



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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St. James Chamber of Commerce April Luncheon Scheduled

The April membership meeting will be held at the Walmart Distribution Center on Tuesday, April 20, at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dan Andrews, who will be speaking on Identity Theft Protection.

The Walmart Distribution Center will sponsor the luncheon. Please have your reservations in by Friday noon, April 16 (265-6649).

Volunteers Needed

As the Chamber committees organize activities, it is important to understand that one of our primary goals is to promote our businesses and help them by encouraging tourists and visitors to shop in St. James. If our businesses are to succeed in this tough economy, they need the support of our entire community.

One way you can help out is by volunteering your time at the various functions which are held. As plans are finalized for "Sip 'n Savor St. James" on May 1, the search for volunteers continues. Volunteers will be needed in several areas including: Set-up (tents, tables, etc.), Brewery Samples, Ticket Booth, Wine & Beer Garden, and Clean-up/Tear-down on Sunday morning, May 2. If you would like to help, please call the Chamber office at 265-6649, or email Jennie at jennie@stjameschamber.net. Attached you will find a complete schedule of volunteers needed and time frames. Chair for Sip 'n Savor St. James is Vicki Frazier.

On May 21-22, the Chamber will host a Grape Jam with bluegrass music filling the air. Volunteers are also needed for this event. Chair for the Grape Jam is Robert Tessaro.

Tents are also needed for both events. If you have a 10' x 10' or larger tent you would not mind loaning, please call the Chamber office at 265-6649 or email Jennie at jennie@stjameschamber.net.

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to promote St. James in such a great fashion. Thank you for the part you play in promoting St. James!



"Business of the Month" Selected

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Ashby Covenant Insurance, LLC. for being selected April "Business of the Month".

Ashby Covenant Insurance, LLC, was opened by Jim & Sheran Ashby on January 1, 2000. In 2005, the business was moved to its present location at 304 West James Boulevard.

With a background in all phases of the insurance business, including working with medical providers, insurance companies, and Medicare, Sheran is able to provide a full range of services and expertise for her clientele. She specializes in senior, individual and group insurance plans. Sheran also provides many administrative services at no charge.

Current employees of the company are Susan Bailey, administrative assistant and Kim Renner, receptionist.

The Ashbys enjoy being grandparents and spending time with their family. They are actively involved in the community, the Chamber, and their Church.

The Chamber will host a "Business of the Month" coffee at Ashby Covenant Insurance on Friday, April 9, 2010, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Plan to stop by and congratulate the Ashbys and assist us in showing our appreciation for the active role they play in promoting St. James as a great place to live.

Welcome New Members

St. James Visitors Guide Planned

Work is in progress to publish a St. James Visitor's Guide. The guide is being done in partnership with the City and will list all businesses in St. James, regardless of the Chamber membership status. Businesses will have to sign a document that they would like to be included in the guide. If you would like to be included, please sign the enclosed form and return it to the Chamber office. If you know of a business which you think should be included please feel free to pass the information along to them.

Promo Items Needed

It is not too late for Chamber members to have their promotional items included in the packets which we make to hand out at the various community functions and also mail to perspective community members. We will soon be making up 500 packets to have on hand. An example of items which may be included: business cards, flyers, menus, personalized items (pens, pencils, plastic cups, koosies), and realtor magazines. This is the final call for items to be included in our next "packet stuffing", which will be scheduled shortly. If you can assist in putting packets together, please call Jennie and let her know you can help.

Wanted: Your Nomination

Each month, a "Business of the Month" is selected from our Business Chamber members. If you know of a business that you feel should be nominated for one reason or another, feel free to call or email the Chamber office with your nomination. Voting is done at the Chamber membership meetings each month.

On-Line Purchases Available

The Chamber website is now set up to offer online purchases using Paypal or Credit Cards (through Paypal). While the selection of items at this time is limited, this convenient feature will be expanded over the next few months. Currently, membership fees can be taken on-line, and by April 10, Sip 'n Savor tickets will be available on-line.

Our membership continues to grow as we welcome new members again this month. Toot's Treasures, owned by Becky Elgin, will soon open in downtown St. James at 104 North Jefferson Street. The new business will offer antiques, collectibles, and gift items.

Also welcome to Denny Ford Lincoln Mercury, owned by Denny LaBantschnig, and located at 625 West 7th Street, Rolla, Mo. Denny offers automotive sales and leasing, as well as automotive service, parts, and tires.

Huffman's Flowers of the Field, owned by Marge and Gary Huffman, are now open for business at their location on County Road 1000. Drop by and check out all of the nursery items they are now offering and mark your calendar for the Chamber coffee and ribbon-cutting scheduled for April 30, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

What's Happening in Your Chamber & Community

- April 3: **Maramec & Agriculture Museums open @ Maramec Spring Park**
- April 9: **Chamber Coffee – Business of the Month Ashby Covenant Insurance LLC**
- April 10: **City-Wide Garage Sale Weekend**
- April 10: **St. James Choir Boosters Annual Dinner**
- April 17: **City-Wide Clean-Up Week Kick-Off**
- April 20: **Chamber Membership Luncheon– Walmart DC – 11:30 a.m.**
- April 20: **Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 Noon**
- April 30: **Chamber Coffee & Ribbon-cutting – Huffman's Flowers of the Field – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Ribbon-cutting: 4:30**
- May 1: **Sip 'n Savor St. James**
- May 1: **Prom**
- May 15: **Kid's Fishing Day @ Maramec Spring Park**
- May 18: **"Chamber Wine & Dine" – Meramec Winery – 5:30 p.m.**
- May 18: **Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 noon**
- May 21-22 **Grape Jam – Friday – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday – 1:00 p.m.**
- May 22: **St. James High School Graduation**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sip 'n Savor 2010

Friday, April 30

late afternoon, we could cut table cloths, deliver some stuff to the stores, etc.

Dee Wood – anytime on Friday

Saturday, May 1

9 a.m. - noon - 12 people - set up - includes table set up, deliver, tent set up, electric cords run, etc.

1 p.m. - 3:30 - 8 people - ticket sales

3:30 - 6 p.m. - 5 people - ticket sales

1:30 - 4 p.m. - 6 people - brewery sampling

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6 - 7:30 p.m. - 10 - 12 people - Tear down - take down tents, tables, help tear down brewery sales, trash, recycling, etc.

6 - 9 p.m. - 12 people - wine/beer garden

9 - 12 midnight - 12 people - wine/beer garden

Sunday, May 2

9 a.m. - 8 people to tear down tables/chairs/pick up trash, etc. at the wine/beer garden location

