



Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce

Spring Newsletter 2016

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Medley in the Park & Classic Car Cruise In



Saturday June 11th 2016 DOWNTOWN COLOMA BAKER PARK

The North Berrien Community Development (NBCD) is planning an event to kick off summer on **Saturday, June 11th with a Medley in the Park concert in Baker Park, in downtown Coloma.** This replaces the former BBQ Blues and Cruise event. We want to open this up to different local groups and musicians that encompass a variety of musical styles.

So far our line-up includes: Zap, Slim Gypsy Baggage, guitarist Keith Scott, Rum Boogie and the Brian Randall Band. If you would like to be a sponsor contact chana@coloma-watervliet.org

The ever popular Classic Car Cruise is back as well. Classic and muscle cars will fill the city's main street for one and all to see and judge.

Prizes will be given out in several categories.

Medley in the Park is also on the Cosy Summer Tour so there will be a 2 hour live radio remote that day. Rain date is June 12th.



GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING DOWNTOWN DIGITS

218 N. PAW PAW ST.

May 5TH 5-7 P.M.

COME MEET JANET SMITH OWNER & NAIL TECH

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
RIBBON CUTTING AT 5:30 P.M.



After Hours and Ribbon Cutting
Tea Cup Peddler
222 N. Paw Paw St. Downtown Coloma
May 5th 5-7 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting at 5:45 p.m.

Come meet owner Laurie Lewis and see her beautiful shop full of vintage items for your home.

The Tea Cup Peddler has glassware, furniture, jewelry and some unique one of a kind gift items.

Learn about upcoming workshops and events at the store.

Light refreshments will be available.

Newsletter Highlights

Letter from our President
Medley in the Park
Ribbon Cuttings
Lunch at Orchard Hill
St. Pat thank you
Flint Water Drive
Fourth of July Meeting
Wil O Paw celebrates 25th!

Phone Update

The Chamber is going to drop the 468-9160 office line. You can continue to reach the office at 468-4430 which is what we have had on the website for many years. Please always feel free to call my cell at 757-2457.

We are looking at ways to save costs. The fax number remains 468-7088.

New Guide

Sherina Gonzalez from Leader Publications has contacted you about advertising in the new updated Guide. The full color guide last 2 seasons and is a great way to showcase your business. Deadline is this Friday so if you have not confirmed with Sherina but are still interested you can reach her at 687-7728 or her cell at 574-329-6922.

We appreciate your support!



Newest Members

Downtown Digits
Hillview Estates
Hi-Tech Automotive
Gemini Fun and Games
Panthers Grill
Nelson's Property Mgmt.

St. Patrick's Run and Fun

Thank you to all that participated in the St. Patrick's Day evening lighted parade that was held on Saturday March 12th in downtown Coloma. The weather was wonderful and a huge crowd lined the streets as 35 lighted entries paraded through the downtown. Prizes were awarded in categories of Float, Costumed Individual, Marching Unit and Decorated Vehicle adult and youth,

Municipal Unit as well as an "Over All" winner. We distributed \$1,200 in coins between all the winners, as well as generous gift certificates and other prizes donated by area merchants. The winner of our window display contest this year was The Friendly Tavern and they received \$150.00 of advertising courtesy of the Tri-City Record. Thank you to the Coloma Public Library that did a wonderful Irish Story Time, craft and cookies for the children on Saturday and held their popular Book Sale. The St. Pat Run/Walk held that morning was a huge success and we so appreciate the Lion's Club taking that responsibility on and "running with it". The proceeds will go toward the Leo Club and we support them in their efforts of having a youth club that will organize, plan and support their own Community Service Projects. As we say every year none of this could be done without the support of the merchants and businesses in the community and the help of volunteers. Thank you to the following businesses and individual sponsors: Big Al's Chicago Hot Dogs, Bob Howell, Chemical Bank, Coloma City, Coloma Glad Peach Committee, Coloma Lionesses Club and Coloma Lions, Coloma Public Works, Coloma Charter Township, Coloma Township Police Department and Chief Roe, Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce, DiMaggio's Pizza, Easy Street, Edgewater Bank, Four Season's Spa and Pool, Friendly Tavern, Getz Dentistry, Grapevine Nursery, Harry Johnson Insurance, H & R Block, Honor Credit Union, Hotspot, Jim and Sherry Polashak, Kandy Hays, Karla Smothers, Kent Churchill, Lakeland Health Watervliet, Lane Automotive, Lazy Ballerina Winery, Lifestyle Chiropractic, Linda and Sieg Freitag, Lisa Streu, Marsha Hammond, M & M Polishing, Midwest Civil Engineers, Mid-West Family Broadcasting Cosy, North Berrien Community Development, Randy's BP, Rory Bell, Sandy Kraemer, Sharon Yoder State Farm Insurance, Susie Moser, Tea Cup Peddler, Tony Bertuca and Vincent J. Jewelers. A special thank you to North Berrien Fire and Rescue, for hosting the parade line-up and awards ceremony, and the Ladies Auxiliary for coordinating refreshments after the parade. Thank you also to Coloma United Methodist Church for supporting the event with an Irish Dinner and Silent Auction at the church before the parade. Thank you also to the volunteers that help judge the parade and the window decorating contest. Thank you St. Pat Committee for another great year!



Water Water Everywhere!

