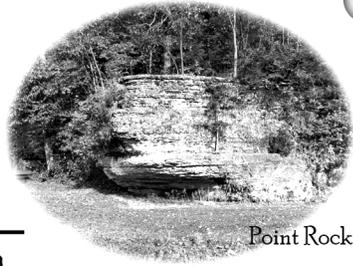


Mount Carroll

Chamber of Commerce



Chamber Pot

September 2012

Membership: 66

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Hello Chamber,

Hopefully the hot weather is behind us and September will bring cool fall days and nights. Our chamber dinners start again this week and Larry has been working on speakers to attend the dinners so please show your support for your local chamber. We are still looking for someone to organize the famous Halloween parade. If this would be your "bag of candy" (cup of tea) then please make yourself known. I look forward to seeing you at Thursday night's dinner.

Thanks, Bob Hatheway

I would like to encourage all of you to take a few moments and browse the Chamber Web Site Business Listings. The url is <http://www.mtcarrollil.org>. Look for your own business and check the accuracy of your information. If you have changes or additions, such as adding: pictures, menus, pricelists, links to your web site, email address, hours of operation, or simply more descriptive text, please feel free to send me email at: admin@mtcarrollil.org. If you notice any establishments listed that are no longer in business, please let me know so they can be removed. As always, send items for the calendar or other content that can be posted to help the local business interests of Mount Carroll.

Thanks much,
John P.

Webmaster

Board of Directors

Bob Hatheway-President: Shaw's Market
Larry DeSpain-Vice-President: Hotel Glen-
view

Sibyl Doty-Treasurer: THE National Bank
Catherine Pokropinski-Secretary

Three year Board Members:

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Two year Board Members:

Anna Gray: Good Samaritan Society-
Mount Carroll
Brandt Hutchcraft: Savanna-Thomson
State Bank
Vacant

One year Board Members:

Carol Frey: Land of Oz / Subway
Nancy Tobin
Vacant

Events Coordinator: Laura Miller-DeSpain

Marketing Coordinator: Laura Miller-
DeSpain-dabluz boutique

Laura Miller-DeSpain—Past President
dabluz boutique

Nancy Tobin—Telephones

Chamber General Membership Meeting

October 4, 2012

Oakville Country Club

Social Hour—6:00PM

Dinner—6:30PM

Meeting —7:00PM

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: To be announced

Please RSVP by

Monday, October 1st at 5:00PM

Call 800-244-9594 (Option 1)

Or Email: mcchambersecretary@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

The Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Garden Walk committee for this year's fabulous County Garden Walk.

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.

HALLOWEEN LAMPOST CONTEST

It's time to start thinking about decorating the lampposts downtown for Octoberfest aka Halloween Happenings. Beginning September 15th, you may pick up your lamppost application at the shops @ glenview at 116 E. Market St. The entry fee is still only \$10 (checks made payable to Chamber). Poles must be paid for when reserved. Lampposts can begin to be decorated on October 1st and should be by October 12th. All posts must be UNdecorated by November 6th. The earlier you decorate the more chances of winning!!!

This contest is NOT just for downtown business – it's not even just for businesses! IF your church, civic, social group wants to enter, OR if you just like decorating for Halloween, please join in the fun. Wouldn't it be great if we could get all the lampposts decorated!

We now give away four \$50 prizes (Chamber Bucks): three for favorite posts and one for voting. We not only allow but we encourage shameless promotion. Be sure to include a voting box/bucket in your business – we'll give you the entries when you sign up. You MUST drop off your entries at the shops @ Glenview by November 1st cause that's when we tally. We will also be collecting votes during our Historic Cemetery Tour and at our Welcome Center at the Market Street Commons.

IF you have any questions, let me or Sibyl know.

Me aka Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

Sibyl
815-273-2288

See ya soon!

MARKETING REPORT

I'm writing this before Brick Street Saturday, wearing my optimism hat -- hoping that Brick Street Saturday is/was a huge success. To date, I'm still looking for folks to host kids' games. I will be out of town the week before Brick Street Saturday - as in tomorrow -- but I'm ever hopeful that some magic will occur.

Thank you to Herrill Electric & Land of Oz for bringing back the Ping Pong Drop. Thank you to Jean & John from the Pharmacy Center for getting the Duck Pluck back. Both are great Brick Street fun.

Thank you to the vendors who agreed to bring their "stuff" and set up on the lawn. The more the merrier! And thank you to the Mirror Democrat and the Prairie Advocate for all of your help with advertising.

