

Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

August 2015

Membership: 38

Hi everyone

Our new Chamber year is off and running. We are busy selling Duck Pluck tickets for Brick Street Saturday. Then our Pumpkin Fest is right around the corner, with lots of fun activities.

We are also involved with the Mapping Our Future efforts, and see lots of good things happening that will move our community forward.

Our biggest 'need' however, continues to be volunteers for help with all of the events and activities. So, please find some time to pitch in and help. Contact anyone on the board to volunteer. Remember, it takes a village.

It takes a village.
Larry

Board of Directors

Larry DeSpain-President: Hotel Glenview

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer:



Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Board Members:

Amy Sack:



Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-Mount
Carroll

John Pokropinski

Diane Bausman: Blackhawk Waterways CVB

Carol Frey: Land of Oz/Subway

Connie Zink: Roberts' Roost Country Guest
House

Jeff Elliott: Kunes Country

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

Bob Hatheway-Past President Shaw's Market
Place

Nancy Tobin-Telephones

John Pokropinski-Website Administrator

Andrew Williamson-Ribbon Cutting Liaison

Chamber General Membership Meeting

September 3, 2015

Location: Henry's Double K

Menu and Price to be announced

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Menu: **Please RSVP by**

Monday, August 31, 2015

at 5:00PM

Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Car
Cruise coordinators for providing nostalgic fun to our downtown.

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 reimburse-
ment.

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 June 30, 2015

\$7,936.65

	<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>
07/10/15 Dues	\$ 930.00		
07/17/15 Dues	\$ 380.00		
07/29/15 Farmer's Market	\$ 15.00		
7/29/2015 Dues	\$ 187.50		
Sub-Total	\$ 1,512.50		
07/10/15 WCCI		\$ 50.00	
07/10/15 Sauk Valley Media		\$ 37.80	
07/17/15 Mirror Democrat		\$ 12.00	
Sub-Total		\$ 99.80	

Balance as of July 23, 2014

\$9,349.35

TOTAL \$9,349.35**Mayfest Checking Account****\$1,355.15****Mayfest Savings Account****\$ 779.49****Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes—July 2015**

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Board held a meeting July 29, 2015 at Land of Oz. Attendees: Larry DeSpain, Bob Hatheway, Sibyl Doty, Diane Bausman, Anna Gray, Connie Zink, John Pokropinski and Catherine Pokropinski.

Call to order: Larry DeSpain**July Treasurer's Report:** Moved to approve-Bob Hatheway/ 2nd-John Pokropinski/ Approved**May Secretary's Report:** Correction made to Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes to say that Bev Lundquist will help with the new "A Collectible Christmas". Moved to approve – Bob Hatheway/ 2nd-Anna Gray/ Approved**2015 Events:****Mayfest:** We are waiting for the wine garden check from Rotary and a few other outstanding issues to wrap up before the final numbers can be reported.**Duck Pluck:** Four duck numbers have been sold so far this year. The August Car Cruise table will be run by Diane Bausman. Someone will check with the Pharmacy Center to see if they will sell duck numbers for us again this year.**Brick Street Golf Classic:** Brandt Hutchcraft is once again coordinating the outing this year. The flyer/application can be found on the Chamber website.**Christmas Walk/Tour of Homes:** Alex Veith has agreed to showcase his clock collection this year.**Brick Street Saturday:** Bob Hatheway is coordinating the food vendors and will arrange for the bouncy house again this year. The Artisans Market and Farmer's Market will run along with other craft vendors. Laura will get the word out to downtown businesses about sidewalk sales. The Library is having a Fossil Search and book sale. There will be a face painter. Laura will do fliers and advertising.**Newsletter Items:** Who to thank? The Car Cruise coordinators for their dedication to providing nostalgic fun to our downtown.**New Business:**

Mapping Our Future Committee is having a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, September 12 from 2pm to 4pm at the Middle School. Larry has been invited to speak on behalf of the Chamber. Laura suggested we set up a card table and has volunteered to sit there.

John Pokropinski was contacted by Country Living magazine to provide some pictures for an upcoming article on Mount Carroll.

Diane Bausman reported that Dixon is running a 50/50 raffle by way of a golf ball drop. Numbered golf balls are dropped from a cherry picker and the ball that lands in the (or closest to) the hole wins the 50/50. We will consider this for our Pumpkinfest this year.

The Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll is hosting their 45th Anniversary on August 29th from 11am to 3pm.

We have exhausted our list of businesses willing to host "Business After Hours". We will start having general membership meetings on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December) with additional meetings as needed.

