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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The Ultimate Treasure Hunt! Wednesday, January 20th
Introducing the newest business building event in the County.

Meeting sponsored by Curves – Catered by Common Ground

What makes your business stand out? What makes your business special? That is the "Treasure" of your business. Come share your treasure one-on-one with other businesses. Join us at the January Membership Luncheon and see the sheer number of contacts you will make. There will be a prize for the most successful Treasure Hunter! Luncheon will be held at the Burlington Library, 820 Washington Ave.

REGISTER ONLINE

\$14.00 members / \$17 not yet members

RSVP by January 18 to 360-757-0994

or lisa@burlington-chamber.com

SAVE THE DATE! SPECIAL WINDOWS 7 PRESENTATION

In conjunction with the February Membership Luncheon we are pleased to bring you a special Windows 7 presentation. You will receive all the information you need to decide on your next operating system. This program will be presented by Adrian Santangelo of Computer Source, a Microsoft Partner. Early bird Chamber member registration through February 5th, open registration begins February 6th. All are welcome! Please register to lisa@burlington-chamber.com

SKAGIT VALLEY SIGNS RIBBON CUTTING AND GRAND OPENING

Join us in a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the newly opened Skagit Valley Signs located at 360 South Burlington Blvd. Wednesday, January 20, 4:00 -6:30pm. There will be delicious food and desserts, four drawings for gifts baskets and a grand prize drawing for a banner, up to \$250.00 value. Skagit Valley Signs is owned and operated by Jesse and Candice Eberle. Mayor Brunz will do the honors with assistance by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Ambassador Committee.

PATRON MEMBERS



PREFERRED BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We are pleased to announce the Burlington Preferred Business Directory is in production. Your business and contact information will be listed as a "go to" business in Burlington. This is a great benefit of your Chamber membership, and costs you nothing!

The Burlington Preferred Business Directory will have county wide distribution, including the Visitor's Center and City Hall. You will find the community will carry one in their car and have another copy at home to find all their retail and service solutions!

In addition, there are great advertising spots available. Please call Sandy Swartos at Steam Interactive (360)708-9818, or you can email her at sandy@steaminteractive.com.

CHAMBER DAY IN OLYMPIA FEBRUARY 3

The Burlington Chamber is committed to being an advocate for business and a resource for Legislators as they face the legislative session.

Each year the Chamber starts the legislative session with a strong statement about our business community's priorities by having a diverse representative delegation visit the Legislature for our annual Chamber Day in Olympia. We are asking Burlington Chamber members, both from small and large businesses, to join us and chamber representatives from around the state to meet with Legislators on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

On Chamber Day, members spend the day in Olympia meeting with their legislators. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to voice concerns about issues affecting your business directly to your legislative representatives, and bring your strength to our business delegation. The Chamber is a strong political force because we come together as chamber leaders, corporate executives and small business owners to voice our combined concerns about our business climate.

Transportation provided, reserve your seat now. For more information about Chamber Day, contact Lisa at (360) 757-0994.

HELP A BURLINGTON CHAMBER MEMBER – GLOW CLEANERS

Glow Cleaners was left out of some telephone books, and we are asking members to spread the word that Glow Cleaners is open and operating at 408 E. Fairhaven Ave, serving the community as they have done for 23 years. Their phone number is still (360)755-0035. More information can be found in the Chamber Preferred Member Directory and on the Chamber website www.Burlington-Chamber.com. Thank you for your support of a fellow member!

NEW MEMBERS

Creekside Retirement Community

Karen Conway / Amy Aslett
400 Gilkey Rd, Burlington WA 98233
(360) 755-5550

www.creeksideretirement.net

Retirement and Assisted living community.
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Burlington WA 98233
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Charles and Rachel Yousling
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Burlington WA 98233
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Manpower

Lisa Sohni
216 W Champion St
Bellingham WA 98225
(360) 671-1977

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Staffing Agency

The Varsity Inn

Steve Mains
112 N. Cherry St
Burlington WA 98223
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Find us on Facebook - Varsity Inn Family dining, brew pub atmosphere. Great place to catch sports action (TV). Great pizzas, burgers and full service bar.

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EVENTS at a GLANCE

- January 20**, Membership Luncheon. 11:30-1:00pm
- January 20**, Grand Opening at Skagit Valley Signs. 4:00pm
- February 1**, Golf Committee Meeting at the Train Wreck. 1:00pm
- February 2**, Ambassador Committee Meeting at Common Ground. 1:30pm

For more information please contact the Burlington Chamber of Commerce at (360)757-0994 or lisa@burlington-chamber.com

BUSINESS UPDATES

Gov. Gregoire unveils plan to create jobs, spur economic growth

SEATTLE January 14, 2010 - Gov. Chris Gregoire unveiled her plan to create as many as 40,000 jobs over the next three years while speaking at the 38th Annual Economic Forecast Conference hosted by enterpriseSeattle.

"Despite our budget constraints, I believe we can and must encourage employers to start hiring and capitalize on new opportunities," Gregoire said. "We need to think creatively and act swiftly. So I have developed a 10-point plan to accelerate our recovery and give businesses the confidence they need to create jobs." For full article follow [this link](#).

Washington likely to gain 10th Congressional Dist. after 2010 census

Washington state could be in line to gain another seat in Congress. If projections from the U.S. Census Bureau hold, Washington will gain enough new residents to take the 435th seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, according to analysts at Election Data Services.

Changes made to 2010 required state and federal posters.

Businesses are required to post the most current employment posters. Follow this link to obtain free copies. <http://www.lni.wa.gov/pub/101-054-000.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

To access a complete listing follow [this link](#).

Manpower Inc. is pleased to announce the opening of a new office in Burlington

Junior Achievement programs send business people back to school

EDASC Economic Forecast Dinner "Economic Outlook 2010"

The Reed Advantage is beginning our Bring Your Own Laptop series of computer software training classes.

NW Plus CU had huge success in raising donations for local food banks this fall

Thrive in a Recession: Free Marketing Workshops Offered

D&J Used Books to Host Kids Story Time

Haggen Food & Pharmacy Collecting Clothes for Children of Families in Need

2010 United States Census

Burlington Parks and Recreation Winter Schedule

Benefit Concert for the Children's Museum of Skagit County

Come Celebrate Mardi Gras Every Friday and Saturday in February

Return2Sender Recycling Program - 14 Elementary Schools To Participate

Help for Haiti - A Benefit Concert at the Lincoln Theatre

A Benefit Performance for the Clinton Foundation Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund - Cambalache