



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce
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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – July, 2008

July Membership Luncheon Scheduled

The July membership luncheon will be held at 11:30, July 15, 2008 at Sybill's. A representative of Intercounty Electric will speak on "Responsible Energy Management". Cost of the meal is \$10.00. Please call Jennie at 265-6649 or email her at stjameschamber@centurytel.net with your reservations by Friday noon, July 11, 2008.

Tour of Missouri Fundraiser/Luncheon Planned

Tickets are now on sale for the 2008 St. James Chamber of Commerce Tour of Missouri Fundraiser which is to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 at the St. James Golf Course. Guest speaker for the event will be Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder.

St. James was recently named as a start location on the 12th of September for 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. 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.

Additional fundraising will be done with a silent auction at the luncheon. Anyone wishing to make donations to the silent auction, may do so by contacting Jennie at the Chamber office at 111 S. Jefferson (Old City Hall), or calling her at 265-6649.

Please make plans to attend this special event. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased in advance at the following locations: Simply Irresistible, 124 North Jefferson; Plaza Fashions, 115 West Springfield; Shelter Insurance, 318 North Jefferson; or at the Chamber office. Reservations are required and ticket sales will be limited to the first 120 sold. Reservations may be made prior to July 21, 2008 by calling the Chamber office at 265-6649.



July "Business of the Month"

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the James Foundation for being selected July "Business of the Month".

The James Foundation was established in 1946 as a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Missouri. Benefactor Mrs. Lucy Wortham James stated "As this is considered to be the most beautiful spot in Missouri, it is my great hope that you will arrange that it may ever be in private, considerate control, and ever open to the enjoyment of the people." The foundation owns and operates the James Memorial Library, The St. James Park and Maramec Spring Park.

The James Memorial Library is located at 300 W. Scioto Street in St. James. It houses over 25,000 volumes, internet access and a microfilm reader. Personal artifacts of Lucy Wortham James are also housed in the library. An obituary index from 1896 to the present is also located at the library and death notices which are listed in the St. James Leader-Journal are filed alphabetically and tell the date of the paper showing the obituary. The old newspapers are on microfilm for the public to use.

St. James Park is a 56-acre park located in the city of St. James. There is no entrance fee to the park and recreation areas include picnic areas, shelters, playgrounds, baseball field, tennis courts, basketball courts, horseshoe pitching, sand volleyball, and fishing. Also, Lake Scioto, a five acre lake is located within the park and is open to fishing during park hours. The management of the fishery within the lake is under the control of the Missouri Department of Conservation and a state fishing license is required.

Maramec Spring Park contains 1860 acres of forest and fields. The Meramec River flows through the park providing excellent fishing and floating. The fifth largest spring in the state is located in the park, where an average of 100 million gallons of water gushes from the spring daily. (continued on page 2, column 1)

Visitors in the park can enjoy camping, wildlife, fish feeding, picnicking, fishing, and hiking, as well as a scenic drive through the park which passes by old homestead sites, an open pit mine and past the cemetery. Two museums are located on the park grounds and many artifacts from the Old Iron works can still be seen.

To learn more about Maramec Spring Park log onto maramecspringpark.com

July "Business After Hours" Scheduled

The first "Business After Hours" scheduled in June at Meramec Winery proved to be a huge hit, but it's never too late to join the crowd and network with fellow chamber members to gain new ideas which can prove to be constructive to your business.

The July "Business After Hours" will be held on July 24 at Matt's Steakhouse from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and will be sponsored by Verna Brand, Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Appetizers will be provided and there will be no cover charge. Drinks will be the responsibility of each individual.

Nominations Needed

For August "Business of the Month"

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for August "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, July 14. Voting will be done at the July Members' meeting on July 15 at Sybill's.

Silent Auction Items Needed

At this time, we have the following items for the Tour of Missouri Luncheon/Fundraiser Silent Auction which will be held at the Golf Course on July 28th:

Complete Flag Pole Set (\$150 value) – Leo Cardetti

Mickey Mouse Telephone – 75th Anniversary Edition

Matted & framed numbered print of Old City Hall by

Gene Huebner

Matted & framed numbered print of The Rock House by

Gene Huebner

Matted & framed numbered print of the Old Public

School by Gene Huebner

Matted & framed numbered print of Trinity Episcopal

Church by Gene Huebner

If you would like to make a donation, please call Jennie at the Chamber at 265-6649.



