

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It's been a long time coming, but the Texas Hill Country Trail Region Brochure is finally here and ready to be passed out. This brochure, which highlights the region's 19 counties, is published by the Texas Historical Commission through their Texas Heritage Trail Program. As a member of the Texas Hill Country Trail Board, I was able to view the brochure before its publication and help edit and review the brochure which includes a section on Castroville. This is the tenth and final brochure the Historical Commission will put out and we are very excited to have Castroville featured in the brochure. This brochure will be a great tool to let visitors know about the Hill Country and to hopefully bring many more visitors to Castroville. Stop by the Chamber office today to pick up your copy.

Castroville Pottery has announced their summer classes which begin this week. With eight different classes to choose from there is sure to be a class for everyone. For those of you beginners try An Intro to Pottery with Tim Kelley on Monday evenings. If you're ready to try your hand at the potter's wheel check out Functional Pottery on the Potter's Wheel with John Nelson on Tuesday evenings. For those a little more advanced try the Handbuilding or Intermediate-Advanced Handbuilding class with JoAnna Amundson on Saturdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday evenings, Jonathan Fish will be teaching the Handbuilt Tableware class and on Thursday mornings learn the art of Layered Majolica with Denise Martin. John Nelson also teaches an Alternative Firing class on Saturday mornings and for the kids they have After School Fun with Kids on Wednesday afternoons taught by Jackie Traeger. For more information on these classes and to register, please visit www.castrovillepottery.com.

Summer is almost here and that means the Castroville pool will be open for all to enjoy! The pool will begin to open on weekends only starting this Saturday, May 1 from 1pm to 6:45pm. It will begin to open Tuesday – Sunday starting on June 8 and running until August 15th. Purchase your season pass today for just \$50 per person, \$45 for a senior pass or purchase a Family Pass for \$95. To enjoy the Fitness classes you can purchase a Fitness plan for \$60. If you're interested in signing your little one up for one of the swim programs, registration will be held on Saturday, June 5 from 8am to 11:30am and Monday, June 7 from 6pm to 8pm. The fee is \$60 per child and is due upon registration. Classes begin on June 14th and run for two week periods. For all information and exact times of classes and swim time, please visit the Regional Park website at www.castroville.com. Or stop by the Chamber office or City office to pick up a brochure today.

Don't miss the first annual meeting of the Castroville Area Economic Development Council this Thursday night, April 29, which will be held at the Hotel Alsace & Spa at 5:30pm. Highlights of the Council's inaugural meeting include the election of its founding Board of Directors and the forming of four committees including: Business, Conservation Enhancement, Finance and Promotional. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the Council and its objectives.

The Hotel Alsace will hold its second Texas Microbrewed Beer Event this Friday, April 30. Starting at 7pm, enjoy live music by Sid Fly, a delicious Mexican-themed appetizer bar, Alamo Gold Ale, Rio Blanco Pale Ale, Fireman's #4 and house wine and sangria for the non-beer drinkers. Tickets are just \$20 per person. Call (830) 538-3200.

Archeryholic, one of the Chamber's newest members, will host their Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 1 at 12 noon. Come check out one of Castroville's newest businesses located at 609 Hwy 90 W. Have a great weekend!