

Bowling Green Chamber Newsletter

Year for the business!

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Presidents Monthly Comments:

Wow, it is hard to believe that the year is already half over. As we move into June I want to encourage all our members to take part of the many activities we have on the calendar! As usual we will be hosting our annual city wide garage sale, new this year will be the location of the maps and an added breakfast for early risers. Please "NOTE" that the maps will be handed out at the Community Center this year and NOT the gas stations as previous years. As you pick up your maps grab a bite to eat for breakfast! Also in June we will be hosting our first Chamber golf tournament which was rescheduled to Friday June 12th due to inclement weather causing us to cancel for May. This event is already a success with over 10 sponsorships, and 5 teams currently registered. We will also host our second "Business After Hours" at St. Clement Sales and Service on June 23rd. If you missed last months you really missed out on a great social hour. So I encourage you not to miss out on this one! For more information on all these events check out the website...www.bgchamber.org

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Monthly Member Meeting News:

Have you heard that the monthly meetings now include lunch? Karen's Catering is providing lunch for all members for a low price of \$7 dollars. This includes drink and dessert as well. If you have not been able to attend yet plan to do so, it is a great lunch and meeting! Pay at the meeting or be billed quarterly.

If anyone would like to do a presentation or have an idea for a presentation at our monthly meetings please contact the chamber office. We are looking for ideas that add value for our business owners!

Our monthly winner for May was

US Bank

Congratulations, Corey Sanborn was present so they won \$25 dollars.

Who will win next month?

Be sure to attend June's meeting!

1st Annual Mother's Day Raffle

Congratulation's to our winner:

Sharon Randolph of Hannibal.. Sharon's daughter Dawn Sandy who works for BG Pharmacy signed her mother up. Sharon was the lucky winner of a great gift basket with gifts donated by:

Shannon Walker's Photography
Didi's & Gigi's Purse Strings 'N Things
Herbalife Independent Distributor

Super 8 Motel

CBC Bank

People's Bank & Trust

Karen's Catering

Bowling Green Pharmacy

Look Who's Being Profiled!

Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Re-energized With City Growth

With new businesses opening or expanding in Bowling Green, the Chamber of Commerce is re-energized to serve the business community.

At the annual banquet held in January, incoming President Corey Sanborn of U.S. Bank said, "My goal for this year is to continue to build on structure and organization and increasing membership and participation, along with a strong focus on our local businesses."

Sanborn's goals are coming to fruition. In just the first five months of 2009, five ribbon cutting ceremonies were held to either open new businesses or expand existing businesses. Those businesses include Eastern Missouri Health Services/PCMH Physical Therapy Center, J.R. Johnston Tack, Julie's Thrifty Mart, McDonald's, and Walker Photography. In addition, 16 new businesses joined the Chamber.

With the focus on shopping local, Bowling Green area businesses are showcased at the Business Expo, Golf Tournament, city-wide garage sale, Mother's Day and Father's Day drawings and Christmas on the Square.

The Chamber also hosts the Annual Champ Clark Heritage Festival being held this year on September 12th on the square in Bowling Green. A new event this year, which the Chamber plans to make an annual event, is a Chili Cook-off scheduled for October 24th.

Monthly "Business After Hours" has been added as a benefit to Chamber members and their employees, with the first event hosted by the Eastern Missouri Health Services/PCMH Physical Therapy Center providing a Cinco de Mayo theme. This event is a way for local businesses to showcase themselves to all chamber members and their employees through an evening social hour and networking. Business After Hours events are scheduled each month throughout the rest of the year.

As a Chamber member, businesses are entered into a drawing for door prizes at monthly meetings and featured as Chamber member of the month, which gives them the opportunity to talk about their business at monthly meetings.

All these things are just a starting point to what the Chamber brings to the community and what the Chamber offers to members. "Especially with today's economic challenges it is vitally important to promote shopping local by buying from our local merchants, eating local, using our local health providers, insurance agents, investment brokers, as well as working with our local schools and public offices to promote new programs," noted Sanborn.

The Chamber invites all businesses to take part in Chamber activities as a member and help shape the future of Bowling Green. The Chamber operates as a support line between the city government, the Pike County Development Authority, and our local business owners. The Chamber also serves to be a support line for the people that live and are looking to live in Bowling Green.

