

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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If you haven't gone by the new Chamber Building in a while then you need to drive by to see the changes going on. We haven't moved in yet but we are getting closer. First we need to thank Dr. Frank Danna who sent Frank Herrera over there to do a much needed yard and plant clean-up. Then came the removal of the wooden lean-tos. The past couple of weeks J.H. Storey Construction has been at the house giving it a beautiful face lift with a new coat of paint on the walls and trim. It looks amazing! Next they will give the inside a fresh coat of paint as well then we will move on to the floors. Several rooms will get a stain on the concrete with the others receiving a nice new wood floor. We are very excited about all the changes going on and hope to move over there in the next month or two. We'll keep you all posted and let you know when the big move takes place!

This Friday, for the fourteenth year, Castroville State Bank will be hosting their annual 4th of July Picnic in front of the bank. From 11am to 1pm they will have hotdogs, chips and drink for all to enjoy. A drawing for flag sets and water guns will also take place so be sure to get registered. The bank enjoys doing this each year to give back to their customers and community that support them throughout the year.

For dinner Friday night, head on over to the American Legion Hall for their monthly Scholarship dinner which runs from 5pm to 8pm. This month features summer salads including chicken, ham and cheese, tea and dessert all for just \$6. Afterwards, Fiorella Friday will be back this month but on a smaller scale. Castroville Pottery will be open and there will be several vendors set up on Fiorella between London and Paris. In front of City Hall the Friends of the Library will be hosting an "Open Mic" night so all you singers and guitarists can come on out and show us what you got! Castroville Nip and Tuck will be set up with their wine table and some music for all to enjoy. Le Chat Noir Eatery and the Old Alsatian Steakhouse will both be open for dinner as well.

We hope you all are planning to head over to Paris Street and Houston Square for the 11th Annual Fourth of July Parade coming up this Monday, July 4, 2011. There will be a large selection of floats, cars, trucks and so much more in the parade this year. The route will start at the corner of Paris and San Jacinto and head West on Paris Street, past Houston Square, right on Constantinople, right on Madrid, left on Mexico, right on Petersburg and then left on Lorenzo and end back on Houston Square. The Chamber will once again be on Houston Square handing out American flags, water and watermelon to those in attendance. Stewart Title has informed us that they will also be out there handing out popsicles. Minna Rothe with Texas Farm Bureau Insurance and her family will also be handing out goodies. We want to thank Hazel Russell with State Farm Insurance and Community National Bank for donating waters. And thank you to Gary Carter of Castroville Café for donating watermelons. The parade is a completely free community event and all items handed out are free of charge as well but are first come first serve. Hope to see you all out there.

The Chamber will host our monthly members meeting next Tuesday, July 5th at 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant. We wanted to be sure and remind you since it is the day after a holiday. Janice Simons, the new CEO for Medina Regional Hospital, will be our guest speaker for this quarterly meeting. Remember that all members are always welcome to the luncheon as well as potential members.

Hope you all have a safe and fun 4th of July weekend! Stay cool!