Chamber Move Into "Old City Hall" Completed

The St. James Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that renovation of Old City Hall is completed except for a few minor details and the office has been moved into the newly renovated facilities.

With the help of volunteers, the building has undergone both structural and cosmetic changes. A new furnace and central air were installed, as well as a new hot water heater. Insulation and new electrical wiring will make the space energy efficient and increase functionality. Refinishing the floors, as well as painting and wallpapering, were all done depicting the era of the building.

Phelps County Bank has provided a beautiful antique board table and chairs, and much of the original furniture which was in the building is once again in use.

Plans are currently underway to schedule an open house, but community members are welcome and encouraged to drop in and visit "Old City Hall" – home of the St. James Chamber of Commerce, located at 111 South Jefferson Street at their convenience. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 – 12:00 Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Extended hours are "by chance". For further information, contact Jennie Miller, Chamber Coordinator, at 265-6649.

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.

- Jul. 08 Vacation Bible School "The Mad Scientist" –
First Church of God - (573) 265-3465
Ages 4 through 3rd grade 9:00 - Noon ---
4th grade - 6th grade 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Jul. 10, 11, 12 Three Day Sidewalk Sale
St. James Merchants - (573) 265-7272
- Jul. 15 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon
Sybill's - 11:30 a.m. (573) 265-6649
- Jul. 15 Vacation Bible School "The Mad Scientist"
First Church of God - (573) 265-3465
Ages 4 through 3rd grade 9:00 - Noon
4th grade - 6th grade 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Jul. 16 - 19 Crawford County Fair
Cuba Chamber of Commerce - 885-2531
- Jul. 22 Vacation Bible School "The Mad Scientist"
First Church of God - (573) 265-3465
Ages 4 through 3rd grade 9:00 – Noon
4th grade - 6th grade 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Jul. 24 C of C Members' Business After Hours
Matt's Steakhouse - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. -
(573) 265-6649
- Jul. 25 - 30 Summer Reading Program
St. James Library - (573) 265-7124
- Jul. 29 Vacation Bible School "The Mad Scientist"
First Church of God - (573) 265-3465
Ages 4 through 3rd grade 9:00 – Noon
4th grade - 6th grade 9:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Where's YOUR Bike?

The St. James Family Fun Rides scheduled every other Tuesday evening have been a big hit with young and old alike. Rides begin at 6:00 p.m. at The Plaza, the projected starting point for The Tour of Missouri Ride. June rides in St. James are scheduled for June 8 and June 22.

Fairly flat and at an easy pace, riders can enjoy the scenery and camaraderie as they ride through the parks and trails surrounding the community.

Each week riders put their name into a drawing box which accumulates names from week to week. There will be several small giveaways and at the end of the summer a bike will be given away.

Bikers will also be given the opportunity to purchase Tour of Missouri merchandise.

Please note that there is NO CHARGE for the event, however, helmets will be required to participate.

Grape and Fall Festival Plans

Underway!

Committee members of the Grape and Fall Festival are currently meeting to plan details to make the 75th Grape and Fall Festival one of the best yet! From exhibits of produce, flowers, needlework, crafts and artwork to judging 4-H and FFA livestock, participants of any age are welcome to become involved in the fun. Entertainment will include The Grape & Fall Festival Parade, Queen Pageant, Street Market, Demolition Derby, Bluegrass Band, Carnival and many more activities.

This year the sponsorship program, which was begun last year, has been expanded. For business owners wishing to promote their business, while supporting the Festival, the level of sponsorship ranges from \$250 to \$5,000 with added perks at each progressive level. This year each package will include a free ad spot for a full year on the recently developed Chamber website (value \$120).

Volunteers are needed and always welcome! Join your friends and neighbors in working to make the 75th Grape and Fall Festival one of the best yet!!

If you would like further information on the sponsorship program, or in becoming a volunteer, please call Jennie at the Chamber office, or email her at stjameschamber@centurytel.net.

