

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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By Ashlee Tondre Bates

What seemed like a long way off is now finally starting to happen! The Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that we are now accepting pre-qualifying forms from those general contractors that are interested in bidding on the new Chamber building to hopefully break ground in the next month or so. Anyone interested in filling out the form can stop by the Chamber office and pick one up, or have it emailed to you directly. The Contractor's Qualification Statement must be completed in its entirety and returned to us by Wednesday, August 4, 2010. You can drop off your completed form at the Chamber Office Building at 100 Karm Street, located directly across from Sammy's Restaurant in the Steinbach House. We are open Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. All forms submitted will be reviewed by the Chamber Building Committee and a selection will be made as to who we will accept bids from. At this point we are just a couple weeks away from receiving our Building Permit from the City of Castroville. We are awaiting the approval of our parking variance from the Zoning and Adjustments Board and then final approval from City Administrator Paul Hofmann. We are told we have met all requirements necessary to receive our permit. We are very excited to be moving forward. Please call us at (830) 538-3142 or email [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto:ashlee@castroville.com) for more information or to request a pre-qualifying form.

Our donation box has arrived here in the Chamber office for the Annual "Stuff the Bus" program sponsored by Broadway National Bank and co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville. They are currently collecting school supplies for students attending a school in the Medina Valley Independent School District. The collections are happening through the month of July. To donate your items, stop by one of the rotary club member locations which are: Broadway Bank, Mission Title, Jason Hunt DDS PA, Old Alsatian Steakhouse, Mary Gray Event Center, Station Creek Windows and Doors, Wommack Chevrolet, Zion Lutheran Church, Edward Jones, Castroville Anvil and Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce.

This Saturday, the First Baptist Church of Castroville will be holding several events. The first is a FREE Garage Sale which will be held from 9am to 12 noon at the Medina Valley High School Gym located at 8365 FM 471 S. This is a completely free, no strings attached, give away garage sale. Individuals will be given tickets upon arrival and will be allowed to go in and use the tickets to obtain items including clothing, school supplies, household items and much more. That evening, from 5pm to 7pm, Illusionist Brock Gill will be in Castroville with his Brock Shock and Roll Program. The event will be held at Medina Valley High School and it is completely free! Back in 1997, Brock felt that God was calling him to use illusions, escapes and stunts to bring a message of hope to people. For more details on either of these events, please call the First Baptist Church at 830-931-2277.

Also this Saturday, the Zion Lutheran Church will be holding their first Parents Night Out. Everyone knows moms and dads need a little break every once in a while and the Lutheran Church has decided to help us out with that. From 5pm to 10pm, parents can leave their young children at the church where supervised babysitting will be taking place to allow the parents to have a little quiet time to themselves. The kids will enjoy fun, food, games and crafts all evening long. Reservations are required and space is limited so call Irene Robbins today at (210) 842-2246 for more details or to reserve a spot for your child. Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.