

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber will be holding our third Annual New Teacher Luncheon on Friday, August 14, 2009 and we are looking for sponsors for each teacher. The luncheon, which will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Medina Valley Middle School Cafeteria, will be a buffet-style lunch for the approximately 36 new teachers from both MVISD and St. Louis Catholic School. The cost to sponsor a new teacher will be \$30 which includes the teacher's lunch and a polo shirt with their school logo embroidered on it. The Chamber of Commerce will also give each new teacher a complimentary membership for the rest of 2009. Those interested in sponsoring a new teacher can contact the chamber at (830) 538-3142 or email us at chamber@castroville.com. We will provide you with a sponsor form to fill out and return to us by August 5th. If the sponsor or a guest would also like to attend, the cost for lunch is \$10 per person. We are also seeking donations of items that can be included in goodie bags which will be given to the teachers. If you have any items you would like to donate please bring them by the Chamber office at 100 Karm St. by August 7th.

We'd like to give you an update on the Chamber Building. We have been working hard to get all needed materials together to go out for bid. Recently, the Building Committee approved the final plans of the building and copies have been sent to the City of Castroville for their approval. Once we receive their approval, we will head to the Design and Review Board for their blessing and then we will be able to go out for bids. We are getting very excited as we get closer and closer to finally breaking ground on the new building. We will get some much needed space and also have a large multipurpose room which will be available to rent for your next event or meeting. If you'd like to see a color rendering of what the new chamber building will look like, please stop by the Chamber Office during our office hours, Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

We've just received word that next Friday, August 7th will be the last Music on the Plaza for 2009. They will have plenty of music on Houston Square. Good Time Entertainment will provide music in front of Dan's Meat Market from 7pm to 10pm. They will also have live music by Two for the Road set up in front of Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon and Spa from 7pm to 10pm. The event is free to the public and vendors are welcome to set up in front of Stephanie's at no cost!! Just call the shop at (830) 931-2400 to get signed up.

We've got two grand opening and ribbon cuttings coming up that you won't want to miss. This Thursday, July 30th, the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Association will host a grand opening from 4pm to 7pm at their new location in Castroville located at 1014 Paris St. It is right behind the Taqueria San Juan Restaurant. They will have drinks and barbeque and allow visitors to tour the facility. On August 7, the Jail Haus Boutique will host their grand opening at 7pm at their new location, 413 Lafayette, across the street from First Klass Cleaners. They will have food and live music and you can check out all the neat items they have for sale.

Don't forget about live music at Cora's this Thursday night starting at 6pm and the Farmer's Market in front of Alsace Hair Nails and Tan on Saturday starting at 9am. Have a safe weekend everyone!