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IRS Tax Support to Small Businesses

For those of you who are not aware, the IRS provides a Small Business/Self-Employed Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop. This extensive workshop is designed to help new and existing small business owners understand and meet their federal tax obligations. There are 9 lessons covered through the Business Tax Workshop:



1. Federal taxes and your new business
2. Setting up and running a new business
3. Paying your taxes using a computer (Sole proprietors, partnerships, Corporations, Charities/Non-profits)
4. Running your business out of your home
5. Retirement plans for owner & employees
6. Federal Taxes when hiring employees/contractors
7. How to manage payroll so you withhold the right amount from employees.
8. Making tax deposits and filing payroll taxes
9. Federal unemployment taxes (FUTA)

To learn more about the Small Business/Self-Employed Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop, visit <http://www.irs.gov>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Networking and Your Business – Understanding the Legal Aspects: Breakfast Briefing Sponsored by the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce and offered by Baker-Donelson Law Firm; Tuesday, April 27th at 8:00 am; MK's Pizzeria located at 4941 State Park Road, Dublin, VA 24084. For additional information, contact the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce at 540-674-1991.

Small Business Fundamentals Series – The Radford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring monthly workshops focused on the quirks of running a small business. On April 6th, the focus will be on **Risk Management** while the series spotlights **Small Business Start-up** on May 4th. Workshop sessions are held at the Chamber offices located at 200 Third Avenue, Radford, VA. For additional information, contact the offices at 540-639-2202 or visit their website at www.radfordchamber.com.

Pulaski County Small Business Expo 2010: *Standing the Test of Time* - The Pulaski County Small Business Expo will be held Thursday, May 20th at 1210 E. Main Street, Pulaski, VA (aka, the “old Lee Jeans building”). Exhibit space is still available. If interested in participating, contact the Chamber offices at 540-674-1991 or visit their website at www.pulaskichamber.info.



**FREE SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP FOR NRV
BUSINESSES**

go green NRV is happy to announce a free upcoming workshop available to all NRV businesses looking to 'go green' and learn how to participate in the *go green NRV* initiative.

The workshop will be held **Thursday, April 29th** at Mountain Lake Conservancy and Hotel in Pembroke, VA from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workshop includes a complimentary lunch for all guests, informational session on calculating a business' carbon footprint, overview of the go green NRV program, and a tour of Mountain Lake to learn how the Hotel and Conservancy are using eco-friendly practices on the mountain.

Participating in the *go green NRV* initiative will help your business save money, improve employee wellness and productivity, increase marketing edge over competition, be a part of the new green economy, and most importantly, conserve resources and protect the environment.

To register for the workshop, please e-mail Emily Woodall at mlc@mountainlakehotel.com or call her at 540-626-7121 x444. Carpooling options available; please indicate your interest when registering. Space is limited, so register early! Registration deadline is **Monday, April 19th**.

go green NRV was established in the Fall 2008 to promote a Green Business Program for businesses in the New River Valley and is currently represented by companies in Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski counties, and the City of Radford. For more information on participating in the go green NRV initiative please visit: www.gogreenrv.com.

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