

# Chamber News

## Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

With the Chamber office now open on Saturdays, we see even more visitors coming through town. This past Saturday, Finance Coordinator Pat Davila said she had eight visitors stop by the office! First she met a woman and her boys who recently moved to D'Hanis. They had been driving past the house for quite some time and finally decided to stop. A little later, her sister-in-law, who lives in Devine, stopped by as well. It was a total coincidence that they happened to both stop by in the same day. Later in the day a couple who recently moved to Kerrville stopped in. They had heard all about Castroville and our great antiques so they were here to shop. Last, a couple from Jamestown, Ohio, came by to get some information on the town. They just thought Castroville was so quaint and couldn't wait to go on the walking tour and grab a bite to eat in town. We just love meeting new people and hearing how they learned about Castroville.

The Castroville Regional Park will be holding a special celebration on Saturday, May 30 and want to send an invitation to all members of the Friends of the Castroville Regional Park, all tree planting project donors and their families, all park and trail volunteers, and all members of the City Council, Administration and Staff. They will be hosting a complimentary pancake and sausage breakfast along with the FCRP Annual Meeting. Join them in the Park at the small pavilion (#1) at 8:30 a.m. Following the breakfast and meeting, there will be a special guided tour of the park with a stop at each new tree to meet its donor. Please RSVP to Helen at 931-2157 so they will be sure to have enough food for everyone!

The City of Castroville and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade committee are gearing up for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Castroville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. It's time to start working on those wonderfully decorated floats, cars, trucks and tractors, which we all enjoy seeing each year. This year's theme is "Red, White and Blue – Flying High." Trophies will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category. Trophies are provided courtesy of donations from individuals and businesses in Castroville. If you are interested in participating in this year's parade, call City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce to get an application. Registration is free and open to everyone. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and all participants must be in line for judging by 8:30 a.m. on Houston Square. For more details on the parade, or if you would like to donate to the event, please contact Bonni Keller at 931-2614 or Priscilla Garrett at 931-2262.

This weekend will be the first for a new event in Castroville. On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 p.m., "Music on the Plaza" will be hosted by Stephanie Zinsmeyer in front of Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon & Spa located on Houston Square. The event will feature music by the band the L & M's. All the shops along the square will be open late and you can enjoy dinner at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse. Wine, cheese and crackers will be provided at Stephanie's Salon and you can take a tour of the new facility. This event will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month and be hosted by the different businesses along the square. So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some great music on the plaza!

This weekend there will be a Farmer's Market located in front of Alsace Tan & Salon along Hwy 90 beginning at 9:30am. They will feature fresh farm grown fruits and vegetables. The Market will be open every Saturday until further notice. Don't forget about the grand opening of the Urgent Care Center next Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. They will have refreshments and you can tour the new facility. Also, those interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Castroville Visitor Guide please contact the Chamber Office at 538-3142 to obtain an ad form. You can also download one from our homepage at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com). If you have any information that may be helpful to us, please give us a call as well. We want to make this the best Guide yet! Have a great one!