their families, no amount of rules or regulations can rectify the sorrows and hardship that affected the individuals involved that night. But what kind of history in situations like that has the State had previously? Can one imagine how many restaurant and night spots are part of the business and social makeup just in our State, let alone our country and how a large percentage of them, have never had and probably will never have any of the same type of unfortunate occurrence.

All of our city's and towns have fairly modern fire departments and especially in our larger cities, the most modern equipment. Building codes that are followed throughout are country mandate types of materials and construction that also have very high fire ratings depending on type of building they are used for. Especially in school buildings, most are made of brick, mortar, tile, and cement block, all construction material that have little or no volatile nature. In other words, it would seem to be very hard to have a major fire in a public building, especially our schools. Tax dollars are needed to fund such an expensive endeavor in the name of added safety. If the citizens of a city find more solace in the fact that their children's school is fully sprinklered, then they always have the right and power to direct their elected officials to do the bidding of the majority.

But when it comes to its effect on the small business community, installing fire safety and suppression in public buildings is only a small caveat in the larger picture of how the newly mandated fire codes have and are affecting small businesses throughout the state. There has been a demise in the restaurant/ night club business over the past five years. I have not only become aware of it in my role as the business advocate for the City in the Economic Development office, but also have seen and felt it as a professional musician who has worked nearly every city and town in this State over the past forty years.

Many factors: the state of the economy, the aging of the baby boomer generation, drunk driving laws, cost of insurance and to do business, all factor in to decreasing business for our State's restaurant and night time industry. In many cases, the additional burden of installing an elaborate and very expensive sprinkler system is beyond the financial reach and the City runs the risk of losing a viable business and assuming another darkened store front that can then fall prey to graffiti, vandalism or even arson.

I would never be one to advocate, less safety, especially in our restaurant and nightclub industry. In many cases, owners have to take even more care for their customers at night than during the day. There is a whole different synergy that takes place in these places night versus day, so establishments must constantly check their own pulse of

how they are caring for their customer's tastes in food and music as well as their safety to make it home to return for another day.

Owners of businesses in the restaurant trade, their employees and even their customers should make their feelings known to the people mandating these very expensive changes to our States Fire codes. Their businesses and their jobs are at stake. Maybe they might try to figure out how they can do more to help with safety rather than having all the responsibility fall to their employer.

In some cases, I'm sure additional safety measures can be taken, additional equipment like new and inspected extinguishers added, even fire details to help direct a crowd in case of an emergency are measures that can be handled by the finances of many establishments versus the extreme costs of mandate suppression and sprinklers. Could it be that individual city's and towns could or would want to use more of their own discretion in helping to support the safety of their individual citizens and more than adequate but compromising cost factors could be realized to help mitigate the extreme cost of safety in a number of cases. A town, a city, a state without an "after dark", viable but safe culture is not a place most people want to live.



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Local TV Personality Karen Adams Named Honorary Chair of the CranstonArc's 14th Annual Golf Tournament

CranstonArc announces Karen Adams from Eyewitness News as honorary chair of its 14th Annual CranstonArc Golf Tournament. Ms. Adams states "I am excited to once again be the Honorary Chairperson of this year's golf tournament and ask you to join me in assisting CranstonArc in making this year's golf tournament a great success. I had so much fun playing last year, I hope everyone will join us this year." This tournament was created to raise much needed funding to enrich programs that CranstonArc provides to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

This year's event will be held at the Cranston Country Club in Cranston Rhode Island on Friday, August 24 from 8:30 to 3:00. The generosity of last year's players, donors and sponsors produced over \$22,000 to benefit people with disabilities supported by CranstonArc. Funds generated from your participation in the 14th Annual Golf Tournament will be used to help offset the increasing costs associated with supporting approximately 400 children, adults and their families who rely on CranstonArc daily.

Opportunities for sponsorships, advertising and playing in this outstanding tournament are available. CranstonArc Golf Committee prides itself on the quality of the tournament, outstanding raffle prizes, one-of-a-kind silent auction items, including sports memorabilia and tickets, and great favors and gifts for our golfers. Many of our sponsors and players



Karen Adams

are from the Greater Providence and Cranston area businesses. CranstonArc is looking for more businesses to get involved in this very special fundraising event. You can sponsor a player or a foursome, make a monetary donation, or donate a gift for the silent auction or raffle. The cost to play is \$600 per foursome and \$150 for a single player. CranstonArc, a non-profit organization, is a leading service provider for children and adults with severe and profound developmental disabilities. Established in 1965 by a group of parents as the Cranston Center for Retarded Children, CranstonArc has continuously grown to provide outstanding programs and services to children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and their families. An affiliated local chapter of The Arc, CranstonArc currently supports 400 families in Rhode Island providing a wide range of programs and services that help people with dis-

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abilities gain greater independence.