The Bowling Green Chamber office is located at 16A West Church Street in the city hall building. Donna Colbert took on the role of Executive Director in 2008 and has been instrumental in getting the Chamber back on track. Donna's hours vary but inquiries can be left on voice mail at 573-324-3733 or send an email to the Chamber office at bgmocc@att.net. Information can also be accessed at a newly designed website, [www. bgchamber.org](http://www.bgchamber.org).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

28th: Heritage Festival Planning Meeting 5:30 Super 8

JUNE

4TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOON SUPER 8

6TH: CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

6TH: CHAMBER BREAKFAST SERVED 6 – 9:30 COMMUNITY CENTER

10TH: CHAMBER MEMBER MEETING NOON BG SCHOOL BOARD

12TH: RESCHEDULE OF THE CHAMBER 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT / VANDALIA GOLF CLUB TEE OFF AT 1 PM

23RD: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: ST. CLEMENT SALES AND SERVICE

25TH: HERITAGE FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING SUPER 8 5:30

JULY

2ND: BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING SUPER 8 AT NOON

8TH: CHAMBER MEMBER MEETING BG SCHOOL BOARD NOON

23RD: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: BAT CREEK BREWERY

23RD: HERITAGE FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING 5:30 BAT CREEK.



Business Member of the Month: May

Raintree Arts Council was our featured member of the month for May. If you missed the monthly member meeting, you missed a great presentation. Thank you for all you do for Pike County.

Chamber of Commerce City Wide Garage Sale And Breakfast feed!

Saturday June 6th

The chamber sponsored city wide garage sale is quickly approaching and this year we have added a chamber breakfast.

Registration forms to be included in the city wide map and advertising for garage sale can be picked up at People's Bank and Trust Co. located at 106 Business Hwy 61 S. or you can print one at the chamber website www.bgchamber.org

Fee is \$7.50 and is due with sign up sheet by May 27th.

Maps will be available at the BG Community Center this year the day of the sale starting at 6 am.

The Chamber will also be serving breakfast this year at the community center as well from 6 am – 9:30 am. The menu will include biscuit and gravy, eggs, your choice of sausage or bacon and drink.

Plan to grab breakfast while grabbing your city map at the community center!



Welcome New Chamber Members!

Bleigh Ready Mix

WELCOME and THANK YOU for choosing to invest your business with the Chamber!

The Chamber has spots open for advertising on our website! If you would like to advertise your business with a link on our website contact Donna Colbert Executive director.

The cost is \$30 dollars for 3 months. This allows you to have your business listed as a sponsor on our website and a link to your website!

The Chamber office hours Vary, but it is easy to contact us please call or email and Donna Colbert, Executive Director will contact you promptly.

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2009 Chamber Board

President: Corey Sanborn
Vice President: Ryan Daffron
Treasurer: Sarah Robinson
Secretary: Denise Jones
Past President: Deanna Feldmann
Executive Director: Donna Colbert

Board Members:

Rich Wilkinson
Jack Jones
Tim Gamm
Marie Korte
Sue Moore
Holly Johnston
Christine Rutherford
Chad Perkins
Jeremy Gilbert
Elizabeth Summers
Carolyn Wisecarver
Shannon Walker

BULK RATE
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Re-Scheduled!!
1st ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Proceeds to benefit the City of Bowling Green Christmas Light Fund
(Men & Women Teams Welcome)*

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
18 Holes \$150.00 Entry Fee Per Team
Includes: Dinner, Welcome Package & Cart

Friday, June 12th, 2009
At the VANDALIA Country Club
Check in at Noon. Tee off at 1 pm.

Prizes: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Ugly Ball Contest
Guaranteed 1 Flight/ 3 Places 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$150, 3rd Place \$75
Additional Flights & Cash Prizes determined by number of Entrants

Contact: Jeremy Gilbert (314)210-3667

Or

Ryan Daffron (573)795-9828

Registration Form: [www. bgchamber.org](http://www.bgchamber.org)

Registration Deadline – June 5th, 2009

\$400.00 Corporate Sponsorship

**(Will be entered into tourney
at no additional charge and be
recognized at the dinner & get
a large sign) \$50.00 Hole
Sponsorships Available**

