

Think Global ...
Buy Local

Pontiac Chamber of Commerce

Season's Greetings

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Birth of a New Tradition – Shop the Pontiac!

As the holidays approach, it is time to think about shopping locally in the Pontiac. This year give the gift of genuine concern for other Canadians, especially those in the Pontiac. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that comes from the Pontiac. **Yes there is!** It's time to think outside the box. Who says a gift needs to fit in a box?

Everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local hair salon or barber? Gym membership or health services? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about health improvement.

There are many other ideas – perhaps your grateful gift receiver would like their driveway sealed, lawn mowed for the summer or driveway ploughed all winter. Many people could use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle. Maybe they are thinking of converting to solar or wind power – we have a supplier in the Pontiac!

The Pontiac has many tourist attractions which us Pontiacers have not had a chance to check out. Give someone a gift certificate for a dogsled ride, rafting trip, zipline adventure, games at a Pontiac golf course and many other ideas to support our local tourist businesses.

Everyone loves a nice meal out – there are many owner-run restaurants in the Pontiac – all



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Chamber Events

2012 Chamber Holiday Party Saturday, December 15

6:00 cocktails – 7:00 dinner

Silent Auction

Entertainment: DJ Brad Summerfield

Tickets \$40

Cash bar, buffet dinner.

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TGIF – Breakfast Brunch

Café 349 – Shawville

Friday from 7:30 to 9:30

\$10.95 per person

Ideas: team building, birthday celebrations, mini Christmas parties
What a great way to start the weekend!

For reservations call 819-647-6424



Perfect Christmas Gift!

Fang, Grandma's Prize Cat

Based on a true story – a wonderful little children's book about a Cat, a local family, also includes The Equity, the Fair and the Pontiac Community Hospital.

Available at The Equity, Stedman's, Café 349,

Shawville/Clarendon Library and The Lighthouse Book Store.

Written by Muriel Davies; Illustrated by Tina Michaud.



Traditional European Floral Arranging for Advent

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December 1, 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Coronation Hall Cider Mills – Bristol

Registration: 819-682-6892; <http://flowers4events.weebly.com>; ac_fleming@videotron.ca

Cost: \$85 – includes ALL flowers, supplies, use of tools, LUNCH provided by Coronation Hall Cider Mills, best of all: your creation goes home with YOU!

If you have a business or Pontiac event you would like advertised, please contact the chamber.

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offering gift certificates.

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning person for a day.

Maybe a friend or family member could use a tune-up for their computer. Or they might be planning a renovation so a gift certificate from a local building supply business would be very appreciated.

If you are looking for something personal – there are many artisans in the Pontiac. Wonderful one-of-a-kind gifts for someone special. The many local crafts people knit, make jewelry, pottery, photography, painting and many other creative items.

Remember folks, this is about supporting your local business people with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

And shopping locally is less stressful – avoiding the packed parking lots, crowded malls and long lineups at the checkout. You will meet neighbours who are out shopping, have a chance for a chat and maybe share a cup of coffee together.

Christmas is about caring for us, encouraging Canadian small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about Pontiac businesses, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine.

Visit the on-line business directory to search for Pontiac businesses at:

www.commerepontiac.ca

Search for products and services available right here in the Pontiac.

SHOP LOCAL – The job you save might be your own.

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Christmas Market Saturday, December 1

Bryson House
Route 148, Mansfield
10 am to 2 pm



Festival of Lights Chutes Coulonge November 30, December 1-2

4 pm to 9 pm
Regular Admission Fees Apply



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Business to Business Discounts

The purpose of this program is to encourage businesses to shop locally. Shopping locally promotes employment in the Pontiac region and helps with the advancement of our local business community. It is an excellent opportunity for you to grow your business as others learn more about your business by taking advantage of the discounts offered.

Discounts can be introductory offers, percentage discounts or upgrades on services and/or products. The more Chamber businesses who sign up to the program, the more benefits all Chamber member businesses will receive by shopping locally. Think about how your business could offer a discount to other Pontiac businesses.

The following Chamber member businesses offer discounts to other Chamber member businesses – check the Chamber web site for details of the discounts offered.

