



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 358 St. James, MO. 65559
Phone: (573) 265-6649 – April, 2008

www.stjameschamber.net
Advertising Opportunities

We are now ready to move into the next phase of our website, which is to allow our members to advertise on the site as follows:

Advertising on an available spot of your choice will be \$10.00 per month per ad, payable yearly. This year, cost for the year will be based on the remainder of months left in the year (example: May 1 – Dec. 31 = \$80.00). The following year, advertisers will have buy back privileges on the space they have selected. Advertisers may have a duplicate ad of their first ad placed on "sub pages" for \$3.00 each per month (also with buy back privileges).

Full Page Ads: Full page ads are available also. There is a one-time set up fee of \$100 for a full page ad and a monthly charge of \$10.00 per page, payable yearly.

There will be no additional fees for links and the ads can be linked to your website.

For more information on the ads, please feel free to call Jennie at (265-6649) or email her at stjameschamber@centurytel.net.

Non-members will be given the opportunity to advertise once our membership has had time to respond. Fees for non-members will not be at the reduced rates.



April "Business of the Month"

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Wal-Mart Distribution Center as April Business of the Month.

The Wal-Mart Distribution Center employs over 1,100 people. According to Brad Frazier, General Manager, the center has an annual budget of over 50 million dollars and sales that exceed 2 billion dollars each year. Last year the center was ranked in the top five of all distribution centers in the United States, putting over 3 million dollars a month into the local economy and purchasing over \$150,000 a month in local services. Last year the distribution center donated over \$220,000 to local organizations—they are the largest sponsor of the United Way in Phelps County.

The Wal-Mart Distribution Center is proud to be recognized by the St. James Chamber of Commerce as the Business of the Month and their associates are proud to be a part of the St. James community, as they continue their tradition of excellence.

Nominations Needed

For May Business of the Month

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for May "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, April 14. Voting will be done at the April Members' meeting on April 15 at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

Health Fair

Missouri Veterans Home
St. James Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, May 14, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Free to the public

- > Blood pressure, glucose and BMI screenings from experienced nursing staff.
- > Teddy Bear Clinic for Children.
- > Demonstrations for a healthier you.
- > Snacks, door prizes & much more.
- > Local & area safety personnel and specialty vehicles.

For further information, contact Tara Peters (573) 265-3271, ext. 257.

April Members' Luncheon

The April Members' Luncheon will be held April 15, 2008, 11:30 a.m. at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

The members' meeting agenda will include voting on a change in the Board Policy in reference to required number of members present at a Board meeting in order to vote and pass items put before the board.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Jay Edwards, Missouri Sr. Area Manager of the Small Business association.

Please make your reservations by 4:00 Friday, April 11, 2008, by calling Jennie at 265-6649, or emailing her at stjameschamber@centurytel.net

Aging Made Easy, LLC. Ribbon-cutting & Coffee April 11th - 10:00 a.m.

In early 2007, Sandra Johnson decided to start a business doing the work that she enjoys the most—helping people who need help to remain in their own homes. By July of 2007, working from the basement of her home, she had established a privately owned In-Home Service agency which specializes in professional care for the elderly and disabled. Her mission statement: To provide quality, caring and respectful service to the elderly and disabled to ensure that they maintain a happy and healthy life in their own home independently and free from institutions.

Aging Made Easy, LLC now has 33 caring employees, including 1 RN, 2 LPNs, and several CNAs, who are bonded and insured to provide safe and quality services. Sandra takes great pride in the staff who are fully trained and screened prior to employment with her business.

Encompassing an area that includes 13 surrounding counties and the city of St. Louis, Aging Made Easy offers personal care, advanced personal care, homemaker and chore assistance, and nursing assistance—seven days per week, 24 hours a day.

Sandra is a St. James high school graduate and attended both East Central and Columbia College. Her husband, Randy, is originally from Rolla and is employed by Shared Technologies.

Mark your calendar for 10:00, Friday, April 11, to attend the ribbon-cutting and coffee at their new office in St. James, located in Concord Village, 205 Hwy. B #8.

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What's Happening in Your Chamber

This is just a brief summary to let you know about some of the activities and events being scheduled that involve your Chamber and community. If you would like to schedule or add an activity, call Jennie at the Chamber to make arrangements to do so. Details on functions will be publicized as plans are finalized.

- Apr. 01 Day Trip to Isle of Capri Casino - USA Tours - (573) 364-2391
- Apr. 03 Spring Fashion Show @ Meramec Vineyards - Noon - (573) 265-7847
- Apr. 05 Area-wide Garage Sale - St. James & surrounding community - (573) 265-0576
- Apr. 05 Maramec & Agriculture Museum Opens @ Maramec Spring Park - (573) 265-7124
- Apr. 05 8th Annual Trivia Night @ Boys-Girls Town of Missouri - (573) 265-3251
- Apr. 05 Open House @ Interstate Motorcycles 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. - (573) 265-6008
- Apr. 08 Day Trip to Lumiere Place Casino - USA Tours - (573) 364-2391
- Apr. 10 Meet the Author - Mary Lois Sennewald of Roadschooling Ryan: Learn As We Go - Meramec Vineyards - 7:00 p.m. - (573) 265-7847
- Apr. 11 C of C Ribbon-cutting & Coffee @ Aging Made Easy - 10:00 - (573) 265-6649
- Apr. 12 Choir Boosters Dinner & Auction @ Elementary School (573) 265-0576
- Apr. 15 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon - Wal-Mart DC - 11:30 a.m. - (573) 265-6649
- Apr. 15 Job Fair @ KC Hall, Cuba 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - (573) 265-0500
- Apr. 18 Take A Stand Against Child Abuse 2008 Art Contest entries due - Phelps County Bank - (573) 265-3222
- Apr. 22 Day Trip to Stone Hill Winery @ Hermann - USA Tours - (573) 364-2391
- Apr. 25 C of C Fourth Friday Coffee - Chamber Office - 7:30 a.m. - (573) 265-6649
- Apr. 25 Dinner on the Green - St. James Golf Course 5:30 p.m. - (573) 265-3899
- Apr. 25 Buddy Mondlock In Concert @ Meramec Vineyards - (573) 265-7847
- Apr. 26 Beautify St. James Citywide Clean Up

- May 02 Beginning Day for St. James Farmers' Market - Every Friday & Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - Noon through October 11. 265-3899
- May 03 Meramec Town & Wine Country Bicycle Ride & Vineyard Walk (573) 265-7847
- May 09 Missouri Life Magazine @ St. James Tourist Center (573) 265-3899
- May 14 Health Fair - Missouri Veterans Home, St. James - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free to Public and Vendors (573) 265-3271, ext. 257
- May 16-17 - Plant & Bulb Sale @ Old City Hall - 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. (573) 265-6649
- May 17 John F. Hodge High School Graduation
- May 20 C of C Members' Meeting "Dinner in the Vineyards" - St. James Winery Pool House - 5:30 p.m. - (573) 265-6649
- May 24 St. James Pool Opens (573) 265-7124
- May 29 C of C Members' Business After Hours - St. James Golf Course 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - (573) 265-6649

- Jun 01 Beautify St. James Garden Tour - (573) 265-3671
- Jun 06 Route 66 Summerfest Cruise-in 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Tourist Information Center - (573) 265-3899
- Jun 07 St. James Area Community Foundation Event - All proceeds benefit various projects in St. James - Call Candace @ (573) 265-7013
- Jun 07 - 08 Free Fishing Weekend @ Maramec Spring Park - (573) 265-7124
- Jun 17 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon-Political Forum - 11:30 a.m. - (573) 265-6649
- Jun 26 C of C Members' Business After Hours - Meramec Winery - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (573) 265-6649
- Jun 30 St. James Sports Club 7th Annual Golf Tournament - 11:00 a.m. (636) 549-1552

Fifth Annual Garden Tour

*Hosted by
Beautify St. James*



Sunday, June 1, 2008
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
Refreshments at each garden

Garden Party
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Tourist Center
Refreshments, fruits of the vine & Hor D'oeuvres,
Silent auctions & garden shop items

Contact Information:
Jean Crafton 265-3671
Tourist Information Center 265-3899

Featured Gardens:

Judy Cavender
Mary Lou & Johanna Corn
Jim DiPardo
Ron & Liz Moreland
David & Vickie Pitts
Howard & Angie Smith

Tickets:
\$10.00

**All proceeds will help plant the downtown planters,
Maintaining the walking trail, and other beautification projects.**

GOLF, GOLF and more GOLF!!!

Old man winter has finally said goodbye and it is once again time for outdoor activities. One of the most popular outdoor activities in the area is golf and in St. James, we are lucky to have a beautiful course just waiting for you to come out and enjoy. There are several different ways to get involved with the St. James Golf Course and depending on your group, or individual need, there is a package that will fit you.

Membership dues can be made on a monthly basis if need be. Contact Dan Cavender at 364-8888 or Bob Fox at 265-8688 for further information on becoming a member.



Beautify St. James
City-wide Clean Up
April 26, 2008

Tour of Missouri Quick Facts

The excitement of international professional cycling comes back to the heartland September 8 – 14, 2008, with the Second Annual Tour of Missouri. Cyclists from more than 20 countries, representing 15 of the world's top teams, will compete while racing more than 600 miles through the cities and rolling hills of the Show-Me State.

- **Dates:** September 8 – 14, 2008
- **Estimated Total Miles:** 600
- **Number of Teams:** 15 (all professional, elite)
- **Total Cyclists per team:** 8
- **Number of cyclists:** 120
- **Ranking:** 2.1 (third highest in North America)
- **National Television:** under negotiation (national and regional)
- **Sanctioning:** International Cycling Union, USA Cycling
- **Presenting Partners:** State of Missouri, Missouri Division of Tourism
- **Event Management and Marketing:** Medalist Sports, Atlanta, Ga.; KOM Sports Marking, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **More Information:**
www.tourofmissouri.com
- **Travel Information:** www.VisitMo.com