Pictured above are the drop off locations we had for our Water Drive. **From left to right: River of Life Church, Boelcke Heating and Air, M & M Polishing and Lakeland Hospital Watervliet.** We then consolidated it all at APL Logistics as you can see in the picture on the far right. This project was the idea of board member Jim Frazier of Vincent J. Jewelers and the tri-cities stepped up for the cause and we were able to have 15 pallets of water taken to Flint on March 18th by a truck from APL Logistics. We thank the businesses that supported us generously with the Drive and thank APL Logistics, Boelcke Heating and Air in Coloma, M & M Polishing and River of Life Church for their willingness to be drop off stations. The schools of Coloma, Hartford and Watervliet also contributed water as well as the Coloma Lioness Club, Lakeland Hospital in Watervliet, Lane Automotive, 12 Corners Vineyards and Winery and many more. Not only did we send cases of bottled water but there were many gallons of nursery and distilled water that were donated. **Thank you to Bestway Disposal for their help in the transportation of pallets of water from the drop off locations over to APL.** We appreciate everyone who supported us in this effort. We are happy to report that once the water arrived at its destination the water was immediately off loaded on another truck for distribution. **We could not have gotten the water there on March 18th if it had not been for APL Logistics, a huge thank you to GM Steve Mullins and QA Manager Ashlee Kuenzli pictured on the right.** How wonderful to see our communities come together to help another community.





Watervliet Independence Weekend

Fun times this summer in Watervliet for the very popular Independence Weekend Celebration which is July 1st-3rd. Plans are already in the works for the upcoming events in Watervliet. As you know there are many components involved to putting on a festival. If you are interested in helping in any capacity over that weekend celebration you can contact Rochelle Ulleg at Robert Michael Salon and Spa. Her email is rochelle Ulleg (rochelle_9@live.com). Meetings have already begun but you can join anytime. Monday April 11th at 6:00 p.m. is the next meeting at Watervliet City Hall.

Orchard Hill Landfill is proud to host a Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Friday, May 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us for networking and lunch.
Tour our facility and see the latest technology used on site.

Pat Moody of WSJM-FM's *Moody in the Morning* will also be broadcasting live from our site and interviewing members of the Orchard Hill Landfill team and the Chamber.

To RSVP, contact Chris Phillips at CPhillips@landfillmanagement.com.

Date: Friday, May 20, 2016
Time: 11:30 am to 1 pm
Location: Orchard Hill Landfill
3290 Hennessey Rd
Watervliet, MI 49098



Congratulations Wil O Paw Animal Hospital !

A very nice Open House was held on April 1st to celebrate 25 years in business for Wil O Paw Animal Hospital. What an accomplishment to be proud of and congratulations to the Stockdale's and their staff on celebrating this silver anniversary. We thank them for the care they have given to our animal friends these 25 years. We are blessed to have such a beautiful and well equipped facility in our community. Best of luck to them in the years ahead.



Letter from our President

I want to personally thank the committee of the Flint Water Drive. Jim Frazier from Vincent J Jewelers was instrumental in jump starting this effort and as others joined in with their support the donations started pouring in! Coloma and Watervliet Schools began accepting water donations in place of gate fees, River of Life Church began accepting donations, M & M Polishing offered storage, as well as Edgewater Bank, and APL Logistics volunteered to transport the water. The list goes on and onOur two communities really joined together in an effort to make a difference for the residence of Flint. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The Coloma Community enjoyed GREAT weather for the St Patrick's Day Parade and plans are already underway for the 2017 Parade.

We have a number of ribbon cutting and after hour events planned this Spring which means NEW BUSINESS in the downtowns. More information to come from Chana on dates and times for those events.

The Fourth of July Committee WANTS YOU! The committee is looking for committed volunteers to help with the 2016 Independence Day Celebration. This celebration is an exciting annual event that includes tons of activities, music, a parade, and FIREWORKS!!

The Ambassadors Club had their first meeting on March 22nd. Our mission is to help Chana in increasing new chamber members and retaining existing members. We are also looking at improving the benefits of being a chamber member by coordinating discounts with existing chamber members. Ie: Don Young Insurance Agency works with a company that offers a significant discount if the insured belongs to their local chamber. Midwest Family Broadcasting offers a special advertising package to new chamber members. If your business is interested in offering a discount to your fellow chamber members contact Chana.

It is such a blessing to serve our communities through the chamber, I look forward to a successful year in 2016! *Karla*

**2016
Looking Ahead**

Chamber Meeting Tuesday
April 12th at the Friendly, Noon

Tea Cup Peddler
After Hours & Ribbon Cutting
May 5th 5-7 p.m.

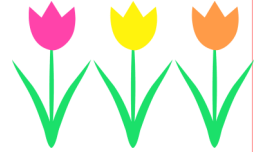
Downtown Digits Grand
Opening & Ribbon Cutting
May 5th 5-7 p.m.

Orchard Hill Luncheon
Friday May 20th
11:30 –1:00 p.m.

Medley in the Park & Cruise In
Baker Park Coloma
Saturday June 11th All Day

4th of July Celebration July 1-3rd
More info in the next Newsletter.

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ARROW PET CLINIC
B & B OUTLET
BACK ON THE RACK
BERRIEN COUNTY COMM. DEV.
BEST WAY DISPOSAL
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BOELCKE HEATING AND AIR COND.
CENTRAL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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