CranstonArc believes everyone has abilities, can be a contributing member of the community, and lead fulfilling and productive lives. Our mission is "To empower people with differing abilities to claim and enjoy their rights to dignity and respect throughout their lives."

Your financial contribution allows us to strengthen our services and supports to people with disabilities. For more details, please contact our golf committee coordinator, Devorah Weiner at 401-941-1112 ext 133.

**14th Annual
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Honorary Chair, Karen Adams
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Pawtucket Red Sox

**Mike Abramson
Ben Mondor Way
Pawtucket, RI 02861
(401) 724-7300**

Mike Abramson is an account executive with the Pawtucket Red Sox Baseball Club; Triple-A Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. Mike works



Mike Abramson

with local business owners who are seeking to brand with the beloved Pawsox team, and benefit from the more than 600-thousand fans who visit the park each season. Billboards, concourse signage, program advertising, radio & television, scoreboard advertising, sampling and special giveaway sponsorships are all available at the Park.

Mike also works with companies scheduling hospitality events such as pre-game Barbecues, Field Level VIP Suites, Pre-Game Cocktail Receptions and discount bulk ticket sales at McCoy Stadium. Similar hospitality is available for non-baseball events at McCoy such as last year's Bob Dylan concert and the Jack O Lantern Spectacular through the Month of October.

The Pawtucket Red Sox are perennially in the top 5 for total fan attendance in New England. In 2005; the Pawsox finished #2 just behind the Boston Red Sox and ahead of the Patriots, Celtics and Bruins. 98% of fans attending a game or event at McCoy describe their experience as GREAT or GOOD.

Mike Abramson joined the Pawtucket Red Sox in February of 2007. He was previously employed as an account executive with Sports Radio WEEI in Providence.

Sentinel Limousine

**11 Clemenceau Street
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Competitive prices and professional, on time service are just a couple reasons why Sentinel Limousine outshines other luxury travel companies, says Sentinel Operations Manager Ross O'Neill.

Sentinel's affordable prices are a result of the company "efficiently managing costs," says

Ross. Indeed Sentinel operates out of a small, humble office in Lincoln, which helps curb prices for customers.

"Because of the way the business is operated, we are able to be value-priced in the marketplace for transportation," says Ross.

Sentinel Limousine has served Greater Providence, Boston and Much of New England for more than 17 years. Ross credits Sentinel's owner, Dan McCrystal, for driving the well-respected company's success.

Sentinel serves a range of customers and events including weddings, corporate travel, proms, shuttles, airports and bachelor and bachelorette parties. The company boasts a diverse fleet of 12 vehicles including Lincoln Town Car sedans; black and white stretch limousines seating up to 10 with bars, coolers, TVs, DVD and CD players; a 10 passenger executive transporter; 14-passenger vans; and an 18 passenger luxury coach.

"We pride ourselves on being on time and reliable," says Ross, adding Sentinel is "proactive" in that it calls customers a day before the service to confirm rides. The 20-person company, says Ross, has 15 drivers providing professional and courteous service. The fully licensed and insured company serves more than 10,000 clients a year and average 50 to 70 jobs a day.

Sentinel also offers nationwide and worldwide service through a National Limousine Association affiliate program. So, for example can take a business traveler to the airport and when he/she lands in say, Chicago or London, Sentinel can continue serving that customer through its affiliates. The company essentially provides service in 450 cities nationwide.

Sentinel also serves many East Side clients, particularly on and around Blackstone Boulevard. The company's fleet was also "heavily used" in Brown University's commencement this year, says Ross. Sentinel also has "strong" relations with downtown hotels, he says, and has recently been doing "heavy prom and wedding business."

As further proof Sentinel's low rates, Ross

offered this example: The company's all-inclusive, one-way rate to Boston's Logan Airport in a late-model Lincoln Town Car is \$155 (including chauffeur's gratuity and tolls), whereas other companies are near \$200, he says.

