

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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We'd like to invite you all to come to our latest Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting this Saturday at 10am at one of Castroville's newest gift shops, Papanenos. The shop, located at 703 Hwy 90 E, Suite 103, in the Security Service Plaza, offers a large array of gift items including gift baskets, plush toys, balloons, Peruvian crafts and so much more. Owners Alexandra and Royce Brooks are excited to have their very own shop here in Castroville and they'd love for you to see all they have to offer for our gift needs. Refreshments will be served following the Ribbon Cutting.

The Chamber has started our monthly after hour's mixers again this year and Paradise Canyon is starting off the summer with a mixer next Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. For those that aren't familiar with Paradise Canyon, it's just a short 12 mile drive north toward Medina Lake and is located on the beautiful banks of the Medina River at 2220 County Road 2615 in Rio Medina. They offer their own "little piece of heaven on the Medina River." Owners Paul and Laura Dixon welcome you to enjoy drinks and appetizers on the banks of the river and take in the fresh night air. For directions please stop by the Chamber for a flyer or visit them online at [www.paradisecanyon.com](http://www.paradisecanyon.com).

The Landmark Inn State Historic Site is participating in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts and more than 1,000 museums across the United States. This initiative allows free admission to all active duty military personnel and their family (with proper ID) from May 30<sup>th</sup> thru September 5<sup>th</sup>. So if you've never visited the Landmark Inn here in Castroville and are active duty, please take this opportunity to visit the museum and grounds. We truly have a beautiful historic gem right here in our own backyard and so many people do not even know about it.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Parade is coming up on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and the group is already getting ready for it. Applications to register for the parade are here and can either be downloaded from the Chamber website at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) or you can stop by the Chamber office at 100 Karm Street to pick one up. Registration is always free. To be judged on the day of the event you must drop off your registration form by June 25<sup>th</sup> to City Hall or mail it to 406 Paris Street, Castroville TX, 78009. This year's theme is "Freedom Rings – Our Flag Flies" and entrants will be judged on theme adaptation, patriotic influence and originality. Judging begins at 8:30am with the parade beginning at 9:30am. trophies will be given in all categories. The Chamber of Commerce will once again be set up on Houston Square and will hand out water and fresh pieces of watermelon. If anyone is interested in setting up with us this year to hand out free items to the public, please let us know by calling (830) 538-3142. Or if you'd like to donate something for the Chamber to hand out please let us know as well.

This Friday is Friday Night Fever out at Wommack Chevrolet so all you car enthusiasts be sure to get there early to check out the amazing vehicles on display, both young and old! The Friday Night Fever group and Wommack Chevrolet work hard to put on a great event complete with music, food, vendors and plenty of cars and trucks. The fun starts at 6pm so get there early and you'll have plenty of time to view all the cars on display. And don't forget the Farmer's Market set up at Alsace Hair Nails and Tanning from 9am to 3pm on Saturday. Get your fresh fruits and veggies for the week. Have a great weekend everyone.