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Twain Trolley Tours Return

The popular *Trolley into Mark Twain Country* summer tours are set to return this month, providing a delightful way for tourists and locals alike to explore Elmira's fascinating culture and history.

The one-hour guided tours depart from the Chemung Valley History Museum at 415 E. Water Street, Elmira, on the hour from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, beginning July 5th and ending September 2nd. Tours departing between 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. will focus on historic Elmira and include a stop to go inside the Mark Twain Study at Elmira College: the 2:00 p.m. tour will take an alternate route which focuses exclusively on Mark Twain, with stops at both the Mark Twain Study and the Clemens/Langdon burial site at Woodlawn Cemetery. Riders this year will also have the opportunity to see the recently reconstructed outbuilding at the former Elmira Civil War Prison Camp site along the route. The prison camp site is located on Winsor Avenue and includes the reconstructed building as well as a wooden observation tower currently under construction.

Rides are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students 5-18 years, and free for children 4 and younger. Trolley riders can also tour the history museum at a special rate of \$2.00.

The trolley tours are operated as a joint project between the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Chemung Valley History Museum, Chemung County, and Terp's Enterprises. Reservations are suggested, but not required, and may be made by calling (607) 734-4167. More information on the tours, including the route and highlights, can be found at www.marktwaincountry.com. To rent the trolley for **private use**, please contact Terp's Enterprises at (607) 795-4426.



The trolley in front of the Chemung Valley History Museum.

Paid Family Leave and Workers' Comp Reform Seminars Coming in July

The *Chamber Member Educational Series*, sponsored by Chemung Canal Trust Company, continues in July with two sessions on issues relevant to local business that will have an impact on both their employees and their bottom line.

On July 13th, Michael Sciotti of Barclay Damon, LLP will present details regarding New York's Paid Family Leave law with a seminar beginning at 9:00 a.m. The employee funded benefit, although phased in over a four year period beginning on January 1, 2018, will require employers to work with their current New York Disability Benefits carrier in advance to adequately prepare for the coverage provided. Mr. Sciotti will discuss the regulations in their entirety as well as how they are to be implemented and what action employers need to take now. A variety of topics will be covered including who is eligible, what is family care, covered employees, and record retention, to name a few. Cost to attend is \$15 for Chamber members.

Then, on July 20th at 10:00 a.m., the recently enacted Workers' Comp Reform legislation will be addressed by Lev Ginsburg of The Business Council of New York State.

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