



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – May, 2010

St. James Chamber of Commerce "Wine & Dine" Scheduled

Meramec Vineyards & Winery will be the location of the May membership meeting which will be an evening dinner on Tuesday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be a representative from the Ronald McDonald House.

Cost of the Dinner is \$20.00. Please have your reservations in by Friday noon, May 14, 2010 (265-6649).

June "Business of the Month" will be voted on at the dinner. If you know of a business deserving of this recognition, please submit your nominee to Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649).

It's Bluegrass Pickin' Time

Grab your lawn chair. Pick a corner, Find a shade tree. Starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, musicians will gather on East Washington Street, east of Hwy. 68 to entertain. In addition, during that same timeframe, the first Grape Jam Cruise-in Car show will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on West Washington Street, just west of Hwy. 68.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 22, the musicians will once again gather on East Washington Street to jam and entertain. Starting at 7:30 p.m., Saturday evening, at the St. James Elevator deck, musicians will compete for prizes at a fiddle competition. There is no entry fee for those wanting to participate. Nor is there any type of admission charge for the audience.

Also included in the weekend activities is a street market with vendors setting up their goods between 4:00 -6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and between 10:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday.

Volunteers are still needed for the event. If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like further information on the weekend activities, please call the Chamber office at 265-6649.



"Business of the Month" Selected

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Our House Treasures LLC for being selected May "Business of the Month". It has been less than a year since first opening their doors, but Bruce and Debbie Parton can already be proud of the influence they have had in bringing new customers and even one new business to St. James.

With Deb's support and blessing, her brother, Marc Burnett, recently opened *Morning Sun Gallery*. Deb fears that visitors will not come back very often when there are only one or two shops as compared to years ago when browsers could spend a whole afternoon walking up and down our streets. "Hopefully," Deb states "someone else will have the courage to take up the challenge for more little shops like ours. Its fun and rewarding with all the wonderful folks you'll meet. I've always been a huge advocate of St. James - I've loved living here for the past 25 years and I 'm excited about the opportunity I have now to fulfill a dream in a town I believe in."

Offering an eclectic mix of old and new, and everything in-between, browsing is a treat. Furniture includes antique secretaries and newer bedroom chests. (con't on page 2, column 1)

Business of the Month *(con't from page 1, column 2)*

Beautiful crocheted pieces, older linens, quality tablecloths, table runners and doilies are creatively displayed for ease of viewing and selection. If you don't find what you are looking for, be sure to ask—the Partons have additional items available. Their goal in their new shop is to offer affordable items so everyone can find a "treasure" to take home with them.

The Chamber will host a "Business of the Month" coffee at Our House Treasures, 126 North Jefferson, on Thursday afternoon, May 20, 2010, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Plan to stop by and congratulate the Partons on a successful first year and assist us in showing our appreciation for the active role they are playing in promoting St. James.

Welcome New Members

Our membership continues to grow as we welcome new members again this month. Welcome to the Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 East Scioto, St. James. The Church welcomes everyone who would like to attend. Sunday Holy Eucharist is held at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday and morning prayer is held Tuesday – Friday, at 9:00 a.m.

Also welcome to Rock House Mall, which will feature unique Missouri merchandise, bakery items, fudge, popcorn, and party rentals. The new business is owned by Alan Sachs.

We have had several new businesses join the Chamber in the past few months that are still unknown to many of you. One such business is Three Squirrels Winery & Art Gallery, which is located 4 ½ miles north of St. James on B Highway. I stopped by the winery a few days ago and was very impressed with the renovation that has been done, as well as the merchandise on display. Best quoted from one of the beautiful post cards they hand out, "Something new is unfolding near St. James, Missouri. An old farm is coming back to life. A new winery is being created. A new art gallery is emerging. Come join us in the scenic Missouri countryside as we start on our new journey." At the present time, hours are: Friday, 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 – 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday, by appointment (265-7742).



Calling for
Grills and
Smokers!

We are calling for grills and smokers and the men and women who fire them to help celebrate our 150th anniversary of the Railroad in St. James.

The Chamber of Commerce needs your help to make this 4th of July a good old-fashioned community event. This will be a once in a lifetime, all-city picnic and barbecue with food vendors of all varieties. We will celebrate the restoration of our historic Frisco Railroad Depot at 3 p.m. on July 4th with a dedication ceremony.

Food vendors will open for sales at 11:00 on Sunday, July 4th, 2010. Vendors will offer menu items including grilled chicken, beef, pork, fish, vegetables, and all the trimmings prepared by our fantastic St. James cooks.

We encourage everyone to be a part of this event, either as a provider or a consumer. There are riches for all. The downtown plaza will be measured off into spaces for hire, along East Washington Street and Parker Street east of Jefferson Street.

This is a fundraising opportunity for organizations, churches, civic groups, businesses, and families. BBQ is the main idea, but anyone who wants to sell sides along with the grilling is encouraged to participate. Also, anyone who wants to sell pies, cakes desserts or drinks will be most welcome.

A bonus party will be Saturday night, July 3rd starting at 6 p.m. on the Plaza, with a beer and wine tent with food for sale. Grills can be set up in their spaces on that Saturday evening before the 4th. Music will be provided and the celebration will begin.

July 4th was the date 150 years ago, when the first train pulled into St. James. This year our depot will be the center of an anniversary that involves our entire community. Call the St. James Chamber of Commerce at 573-265-6649, or go online at www.stjameschamber.net, or stop by the office at 111 S. Jefferson for an application and reservation.



Seventh Annual Garden Tour

Garden Party
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Tourist Info. Center

Hosted by Beautify St. James

Contact Information:

Sharon Wilson
265-7931

Sunday, June 6, 2010
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

Tourist Information
Center – 265-3899

In the news....

Engine 51 Smokers competed in their first competition of the year in Washington, MO on 16 & 17 April, 2010. They placed 8th in pork and 2nd in “Anything But” (anything but the four competition meats) out of 50 teams. Those ribbons are added to the ones from their 2009 competition ~ 8th place overall, 6th in brisket, 8th in pork and 14th in ribs.

For competition, barbeque is a tough, team sport. Not only are you up against heavy, national competitors, but also the elements of nature. This year’s competition saw rain Friday and cooler evening temperatures, making it even more challenging smoking the meats for Saturday’s presentation & competition turn in. Nonetheless, Engine 51 Smokers received two award calls on Saturday afternoon.

It takes most teams several years to place, if ever, in competitions. This is Engine 51 Smokers second year on the competition KCBS circuit. Their next competition is planned in June. Engine 51 Smokers is located outside of St. James, MO and sells its award-winning barbeque periodically in St. James and caters many regional corporate and social events.



What’s Happening in Your Chamber & Community

May

- May 1: **Sip ‘n Savor St. James 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**

June

- June 1: **Summer Reading program begins @ James Memorial Library**
- June 4: **Rolla Fest Cruise-In Kick-off at St. James TIC**
- June 5: **Tour de Phelps Ride Into St. James**
- June 4, 5: **Summer Licking Basketball Camp**
- June 5-6: **Free fishing days @ Maramec Spring Park**
- June 6: **Beautify St. James Garden Tour/Garden Party and Craft Walk**
- June 15: **Chamber Membership Meeting – First Church of God – 11:30 a.m. Political Forum**
- June 24, 25: **Summer Licking Basketball Camp**

** Yellow Highlight indicates Chamber sponsored or assisted activities.*

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