

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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How do you type with a Southern accent? There was a phone message over the weekend on the chamber voice mail and a woman from Georgia asked for information about relocating to Castroville. When I called her back on Monday morning, she said she had visited Castroville about five years ago and “I just looove Cast-ro-veele!” And she kept repeating it! She went on to say that she tells all her friends about it, and I replied that she sounded like a walking chamber of commerce. I put an application for membership in the relocation package we send out and hopefully we’ll have a new member soon. Our relocation package can be accessed on-line at www.castroville.com, so if you know of someone who wants to relocate, just refer them to our web site and they can print out the information.

Our business of the week is Antiques and More located at 410 Paris Street, owners Miriam and Bob Dean. They have been in business since 2005, and Bob is an officer with the Hondo Police Department. When I talked to Miriam she said they are the largest multi-dealer mall that she is aware of with 14 different dealers renting space from her. Most of the antiques she has are at least 100 years old, and the “More” part of her business is the collectibles. She has a lot of everything including the kitchen sink! Her parents were antique dealers and she has been crawling around antique shops since she was a kid. She learned a lot from her mom Doris, who still helps out at the shop, and they all just happen to be my across the street neighbors! Miriam taught art at Southwest High School for many years, and when she retired she decided to do something she loved. She says it’s so much fun finding treasures and matching people to the treasures they love. If you want to go on a treasure hunt, be sure to visit Antiques and More!

Maybe it’s just a consequence of being located next to the Park and Ride, but you won’t believe the things people dump in the parking lot and grass in front of the chamber office. On Monday there was a plastic bag in a cardboard box and in the bag was a dead armadillo! Unbelievable! Last week I picked up an empty dog food can, fast food wrappers and an empty snuff can (I carry plastic gloves in my car, but we weren’t about to pick up a dead armadillo; we called the police department.) We even have a big green trash container on the grass just next to the parking lot. I’m sure the people who dump trash are not the readers of this column, but it doesn’t make a good first impression on Castroville when visitors drive up and see trash lying around. So let’s all do our part to keep Castroville clean!

Information just came in that a UPS (United Parcel Service) drop off and reception point will be established at the Mary Gray Event Center in the Roaming Buffalo shop starting on June 1st. The drop off used to be at the Castroville Hardware store. We also got information about a public transportation meeting sponsored by Alamo Regional Transit (ART) scheduled for Friday, May 23 at 1:30 at the Medina Community Hospital, Room 101, so if the future of public transportation is of interest to you, plan to attend this meeting.

Don’t forget Dr. Bill Burges’ open house and ribbon cutting on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 at his beautiful new office at 405 Paris. And don’t forget the farmer’s market with the Naegelin’s on the patio of the Mary Gray Event Center on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until noon, as well as the market and vendors in front of LeParc from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00. You’ll even be able to book a ride in a beautiful carriage pulled by a big white horse! I’ll talk to you next week.