V.P. Report: There will be a general membership meeting on September 3 at Henry's KK, menu and price to be determined.

Meeting Adjourned

Marketing

Happy Happy August!

We're busy getting ready for our annual Brick Street Saturday on September 5th. First up is our Annual Brick Street Golf Classic. The Shotgun Start is at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 4th, at Oakville Country Club. Thank you, Brandt Hutchcraft, for chairing this event. Hole sponsorships are \$40, and Brandt needs some volunteers to help the evening of. IF you're not golfing and you can help, PLEASE call Brandt at 815-244-2261 or e-mail: bhutchcraft@stsb4u.com

IF you'd like to sign up for golf, it's \$25 and the application is on our website.

On Saturday, we'll kick off Brick Street Saturday with our Farmers Market. Thanks to Heather Houzenga, there will be artisans and music from 10 to 2.

So far -- this is our line-up:

Farmers Market – 8 to Noon – Downtown on Market Street
Artisans Market – 10 to 2 pm – Downtown on Market Street
Face Painting -- 10 to 2 pm -- Court House Lawn
Bounce House -- (waiting for details)-- Court House Lawn
Food -- (waiting for details) -- Downtown on Market Street
Sidewalk Sales – All Day – Participating Businesses
Drop-In Storytime – 9 to Noon – Township Library
Fossil Find – 10 to Noon – Township Library
Book Sale – 8 to 1 pm – Township Library
Flea Market – 9 to 3 pm – Parking Lot Behind Pharmacy (still working on this idea)
Duck Pluck – 4:05 pm – Court House Fountain

Speaking of Duck Pluck -- numbers are for sale NOW at the Pharmacy Center. Still \$5. We'll be selling numbers at the Car Cruise in August, too. Get your favorite numbers while they are available!!! Last year we sold almost every number -- let's do this thing!

Sidewalk Sales have been a tradition of Brick Street Saturday. All businesses are invited/encouraged to participate. We don't have a chairperson for Brick Street Saturday, so this is your notice. Just one more reason to be a Chamber member -- please tell that to your friends when they tell you they never heard of Brick Street Saturday!

And of course we're slathering our events all over Facebook.

We will continue to update our website as we get more to update. Community organizations are welcomed to join us with games, food and ????

Altho I'm not the chairperson, as Events Coordinator, I'm happy to point people in the right direction.

OK, that's all for now. Our next big thing is the Pumpkin Fest -- keep watching!!!

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058
shop@dabluz.com

August 2015

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="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Become a fan of Mount Carroll, Illinois </div> </div>						1 Farmer's Market
2	3	4 8 AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6 PM—Friends of the Library	5	6	7	8 Farmer's Market
9	10	11 7:30PM City Council meeting	12 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p	13	14	15 Farmer's Market Car Cruise
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Farmer's Market
23 <hr/> 30	24 <hr/> 31	25 7:30PM City Council meeting	26 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz	27	28	29 Farmer's Market Good Samaritan Society 45th Anniversary Celebration 11a-3p

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.

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"We take the time to care."

Have you been to
Mount Carroll Lately?

Mount Carroll Chamber Events

2015

Farmer's Market.....May 2 through October 24
Car Cruise.....August 15
Brick Street Saturday.....September 5
Car Cruise.....September 19
Pumpkin Fest.....October 24
Christmas Walk.....December 5

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2014-2015

Jo-Carroll Energy	Sisler Construction Inc	
Sand Prairie Wireless	Tom and Pam Sorg	
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc.	West Point Tree Farm	
John Pokropinski	Land of Oz	
Catherine Pokropinski	Crouse Plumbing & Heating Inc	
Mount Carroll Township Public Library	Massbach Ridge Winery	
Jim Morel	Henry's Double K LLC	
Sherry Morel	Imaginarium Now & Zen Gallery	
Jerry & Sandy Cornelius	Roberts' Roost Country Guest House	
Mary Ann Hutchison	Davis Custom Decorators	
Ideas 'n Designs	Red Gate Embroidery	
Law- Jones Funeral Homes, Inc.		
Mount Carroll Mobil		
John & Jean Hutchison		
Schneider House Furniture		
dabluz		
Hotel Glenview		
Bella Vintaj		
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency, Inc.		
Carol Ingram		
Mount Carroll Home Center		
Consolidated Grain and Barge Co.		
Shaw's Market Place		
Good Samaritan Society-Mount Carroll		
David Purlee, DDS		
Highland Community College		
Prairie Path Guest House		