

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber gets several calls a week from individuals interested in moving to Castroville. These people have questions about what all Castroville has to offer and we try to give them as much information as we can. We also have a relocation packet that we can mail out to them. With so many people searching the web these days, we decided to add a new page to the Chamber's website. Now when you visit, www.castroville.com, on the left hand side you will see a button called "Live in Castroville." Simply click this button and it will lead you to a page filled with plenty of information about Castroville including history, location, education, healthcare, business services and more. We feel this webpage will help those individuals who are thinking about moving to Castroville. So next time you meet someone who is thinking about moving to Castroville, send them to the Chamber website. With all this information and more, it will make their decision to move here that much easier.

This past week we had a couple from Couderay, Wisconsin, stop by the Chamber office. They were so excited to be in Castroville, the Little Alsace of Texas, because the man's family were descendents of Alsace, France. He quickly found his family's city on the Alsace map we have in the office and began to tell us all about the history of his family. He wanted to know as much as we could tell him about Alsace so we quickly went to work filling him in on all we knew. He also had us print several maps of Alsace off the web for him. They enjoyed viewing the many items located in the Steinbach House museum and couldn't wait to tour the town. It was very nice to visit with an outsider who has roots from Alsace. We always enjoy our visitors!

We are busily getting ready for our Fourth Annual Wine Fest which will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010 at the Hotel Alsace & Spa Resort. Due to a scheduling conflict, we have moved the event from the 9th because we did not want to interfere with the Medina Regional Hospital Gala that was scheduled on the same day. This year we will again feature 5 wines: two reds, two whites and a rosé. The Alsatian restaurant will cater the event with several great selections that will pair nicely with each wine chosen. The cigar bar will be back again this year as will the popular Live Auction! We are currently seeking donations to be featured in the live auction. If you have an item, weekend trip or other large donation you would like to make to the live auction, please let us know. We are always so appreciative of our wonderful community who always come through in helping us with our fundraisers throughout the year. Without you all, the Chamber would not be able to run some of our day to day functions. Tickets to the event will be going on sale soon so look for more information in your inbox and mailbox in the near future. Hope you all will come to this annual event that keeps getting better every year!

This Thursday evening, the Friends of the Regional Park will hold a meeting at the RV Park Rec Hall at 6:30pm to discuss a possible park event to take place in October. All FCRP members are encouraged to attend and the general public is also invited.

Also this Thursday night, head on out to Cora's for dinner and live music by Greg Walden from 6-9pm. On Saturday, Albros will be hosting live music by Sid Fly from 1:30pm – 4pm. Weather permitting, they hope to have live music every Saturday so everyone can come out and enjoy the nice weather! On Sunday, Boy Scout Troop 831 will hold a BBQ benefit at Koenig Park. Plates will be served from 11am to 1pm and cost just \$7 each. Purchase advanced tickets by calling Candy Baumann at (210) 336-3671 or Donna Jaklich at (830) 444-1057. Hope everyone has a great rest of the week. Looks like we should have some nice weather!