



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

111 S. Jefferson - PO Box 358

St. James, MO. 65559

November Membership Meeting/Luncheon Scheduled

The November membership meeting will be a luncheon at the St. James R-1 Schools board room at 11:30 a.m. on November 18, 2008. Cost of the luncheon will be \$11.00 per person and reservations may be made by calling the Chamber office at 265-6649 before noon, on Friday, November 14. Catering by Celebrations Catering.

The December and January "Business of the Month" will be voted on at the November meeting. Please call your nominations in to the Chamber office at 265-6649 by noon, Monday, November 17.



November "Business of the Month" Selected

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Huffman Lawn and Landscaping for being selected November "Business of the Month".

There is no doubt if you spend much time driving or walking around St. James, you have seen the skilled work of Huffman Lawn and Landscaping. From building strong retaining walls to beautiful yards, their handiwork graces the yards of many a lawn in St. James. Ninety-five per cent of their work is in St. James and the local surrounding area, and they are honored by the strong support they receive from the community.

Gary and Marge Huffman started their business in 1982 with both mowing and landscaping in mind. They were so blessed with customers doing lawn service that, until their son Jake could join in, they were forced to keep the landscaping to a minimum due to time constraints. Jake started helping out at the age of 10 and is now responsible for the mowing side of the business. Marge does the bookwork for the family business.

Daughter Linda resides in St. James and is nearing completion of her degree. She also works part-time as a substitute teacher. She has a four-year-old son Quinton.

Howard Huffman, Gary's dad, retired from the State Department several years ago and also works along side the family team. *(continued on page 2, column 1)*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to the following new members of the St. James Chamber of Commerce:

Dragonflies n' Dreams

Crystal DeLuca
100 E. Scioto

The Grapevine

Sharon K. Lee
205 Hwy. B, Unit #9 – Concord Village

Halo Candle Company

Bill Lewis
407 North Jefferson

Midstate State Dirtworks

Craig Lonning

Studio K

Karen L. Davis
330 W. James Blvd.

If you know of a business that would benefit from belonging to our Chamber, please invite them to become a member. Informational packets are available at the Chamber office and Jennie will be happy to visit with them. New members joining for 2009 will receive the remainder of 2008 at no charge.

November "Business of the Month"

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Today, complete landscaping and yard work is available including sprinkler systems, retaining walls, and water features. Much of their landscaping is done during the winter months and snow removal also keeps them busy during the winter. The Huffmans have many customers who have been with them since their start twenty-six years ago. Their philosophy is that "We do not want people to have to think about their lawn. We want them to know that it will be taken care of..."

In respect for the strong community support that they receive, the Huffmans try to buy locally and purchase through area businesses whenever possible.

If you have the opportunity, let the Huffmans know that we appreciate the strong community values that they exemplify!

Santa Visits Scheduled

Santa will be arriving in St. James via the Christmas parade scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. Following the parade, he will meet with his guests at his workshop on East Washington Street until 7:00 p.m.

Santa will also be in his workshop from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 13 and Saturday, December 20, 2008.

YOUR Important Holiday Dates Wanted!

The Chamber will once again be putting out a calendar of events for special programs and activities in the St. James area. If you are a chamber member or non-profit organization and would like to have your activity listed, please email the Chamber at stjameschamber@centurytel.net with the name of the event, the contact person and location, date, and time.

Nominations Needed!

The Chamber will be voting for two "Business of the Month" recipients at their monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, November 18. If you know a business you feel is deserving of this honor, please call Jennie at the Chamber office and make a nomination by noon Monday, November 17.



"Candyland Christmas"

The holidays are fast approaching and what better place to shop for unique gifts and services than hometown St. James. "Candyland Christmas", brought to you by the St. James Chamber of Commerce and these participating businesses:

- American Family Insurance
- BeautiControl Spa
- Cardetti Homegas, Furniture & Appliance
- Designs by Lisa
- Diana's Diner
- Dragonflies & Dreams
- Electric Sun Tan Co.
- Ellis Health Centre
- Farmer's Insurance
- FCNB Insurance - The Rhea Agency
- Forest City Health Mart Pharmacy
- Hutcheson Ford Sales
- Integrity Business
- Leo Cardetti Flag & Flagpole
- Moreland Construction Co.
- Plaza Fashions & Merle Norman Cosmetics
- Shearwater's Salon
- Simply Irresistible
- Studio K
- Sybill's Restaurant & Gift Shop
- Town & Country Bank
- United Country Meramec Realty
- Wild West Guns & More
- Wilson Lumber & Rental

Saturday, December 6, 2008

"Candyland Christmas Parade" - 5:00 p.m.
including Santa's arrival in town.
SPECIALS! SPECIALS! SPECIALS!

Participating merchants will be featuring special sales, special drawings and special activities and treats...Come join the fun!