Thanks to our Grape & Fall Festival sponsors who are playing a vital role in working to make the 75th Annual Grape & Fall Festival a success by participating in our sponsorship program:

Donald Farm and Lawn
Elgin Surveying
FCNB Insurance - The Rhea Agency
Forest City Health Mart Pharmacy
J. Rogers Architecture, Inc.
The James Foundation
James-Gahr Mortuary
Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Co.
Phelps County Regional Medical Center
Tacony Corporation
Town & Country Bank, St. James
Wal-Mart Distribution Center

If you would like to make a monetary donation or assist as a volunteer, please call the Chamber office at 265-6649, or email Jennie at stjameschamber@centurytel.net.

Working Together - Our Membership:

<p>AA Electric Aging Made Easy Alex's Pizza Palace Alfermann Gray & Company American Family Insurance Ashby's Covenant Insurance, LLC Award Source Bauer, Donald Baymont Inn's Suite BeautiControl Spa Book Addict & Stained Glass Boys-Girls Town BPJ Insurance Brown, Sue Brummet, Jeff Camp Brim Shire Cardetti Homegas, Furn. & Appliance Celebrations Catering & Rentals Central Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. Century 21 First Choice Century Signs Centurytel City of St. James Coldwell Banker The Banker Group Columbia College Connell Business Dev. Consulting Copeland Bus Sales Copeland, Ellis COPIC Corn, Johanna Country Mart Crutiques Bed & Breakfast Cuba Area Chamber Delano Oil Company Designs By Lisa Diana's Diner Didion-Orf Recycling Donald Farm & Lawn Edward Jones Electric Sun Tan Co. Elgin Surveying Ellis Health Centre Emerson, Jo Ann Etiquette for Today Exodus Pest Pro Inc. Farmers Insurance FCNB Insurance Fidelity Communications Fine Line Cabinetry Flooring Factory Outlet Forest City Counseling, LLC Forest City Family Practice Forest City Pharmacy Frazier, Vicki</p>	<p>Frisbee Mid-Missouri Realty, Inc. Gahr Line & Cable Golden Living Center Grellner Sales Guaranteed Green Gunter's Buckit HiStriker Huffman Lawn & Landscaping Hunter, Aaron Hutcheson Collision Center Hutcheson Ford Sales Integrity Business Intercounty Electric Interstate Motocycles Investment Realty, Inc. J. Rogers Architecture, Inc. James Foundation James-Gahr Mortuary Jensen, Mickie Jones Funeral Home Justin Renaud Real Estate Kean & Company LLC Kent Jewelry, LLC. Key Sport Shop Kingdom Kia KMST Public Radio Lacy, Charles William Leo Cardetti Distributing Lynch & Sons Matt's Steakhouse May, Bob - Missouri State Representative Meramec Vineyards Missouri Enterprise Missouri Veterans Home Money Management Group LLC MRPC Murdon Corporation N.B. West Contracting Co. Nappier Automotive Oliver, Kathy Ozark Actors Theatre Ozarks Coca-Cola Peaceful Bend Winery Pepsi-Cola Bottling, Co. Phelps Co. Regional Med. Ctr. Phelps County Bank Phelps-Pulaski Red Cross Plaza Fashions Poskin, Donald & Betty Ray, Randall Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Reid Fleming Industrial, LLC Results Radio KTTR Rolla Area Chamber</p>	<p>Rolla Shooting Club Ron Moreland Construction Scattered Oaks Schmidt-Hardy Chevrolet Scissor Shack Scotts Printing SDC Group Stack Design & Consulting Sheffield, Mary Shelter Insurance Simply Irresistible Sonic Drive In Sooter, Clara South Central Board of Realtors Southside Motors Spurgeon's 66 Service St. James Caring Center St. James Eye Care St. James Golf Club St. James Leader Journal St. James R-1 Schools St. James Veterinary St. James Winery St. Johns Health Clinic State Farm Insurance Stratmann, Larry Sunny Slope Boer Goats Sybills Restaurant & Gift Shop Tacony Manufacturing Tessaro, Robert and Mary The Rock House Tom's Shoes Town & Country Bank Troutt & Sons Underwood, Gene & Gail United Country Meramec Realty University Book Store University of Missouri US Bank USA Tours Verkamp & Malone, CPAs Verkamp, Randy Wal-Mart DC Walker, Don & Ruth Watson, Cordell Wildwest Guns & More Williams Insulation Wilson Lumber & Rental Wilson, Dennis Wind Rush Farms</p>
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