

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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You don't want to miss out on this Friday's big event! You still have a couple more days to purchase tickets to the Chamber's Annual Wine & Beer Fest which will be held at the Castroville Café and the surrounding streets from 7pm to 10pm. This is sure to be a fun night for all with wine and beer samples, tasty hors d'oeuvres catered by the Castroville Café, live music by the Vinyl 45s, and a live auction and raffle. Table Sponsorships are available for \$300 which includes a table for 8 and sponsor recognition. Get recognized just like these table sponsors: Alpha Tango Flying Services, Vera Ayala, Tim & Teri Barrow, Hondo National Bank Mortgage Company, J.H. Storey Construction, Ken & Arlene Smith and the Old Alsatian Steakhouse, Hazel Russell – State Farm Insurance Agent, Stewart Title, Super S Pharmacy, Joseph Tondre and Wommack Chevrolet. Individual tickets are \$40 per person. Stop by the Chamber Office today or call (830) 538-3142 to reserve your tickets. Fiorella Friday will also be taking place Friday night so the local businesses along Fiorella, Lafayette and Paris will be open late for all to enjoy as well. We hope to see you all at this event which will be fun for all!

The Landmark Inn will be offering a 20% discount on single rooms this weekend in conjunction with the Wine & Beer Fest. The discount will be given from April 1st through 3rd. To take advantage of the discount call them at 830-931-2133 and mention Promo Code CCOC.

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region is sponsoring a workshop on preservation of a historic home. Anyone interested in learning how to perform routine maintenance and repairs, while keeping true to your home's historical integrity, is invited to attend this workshop which will be held on Thursday, May 5th from 8:30am to 4pm at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. Workshop sessions will include Peeling Paint/Wood Repair, Stone/Brick Pointing, Window Repair, Pest Management, Energy Efficiency/Weatherization and a General Session. You will have the opportunity to choose 4 sessions to attend. This is a great workshop for those in the Castroville area since we have so many beautiful historic homes. For more information on this workshop and to register, visit www.txhillcountrytrail.com.

The Castroville Public Library has many free programs for you and your family to enjoy. One that might be of interest to those with small children is the Baby Sign and Play on Saturday mornings from 9:30am to 10am which is open to children 3 months to 3 years. Bring your little one in and learn American Sign Language words together using songs, stories and play in this interactive class. The class will enhance your baby's memory, reduce frustration because your baby can communicate with you through sign language and make your daily routine much more pleasant. The program is completely free so stop by one Saturday morning and check it out.

Chamber member Dennis Chandler would like to invite you all to the Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting for Chandler Automotive this Friday at 4pm. Located at 2005 Hwy 90 W, this will also be the new location of his other business, Advantage Home Security. They will have plenty of refreshments and barbeque for all to enjoy. So head on out and welcome this new business to Castroville.

Also happening this Friday is the American Legion Scholarship Dinner from 5pm to 8pm at the American Legion Hall on the corner of Fiorella and Paris. They will be serving salmon croquettes, macaroni salad, glazed carrots, tea and dessert. Dinner is \$6 per plate and benefits their scholarships.

If you haven't been to Cora's 471 Grill lately you need to stop by to check out their soon to be open addition of a 3,000 square foot beer garden and outdoor stage. Why not stop by this Thursday night for Live Music by Will Dodson and Donny Geyer. It has become the happening place on Thursday nights so check it out! Saturday and Sunday are the last days for the Bluebonnet Walk out at the Shooting Star Museum. Be sure to check out the beautiful bluebonnets and enjoy the museum from 11am to 5pm on both days. Food and drink are also available. For more information or directions, check out our website or call them at (210) 386-6038. Hope to see you all at the Chamber Wine and Beer Fest Friday night! The weather should be perfect!