



Chamber Chatter

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

June Membership Luncheon Political Forum Planned

The June membership luncheon scheduled for 11:30, June 17, 2008 at the First Church of God, will include a political forum of candidates running for public offices. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to express his/her views and answer questions from the audience.

Lunch will be catered by the First Church of God Youth and cost will be \$10.00 per meal. Please email Jennie at stjameschamber@centurytel.net or call 265-6649 with your reservations by Friday, June 13, 2008.

June "Business After Hours" To Honor Business Retiree

The St. James Chamber of Commerce will host their first "Business after Hours" from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. on June 26, 2008 at Meramec Winery.

Retiree Becky Whiteside of American Family Insurance will be honored and community members are invited to drop by to wish Becky well on her future endeavors.



The casual drop-in affair will require no reservations. Tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$5.00

Chamber of Commerce
Office Closed Thursday & Friday
June 12 – 13, 2008

The St. James Chamber of Commerce office will be closed Thursday and Friday, June 12 and 13. If you are in need of immediate assistance, please feel free to call Board President Renee Ridling at 265-8921, or President-Elect Dominic DeLuca at 265-7116. Jennie will return on Monday and will return messages and emails that have been received at that time.



June "Business of the Month"

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Becky Whiteside and American Family Insurance for being selected June "Business of the Month".

In 1975, when Becky Whiteside started working for American Family Insurance in Denver, Colorado, little did she know that it would bring her back to her hometown of St. James, Missouri. After spending five years in Denver, Becky transferred to Jefferson City and spent eleven years as a claims representative there. In 1991 she heard of the job opening in her hometown, and decided that was really where she wanted to be – close to family and friends.

Becky has enjoyed living in St. James and working with the members of the community. Daughter, Diana Wilson, and two grandchildren, Reagan Wilson and Brett Wilson reside in St. James and their activities have kept her busy and on the go. Now, however, Becky has decided it is time to retire and turn her attention to the soon-to-be newest family member. Becky's daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Brian Nelson, who reside in Kansas City, are in the process of adopting a baby from China. After her retirement on July 31st, Becky will pack her belongings and move to Kansas City, where she can more actively be involved in the care of her newest grandchild.

Becky will also take time out to enjoy her retirement by doing some traveling. In 2006, she traveled to Germany and Austria. In late September of this year, she is planning a trip to Spain. *(continued on page 2, column 1)*

For those clients with American Family Insurance, there will be no need to worry. Rhonda Hoffherr will be the new American Family agent. Rhonda is currently attending school and spending time with Becky to familiarize herself with the business.

Becky will be honored at the June "Business After Hours" which will be held June 26, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Meramec Winery. Plan to attend and wish Becky well on her future endeavors.

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.

- Jun 01 Beautify St. James Garden Tour - (573) 265-3671
- Jun 01 Summer Reading Program Begins – St. James Library
- Jun 03 Rolla Family Fun Ride – Splash Zone parking lot – 6:00 p.m.
- Jun 06 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 06 Route 66 Summerfest Cruise-in 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Tourist
Information Center - (573) 265-3899
- Jun 06 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Johnny Fox -
7:00 p.m.
- Jun 07 St. James Area Community Foundation Event - All proceeds
benefit various projects in St. James - Call Candace @
(573) 265-7013
- Jun 07 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 07 Tour-de-Phelps Bike Ride (Oak Meadow Country Club
(573) 364-6362
- Jun 07 - 08 Free Fishing Weekend @ Meramec Spring Park –
(573) 265-7124
- Jun 10 Saint James Family Fun Ride – 6:00 p.m. (573) 263-1033
- Jun 13 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 13 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Dennis Foster -
7:00 p.m.
- Jun 14 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 17 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon-Political Forum - 11:30 a.m.
First Church of God - (573) 265-6649
- Jun 17 Rolla Family Fun Ride – Green Acres Park – 6:00 p.m.
(573) 429-2272
- Jun 20 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 21 Meramec Wine Country & Town Bike Ride – 265-7847
- Jun 21 Band Night - Meramec Vineyards - Rebel Moon - 7:00 p.m
- Jun 21 Golden Living Center Car & Motorcycle Show – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
265-8921
- Jun 21 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 24 Saint James Family Fun Ride (TBD) 6:00 p.m. (573) 253-1033
- Jun 26 C of C Members' Business After Hours - Meramec Winery –
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (573) 265-6649
- Jun 27 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 27 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Andy Read & Friends
- 7:00 p.m.
- Jun 28 St. James Farmers' Market – Tourist Information Center
7:00 a.m. – Noon – 265-3899
- Jun 30 St. James Sports Club 7th Annual Golf Tournament - 11:00 a.m.
(636) 549-1552

Family Fun Bicycle Rides begin June 3 in Ber Juan Park

Looking for an idea to get the family together for some recreation, exercise and family fun? Well, the Tour of Missouri folks have just the ticket. Actually, no ticket is required.

