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News & Information

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Celebrate the Season!

Join your Olney Chamber of Commerce colleagues at the annual

Holiday Mixer

Tuesday, December 16 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
In the Community Room of the Re/Max Building

Bring your business partners or spouses and enjoy
Appetizers~Drinks~Networking~Door Prizes

Admission is free but donations toward the Olney Chamber Scholarship Fund will be accepted during the event. If you would like to donate a door prize for the evening, call the OCC office at 301.774.7117. RSVP by December 12 to the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 or chamber@olneymd.org.

Announcements:

► **In the News:** Chamber members Rodrigo Vilaseca from El Antojito and Joe Buffington from Re/Max Realty Centre will be featured on the Channel 9 News at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. They will be talking to Janet Terry about the Shop Local Night scheduled for December 10.

► **Backyard Naturalist Special:** The Backyard Naturalist invites all to stop in for cider and cookies during the Shop Local Night on Dec. 10 from 4-8:00 p.m. During that time visitors will have an opportunity to win a \$25 gift certificate at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Only one gift certificate per family and you must be present to win. Come join the fun, learn how to feed the birds, and support nature while supporting the economy! For more information contact Debi Klein at 301.924.0024.

► **Open House:** Studio of Ballet Arts invites all to its Open House on Sunday, December 14 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for class demonstrations, the Actor's Garage, and special book signing with a local author. The ballet studio is located at 17810 Meeting House Road in the Moore Building, Suite 350 in Sandy Spring. Also on Dec. 14 there will be master dance classes from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with guest artists from New York City. For more information contact Alison Bawek at 301.260.2626.

► **INOVA Blood Drive:** The Olney Lions Club is hosting an INOVA Blood Drive at Montgomery General Hospital on Thursday, December 18 in the MGH lobby from noon until 6:00 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling Veronica Everett (MGH) at 301.774.8761 but walk-ins are accepted.

► **Shredding Opportunity:** PNC Bank and NBC 4 hold the Community Shred Event quarterly across the region to help consumers protect themselves against identity theft, all while doing good for the environment. The next PNC Bank-sponsored NBC 4 Community Shred Event will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. Drivers may bring up to 5 boxes of materials to the site to be shredded for free.

► **Globetrotter Travel:** The Holland America Explorer Coach is coming to Olney! Alaska celebrates 50 years of statehood next year, if you've been thinking about going to Alaska, 2009 is the year to go. On Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., an actual coach used in Holland America tours will arrive and representatives will be on hand to give an exciting presentation on board. After the presentation, step into our office to book your cruise and to pick up a free eco-friendly shopping bag. Reserve your seat today for 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. by calling Globetrotter Travel at 301.570.2600.

► **Film Fest:** Carl M. Freeman Foundation will be holding free holiday movies weekends from December 5-28 at the Olney 9 Cinemas. For more information and tickets visit www.olneyfilmfest.com.

Olney Holiday Shopping List

This **Wednesday, December 10** from 4:00-8:00 p.m. has been designated **Shop Local Night**. Many local businesses will have specials during the event. Here are just a few ideas to get your list started:

- *Gift Certificates from local restaurants & specialty food shops
- *Gift Certificates for manicures, pedicures, spa days, massages, and hair cuts
- *New appliances
- *Tickets to the theater
- *Gift Certificates for car washes and tune ups
- *Embroidered shirts, aprons, shorts, purses, & more
- *Fancy fruit arrangements!
- *Fine wine and beer
- *Music, guitars, music lessons
- *Bird feeders, flags, and stepping stones
- *Clothes and jewelry
- *Glasses and sunglasses
- *Membership at a fitness club
- *Golf apparel, lesson, and clubs
- *Country club membership
- *A special vacation!
- *Gift Certificates for a make over
- *Give your house a facelift with new plumbing, electrical work and a fresh coat of paint
- *Toys, games, and stuffed animals
- *Video games
- *Ballet and karate lessons
- *Specialty kitchen tools
- *Yoga lessons
- *Acupuncture treatments
- *Pure sweet honey!
- *Original works of art or art lessons
- *Specially designed note paper, cards, or business cards
- *A new car!
- *Candles, baskets, historical items
- *Plants and flowers
- *Pet grooming
- *Teeth whitening
- *Limo ride to see the holiday lights!
- *All your holiday party supplies
- *Delicious food catered for your holiday party

It is hard to believe all that and more can be found right here in the greater Olney area. After shopping, stop in for a bite to eat at one of our local restaurants. For a listing of all chamber members and services visit www.olneymd.org and do a member search or call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117. **Happy shopping & Happy Holidays!**

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