Santa will visit guests in his workshop following the parade until 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Christmas Bazaar

sponsored by Beautify St. James
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Lucy Wortham James Elementary Gym/Cafeteria
FREE ADMISSION
Lunch available hosted
by the Tri-County Humane Society

Christmas Parlor Tour

sponsored by Beautify St. James
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Tickets available at Tourist Information Center
or Chamber of Commerce Office

For more information, call Jean Crafton - 265-3671

The Chamber of Commerce office is now offering "Chamber bucks" available for sale to anyone wishing to purchase them for gifts and have their gift dollars stay in the community. Recipients may purchase merchandise from any of the participating businesses listed on the "buck". Businesses are then reimbursed for the amount of the buck by the Chamber office. Those businesses currently accepting "Chamber bucks" are:

BeutiControl Spa
Book Addict & Stained Glass
Cardetti Homegas, Furniture & Appliances
Designs By Lisa
Diana's Diner
Dragonflies & Dreams
Electric Sun Tan Co.
Ellis Health Centre
Forest City Health Mart
Grapevine
Halo Candle Company
Hutcheson Ford Sales
Interstate Motorcycles
Leo Cardetti Flag & Flagpole
Meramec Vineyards
Plaza Fashions
Shearwater's Salon
Simply Irresistible
St. James Veterinary
Studio K
Sybills Restaurant & Gift Shop
The Blue Beagle
Wild West Guns & More
Wilson Lumber & Rental

If you would like to participate in the "Chamber Bucks" program, call Jennie at the Chamber officer (265-6649) for further information.

Christmas Lighting Contest To Be Held

The Chamber will be sponsoring a lighting contest with two categories: Commercial and Residential. Winner of the Commercial contest will receive a free year's membership in the SJ Chamber of Commerce for 2009. 1st place winner of the Residential contest will win \$100 in Chamber bucks, 2nd place will win \$50.00 in Chamber bucks, and 3rd place will win \$25.00 in Chamber bucks. Registration forms are available online at the chamber website – www.stjameschamber.net or at the Chamber office at 111 S. Jefferson Street in St. James. Deadline for entries will be December 8, 2008. Judging will be held Thursday evening, December 11, between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Participants must live within a three mile radius of St. James.

Parade Participants Wanted

Saturday, December 6th, 5:00 p.m., the St. James Christmas Parade will be held, "rain or shine". Following the CandyLand theme, participation is encouraged for every business, club, organization, church, or school in the area. NO Santa's or Mrs. Clauses please – Santa will be arriving via St. James Chamber of Commerce transportation. Line up for the parade will be at 4:00 p.m. at the Missouri Veteran's home on Saturday, December 6. To participate in the parade, please send parade information, including the name of your organization, business, club, or church, along with the name and phone number of your contact person to: Parade Registration, Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 358, St. James MO 65559, or call for information at (573) 265-6649. Registration forms are available online at the chamber website – www.stjameschamber.net or at the Chamber office at 111 S. Jefferson Street in St. James.

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.

- Nov. 14 Winter Fishing Begins @ Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124
- Nov. 17 Ribbon Cutting & Coffee – Studio K – Ribbon cutting @ 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 18 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon – SJ School Board Room – 11:30 a.m. – (573) 265-6649 - Catered by Celebrations Catering
- Nov. 30 The 2008 Annual Jones Funeral Home Memorial Service – 2:00 p.m. Harp music by professional harpist Nancy Dygert – refreshments and a brief memorial service to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Everyone is welcome!
- Dec. 06 St. James Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade – (573) 265-6649
- Dec. 06 - 25 Festival of Lights @ St. James Park – (573) 265-7124
- Dec. 07 Beautify St. James Christmas Parlor Tour – (573) 265-3671
- Dec. 07 Beautify St. James Christmas Craft Bazaar – (573) 265-3671

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 Baker 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 Dragonflies 'n Dreams 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 The Grapevine Grellner Sales Guaranteed Green Gunter's Buckit Halo Candle Company 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 La Physique' Slimming Spa of St. James Lacy, Charles William Leo Cardetti Distributing Lynch & Sons Plumbing & Electric Matt's Steakhouse May, Bob - Missouri State Representative Meramec Vineyards Midstate State Dirworks 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 Reid Fleming Industrial, LLC</p>	<p>Ray, Randall Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Results Radio KTTR Rolla Area Chamber Rolla Shooting Club Ron Moreland Construction Scattered Oaks Schmidt-Hardy Chevrolet Scissor Shack Scotts Printing SDC Group Stack Design & Consulting Shearmaster's Salon 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 Studio K Sunny Slope Boer Goats Sybills Restaurant & Gift Shop Tacony Manufacturing Tessaro, Robert and Mary The Blue Beagle 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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