Just gather up the family, with bikes and helmets and join others for some family fun. The Tour of Missouri Local Organizing Committee (LOC) ancillary coordinators Paul Joyner of Rolla and Dominic DeLuca have set up weekly family bike rides. The event is free and open to all bicycle riders.

The first ride is set for Tuesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. at the SplashZone (Rolla's outdoor water park) in Ber Juan Park. Families will meet in the Splash Zone parking lot (located near the corner of 14th and Holloway Streets adjacent to The Centre). The initial ride is approximately 1.8 miles around the fitness trail around the park.

The rides are scheduled to be held every Tuesday through Sept. 2. The second ride will be held in St. James.

The community of Rolla will host the 2008 Tour of Missouri finish on Sept. 11 and St. James will host the start the next morning on Sept. 12. The second annual Tour of Missouri is a world-class pro cycling event bringing thousands of visitors to both communities from around the United States and around the world.

One of the goals of the Tour of Missouri is to increase tourism for the state of Missouri and improve the health and wellness of its citizens. "In recognition and anticipation of these efforts, we are sponsoring these Family Fun Bicycle Rides," said Joyner. "These rides are geared to be family friendly and we will alternate starts between Rolla and St. James on a weekly basis."

Joyner emphasized that all levels of riders, beginner to advanced, are welcome to join in. Any type of bike, whether it has training wheels or an advanced road bike system, can be utilized.

Each ride will have an experienced cyclist as a leader and a caboose so that no one is left behind on these friendly paced excursions. Many rides will take place on closed courses with no traffic and will be suitable for families and children. Riders will need to bring a bicycle in good working condition, a helmet and a positive, fun attitude.

The rides are free of charge and will often include opportunities to earn free or discounted merchandise from local sponsors. Route 66 Bicycles, 509 West Fifth St., Rolla will offer a 20% discount off the purchase of a bicycle helmet to anyone who clips this information and brings it in to them. Additionally Route 66 Bicycles will offer assistance to riders during the Tuesday evening rides, while showcasing cycling items.

For more information please contact Joyner at (573) 429-2272 or DeLuca at (573) 263-1033. The second bike ride is set for Tuesday, June 10 in St. James. The details will be forthcoming.

Where's YOUR Bike?

This summer, several bike rides will be scheduled featuring various parts of the Tour of Missouri Bike Race which will be held in September.

The St. James Family Fun Ride on June 10th will begin at 6:00 p.m. at The Plaza, the projected starting point for The Tour of Missouri Ride. The ride will go past City Hall and the Fire Station on the way to Nelson Hart Park. At the park, riders will take the bike trail, ride through town, and on to the Industrial Park. At the Industrial Park, riders will take N. Springfield, crossover Hwy. KK and follow E. Springfield back to the starting point. The route will be just over 4 miles of flat easy riding.

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.

Welcome

To Our Newest Member

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome Kingdom Kia as its newest member. Kingdom Kia will be located at 2600 North Bishop in Rolla.

Nominations Needed

For July "Business of the Month"

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for July "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, June 16. Voting will be done at the June Members' meeting on June 20 at the First Church of God.



"Old City Hall" Update

Volunteers have been working long hours to complete the renovations to Old City Hall in a timely manner. Completed updates include a new furnace, new central air, and a small hot water heater. Wallpapering is complete and painting is nearly finished. As soon as the floors are refinished and painting is completed, the building will be ready to once again house the Chamber of Commerce office. With most work completed, the Chamber office will soon be back in the newly renovated facility.

Hats OFF!!

Congratulations to Felecia Dixson of Alfermann Gray & Co., LLC, CPA's, Rolla, Missouri, for being selected to appear in the Kiplings's Who's Who in Leading Business Professionals 2008 edition, which will be registered at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Working Together - Our Membership:

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