

# Chamber News

## Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

It's summer time!! And that means hot days and kids out of school looking for something to do. Well it's the perfect time to get your season pass to the Castroville Pool! What a great way to cool off on a hot summer day by taking a dip in the newly renovated pool. Season passes are just \$50 per person, \$45 for a senior pass, \$95 for a Family Pass and \$60 for a Fitness Pass. A Family Pass covers all immediate family members living at the same residence with children 18 and under. A Fitness Pass covers Fitness Swim and Water Aerobics times. If you don't have a pass and want to swim, it's just \$3 a person and children 2 and under are free. If you are interested in a fitness or aerobics session, it's just \$2 per session. Have a little one who wants to learn to swim? Get them registered in one of several swim programs the pool offers. Registration is June 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and June 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They offer programs such as Learn to Swim, Swim Camp and Parent/Toddler lessons. The pool is currently open on weekends from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> until August 16<sup>th</sup>, the pool will be open daily with different hours each day. For a complete list of hours, lessons and classes, please download the pool flyer on the Regional Park page at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com).

If you missed the segment on Great Day SA about Castroville, you need to check it out online. Priscilla Garrett did a wonderful job talking about the Steinbach House and Castroville. We are so excited Great Day SA decided to come here as a part of their Ford Fusion Drive Before You Buy. We are sure to have many people coming to check out our cute town. To watch the segment visit [www.kens5.com/greatday](http://www.kens5.com/greatday) and click on Great Segments.

Memorial Day weekend proved to be a good one for Castroville. We had 23 visitors to the Steinbach House on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. That means 23+ individuals came to visit Castroville, ate in our restaurants, shopped in our shops and probably stayed in town or close by. That is great for our city. Each weekend we realize it is a great thing that the Chamber is now open on Saturdays. We have seen even more visitors passing through town. This weekend, the visitors were all from Texas including cities such as Columbus, Houston, Austin, Pasadena and Midland. Many of them found out about us in the Texas State Travel Guide. If you haven't seen our article in this book, please stop by the Chamber Office for your copy.

At the Chamber Office we have quite a few gifts, Castroville memorabilia and books for sale. This past weekend one man came in and bought \$100 worth of Castroville t-shirts. We offer items such as caps and t-shirts plus Alsatian items the Steinbach Committee sells such as cork screws, magnets, key chains and ornaments. We also offer a wide array of books from the Castroville Colonies Heritage Association and Castroville locals. We have books about Henri Castro and Castroville, the History of Medina County, Recipe books and many more. So stop in during office hours and check out all we have for sale. We are open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This weekend don't miss live music at Cora's beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> is Guillermo's Wine and Dine at the Alsatian Restaurant. The dinner titled "Summer in Sonoma" will feature five wine selections paired with a delightful five-course meal. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$45 per person with limited seating available. Purchase the special overnight package which includes a room with a view and 2 tickets to the wine tasting for just \$180 plus tax. Call the hotel to purchase your tickets. Saturday is the Farmer's Market in front of Alsace Tan & Salon on Hwy 90 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Those who have helped in any way with the Castroville Regional Park are invited to a special celebration in their honor Saturday morning starting at 8:30 a.m. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served and they will host their Friends of the Castroville Regional Park Annual Meeting. Call Helen at 931-2157 to RSVP. Try to stay cool this weekend, visit the pool!