

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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If you haven't gotten your tickets yet for the Fourth Annual Chamber Wine Fest, then stop by the Chamber office today to pick them up. The event will be held this Friday, April 16 at the Hotel Alsace and Spa Resort. Castroville's own Charlie Suehs and the Wine Fest committee have chosen five wonderful wines which include a Stinger Paso Robles Zinfandel, a Stinger Sauvignon blanc, a Chateau Gaberon Bordeaux, a Montesquise Shocking Rose and a Santome Prosecco Sparkling Wine. And to go along with the wines, the Alsatian Restaurant will cater the event with what Guillermo calls a six-foot appetizer which will feature a large selection of food items to compliment the wines. Each guest will receive a commemorative Wine Fest glass to take home with them. The popular live auction will be back again this year with several large items to choose from including a hotel & spa package from the Hotel Alsace, a private party for 30 at the Castroville Cafe, a Golf Package for the Alsatian Golf Club, a Coach Purse and many other items so be sure to bring your checkbook!! Tickets are just \$40 per person and can be purchased at the Chamber office located in the Steinbach House across from Sammy's Restaurant. If you can't get by the office but would like tickets, please call us today and we can deliver them in town. (830) 538-3142. Also available is a special event hotel package which includes a one night stay for two at the Hotel Alsace and two tickets for the event all for just \$182. Don't miss out on this yearly event!

The newly created Castroville Area Economic Development Council (CAEDC) will hold its first Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at The Hotel Alsace. The evening marks the culmination of almost a year's worth of effort by an organizational committee seeking to enhance the economic viability of Castroville and the surrounding area while maintaining and promoting the city's rich history. CAEDC has received the endorsement of the City and the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. With the blessing and support of both bodies, and the community at large, the Castroville Area Economic Development Council will be able to meet its mission of enhancing the economic viability of the area. Highlights of the Council's inaugural meeting include the election of its founding Board of Directors and to form four committees at the meeting including Business, Conservation Enhancement, Finance and Promotional. The goals noted in the City of Castroville's Draft Master Plan will be a focal point for the Council's long-range efforts. Simultaneously, the Council will work to develop and accomplish start-up, short-term projects to enhance the city and the business community. To achieve all goals, the CAEDC will work in partnership with the City, Chamber of Commerce, and other clubs and organizations in Castroville. Membership in CAEDC is encouraged and open to all who pay dues to join the non-profit organization. Those interested in learning more about the Council or its objectives are encouraged to attend the April 29 inaugural meeting. To learn more, contact Arnold Dollase at (830) 538-9048 or [adollase@att.net](mailto:adollase@att.net).

This Saturday is the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the newest liquor store in town, Jenn's Beer, Wine and Spirits. The festivities start at 1pm with a ribbon cutting. Stop by for some good food and good times while you browse around the new store. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we hope to see you all out at the Chamber Wine Fest this Friday. Tickets will be available at the door!