Art Brûlant & Impressions
Boutique Gwendoline
Brad Summerfield Music Services
Café 349
Campbell's Bay Ciment
Campbell's Polaris
Chutes Coulonge
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Pontiac Chiropractic Clinic
Cody Berube – Financial Consultant
Cuisines Pilon Kitchens Inc.
Domaine du Lac Bryson (Bryson Lake Lodge)
Ferme Lavender Ridge Farm
Ferme Livamia
Fresh Image Computing Service
GELAM

Giant Tiger Store # 90
Horizon X Rafting
I-Pood
Jericom
Louise Donaldson
Magnalum (1998) Inc.
Mark Ryan
Mickey Creek Golf Club
Nectar
Pontiac Printshop Limited
Pontiac Recycling Inc.
Promutuel - Valley Mutuel Insurance
Pure Life Adventures
RONA (La Cour à Bois 148)
Shawville Shoe
Songberry Organic Farms
Spruceholme B&B
STAQ Promotions Pontiac
The Lighthouse Bookstore
Tom Orr Cartage
Waterfront Wellness

3rd Annual Chamber Holiday Party

The Chamber is organizing a special holiday event – the perfect opportunity for business owners to share the holiday spirit with their employees – and we do the work for you!

This year the Chamber party is being held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at the RA Center in Campbell's Bay.

Doors open at 6 pm for cocktails – to gather and meet other business people. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening.

A buffet dinner, catered by Café 349, will be served at 7 pm. The menu for the hot and cold buffet is:

- salads, breads and buns
- Vegetarian Lasagna, Beef Bourguignon and Baked Trout Filet
- vegetables, rice and potatoes
- Apple Pie, Rhubarb Crumble, Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream
- coffee and teas

The table decorations are by **claudia fleming .floral.design.**

Music will be provided by DJ **Brad Summerfield of Soundzgood.**

The Chamber knows the importance of having your employees arrive home safely after the event so have contact information available for pre-arranged cab/shuttle service upon request.

There are only 225 tickets available! Tickets are \$40 per person. **Deadline for reservations is December 7th.**

A silent auction will be held during the evening. Many businesses from the Pontiac have so far donated items for the auction including:

- Art Brûlant
- Atkinson's Bar
- Bateau Royal
- Boutique Gwendoline
- Bristol Hops
- Café 349
- Campbell's Bay Ciment
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- Clinique Chiropratique
- Evangeline's Gifts
- Ferme Lavender Ridge
- Fresh Image
- GELAM
- Gerard Labelle, CGA/CPA
- Giant Tiger
- Imprimerie Plus
- Lloyd Hodgins Furniture Inc
- M & R Feeds
- Magnalum
- Mickey Creek Golf Course
- Pontiac Printshop
- Promutual La Vallee
- Pure Life
- Quyong Ferry
- Shawville Shoes
- Spruceholme
- Stedman's V&S
- Studio 332
- Tom Orr Cartage

If you would like to contribute to the silent auction, please contact Ginger at 819-647-2312 or bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca. It can be anything from a service to a product.

For tickets, please contact Ginger at 819-647-2312 or bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca

Welcome to the Chamber!

Businesses who have joined the chamber since the last newsletter.

Municipalité de Pontiac

Check the chamber web site for links to these businesses.

Support your local businesses!

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News, article suggestions and letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. Content will be edited to fit the space available. We welcome press releases and news from our local business community.
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Chamber Benefits

Being a member of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce means that you are also affiliated with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) – www.chamber.ca and the Quebec Chamber of Commerce (FCCQ) – www.fccq.ca
You and your business can take advantage of benefits listed on their web sites.



member of the canadian chamber of commerce network
membre du réseau de la chambre de commerce du canada



Group Insurance Benefits

Visit the new web site / view the video!
http://www.chambers.ca

Would Like to Join the Chamber?

Membership fee of \$100 entitles you to all chamber benefits. Membership valid from April 1st to March 31st.
Contact info:
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Support Those Who Support You
Small Businesses Make Small Towns Work!
 Consider this when you're buying ...
As business operators, our actions shape our communities.