

# Chamber Hosts Financial Literacy Workshops

## Streamline Data Sharing

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**Brian Gurski from LaGuardia Community College's Small Business Development Center talked about financial literacy in a workshop sponsored by the Queens Chamber of Commerce and Queens Library.**

With residents throughout the borough facing difficult economic times, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, LaGuardia Community College's Small Business Development Center and the Queens Library are hosting a series of financial literacy workshops.

Dozens of residents attended the first seminar at LaGuardia Community College learning about important steps they can take to survive the bleak financial times.

The next seminar will take place on November 3 at the Corona Branch Library with a focus on paving the road to home ownership. Then, on November 10, they will host a seminar centered on setting a foundation for entrepreneurship.

Admission is free, and for more information, call the Queens Chamber of Commerce at 718-898-8500.

The Queens Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Breakfast Before Business topic called "Search, Share and Collaborate – Simplify how people work together." Tom Witt and Anthony Tallini of SOHO Solutions, an Information Technology consulting firm located in Forest Hills that has been managing IT for small-and medium-sized businesses since 1998, provided the presentation.

The main goal of the presentation was to illustrate how Microsoft SharePoint can be used to improve the consistency, consolidation and sharing of corporate information and ideas among employees, clients and the public.

Microsoft SharePoint can organize corporate information (documents, work processes, website content, etc.), accessible via the Internet by using customized forms and portals.

SharePoint is also used for collaboration and keeping track of documents while they are being reviewed by multiple readers. Advanced search capabilities make it easy to locate files and other types of content stored on a company's network or Internet.

SharePoint was designed to have corporate information and ideas flowing easily between employees, clients and vendors using personal computers, email, portable devices and the Internet. The overall impact is the reduction of time it takes employees to find and share information while increasing the amount of information readily available for decision making.

The basic version of SharePoint is free and can be installed on your company's server if you are running Windows Server 2003. If your company does not have a server (or if you don't want it on your server), Microsoft has an "online" version (SharePoint Online) available for use. To learn more about SharePoint and other special programs and events hosted by SOHO Solutions, call 718-261-1353 or visit their official internet website at [www.sohosolutionsinc.com](http://www.sohosolutionsinc.com)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING QUEENS EVENTS

December 3, 2008

96th Annual Building Awards and Dinner  
Premier Sponsor – HSBC - Terrace on the Park – Recognizing outstanding buildings from all over Queens in various categories – Lifetime Achievement Award to Vincent Riso of Briarwood Organization – Cocktails 6:00PM, Dinner to follow. Individual Tickets \$150. For sponsorship opportunities call the Chamber 718-898-8500 or register online [www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org) (click on calendar)

December 5, 2008

Breakfast Before Business Learn About a Topic Important To You! Free Continental Breakfast Fridays 8:30am Promptly at Queens Headquarters (Bulova Center) 75-20 Astoria Blvd. Suite 140 Jackson Heights NY 11370 GRASSI & CO. Topic: BUSINESS OWNED REAL ESTATE ADVANTAGES. Please RSVP to Marva 718-898-8500 x24 or Web. [www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org) click on Calendar.

December 12, 2008

Breakfast Before Business Learn About a Topic Important To You! Free Continental Breakfast Fridays 8:30am Promptly at Queens Headquarters (Bulova Center) 75-20 Astoria Blvd. Suite 140 Jackson Heights NY 11370 FORMAL FOCUS INC. Topic: STEPS COMPANIES CAN TAKE TO SURVIVE IN TODAY'S CHAOTIC BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT. Please RSVP to Marva 718-898-8500 x24 or Web. [www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org) click on Calendar.

December 19, 2008

Breakfast Before Business Learn About a Topic Important To you! Free Continental Breakfast Fridays 8:30am Promptly at Queens Headquarters (Bulova Center) 75-20 Astoria Blvd. Suite 140 Jackson Heights NY 11370 H & R Block Topic: Small Business Tax Advice For Year-End. Please RSVP to Marva 718-898-8500 x24 or Web. [www.queenschamber.org](http://www.queenschamber.org) click on Calendar

January 23, 2009

Queens Green Business Summit- a groundbreaking, unprecedented business to business summit on attainable, measurable, and sustainable tools for businesses. The summit on January 23, 2009 from 9 am – 4 pm will both challenge and identify ways to innovate in a green economy. Details of the summit can be found at [www.QueensGreenBusinessSummit.com](http://www.QueensGreenBusinessSummit.com) or by contacting Alliah Sheta, at (212) 289-8506 ext 312 or [Alliah@SalsbergGroup.com](mailto:Alliah@SalsbergGroup.com).

February 10, 2009

Borough President Cabinet & Breakfast at New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott – 102-05 Ditmars Blvd. East Elmhurst NY 9:00am More information TBA

March 17, 2009

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon – Terrace On the Park. More information TBA

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