

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

August 2014

Membership: 51

Dear Chamber,

The summer is half over and your chamber has been working on putting together a great Brick Street event. The Brick Street classic golf outing is being planned this month as well as activities for Brick Street Days on August 30. We have a great little town that desires to be seen so show your support by coming out and enjoying Mt. Carroll and all it has to offer. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Bob Hatheway
Chamber President

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glenview
Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: 

Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Two year Board Members:

Kim Riley: Mount Carroll Township Public
Library

One year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Marketing & Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain-Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

September 4, 2014

Location to be determined

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu:

Please RSVP by

**Monday, September 1, 2014
at 5:00PM**

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the organizers of the 2014 Car Cruises.

ATTENTION all businesses participating in the chamber bucks program. Please make certain that your business name is written somewhere on the chamber buck turned in to Sibyl Doty so she can make the proper reimbursement.

Mission Statement: The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce is a community organization in partnership with business, tourism and government to further promote economic growth and quality of life in Mount Carroll.

July Treasurer's Report

BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2014 **\$8,906.54**

REVENUE

07/01/14 Farmer's Market	\$	45.00
07/02/14 Dues	\$	325.00
07/09/14 Dues	\$	155.00
07/09/14 Ornaments	\$	60.00
07/16/14 Dues	\$	762.50
Sub-Total		\$ 1,347.50

EXPENSES

07/01/14 Mt. Carroll Fire Dpt. - fireworks donation	\$	100.00
07/02/14 Sauk Valley Media-Voyager	\$	310.00
07/16/14 Mirror Democrat	\$	18.00
07/16/14 WCCI	\$	40.00
07/16/14 Sauk Valley Media-LCN	\$	37.80
07/16/14 Prairie Advocate	\$	35.52
07/16/14 Blackhawk Waterways Convention	\$	50.00
07/16/14 Shaw's-chamber bucks	\$	35.00
07/21/14 Dairy Queen-chamber bucks	\$	45.00
Sub-Total		\$ 671.32

Balance as of July 23, 2014 **\$9,582.72**

TOTAL \$9,582.72

Mayfest Checking Account **\$7,297.90**

Mayfest Savings Account **\$ 779.09**

Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014

August:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm at Good Samaritan Society Mount Carroll
September:	General Membership Meeting - Potluck/ Picnic - tba
October:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Mount Carroll Township Public Library
November:	Business After Hours - 5 to 7 pm Carroll County Senior Services Center
December:	Christmas Party - tba

Marketing

Your Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce is especially busy as we enter the third quarter. Soon we will be celebrating Brick Street Saturday (Aug 30), followed by Pumpkin Fest (Oct 25) and the annual Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes (Dec 6). IF you'd like to help with any/all of these events, please let me know. There is a job for everyone!!!

We have invited artists & crafters to join us at Brick Street Saturday on August 30th, downtown on and around the square. Our Farmers Market attendees are also invited to stay all day. In addition, IF your Community Organization would like to participate, we're only charging \$5 for a space. Chat at me if you'd like more information. Ducks are for sale NOW at Shaw's Market and The Pharmacy Center. All prizes are awarded in Chamber Bucks, which spend the same as cash at ANY Chamber business. We will be awarding \$175 altogether. Be sure to get your duck -- you can't win if ya don't play!!! (And you don't have to be present to win so buy 'em for your kids so they'll come visit!)

Many of the business folk I've chatted with have shared that business is down these past few years because traffic is down. IF you're on Facebook, please invite your friends to visit. IF you're a business member, please make sure your information is up-to-date for the website. AND if you're a business member AND on Facebook, let me know so I can help promote you on our Chamber Facebook page. We will continue to advertise in our local papers for all of our events. IF you see one of our ads, let us know what you think. And IF you have an idea, we'd love to hear it. IF you have a plan, that's even better! And if YOU can help, well that's the best yet.

And it really does take a village. Have your friends & neighbors joined Chamber? Have you asked them? Sometimes that's all it takes -- a friendly invite. It's only \$25 to become a Friend of the Chamber. And \$25 helps us promote our fine community. Encourage businesses to join, too. Tell them why you're a member. As business members, you get a lot of bang for your \$75.

