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### 2009 Visitor Guide in the Works

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I'm sure you have all heard by now that we are working on a 2009 Castroville Visitor Guide. It has been four years since the Guide has been updated and so much has changed around town.

The plan is for this guide to be out this Fall and it will be updated every two years. With things changing around here, we want to make sure we are providing the most up to date information to our visitors.

The deadline for placing an ad in the Guide was Friday, May 29th, however, we still have a few spots left. If you are interested in advertising, please return the ad rate sheet form along with your payment to us by this Friday, June 5, 2009.

If you have already agreed to place an ad and we have not

received your paperwork or payment, be sure to get that to us as soon as possible.

Joan Tinar of JT Advertising and Graphics, is working along with the Chamber Staff and other members of the community to get the Guide updated.

We plan to keep the same general layout, but will update all tourist information as well as the Walking Tour, stories and Castroville information.

If you currently own a home on the Walking Tour, we will be contacting you to look over the write up for your house to be updated. We are trying to trim the stories back a little this year and would like to limit the words to 250 per house. Please be ready for a phone call.

If you own a historic home and are not currently on the walking tour, but would like to be included, please contact us at (830) 538-3142. We will work with you on getting your home added to the tour.

The center spread story this year will be on the Twinning of the Cities between Castroville and Ensisheim, France. Connie Balmos will help us with this story.

Also, if anyone has any ideas on stories from the past they would like to see used or ideas on what should and should not be included in the guide, please contact us. We will take any suggestions into consideration.

So contact us if you have a suggestion. And look for the new Visitor Guide to be out this Fall!

**Special points of interest:**

- Chamber Luncheon— June 2 2009, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- New Visitor Guide coming soon! Look for it this Fall.
- Free yoga classes at Grace Community Church , Monday & Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15.
- Want to put something in the Newsletter? Email us and let us know: chamber@castroville.com

### Old Alsatian Steakhouse to Open Private Party Area

On Saturday, June 13th, the Old Alsatian Steakhouse & Ristorante will host their first annual wine tasting for the debut and grand opening of the new private party area, the Arbor and Bistro Bar. Starting at 5:30 p.m., they will feature Alsatian, French and Italian wines as well as hors d'oeuvres.

With the great success of

their restaurant, owners Ken and Arlene Smith were ready to unveil their lush new grounds which are sure to be a great backdrop for your next event.

Tickets for the event are just \$20 per person and can be purchased at the restaurant. The event will also feature live music by Meister & Meister and vendors

customizing in handmade items for guests to purchase. Jonathan Fish of Castroville Pottery will be there doing a live pottery demonstration.

Get your tickets today to the grand opening and check out the beautiful party area Ken and Arlene have worked so hard on. For more information call (830) 931-9191.

## One Step Closer to a New Chamber Building



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Well, we may have passed our original March ground breaking deadline, but we are one step closer to seeing the new Chamber Building break ground.

This past week Terracon Consultants, Inc. came out to drill for soil samples. They are working with us and the engineers to decide what type of foundation the new building will need. With the building being so close to the river, we need to make sure the foundation is sound.

Committee Chairman Gregg Zinsmeyer has received the report back from Terracon and is working with Steve Persyn of Persyn Engineering to prepare the appropriate design and construction documents.

With this last piece of information our architect, John Speegle of Speegle Davis Architecture, should be able to finish the design and bid package to have out in the next week or so.

Once the bid package is

ready, construction companies will be able to stop by the Chamber Office and pick up a packet. We hope to have bids in by late June to early July and break ground mid to late July.

Although we have hit a few snags here and there, we are still on our way to having a place of our very own. We look forward to being in our new building and keeping the Steinbach House open and running as a museum. We will keep you all posted!

**\*See the new drawings on the back**

## Applications Now Available for 4th of July Parade

With only a month to go until the big parade the committee is getting ready and applications are now available for those interested in having a float.

This year's parade theme is "Red, White and Blue—Flying High." Entrants will be judged on theme adaptation, patriotic influence and originality. Participation is free and trophies will be awarded in all categories.

