

# Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



## Chamber Pot

### September 2014

Membership: 66

Dear Chamber,

Summer is quickly leaving us and fall will be here before you know it. We are hoping for a good turnout at Brick Street Saturday, pray the weather is kind to us. We have already started talking about the Mount Carroll Pumpkin Fest and will be getting together to organize those activities very soon so if you want to get involved in the planning please let us know, we welcome volunteers.

Chamber President

Bob Hatheway

Shaw's Market 1614

Mt. Carroll, Illinois

<http://www.shawsmarketplace.com/>

815-541-8627

"The kind of store you want us to be"

## 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

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: Lasagna, salad, dessert Cost: \$10.00

**Please RSVP by**

**Monday, September 1, 2014**

**at 5:00PM**

Email: [mcchambersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mcchambersecretary@gmail.com)

## Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Brick Street Saturday event committee and all their volunteers especially Deanna Doty for the Treasure Hunt and Karin Harrell for the Ping Pong Drop.

**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.

**August Treasurer's Report**

**Balance as of July 31, 2014**                      \$    **9,762.96**

	<u>REVENUE</u>
8/1/14 Stale dated check 6419-Troy Tucker	\$     30.00
8/6/14 Dues	\$     75.00
8/22/14 Dues	\$    725.00
8/22/14 Sav-Thompson Bank Donation-BSS	\$     50.00
8/27/14 Dues	\$    212.50
8/27/14 Farmer's Market	\$     60.00
8/27/14 Brick St. Saturday Vendors	\$     45.00
8/27/14 Brick St. Saturday Bounce House	<u>\$    255.00</u>
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$    1,452.50</b>

	<u>EXPENSES</u>
8/22/14 Sauk Valley Media-LCN	\$     37.80
8/22/14 Mirror Democrat	\$     18.00
8/27/14 GM Productions/Brick St. Sat	\$    200.00
8/27/14 Quad City Bouncy/Bounce House	<u>\$    670.00</u>
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>\$     925.80</b>

**Balance as of August 25, 2014**                      \$    **10,289.66**

**Total**    \$    **10,587.16**

**Mayfest Checking Account**                      \$    **7,418.61**

**Mayfest Savings Account**                      \$      **779.09**

**Meeting & Business After Hour Schedule for 2014**

September:    General Membership Meeting - 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**

Thank you to everyone who helped us organize and celebrate Brick Street Saturday. I especially want to thank Karin Harrell for organizing the Ping Pong Drop, and Deanna Doty for helping me with the Treasure Hunt, and Bob Hathaway for being an awesome co-chair :)

Next up is Pumpkin fest! IF you'd like to join the planning committee, please contact Diane Bausman at: dbausman@bwcvb.com

Pumpkin fest is October 25th, and it's already looking like a full slate of family fun.

In addition to some great pumpkin-themed ideas, we will be holding our annual Decorated Lamppost Contest. Sign-ups begin September 4th at the dabluz boutique. The cost to rent a post for decorating is only \$10. A great way to promote your business and decorate downtown. You do NOT have to be a downtown business to participate. You don't even have to be a business. Let's get them all decorated!

Shop Hop is the first two weekends in November. Several Mount Carroll businesses participate in this annual event that draws folks from the Quad Cities, Davenport and outlying communities. Thank you, Fern Stadel, Carol Frey & Lynn Collins, for your hard work.

Soon we'll be celebrating our annual Christmas Walk & Tour of Homes (December 6th). IF you have an idea for a home, please let Penny Lally know. You can find her at the Driftless Area Still room (815-244-4058) or Lally32@yahoo.com. Let's put together a list of Christmas Walk festivities. Let me know if you'd like to be on the planning committee.

IF you haven't renewed your Chamber membership, please do so NOW! We continue to promote Chamber businesses on our Chamber Facebook page. So if your business has a page that I've not found, send me an email with the link so I can go "like" it and help you promote promote promote. Also, all business members get a full listing on the City/Chamber website.

That's all for now. Carry on and see you soon!

Laura Miller DeSpain  
Marketing & Events Coordinator

**Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—August 2014**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting August 27, 2014 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Larry DeSpain, Laura Miller-DeSpain, John Pokropinski, Catherine Pokropinski.

**Call to order:** Bob Hatheway

**August Treasurer's Report:** Moved to approve-Laura Miller-DeSpain/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Diane Bausman/ Approved

**July Secretary's Report:** Moved to approve – Larry DeSpain/ 2<sup>nd</sup>-Diane Bausman/ Approved

**2014 Events:**

**Brick Street Saturday:** Planned activities include a Treasure Hunt/Map with participating businesses running their own contests and prizes; the annual Duck Pluck; a Chamber information booth; bouncy house; Ping Pong drop; crafters & farmer's marketers; Cotton candy, hot dogs, funnel cakes, Shaw's Market rib eye and pork chop sandwiches; DJ (GM productions); ice cream at Triumph Community Bank.

**Pumpkin Fest/Ghoulish Gallop:** Will start meeting and planning again next month. Pumpkin races, decorated lamp posts are planned. The Ghoulish Gallop will not be run this year. There is a group of interested citizens and members who would like to run the Cemetery Tour this year. Information from past years will be provided to the group to assist them in a successful event.

**Marketing Update:** Looking at doing flyers for area business windows as well as the usual ads in local area newspapers/letters and radio spots.

**Newsletter Items:** Who to thank? The Brick Street Saturday event committee and all their volunteers especially Deanna Doty for the Treasure Hunt and Karin Herrell for the Ping Pong Drop.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**V.P. Report:** The September general membership meeting will be Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at Oakville Country Club.

Meeting Adjourned

# September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	3	4  Chamber General Membership Meet- ing	5	6 Farmer's Market
7	8	9  7:30PM City Council meeting	10	11  Open Mike night at Imaginarium 6p-9p	12	13 Farmer's Market
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Farmer's Market
21	22	23  7:30PM City Council meeting	24 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25	26	27 Farmer's Market  Car Cruise
28	29	30	<p><b>Visit the Community Calendar online at <a href="http://www.mtcarrollil.org">www.mtcarrollil.org</a></b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p> </div> </div>			

**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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*"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.....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	Doty's Collision Center
Sand Prairie Wireless	Charles Electronics, LLC	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery
YMCA Camp Benson	Law-Jones Funeral Home	Carrie Prowant – Thirty – One
John Pokropinski	West Point Tree Farm	Ashford University
Catherine Pokropinski	John & Thelma Swiech	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Diane Bausman	Mount Carroll Mobil	Carpenter's Corner
Bausman Mowing	Wylma Colehour	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Ron Foltz	Elizabeth McMillan
Pleasant Valley Construction	Marsha Foltz	Mount Carroll Bowling Center
Hotel Glenview	John Hutchison	Sisler Construction
dabluz boutique	Jean Hutchison	Dairy Queen
Land of Oz/Subway	Tom & Pam Sorg	WCCI
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	
Harrell Electric	Sievert's Steaks-N-Stuff	
Mount Carroll Banking Center	Country Palmer House B&B	
Campbell Center for Historic Preservation	Mount Carroll Cafe	