



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce
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"Showcasing Our Community"

Positive feedback continues to funnel in as more and more visitors view the new Chamber website. The website will continue to expand, however, and updates and renovation are being done on an almost daily basis. Lacking at this time are some great photos to showcase our community. If you have any favorites you would like to donate, every effort will be made to use them. While we will not recognize the photographer of each photo on each individual photograph, an area will be designated on the home page to thank each contributor and list their name. Photos can be emailed to Jennie at stjameschamber@centurytel.net.

March Luncheon

Local Elections Forum

The March Chamber Luncheon will include a forum of local election candidates. School Board and City Council representatives will speak and answer questions. Also, Supt. Joy Tucker will discuss the Bond issue. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 11:30 p.m. at the St. James R-1 Board room. Lunch will be by Tiger Catering and charge will be \$10.00 per person. Please make reservations by calling Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649) by Friday, March 14.

Welcome

To Our Newest Members

The Chamber would like to welcome the following businesses into the St. James Chamber of Commerce: Connell Business Dev. Consulting, St. James Golf Club, Southside Motors, NB West Contracting Company, Sunny Slope Boer Goats, Schmidt-Hardy, LLC, Reid-Fleming Industrial LLC, Aging Made Easy, LLC, Williams Insulation, Forest City Counseling, LLC, and Edward Jones.

4th Friday Coffee Rescheduled!

The Fourth Friday Coffee hosted by the Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. at Phelps County Bank scheduled in February was postponed due to inclement weather. Please mark your calendar for Friday, March 14, 7:30 a.m. and join us at this rescheduled time.



March "Business of the Month"

The Chamber would like to congratulate Sybill's Restaurant and Gifts on being selected March Business of the Month.

Zeno and Loretta Scheffer, first established Zeno's in Rolla in 1959. They instilled the love of the restaurant business into the hearts of their family and in May of 2006, Sybill's was opened in St. James by Tom and Janet Scheffer, daughter Sybill, and her husband, Eddy Tauk. The restaurant is lovingly dedicated to Zeno and Loretta who played such an important role in bringing fine dining to the area.

Many of the visitors who ask if the elegant establishment is an old mansion, are surprised to learn that the restaurant was constructed just prior to the opening in 2006. Based on a southern style home, it was adapted from the onset to house the splendid restaurant that features fine dining and stresses an artful presentation of the food served.

The menu includes a wide range of cuisine and great care is taken to cater to the dietary needs of each patron with substitutions whenever requested. A wide array of wine compliments the menu and there is great pride in the Missouri wines that are featured on the wine menu.

Join us at Sybill's on Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. to recognize the contributions Sybill's is making to our community. Coffee will be served and it would be an ideal time to browse the gift shop and view some of the unique items that make shopping in St. James a one of a kind place to spend some time.

Nominations Needed

For April Business of the Month

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for April "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, March 17. Voting will be done at the March Members' meeting on March 18 at the St. James R-1 Schools Board Room.

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.

March 01..... Opening Trout Day
 March 04..... Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 March 14..... Coffee @ PCB – Raymond James Financial Services Inc. rescheduled from Feb.
 March 18..... Chamber Luncheon
 March 26..... Coffee @ Sybill's
 March 28..... 4th Friday Coffee – 7:30 a.m.
 City Hall

April 01 Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 April 15 Chamber Luncheon
 April 25 4th Friday Coffee
 April 25 Dinner on the Greens
 April 26 BSJ Citywide Clean Up

May 03. Meramec Town & Wine Ctry Bike Ride
 May 06..... Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 May 17 John F. Hodge H.S. Graduation
 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 01 Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 July 04 Chamber Office Closed
 July 15 Members Meeting/Luncheon
 July 24 Business After Hours

August 05 Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
 August 19 Members Meeting/Luncheon
 August 23 BSJ Citywide Clean Up
 August 28 Business After Hours



**“Old City Hall”
 Renovation Underway**

In a joint effort, the Chamber of Commerce and the City are combining forces to renovate “Old City Hall”. The Bell Tower was removed to repair roof damage caused by water leaks. The roof has been repaired and as soon as repairs are completed on the Bell Tower, it will be returned to its original location atop of the building. Anyone wishing to contribute donations to the restoration of the building, may do so by contacting Robert Tessaro, or Jennie at the Chamber office. Donations may be mailed to Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 358, St. James, MO 65559.

**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 Marketing, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **More Information:** www.tourofmissouri.com
- **Travel Information:** www.VisitMo.com