Our Business After Hours are a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Chamber members. Why not invite your neighbor or business peer to attend with you? And if your business would like to host a Business After Hours, let us know. IF all the First Thursdays are filled, pick another date. We'll help you promote it!

In the meantime, keep on keepin' on. You can call or email or stop by if you have something to chat about.

You can find me at 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630.

Laura Miller DeSpain
Marketing & Events Coordinator

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—July 2014

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting July 30, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Amy Sack, Diane Bausman, Anna Gray, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Bob Hatheway

July Treasurer's Report: Moved to approve-Diane Bausman/ 2nd-Larry DeSpain/ Approved

June Secretary's Report: Moved to approve – Larry DeSpain/ 2nd-Anna Gray/ Approved

2014 Events:

Mayfest: All numbers are in and everything has improved since last year. Larry DeSpain and Howard Herrell met at Point Rock Park to discuss running electric throughout the park in order to hold Mayfest there next year (still in discussion stage). Howard will send an estimate.

Car Cruise: Duck Pluck tickets will go on sale at the Pharmacy Center and Shaw's Market as well as the remaining Car Cruises and Farmer's Market.

Brick Street Saturday: Work is in progress for this year's BSS. Bob is coordinating. Some activities being considered are a bouncy house, ping pong drop, food booth, craft vendors.

Pumpkin Fest/Ghoulish Gallop: Moving forward on Pumpkin Fest activities (Diane Bausman is coordinating). Ghoulish Gallop is cancelled.

Marketing Update: Will be gearing up for Brick Street Saturday.

Newsletter Items: Who to thank? The organizers of the first car cruise of the season. This was accidentally omitted in last month's newsletter...it will be noted in the August edition.

Old Business:

Sign on east end of town: Repairs have been made. No new signage will be added at this time. If the sign is damaged again, it would need to be rebuilt. A new empty face could be put up and flexible banner wraps could be used for signage. An estimate of \$2300.00 has been received for the empty face structure. Wraps would be an additional charge, however no estimate has been received yet.

New Business:

2014 Shop Hop donation: A donation will be made to this year's shop hop again this year.

2014 Christmas Ornament: The ornaments are now on sale at the Mirror Democrat, Market Street Commons and possibly at Land of Oz. Ornaments will no longer be available at Flower-Fan-A-See.

3rd Annual Brick Street Classic: All approved and ready to go. Catherine will notify Brandt.

Mary Kernan, Board Member: Mary has resigned from the board.

New Visitor's Packets: Kim Riley and Anna Gray have prepared the packets and are looking for more information to include.

V.P. Report: The September general membership meeting will be Thursday, September 4th location tba.

Meeting Adjourned

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #3b5998; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">facebook®</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois </div> </div>					1	2 Farmer's Market
3	4	5 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	6	7 Business After Hours at Good Sa- maritan Society- Mount Carroll	8	9 Farmer's Market
10	11	12 7:30PM City Council meeting	13	14 Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	15	16 Farmer's Market
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
24 31	25	27 7:30PM City Council meeting	27 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	28	29 3rd Annual Brick Street Classic	30 Farmer's Market Brick Street Sat- urday

**Be a member of the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).
 Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$25.00 for individuals.
 It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.
 Mail to: Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce, 320 N. Main St., Ste 101, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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 Web site: www.mtcarrollil.org

"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
 Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events 2014

Farmer's Market.....May through October
 Car Cruise.....August 23
 3rd Annual Brick Street Classic.....August 29
 Brick Street Saturday.....August 30
 Car Cruise.....September 27
 Pumpkin Fest.....October 25
 Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes.....December 6

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Nancy Tobin	
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	
James Morel	Prairie Path Guest House	
Sherry Morel	Schneider House Furniture	
Mount Carroll Home Center	Kunes Country Auto Group	
Mary Ann Hutchison	Red Gate Embroidery	
Carroll County Senior Services	Davis Custom Decorators	
Shaw's Marketplace	John Bickelhaupt Insurance Agency	
Carol Ingram	Highland Community College	
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Timberlake Playhouse	
Ideas 'n Designs	FHN-Freeport Health Network	
Triumph Community Bank	Mount Carroll Insurance Agency	
Consolidated Grain & Barge	Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll	
Henry's Double K	Dr. David Purlee	
Herrell Electric		
Mount Carroll Banking Center		
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation		