



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce
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St. James Selected As

Start Site for Tour Missouri

September 8 – 14, 2008, Missouri will play host to the Tour of Missouri professional cycling race, which has been classified as one of the nation's top three cycling races, ranking right behind the Tour of Georgia and Tour of California.

What does this mean to St. James? EVERYTHING this year! The St. James Chamber of Commerce and City of St. James will be working together with Rolla as host sites for the event. Rolla will be a finish location on the 11th of September, while St. James will be a start location on the 12th of September. We are extremely excited to be a part of this event which will put St. James on the map and give us the opportunity to promote our community as an outstanding place to visit and live.

www.stjameschamber.net

"Up and Running"

The St. James Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the website is now a reality. Twenty-six chamber members have responded to the request for website addresses to link their site from the Chamber site. If you would like to have your site linked, all it takes is an email or a phone call notifying the office of your website address and letting them know that you would like to do so. There is no charge for the link to anyone who is a member of the chamber in good standing.

While there are still a few programming and design details to rectify, the website is completely functional. In the near future, there will be options available for members to purchase additional advertising space on the site.

Nominations Needed

For March Business of the Month

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for March "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, February 18. Voting will be done at the February Members' meeting on February 19 at Simply Irresistible.



February "Business of the Month"

The Chamber would like to congratulate Cardetti Homegas, Furniture & Appliance on being selected the February Business of the Month.

Cardetti Skelgas Sales & Service was founded in 1951. It began as a propane and appliance business. Several relatives participated in the opening including Joseph A. "Peno" Cardetti, Louis J. Donati, Leo M. Cardetti and Loren "Bo" Bodine. Several years later a furniture store owned by O.C. & Willie Denison was purchased by the company and the store was moved from the location on Springfield Street to the present location on Jefferson Street. In 1960 a new carpet and flooring department was added in a store across Jefferson Street. In the early 1970's Richard Cardetti joined the company after attending college in Columbia and Springfield. Later in the 1970's Joe returned from living in Columbia to help in the expansion of the company.

The 1980's brought the addition of the gift and decorative accessories' departments and the Design Center. A new flooring store was built in the early 2000's in the same style as the first Cardetti General Store in Rosati, Missouri. Today Cardetti's can help you with almost any home furnishing need: furniture, appliances, flooring, decorative accessories and window treatments. They can also assist with selections of paint, counter tops and lighting.

A full service store that has spanned the bridge from the 20th to the 21st century. "For all your home furnish needs" the staff at Cardettis are ready to assist you. Visit them at 200 N. Jefferson in downtown St. James, or call (573) 265-3247.

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.

February 19..... Chamber Evening Meeting
(Simply Irresistible – 5:30 p.m.)

February 22..... 4th Friday Coffee – 7:30 a.m.
Raymond James Financial Services Inc-PCB
February 29..... Trout Dinner – Sports Club

March 01Opening Trout Day
March 04Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
March 18 Chamber Luncheon
March 284th Friday Coffee – 7:30 a.m.

April 01Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
April 15 Chamber Luncheon
April 25 4th Friday Coffee

May 06.....Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
May 20..... Chamber Ev. Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
May 26.....Chamber Office Closed
May 29..... Business After Hours

June 01..... Beautify St. James Garden Tour
June 03.....Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
June 07..... SJ Community Foundation Dinner
June 17..... Chamber Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.
Political Forum
June 26..... Business After Hours

July 01Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
July 04Chamber Office Closed
July 15 Members Meeting/Luncheon
July 24 Business After Hours

August 05Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
August 19 Members Meeting/Luncheon
August 28 Business After Hours

Sept. 01Chamber Office Closed
No Sept. Board Meeting
No Sept. Members’ Meeting

Sept. 4 – 6.....GRAPE FALL FESTIVAL

Sept. 8 – 14..... TOUR MISSOURI
Start Point in St. James – Sept. 12

Please call the Chamber office at 265-6649 or email Jennie at stjameschamber@centurytel.net if you would like to schedule a function, or if you have an item you would like included on a calendar.

Membership Deadlines Extended

The deadline for paying membership dues and still have your name on the website and in the directory has been extended to provide every possible opportunity for each member to be included in our membership listings. If you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately—we don’t want to leave anyone out!

Volunteers Needed at Working Women’s Show

The St. James Tourist Information Center will be joining other members of the Ozark Heritage Tourism Association (OHTA) at the Working Women’s Show in St. Charles, MO on February 22-24 (Friday-Sunday). Myra at the TIC has invited chamber members to help work the booth at the show along with other OHTA communities to promote our community and the wonderful tourism opportunities here. If anyone would like to be a part of this really awesome opportunity to promote our community, please contact Myra at the TIC, 265-3899 for times. If you would like to check out the show, see their website at www.wvsonline.com.

Why Now?

2008 is off to a rolling start at the Chamber office. While there will always be areas of uncertainty (where am I going to work and stay warm?), I am willing to bet on the “sure things” I see in the coming year and embrace the challenges that lie ahead of me.

A good deal of my time in January has been spent gathering information for welcome packets--to promote our community, working on our website--to promote our community, and putting together a calendar of events that will—promote our community!

However, my work is insignificant without all of my counterparts—It is the information that you provide to me and the part that you play that determine the success of what I have only started.

Chamber coffees, luncheons, websites, business after hours—are all functions to promote the community of St. James through networking and camaraderie. What better place to promote your business than at a Chamber function where you are surrounded by local community members who understand the importance of shopping at home!

Come join us as we work together to promote St. James!!

Jennie Miller, Chamber Coordinator