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CHAMBER HAS NEW LEBANON VALLEY STREET MAP AVAILABLE

The new, four-color street map of the Lebanon Valley, produced for the Chamber, is now available at the Chamber's offices in Lebanon. The updated map, which is the most current and up-to-date map of the Lebanon Valley available, was produced for the Chamber by Hampton Publishing of Liberty Township, Ohio.

The new Lebanon Valley street map will be used by the Chamber to fill the requests it receives for maps of the area from new residents, visitors and local businesses. The Chamber received 6,000 copies of the map, and additional copies are being distributed to member businesses and organizations that advertised on the map. The map, along with members' ads appearing on the map, will be linked to the Chamber's website.

The feature side of the map includes a detailed street index, schools, shopping centers, industrial sites and other points of interest within the area. The map's reverse side includes Lebanon County and portions of surrounding counties. Map insets are provided of downtown Lebanon, Palmyra, Mount Gretna and Hershey.

The Chamber's new map, which is the most current and up-to-date map of the Lebanon Valley, is available for purchase at the Chamber office. The cost of the map is \$3.00 per copy, with price discounts available to Chamber member employers ordering 25 or more copies. Further information on the map can be obtained by contacting the Chamber at 273-3727.

CHAMBER CALLS FOR STATE BUDGET RESTRAINT

Expressing the frustration of much of Pennsylvania's business community about continued increases in state spending and calls for tax hikes at the expense of potential economic and job growth, the Chamber has adopted a position on the coming year's state budget that calls for fiscal restraint by the Governor and General Assembly and lists a series of recommendations on the 2010 – 2011 budget. The Chamber's position statement, which was adopted by the Board of Directors on May 24, states that the "prosperity and financial security of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania depends upon the growth of Pennsylvania's private sector economy," rather than on the expansion of its state government.

The Chamber expressed the belief that "the Governor's proposed 2010 – 2011 budget will discourage and slow private sector investment and the growth of businesses and jobs in Pennsylvania" due to the budget's reliance on increased and new taxes for balancing the budget. Recommended to the Governor and General Assembly by the Chamber as a far more sound approach to balancing the budget is an emphasis on decreasing expenditures in all budget categories in an amount sufficient to balance the budget.

The Chamber specifically recommended that the budget:

- Be balanced by reducing expenditures;
- Include reductions in business tax rates;
- Avoid the assumption of any new debt;
- Eschew the enactment of any new or expanded taxes;
- Preserve existing economic development programs that foster the growth of businesses and jobs in the Commonwealth.

In letters sent on this issue to Lebanon County's state legislators, Chamber President Larry Bowman emphasized "the need for a commitment to fiscal restraint by the Governor and General Assembly in developing the coming year's state budget and on the importance of creating in Pennsylvania the type of world class business environment that will allow for the retention, attraction and creation of private sector businesses and jobs."

WELCOME NEW LEBANON VALLEY CHAMBER MEMBERS

The Chamber is pleased to welcome these newest members to the organization – George H. Blouch Fuel Service, Inc. (Lebanon), Eagle II Aeronautics, Inc. (Mt. Gretna), LeFevre Funk Architects, Inc. (Lancaster), Lake Roeder Hillard & Associates (Campbelltown), Midway Church of the Brethren (Lebanon) and Niko's Restaurant (Lebanon). The membership applications of these new were approved on May 24 by the Chamber's Board of Directors. Please think of these and all members of the Chamber first whenever you are seeking a product or service they provide.

PRIVATE SECTOR COUNTERTERRORISM AWARENESS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, July 13, the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Bombing Prevention will present a "Private Sector Counterterrorism Awareness" workshop at Harrisburg Area Community College's Lick/Wildwood Conference Center in Harrisburg. The workshop, which will run for 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on that date, is designed to improve the knowledge of private sector security managers and directors by providing exposure to key elements of soft target awareness and surveillance detection. The session is free, and lunch will be provided. Seating is limited, and reservations will be taken on a first-come basis. To register for the workshop or to obtain further information, contact George Giangli, Chairman of the SCTF Business, Industry & Infrastructure, at 717-312-1127 or at giangliw@aol.com.

CHAMBER SEEKS LICENSED MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

The Chamber is interested in learning who among our members may be a licensed motorcycle rider and, among those who are, who might be interested in serving, for an upcoming Chamber event, as a "Mystery Rider" on the Vespa GTS 250 Super motor scooter donated by Vespa of Lebanon as the 2010 year-long door prize to be awarded at the Chamber's Annual Breakfast in December. "Mystery Riders" will appear at occasional Chamber events throughout 2010, sometimes literally riding the scooter into the event. Due to insurance requirements, "Mystery Riders" are required to hold a motorcycle (code M) drivers license.

Volunteer "Mystery Riders" will have the option of riding the Vespa motor scooter to the Chamber event and back, if they wish.

Chamber members holding a motorcycle rider's license who are interested in serving as a "Mystery Rider" for the Chamber are asked to contact Randy Ebersole, President of Ebersole, Inc. (Parent company of Vespa of Lebanon) at reberson@ebersoleauto.com or at 717-821-6129.