



GET YOUR FORKS READY...THE TASTE! IS COMING JANUARY 24TH

Chamber Connection

JANUARY 2019

TRENDING

LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Wow! I can't believe we are in 2019 already. Let's take a quick look back to 2018 and thank all our first-time members, all 45 of you. I started writing the names inside a folder but ran out of space on August 23rd, how dare I not BELIEVE we could fill two columns. Here we go: Murphy Lawn Care, Modern Woodmen, JK Myers, Architecture Design Concepts, Stop & Shop Convenience, Stop & Shop Towing, Workforce Investment Board, Lily Cline, Simply Us, Old Missouri Bank, Hines Street Pharmacy, SipLips, St Susanne Catholic Church, Infocare Health, US Bank, Stephanie Davis, Stephan Davis, Red Barn, Abernathy Roofing & Construction, Farmer's Insurance, Dion's Heating & Air, Martin's Mt'Neer, Mt. Vernon Greenhouse, Lindsay Cornell LMT, True Beauty Nail & Spa, Total High Speed Internet, Scenic View Furniture, Steve's Stump Removal, Mt. Vernon Animal Hospital, Southern Charm Plantation, Lil' Boom Town, Kabita

Hibachi, Skyler Lacey - MO Farm Bureau, Mt. Vernon Spine Center, Monett Motor Carrier, Lionhead Stone, Country Junction, Dusty Rogers Logging, Kuigpac River Properties, Perfection LLC, Duff Consulting, Stainless Steel Ltd, Employee Benefit Design, Morgan Industrial Tech and our newest member Hillhouse Services. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. We are proud to offer an organization you each feel is worthy of your membership. As we grow together, please offer your feedback to make us a better community of business owners and operators. Thank you for making Mtv Area CoC your **Chamber Connection**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: David Gregersen – President; Nick Curl – Vice-President; Mike Tebow, Dianna Ross, Lorna Kleine, Stephanie Bowling, Skyler Lacey, Kristy Caddick and Penny Lewsader. Director Pam Dudley.

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Annual Banquet

We have BIG plans this year for a Hawaiian Luau themed celebration of the 2018. We will crown a new business of the year, give out Golden Apple awards, recognize students and the Citizen of the Year. We will have entertainment, delicious Luau



food and throw in an assist to Community Betterment Council with a silent auction that will include ball game tickets for teams like Royals Baseball, good eats and assorted other goodies donated by groups far and wide. Tickets will be available soon, \$20 per person, please RSVP to the Chamber. Don't forget Community Investor and higher tiers receive some free banquet tickets!



The Taste! Jan 24th

Enjoy a night out with your friends, family and neighbors! For the low price of \$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door, you can sample offerings of local food vendors, restauranteurs and catering companies. Doors open at 6 pm and you can stay as long as you want, or until 8pm, whichever comes first, to sample the flavors of our community. This fundraiser will benefit the Chamber of Commerce, so we can continue bringing more activities to encourage a "shop local" mentality. Tickets are \$10 each, available now at the Chamber, or \$15 at the door, don't miss this fun event!

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Skatepark Fundraising Reaches Milestone

Our town has hit the first goal in fundraising to make the skatepark a reality. Thanks to Community Betterment Council and Skatepark Committee fundraising efforts, they have now exceeded the \$10,000 mark. This is no small feat and the community has whole-heartedly jumped in committing to this project. But they are not done yet, stay tuned.

INSURANCE OPTION

It was a big topic this election season. We might have your answer. Your small business may qualify to participate in a new approach to medical plans for small employers. The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Missouri Chamber Federation are making **affordable insurance** possible by teaming up with Blue Cross and Blue Shield Missouri. They offer a health program that can lead to



rate stability for employers with **50 or fewer** employees. Call member **Croley Insurance 417-881-3520** or new member **Employee Benefit Design, 417-414-9089** for all the details. As a Chamber, we are always seeking out new ways to help small business. Membership has its privileges.

Calendar of Events

The Taste! 6-8pm Thursday, Jan 24th at the MARC, plan now to attend the 2nd annual event and eat your way through the evening. Tickets only \$10 in advance, available now at the CoC office.

Chamber Board Meeting, noon, Thursday, January 17th at the CoC Office.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6pm Sat. Feb 16th at the MARC, Hawaiian Luau theme.

Business Expo, 10-2, Saturday, April 6th at the MARC, booth application will be available soon.

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