



ST. MARY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER



December 2007

Welcome

The St. Mary Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members and also say how happy we are to have you as a member!

- *Simply Gift Baskets*
- *Cover To Cover*
- *M D Homecare Network*
- *The Candy Cottage*
- *Comfort Inn of Morgan City*
- *Comfort Inn of Franklin*
- *Louisiana Rehabilitation Services*
- *LuLu's Children's Boutique*
- *Balanced Body Therapeutic Massage*
- *Williams Inspection Services, Inc.*
- *Americas Security Escort Service*
- *Babbles & Beads Gift Shop*
- *Fragrance Factory & @ The Boutique*
- *Duck Construction*

Mark Your Calendars For Our Upcoming Chamber Events!

Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Food and Wine Experience at the Teche Theater in Franklin Louisiana

Please come join us for an evening that will definitely tempt your taste buds. Enjoy a variety of dishes prepared by our local restaurants accompanied by wine with some nice relaxing music in the background. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased by calling our Morgan City or Franklin office. Please hurry because time is running out on this event.

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. A Taste of Art at the Everett Street Gallery in Morgan City Louisiana

If the previous event sounded wonderful this one will sound even better. We will have food prepared by our local restaurants, wine and there will be a Silent Auction with Paintings by Celebrity Artists. Come enjoy an evening of great food, great wine and an opportunity to view and purchase Art from our local Artists. Tickets are \$25.00 a person and can be reserved by calling our office in Morgan City or Franklin.

Thursday, January 24, 2008 Annual Banquet at the Municipal Auditorium in Morgan City

Now is the time to Advertise your company! The Chamber is planning the Annual Banquet for 2008 and is looking for Sponsors. There are three levels-Diamond, Gold and Silver Sponsor. This event will include a lot of publicity. If you are interested or would like some additional information, please call our Morgan City or Franklin office. One of the members of our staff will be more than happy to help you. It will be an evening to welcome our new board members, say good-bye to the ones that are leaving and present an award to the Non-Profit Organization of the Year, Business of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. If there is a company or individual you would like to nominate for one of those awards, please call the Morgan City or Franklin office. Tickets are already being reserved for this event so get yours by calling one of the offices. Tickets are \$40.00 individual or a table of 8 may be reserved for your company.

Ribbon Cutting

Kegler Lane's is now under new ownership. Please welcome Charlie's Lanes. The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony December 22, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.

Happenings around St. Mary Parish

Franklin Downtown Celebration

Thursday 11/29/07 and Friday 11/30/07

To kick off the celebration the Main Street Association will join the Chamber of Commerce for its Food and Wine Experience on Thursday evening at the Teche Theatre. On Friday, downtown merchants will showcase their Christmas merchandise with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The merchants will advertise specials throughout the day and close with a drawing for a flat screen TV and DVD player. Arts and crafts and food vendors will line the downtown sidewalks. At 6 p.m. the lighting ceremony will take place on the Courthouse steps.

Morgan City Christmas Festival

Sat 12/1/2007

A family oriented Christmas celebration in Downtown Morgan City featuring a visit from Santa, 5k fun run/walk, children's activities, shopping, music and food booths. 5k run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Entertainment begins at 11:00 a.m. Santa Paws Club Judging at 12:30 p.m.

For More Information Call:

Steve Morell 985-380-4643

Morgan City, LA 70380

Morgan City Christmas Parade

Sat 12/1/2007

Traditional Christmas parade sponsored by Morgan City Main Street and held in conjunction with the Downtown Christmas celebration. Parade begins at 2 p.m. in Downtown Morgan City

For More Information Call:

Steve Morell 985-380-4643

Morgan City, La 70380

There's a Special Parade for Pet Owner's

Sat 12/1/07

Invited to dress up their pet in holiday attire and participate in a pet Christmas parade. No entry fee. Meet on the corner of Second and Onstead Street Morgan City at 12:30 p.m.

For More Information Call:

Christina 384-7184

St. Mary Parish MADD Chapter

Monday 12/03/07

MADD Chapter hosts a ceremony for victims of drunken driving crashes. Ceremony will be at 6:00 P.M. at the Teche Theater in Franklin

Boy Scout Dinner

Thu 12/6/2007

AARP Building in Morgan City. Cocktails from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m.

For More Information Call:

Frank Guarisco 985-395-9351

19th Annual Christmas on Bernice Street

Sat 12/8/2007

Residents of Bernice Street in Morgan City will host their 19th annual Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Special guest Santa Claus will be in attendance and refreshments will be provided. A container will be available at the entrance for collection of canned goods or money to be presented to St. Mary Outreach. Those wishing to view the lights may walk or drive through by entering from Cottonwood Street and exiting on Redwood Street.

For More Information Call:

Elton Williams 985-384-1514
Morgan City, LA 70380

Berwick Christmas Bazaar

Sat 12/8/2007

Christmas shopping, food, entertainment, local crafters and much more. To be held at the Berwick Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For More Information Call:

Verna Gilmore 985-395-72443
Berwick LA

Patterson Christmas Parade

Sun 12/9/2007

1:00 p.m. along Main Street in Patterson. Parade begins at Place Norman Shopping Center in Patterson and disbands at Patterson High School. 10 floats along with high school bands and emergency response vehicles. Sponsored by the Patterson Knights of Columbus.

Patterson, LA 70392

Children's Christmas Play

Tue 12/11/2007

Live theater production of "Rudolph Rides Again" featuring professional actors & local elementary school children. To be held at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets \$5 per person.

For More Information Call:

Steve Morell 985-380-4639
Morgan City, LA 70380

12th Annual Christmas Tree Festival Open House

Tue 12/11/2007

Visitors are invited to view the variety of decorated trees and listen to signing performances by local schools. To be held at the Louisiana State Museum - Wedell Williams Memorial Aviation Museum from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free to the public.

For More Information:

Kathryn DeLee 985-399-1268
Patterson, LA 70392

For Your Information

MCFD full-time fire prevention bureau offers safety talks and general information about safety to any organization and church group: and any information concerning fire codes, additions and new construction and laws that effect businesses.

Call 380-4617 to set up a date and time.

Anyone interested in adopting a grandparent for the Christmas holiday should call Liz at Patterson Healthcare Center @ 395-4563

Chez Hope (Family Violence Crisis Center) has a Christmas Wish List. Anyone wishing to donate the following items please contact Laura Goulas at 337-578-9305 or they can be dropped off at 801 Main Street Franklin La

Deodorant	Denture Cream	Toilet Paper
Coloring Books	Washing Powder	Diapers
Dish Liquid	Baby Bath	Clorox
Baby Lotion	Bath Soap	Baby Oil
Shampoo	Baby Wipes	Conditioner
Tooth Brushes	Brillo Pads	Boudreaux's Butt Paste
Tooth Paste	Sponges	Dental Floss
Window Cleaner	Contact Solution	Feminine Products
Bath Towels	Crayons	Wash Cloths

From the Board of Directors, Ambassadors and Office Staff we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas.

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You can email the Chamber Staff at info@stmarvchamber.com or call Morgan City Office 985-384-3830
Franklin Office 337-828-5608

