

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Let the Halloween fun begin! This Saturday come celebrate at the 20th Annual St. Louis School Halloween Carnival at Koenig Park. The fun begins at 6pm and as always it is free to the public. New this year is Freddy Krueger's Fun House, tons of exciting carnival rides, a petting zoo, dunking booth, silent auction and a live goldfish game. Enjoy a haunted hay ride, cake walk, the Jolly Trolley Barrel Train, Beanie Baby Barn and so much more. The prizes this year are bigger and better than ever. Don't forget to wear your costume and enter the Costume Contest. And who could have a carnival without plenty of food booths to choose from? Tickets for games and fun are on sale now at St. Louis School or get them at the gate. So if you are looking for something fun for the kiddos to do, then don't miss this event. You won't be disappointed!

And of course, what is Halloween without a pumpkin? This Sunday starts the Annual Pumpkin Patch at Medina Valley United Methodist Church. The patch is open afterschool and on weekends through the 31st. So head on over today and pick out the perfect pumpkin for your house. And don't forget those cameras, parents. This is the perfect photo opportunity for your little one in their Halloween costume.

Bob & Miriam Dean, owners of Antiques and More, stopped by to let us know that they will be having a store-wide sale throughout the month of October. Head over to their store, located at 410 Paris Street, and check out all the great deals including 15% off all jewelry. Customers also have the chance at winning a Christmas wreath. So stop by today and see what they have to offer.

The chamber is still accepting nominations for three Director Positions that will be open at the end of the year. All chamber members can submit a nomination for someone who they feel would be a good candidate for a Chamber Director position. Those nominees will be called on by the nominating committee to see if they would like to run in the Director Election. All those who agree will be put on the ballot that will go out later this month to members of the Chamber of Commerce. If you have not submitted your nomination yet, you still have time. But hurry, the deadline is this week.

This past week we had a group of ladies from San Antonio who stopped by for a tour of the Steinbach House. Priscilla Garrett of the Castro Garden Club was here to greet them and give them some history on the house and its furnishings. The ladies were so fascinated with the house and with Castroville in general. They couldn't wait to head back home and tell everyone they knew about Castroville. If you know of anyone who is interested in bringing a group of people to Castroville for a tour, the Garden Club is available for such situations. You can schedule a tour of the Steinbach House, the St. Louis Church or even a step-on tour on your own van or bus. If you know an interested group that would like to visit Castroville, have them call us at the Chamber and we will get them scheduled.

Have a super weekend and enjoy the cooler weather!