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June 4, 2007

Golf Outing

Alpine Country Club

251 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, RI

10:30 Registration, 12:00 pm Shotgun Start

This year's event is shaping up to be a one of a kind event. This year every golfer will receive a free golf club as well as a great welcome package. Continental Breakfast will be provided by Dunkin Donuts (off Reservoir Avenue, Park Avenue and Garden City), Lunch will be a barbeque served on the Course and Dinner will follow the round of golf in the main dining room of the Alpine Country Club. Don't miss out on this event!!

June, 2007 - Date to be announced

Business After Hours

Betty's Candy Corner

48 Rolfe Square, Cranston, RI

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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June 21, 2007

Business Before Hours

The Washington Trust Company

Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI

8:00 am - 10:00 am

The Washington Trust Company would like to invite you all to check out the NEW branch located on Oaklawn Avenue. Start your day with friendly conversation while enjoying a light breakfast as you mingle with members of the chamber and the community!!

July 18, 2007

Seminar

A Step by Step Path to a Lifetime of Business Success ... in 60 Days!

Network RI, One Reservoir Ave., Cranston, RI

Time to be announced

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Entrepreneurial expert David Nash will share his professional expertise in this one day seminar. The program will present an easy-to-understand formula that can be successfully replicated in just 60 days to bring growth and success to any business. Information shared will include ways to increase market awareness, attract new clients, improve closing ratios, boost profits, and grow a business to new levels of prosperity. Participants will gain knowledge and tools to achieve measurable success regardless of the size or type of business. Cost of the program is \$189, and includes a workbook, extensive growth building tools and lunch. Installment payments of \$63 over three months can be arranged. This program comes with a 100% money-back unconditional guarantee! The class is limited to 15 participants. Registration and payment is required in advance by contacting David Nash at 401-447-8000.

July 26, 2007

Business After Hours

Quiznos

1500 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Have you ever experienced the flavor of a sub from Quiznos? Learn how this delicious food is prepared on a daily basis and what sets this location apart from all others. Join owner/entrepreneur, John Akqulian, for an evening full of delicious food and beverages.

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The Evening offered wonderful food and beverages provided by local businesses.



Chamber President Susan Pagnozzi is joined By Steve Gibbons and Nancy Dufrense of BankRI.

Today's Healthcare Costs

Where Do Your Healthcare Dollars Go?

There have always been medical errors. After all, nobody is perfect. The title of the 1999 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *To Err is Human*, impulse as much. Since then, there has been much said about medical errors, in the healthcare community, in the media, by those in all walks of American life, really.

That medical errors cause much chagrin among doctors, nurses, and their patients is obvious. "It is clear there are too many medical errors," said Newell E. Warde, PhD, executive director of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS). This is not an issue that seeks scapegoats. Medicine is a difficult profession, an art almost as much as a science.

"No one Questions that we do have Quality problems in healthcare, and nobody is more concerned about addressing these problems than doctors," Warde said.

There is also no question that medical errors drive up the cost of healthcare. The 1999 IOM report estimated that medical errors cost the United States healthcare system about \$37.6 billion a year. About \$17 billion of that, the report maintained, is associated with preventable errors. And about half of the expenses caused by preventable errors are for direct medical costs.

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more concerned about addressing these Problems than doctors".

Medication Errors Among Most Common

"Medication errors are among the most common medical errors, harming at least 1.5 million people every year," the report maintained. "The extra medical costs of treating drug-related injuries occurring in hospitals alone conservatively amount to \$3.5 billion a year, and this estimate does not take into account lost wages and productivity or additional healthcare costs."

Further, the report cited a separate study of outpatient clinics that discovered that medication errors at these facilities resulted in roughly \$887 million in extra medical costs in 2000. That study focused only on Medicare patients, just one subset of clinic patients.

The overall cost of medical errors may be even greater than the IOM estimated eight years ago. Two years earlier, a study that was cited in a report by the AARP suggested that "total annual costs associated with injuries resulting from medical error may be as high as \$200 million, the equivalent of nearly one out of every five dollars spent on healthcare in America."

Better Medical Systems Needed

If you went about your daily lives avoiding making an error of some kind 99.9 percent of the time, you

Studies show that medical professionals err less than 1 percent of the time. Given that they are only human, that's probably as good as it will get. So how can medical errors be curbed? Many say the answer is better medical systems.

"Establishing and maintaining strong partnerships between healthcare providers and patients is crucial to reducing medication errors.

The AARP study cited successful systems put in place to reduce anesthesiology errors as an example of what might be done in other medical disciplines. The study also maintained that better information-something that will require continued improvements in reporting medical data-will be needed.