Our next event is Halloween Happenings aka Octoberfest aka Historic Cemetery Tour. So far, we have our decorated lamppost contest and Charlie's Chili Cookoff (more to come on that great addition). And a super thanks to Christiene Gable, for agreeing to chair the Cemetery Tour. Get ready to help her!!!

Penny is contacting folks to be on the Christmas Tour of Homes. IF you would like to have your home listed, or if you have a suggestion for her, please call her at 815-244-4058.

Marketing has begun meeting via email instead of regularly at the Market Street Commons. BUT if you have a marketing idea, please let us know.

Membership will be gathering soon to review the list -- checking it twice for who's been naughty (not joining) and nice (joining). Thank you to everyone who has already joined. The list is fabulous!

Be sure to either pick up your new membership decals at the General Membership meeting or call or email me and I'll deliver them. OR you can pick them up in the boutique. Show your pride by sporting them on your car, home and/or business window.

OK, that's all for me. I'm to Maine so see you at the General Membership meeting!!!

Laura Miller DeSpain
815-244-4058 or 815-244-1630

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Visit the Community Calendar online at www.mtcarrollil.org</p>  <p>Become a fan of Mt. Carroll, Illinois</p>						<p>1 8AM-12PM Farmer's Market</p>
2	3	<p>4 8AM—CDC General Board meeting at the Kraft building 6PM—Friends of the Library meeting</p>	5	<p>6 Chamber General Membership Meeting 6p at Oakville</p>	7	<p>8 8AM-12PM Farmer's Market</p>
9	10	<p>11 7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	<p>12 8:00AM- Chamber Marketing Committee meeting at Market Street Commons</p>	<p>13 Open Mike night at Market Street Commons 6p-9p</p>	14	<p>15 8AM-12PM Farmer's Market</p>
16	17	18	19	<p>20 3rd Thursday Art Walk</p>	21	<p>22 8AM-12PM Farmer's Market Car Cruise</p>
<p>23 30</p>	24	<p>25 7:30PM City Council meeting</p>	<p>26 7:30 AM— Chamber Board meeting at Land of Oz</p>	27	28	29

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, P.O. Box 94, Mt. Carroll, IL 61053

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce

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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 2012

Farmers Market.....May through October

Brick Street Saturday.....September 1

2012 Cruise Nights.....September 22

October Happenings.....October

Lamppost Decorating.....All month

Chili Cook Off.....October 27

Cemetery Tour.....October 27

Halloween Parade.....October 31

Christmas Walk and Tour of Homes.....December 1

Mount Carroll Chamber of Commerce Membership 2012-2013

Jo-Carroll Energy	Charlie's	Schneider House Furniture
Sand Prairie Wireless	John & Thelma Swiech	Moring Disposal Inc
Consolidated Grain And Barge	Kunes Country Auto Group	Dr. David Purlee
John Pokropinski	Ideas 'N Designs	Good Samaritan Society-Mt. Carroll
Catherine Pokropinski	Sisler Construction Inc	City of Mount Carroll
dabluz boutique	Land of Oz	Sievert's Steak 'N Stuff
Shops @ Glenview	Assurance First Title & Escrow Co, Inc	Red Gate Embroidery
Hotel Glenview	Area Small Engine	Davis Custom Decorating
Carroll County Auto Parts	Shaw's Market	WCCI
ChuckCo's Tire & Service LLC	First Baptist Church	Dairy Queen
Clark Carroll Insurance Agency Inc.	Highland Community College	Country Palmer House B & B
Ron Foltz	Catwalk Salon	Diane Bausman
Marsha Foltz	Pleasant Valley Construction	Mt. Carroll Township Public Library
Mt. Carroll Home Center	Massbach Ridge Winery	Crouse Plumbing & Heating
Mary Ann Hutchison	THE National Bank	Plein Air Studio
Construction Plus Inc.	Cornerstone Chiropractic	Carroll County Mirror Democrat
Prairie Path Guest House & Sampler	Herrell Electric	
Quality Child Care	West Point Tree Farm	
Mt. Carroll Pharmacy Center	Tom & Pam Sorg	
Frank-Law Jones Funeral Home	County Financial (John Bickelhaupt)	
Charles & Doris Kessler	Ashford University	
Timber Lake Playhouse	Mount Carroll Café	
Doty's Collision Center	Mt. Carroll Insurance Agency	
Carroll County Senior Services	H. B. Wilkinson Title Co, Inc	
The Driftless Area Stillroom	Savanna Thomson State Bank	