

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



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September 2008

Membership: 37

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From the Prez — Laura Miller-DeSpain

Wow! Just when I thought it couldn't be any nicer to live and work in Mt. Carroll, Mary Roach goes and puts a vegetable stand in my yard! Stop by the courtyard next to Brick Street Dollar and check out her daily produce. It's just one more example of a community working together to be the very best it can be. Our Board and all of our committees take our mission quite seriously, and our whole town benefits. Soon we shall be celebrating Brick Street Saturday. Our City Court Yard will be filled with carnival games thanks to the generosity of several local businesses. The Farmer's Market will line the street, with a few new vendors scattered among them for the day. Area businesses will be offering sidewalk sales and local restaurants will continue to feed us with great specials. And, of course, we'll have our Duck Pluck and Dunk Tank! Thanks to an eager marketing effort, we are advertising this event all over the NW territory, so get your homes and businesses ready – company's a comin! I welcome your suggestions, here's where you can reach me: 116 E. Market Street, Mt. Carroll, Call 815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630 or E-mail at shop@dabluz.com Bye for now!

Board of Directors

Laura Miller-DeSpain—President
dabluz boutique

Mike Lenz—Vice-President
Kallemazoo's

Terrie Miller—Treasurer
H.B. Wilkinson Title Company

Christiene Gable—Secretary
Savanna-Thomson State Bank

Three year Board Members:
Jeff Davis: Davis Custom Decorators
Tom Cravatta: Area Small Engine

Two year Board Members:
Nancy Tobin: Retired
Ann Crouse: State Bank of Pearl City

One year Board Members:
Barb Lange: THE National Bank
Carol Remrey: Brick Street Dollar

Gwen Lowe—Events Coordinator
Flower Fan-A-See

John Swiech—Marketing Coordinator
CDC Executive Director

Sibyl Doty—Past President
THE National Bank

General Membership Meeting—September 4th

Drinks—6 PM Dinner—6:30 PM Meeting—7 PM
Entrée: Roast Beef Dinner (Cost is \$11.00 per person)
You **MUST** specify special dietary needs when RSVPing.
Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 2nd at 5 PM.
Call 815-275-3280 or Email: admin@mtcarrollil.org

Proposed Amendment to the Chamber Constitution

Will be voted on at the September General Membership meeting

Presently reads: Article IV. Meetings – Regular. A regular meeting shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at a time and place to be designated. At this time, a suitable meal may be served, paid for by the members present. Guest speakers will not be required to pay for a meal. Guests of speakers or political candidates will be responsible for the cost of meals as members. When the first Thursday of the month falls on a holiday or conflicts with a community event, the meeting shall be held on an alternate day appointed by the Board of Directors.

Proposed change: Article IV. Meetings – Regular. A regular meeting shall be held a minimum of 4 times in a fiscal year. Meetings are to be held on the first Thursday of the scheduled months, at a time and place to be designated. At such time, a suitable meal may be served, paid for by the members present. Guest speakers will not be required to pay for a meal. Guests of speakers or political candidates will be responsible for the cost of meals as members. When the first Thursday of a scheduled month falls on a holiday or conflicts with a community event, the meeting shall be held on an alternate day appointed by the Board of Directors.

Mission Statement: The Mt. 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 Mt. Carroll.

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 7/27/08		\$ 8,599.55	
			REVENUE
7/31/08	Interest	\$	1.66
8/8/08	Dues	\$	562.50
8/8/08	Chamber Bucks Sales	\$	40.00
8/12/08	Dues	\$	300.00
8/15/08	Dues	\$	487.50
8/18/08	Dues	\$	300.00
8/19/08	Dues	\$	150.00
8/19/08	RB Float Sales	\$	280.61
	Subtotal	\$	2,122.27
			EXPENSES
7/31/08	Stamp Fullfillment Services	\$	4.00
8/2/08	Postmaster	\$	36.54
8/6/08	CenturyTel	\$	35.05
8/6/08	Village Voices	\$	40.00
8/6/08	Mirror Democrat	\$	179.80
8/11/08	Feico, Inc.	\$	71.36
8/11/08	Shaws	\$	60.36
8/14/08	Land of Oz (CB)	\$	65.00
8/14/08	Carol Remery	\$	87.50
8/18/08	Secretary of State	\$	5.00
8/18/08	Sievert's (CB)	\$	40.00
8/19/08	Learn Great Foods	\$	150.00
	Subtotal	\$	774.61
Balance as of 8/25/08		\$ 9,947.21	
Balance in projects account		\$ 5,241.81	
		\$ 15,189.02	

Events Committee

Everything is set for a wonderful Brick Street Saturday. Please come and enjoy. We now will be working on Halloween Happenings and the Christmas walk and Tour of Homes. If you know of anyone who might be on the tour of homes please let Karen Davis know.