Patients-Caregiver Partnership Eyed

Physicians' organizations support these efforts. At the same time, they also approach them with some trepidation because of proliferating professional liability lawsuits-another health system cost driver.

"It's grotesque that the whole communication effort and the free flow of information should be discouraged because of our liability system," Warde said. "What we need is the opposite of that, a system that encourages doctors to point out near misses or potential problems." He added that much of the solutions lies with the systemic

adoption of information technology-"moving information and moving it efficiently and securely."

"Another key for physicians is communication both with patients and their peers," the RIMS official said. "So much is in communication, the hand-off when there's a transition from one caregiver to another post-surgery, and then back to the primary care physician. There have to be systems and protocols that are collectively designed and that people are committed to,"

A July, 2006 IOM report, *Preventing Medication Errors*, sounded a similar note. "Establishing and maintaining strong partnerships between healthcare providers and patients is crucial to reducing medication errors," the IOM report declared. And, the report called on "consumers to be active partners in their medication care and on physicians, nurses, and pharmacists to know and act on patients' medical care rights."

In Rhode Island, efforts to accomplish just that are already under way. For example, according to the Rhode Island Quality Institute, a broad-based organization comprised of the state's healthcare and other public-minded organizations, "Medical errors can destroy lives, that's why we're working to ask Rhode Island the safest place to receive healthcare."

Las Vegas Fun!

September 28th

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Chamber of Commerce Coalition Government Affairs Website

The Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Coalition is pleased to announce the following updates made to our government affairs website:

Since the adjournment of the 2006 General Assembly session, the East Providence Area and Pawtuxet Valley Chambers of Commerce have joined the Chamber of Commerce Coalition. Their logos and website links are now featured on our website under partnering groups, found on the left side of the home page.

The Chamber Coalition's 2007 Legislative Agenda can be found under Chamber Coalition Priorities, also on the left side of the home page. The new chairperson of the Chamber of Commerce Coalition

Government Affairs Committee, Thomas Madden, Esq., has a photograph and welcome message appearing on the main page of the site.

The Chamber Coalition's Action Alert feature, located in the eAdvocates Action Center on the home page, is cleared and ready for use. The Chamber of Commerce Coalition will ask for the help of local Chamber members in communicating the important concerns of the business community to their state legislators. This can be done through the use of easy and quick emails, to be sent as the 2007 General Assembly session progresses.

The Chamber of Commerce Coalition encourages you to log on to the site and give it a try. www.RhodeIslandBusinessVotes.com

Edgewood Garden Club Presents



Secret Gardens by the Bay, a self-guided tour Saturday, June 16th from 10AM-4PM.

Register at Aspray Boathouse, 2 East View St. Pawtuxet Park, Narragansett Pkwy. Cranston/Warwick for complimentary morning coffee, boutiques, Save the Bay exhibits and your garden tour guide booklet. Reserve a boxed lunch or visit local Pawtuxet restaurants. Call: Chairman Bernie Larivee at 401-781-2785 for reservations and information. Garden Tour \$15. Boxed Lunch \$10. email: secretgardenbythebay@gmail.com

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Let Us Know What You Think!

Should employers be required by Rhode Island law to provide employees with bi-lingual notices about the existence of the federal earned income tax credit, and of volunteer income tax assistance providers?

Legislation has been introduced at the Rhode Island General Assembly to do just that.

Representative David Segal (Democrat; Providence) has promoted legislation that would require employers (of any size) to provide their employees with written notification in English and Spanish, that there is a federal earned income tax credit. This notice would need to be provided to all employees;

regardless of whether the employee qualifies for the credit. The proposed law would also require employers to provide their employees with written notification in English and Spanish of the names of all volunteer tax assistance providers.

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Pei Wei Asian Diner's Grand Opening



Rob Brown, Marisa Anand, Robin Joyner and Mike McDermott of Pei Wei Pose in front of the Restaurant With Susan Pagnozzi and Katie Marvel of the Cranston Chamber at their Ribbon Cutting.



Pei Wei Asian Diner has an extensive Staff who cant wait for you to come experience all that Pei Wei has to Offer!

Recognized for its casually hip design, Pei Wei is perfect for guests to enjoy a quick business lunch, pick up food while on their way home, or relax in a place where the entire family feels welcome.

Pei Wei (pronounced pay way) Asian Diner announced today it has opened its newest location in Cranston at Chapel View Where Freshly Prepared Dishes are Wok Seared and Made-To-Order. Guests of this quick-casual restaurant order at the counter, pick up their drinks, and take a seat, while their food is made-to-order and served searing hot from the wok to the table.