Categories include Children's Float, Family Float, Other Float (includes business, church, organization, etc), trucks, tractors, cars, child general and equestrian.

Child General category includes patriotic costumes, bikes, walkers, skates, wagons, tricycles, small battery operated cars, mopeds, go-carts, etc...

Applications can be picked up at the Chamber Office, downloaded from our website at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com) or picked up at City Hall. You must be registered by Jun 26th to be eligible for judging.

Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the parade, Saturday, July 4th. Once judging has ended, the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Late registrants may participate in the parade but will not be judged.

During and after the parade, there will be plenty of free refreshments for all to enjoy including water, hotdogs, ice cream and more.

If anyone is interested in donating any items to be handed out, please drop them by the Chamber office. The Chamber will have the Alsatian house set up on the square to give out all the goodies that are donated.

So before you head to the lake with your family, stop by the 4th of July Parade on Houston Square and see the beautifully decorated floats.

For more information call 931-2262 or 931-2614.

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## New Member since May 1, 2009

Castro Colonies Heritage Association, Loraine Miller  
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## June Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in June. All details can be found on the calendar of events at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com). If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto:ashlee@castroville.com).

**Every Thursday:** Live Music at Cora's by Greg Walden, 6 - 9pm

**Every Wednesday:** Free Computer class at the American Legion Hall, 9-11am

**Every 2nd & 4th Wed:** Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse

**Every Saturday,** Farmer's Market, Alsace Tan & Salon, 9:30 a.m.

- 02:** Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. **All Members invited!**
- 05:** Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm
- 06:** City Wide Yard Sale, 8 a.m., (830) 931-2525
- 10:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 12:** Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 12:** American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, (830) 538-9182
- 12:** Vulcan Materials Company Mixer, Hondo Community Center, 5:30 p.m., (830) 426-5344
- 12-14:** Texas Folklife Festival, Institute of Texan Cultures, 210-458-2224
- 13:** Grand Opening of Old Alsatian Steakhouse Private Party Area, 5:30 p.m., (830) 931-9191
- 13:** Regional Park Work Session, 8-11am, sign in at the pool, (830) 931-2692
- 13:** Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 538-2316 or Contact: (830) 931-2161
- 14:** Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837
- 24:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 26:** Fourth Friday Featured Business, Commerce Title, 5:30pm, (830) 931-1200
- 26:** Cruisin' in God's Country, 5:30 p.m., Hondo TX along 18th St., (830) 426-3037
- 30:** Chamber Director's Meeting, Castroville Cafe, 12 noon

## City Wide Yard Sale is Upon Us

Get out those pocket books and be ready to find some great deals this Saturday, June 6th, during the Castroville City Wide Yard Sale.

Starting at 8 a.m., vendors will be set up all over Castroville, selling their items and there is sure to be something for everyone.

If you are interested in setting up, there is no need for a permit from the city. However, if you would like to be included in the map which shows your location, it's just

\$5. To sign up, stop by Albros Casa y Garden, The Barnyard Peddler, Ima's Antiques or Shirts 'N Stuff. Money raised from the map helps pay for advertisement for the sale and also toward Castroville's Nip and Tuck program. This program is a low cost spay and neuter program for those living in the Medina County Area.

If you have any items you would like to get rid of, but don't want to set up yourself, drop them off at the

Barnyard Peddler to help raise even more money for Nip and Tuck.

So whether your cleaning out or ready for some great sales, don't miss this year's City Wide Yard Sale which is sure to be a large one. I know I will be there looking for some great deals!

For more information on the sale or to donate your items, please call Kyle McVay at (830) 931-2525. Hope to see you all out there Saturday!

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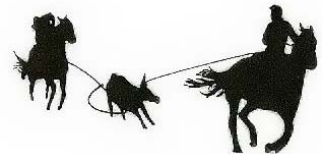
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## *Chamber Building Drawings - Updated 6/1/09*