The next Events committee meeting will be 6 PM on September 11th at Land of Oz.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee met on August 13, 2008, at 8:00 am in the Kraft Building. Some areas discussed were:

Status of the new brochure: The current plans are to have the brochure approved for the printer by Oct. 2

Outdoor Advertising and directional signs: Building and placement of directional signs from Lake Carroll in process

Build and improve Farmer's Market: Work with vendors, make more visible

Develop a theme: Work with City, CDC and Community to develop a theme to be used in the promotion of Mt. Carroll

Develop merchandise ties to Mt. Carroll: Visitors are almost always looking for an item with **MOUNT CARROLL** on it

Discussed Brick Street Saturday advertising: This year we will be broadening our advertising horizons. Join us at the September Meeting and learn what we are planning to do to help your business.

The next Marketing Meeting will be September 10th, 2008 at 8:00 am in the Kraft Building. Help us help you

Christmas Ornaments

The 2008 Limited Edition Treasured Scenes Ornaments featuring the Mt. Carroll Lutheran Church are available. Please contact JoAnn Palmer at 244-2343 or stop by Flower Fan-A-See or dabluz boutique. Some past ornaments are still available; including Methodist Church, Colehour Elevator, & Main Street School.



Green Lettering on Green Mist



Brown Lettering on Golden Mist



Red Lettering on White



White Lettering on Purple

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 31	1 Labor Day	2	3 6 PM—Friends of the Library meeting at Library	4 6 PM—Chamber General Membership Meeting: Oakville Country Club	5	6 Farmer's market 8 AM-5 PM— Brick Street Saturday Downtown Mt Carroll
7	8	9 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	10 8 AM—Marketing Committee Meeting at Kraft Building	11 6 PM—Events Committee Meeting at Land of Oz	12	13 Farmer's market
14	15	16 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	17	18 9:30 AM—Carroll County Board meeting at Courthouse	19	20 Farmer's market 5 to 10 PM— Cruise Night Downtown Mt Carroll
21	22 6 PM—City Committees meeting at City Hall	23 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products 7:30 PM—Mt Carroll City Council meeting at City Hall	24 7:30 AM—Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	25 5:30 PM—Carroll County Health Dept Board meeting at Health Dept building	26	27 Farmer's market
28 BWCVB Annual at White Pines Inn, Mt. Morris, IL	29	30 8 AM—CDC Executive Committee meeting at Team Products	<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p> <p>October 18th & 25th Halloween Happenings</p>			

**Be a member of the Mt Carroll Chamber of Commerce (renew your membership).
 Dues are \$75 for businesses and \$37.50 for individuals.
 It is NOT necessary to own a business to be a Chamber member.
 Mail to: Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053**

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"We take the time to care."

Garden Walk

Due to the success of the recent Garden Walk, the Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Garden Walk Committee is taking recommendations for next year's event which will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2009. If you are interested in participating in the Garden Walk or know of someone who has a beautiful garden, please contact one of the following people: Diane Bausman (815.244.9788), Nancy Gmitro (815.244.4090), Jean Hutchison (815.244.1645), Bev Lundquist (815.244.9684), or Pam Sorg (815.244.9246). This is a perfect time of year to think about gardens for next year!

September 6, 2008

Downtown Mt. Carroll

Shop Sidewalk Specials All Day!



7 AM – NOON	FARMERS MARKET – FRESH PRODUCE & MORE
8 AM – ??	CITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALES
8 AM – 2 PM	LIBRARY BOOK SALE (MT CARROLL PUBLIC LIBRARY)
10 AM – 5 PM	CARNIVAL GAMES & DUNK TANK
11 AM – 5 PM	CAR, TRUCK, & TRACTOR SHOW
11 AM – 5 PM	MUSIC – DJ SERVICE
1 PM	JR FARMERS PEDDLE TRACTOR PULL
	REGISTRATION – 12:30 PM
2 PM	ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST
3 PM	CAR SHOW TROPHY CEREMONY & PARADE
4 PM	DUCK PLUCK & PRIZE DRAWINGS

Enjoy a taste of Mt Carroll at our local eating establishments and sample foods offered by our local community groups all day! Come for a fun-filled day

For more information contact Gwen 815-244-1123 or visit www.mtcarrollil.org

Car, Truck, and Tractor Show Court House Square

- Show off your wheels... -No Entry Fee
-Dash Plaques to First 100 Entries
-People's Choice Trophy in each category
-Trophy Ceremony & Parade



INFORMATION/CONFIRMATION:

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