“We are excited about becoming a part of this community,” said Rob Brown, Cranston’s Operating Partner. “We look forward to being an active member in the community, and we invite our surrounding neighbors to come in and try us out. Our food and experience are both delicious, fresh and unique.”

From the exotic aromas rising from the sizzling 600-

degree woks, to the casually hip decor, and exceptional hospitality, Pei Wei combines high quality cuisine with convenient dining options. Dine in or take away, quick lunch or casual dinner—whatever the occasion—Pei Wei serves its freshly prepared dishes from China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam with the convenience to fit your busy lifestyle.

The menu is designed to allow guests to choose the style of entrées, at modest prices, the menu ranges from \$2.25 - \$9.00.

The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday. Take Away orders can be placed by calling (401) 464-9360.



Pei Wei is Located in the Newly Built Chapel View Parking Center and has indoor and outdoor seating.



Manager Mike McDermott Cuts the ribbon at Pei Wei!

RECIPE
CORNER

Frittata for All Flavors

When first approached to create recipes for the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, I jumped at the chance. What an opportunity to share my own passions with the community. As a mental health clinician, I believe that a healthy diet is a huge contributing factor to good mental health. When we cook and eat what we love, we are bound to feel a greater sense of balance and efficacy.

This month, I share with you the technique to creating wonderfully satisfying and beautiful seasonal frittatas. Now, all frittatas start with the same base – eggs, vegetables, cheese, and herbs. First you mix, then you sauté, then you pop your creation into the oven for a quick and fabulous brunch or mid-week dinner. Below, I shared with you some of my favorite mixtures, but please embrace your own creativity and mix things up,

Vegetable Mix

Zucchini, onion, mushroom

Onion, mushroom, fennel

Red pepper, onion, black olives

Onion, black olives, fresh spinach

Fennel, onion, spinach, red pepper

Cheese Choice

with gorgonzola

with parmesan, provolone

with feta

with swiss cheese, provolone

with parmesan

Herb Mixture

with dill, oregano, basil

with basil, parsley, dill

with dill, oregano, parsley

with basil, parsley, oregano

with parsley, basil

add your own choices, or spice things with a dash of hot sauce.

Makes 8 servings

8 large eggs

1 ½ tablespoons dried herbs (see below)

1 teaspoon each of salt and fresh ground black pepper

½ teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup grated or crumbled cheese (see below)

1 teaspoon olive oil

1 ½-2 cups chopped vegetables (see below)

Pre-heat oven broiler

1) Whisk eggs, dried herbs, salt

and pepper, garlic powder, and fold in cheese. Set aside.

2) Heat a 10" nonstick, oven proof skillet over medium heat, add oil and vegetables and sauté until vegetables begin to brown, approximately 10-15 minutes depending on the water content of the vegetables.

3) Once vegetables begin to brown, stir egg mixture into skillet and place skillet in your preheated oven and cook until eggs are just set (this will take about 5-8 minutes.) Remove pan from oven and allow frittata to cool for 5 minutes.

4) To serve, invert frittata on a serving platter and cut into 8 wedges. Serve with a fresh fruit salad of strawberries and melons.

Thank you to Robin Haas, LICSW. To contact her please call, (401) 781-6600.

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Volunteer Center of Rhode Island Seeks Advocates

Day One Sexual Assault & Trauma Resource Center is looking for volunteers from all over the state to serve as sexual assault and domestic violence advocates. These volunteer advocates will provide support and accompaniment for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes at hospitals and police departments, working directly with victims and their families.

The continued efforts of these dedicated volunteers empower victims as they begin to rebuild their lives. An application, pre-training interview, reference and background check and 36-hour training are required. All interested volunteers must also have a valid driver's license and their own vehicle. The next training session begins on June 4 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Contact Elizabeth Briggs at (401) 421-4100, ext. 288 or e-mail EBriggs@dayoneri.org.

Books Are Wings is a program which seeks to put free books in the hands of children. Fun-loving people from all over the state are needed to volunteer at book parties thrown by the group. Volunteers help with set-up and hand out free books and refreshments to children around Rhode Island. Parties are held at daycare centers, community centers and after-school programs. Volunteers with experience in dra-

matic reading or ideas for fun literacy games and stories for children are especially encouraged to apply! Contact Jocelynn White at (508) 316-1612 or e-mail volunteer-baw@yahoo.com.

The RI Mentoring Partnership-Feinstein Mentor Network is seeking caring adults to mentor someone in the age range of kindergarten to adulthood. All volunteers will spend at least one hour a week with their chosen mentee. Volunteers must complete an application, undergo screening and participate in interactive training sessions. Potential mentors attend a two-hour workshop which focuses on policies and procedures, communication skills, activities and next steps. Contact Arlene McNulty at (401) 732-7700 or e-mail amcnulty@rimentor.org.

Big Brothers of RI is looking for male volunteers from anywhere in the state to offer friendship and good values to fatherless boys between the ages of 7 and 14. Big Brothers and Little Brothers meet once a week for a few hours. Volunteers will become very important people to children they work with and provide a positive male role model in their lives. A background check, references, office visit and periodic informational meetings are required for all potential Big Brothers. Contact Val Sinesi at (401) 432-9955 or e-mail mentoring@bigbrothersri.org.

TrY CAPS Creative Art Program seeks to provide creative art experiences to a diverse group of youth and teens, encourage leadership development and provide problem solving skills through the use of mentors, apprenticeships and real-life experiences.

The group is looking for a volunteer from anywhere in the state to serve as a grant writer to help secure funds for program operations, expansions and program activities. This is a flexible opportunity and much of the work can be done from home. Contact Celeste Thomason at (401) 946-9012 or e-mail Celeste252@verizon.net.

Citizens Bank and PawSox announce Summer Youth Clinics

Providence – Citizens Bank and the Pawtucket Red Sox today announced Free Youth Clinics at McCoy Stadium. In partnership with ABC 6, the traditional clinics are free-of-charge and open to children of all ages.

PawSox manager Ron Johnson, coaches and several PawSox players conduct the popular clinics on the field at McCoy to offer youngsters instructions and tips on the game of baseball. Participating youth need to bring a glove to the clinic. There will be an autograph session at the conclusion of each clinic.

"Citizens Bank is proud to sponsor the PawSox's free Summer Youth Clinics," said Citizens Bank of Rhode Island President, Chairman and CEO Joseph J. MarcAurele. "This family friendly activity is a great way for children to get exercise, enjoy the warm weather and learn about baseball from professional players."

The clinics will be offered on four different Saturdays throughout the 2007 season (one each month from May through August). No registration is required. Each clinic will run from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and will be followed by a PawSox home game that night at 6:05 p.m. Families are invited to remain at McCoy after the clinic to watch batting and infield practice. Fans also can purchase tickets for the game that follows.

- Saturday, May 12
- Saturday, June 16
- Saturday, July 21
- Saturday, August 8

"The PawSox look forward to working with Citizens Bank again this season in presenting the clinics for kids of all ages," said Lou Schwechheimer, Vice President and General Manager of the Pawtucket Red Sox. "Just bring a glove and enjoy the magic of being on the field at McCoy."

About the Pawtucket Red Sox

The Pawtucket Red Sox are the Triple-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I., is the home of the PawSox.

About Citizens Bank of Rhode Island

Citizens Bank of Rhode Island, with \$14 billion in assets, 78 branches and 147 ATMs, has the largest branch banking network in Rhode Island. It is a subsidiary of Citizens Financial Group, Inc., a \$164 billion commercial bank holding company headquartered in Providence, R.I. Citizens has more than 1,600 branches, approximately 3,200 ATMs and more than 26,000 employees in a 13-state retail branch network and has non-branch retail and commercial offices in about 40 states. Citizens is the eighth-largest commercial banking company in the United States ranked by deposits and ninth in assets as of March 31, 2006. Citizens is owned by RBS (The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc). Citizens' Web site is citizens-bank.com.

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Gloria Cassidy of Coastway Credit Union (right) is joined by Gregg Brazil of Cox Business Services (middle) and her Husband (left)



Guests Enjoy Sharx's Outdoor Patio while Smoking Fine Fonseca Cigars.



Sharx offered delicious entrees for the evening.



The Picirilli's Enjoy the Evenings Cigars and Scotches.

Garden City Center Employees enjoy the beautiful spring evening at Sharx's beautiful outdoor seating area.



Chamber President Susan Pagnozzi is assisted with the evening's raffle by Sovereign's Tony Cruz.



Mark, the Manager of Sharx Bar and thanks guests for attending.



Guests of Cox Business Services enjoy the evening.



Jeff Cascione of Navigant Credit Union (left) is Joined by a colleague and the Paul Eacuello of Smith Mack and Associates (right)