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News and updates from the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

November 2009

**MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2009
MANHATTAN TOWN HALL**

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order by Chamber President Brad Price at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Brad Price, Dave Hebner, Debbie Jesse, Tammy Olsztyn, Linda Johnson, Greg Dietz, Police Chief Dennis Hengel, and Wendy Houghton.

Introductions dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$9,139.14
Savings: \$7,541.95
CD: \$11,150.00

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: Brad reported there are 129 members of the Chamber.

Potato Festival: Brad reported there is not yet a final financial report on the Festival, as the committee has not yet been able to meet to collate information.

Farmer's Market: The Farmer's Market is finished for this year although the Harvest Market will be held October 17 from noon till 3:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Railroad Avenue Fencing: Greg Dietz, Town of Manhattan Council Member, spoke about the potential for finishing the black fencing along Railroad Avenue. Montana RailLink has offered to give some funds to finish the project. They are asking Montana RailLink for \$10,000, but they do not know how much they will receive. Montana RailLink is interested in funding chain link fencing and the city would like to install the black iron fencing that has been already started. They are asking the Chamber to help with monetary funding. The fencing would run from the Oasis parking lot to past the Fire Hall. Eagle Fence had the lowest bid, \$21,000 which includes the fencing and installation. They are especially motivated to get this fencing up because of the recent accident where a Manhattan resident was hit and killed by the train. The Town's funding is being depleted because they are in a lawsuit regarding the water rights issue. Greg also said that CTAP funds could be used, but once they are used you never get them back.

Brad responded that the Chamber Budget has already been set and the new Budget will be done in February. It was suggested that the fence be install by volunteers to make the cost a little lower.

Secretary Hiring Update: Susan Douma was hired for the Executive Secretary/Office Manager position.

Christmas Stroll: Brad announced the date for Christmas Stroll – Thursday,

December 10. Friday, December 11 is the beginning of the Manhattan Bank Basketball Tournament.

Revitalization Update: Brad reported that a company interested in moving to Manhattan will not jump thru the hoops to get government money. We are moving forward with another manufacturing company which could be here in 2010. They received \$25,000 in grant money and an architect is currently designing a building for them. Quake Industries is a little frustrated by the commerce department bureaucracy.

The Chamber has been working on establishing a revolving loan fund to assist businesses interested in relocating to Manhattan. One of the criteria for this loan is that it be given to a new business coming in; after that requirement has been met, subsequent revolving loans would be available for existing Manhattan businesses.

Harvest Market: The Harvest Market will be October 17, from Noon till 3:00pm.

Nomination Committee Appointment: Brad appointed Debbie Jessie, William Johnson, and Laura Niemi to the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee Chair is appointed by the Committee itself. They will be nominating three new Directors, the Vice-President and President.

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There being no other new business, President Brad Price called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Dave, seconded by Tammy and passed by unanimous vote.

NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

Monday
November 9th
7:30 pm Location
Parkhaven

**** Please note there has been a time change to the Chamber's Office Hours!!
The Chamber office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11:00 am.**

November 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	4	5 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	6	7 11-1:30pm Murdoch's Chili Feed
8	9 Board Mtg 6:30- 7:30 pm General Mtg 7:30-8:00 pm @Parkhaven	10 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	11	12 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00** Christmas Stroll Meeting @ 5:30 Parkhaven	13	14
15	16	17 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	18	19 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	20	21
22	23	24 Chamber Open 9:00-11:00**	25	26 Community Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2	27	28
29	30					

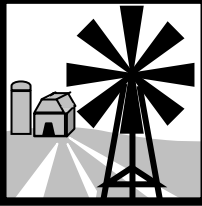
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The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Members

Builders Exchange
Stan Wagner
406.586.7653
www.bxbozeman.com

Crown Heating & Plumbing
Jason Delgatty
406.282.6048
406.580.0989

Headwaters Baptist Church
Michael & Sue Lemmon
406.388.3458
www.headwatersbaptist.com

NEWS AND EVENTS

Thanksgiving Community Dinner

THANKSGIVING DAY,
NOVEMBER 26, 2009
Serving from 12-2pm.
Manhattan School Multi-Purpose Room

EVERYONE IS INVITED!
For more information or if you would like to help please call:
Patty 284-2071 or Jerry 284-6460

Have you ever wanted to be involved in the Fun and Exciting Events the Chamber Sponsors? Do you have ideas about how to make Manhattan a better place to live? Are you passionate about our little town? Then this is your chance . . . The Nominating Committee is currently contacting interested people who would like to sit on the Chamber board. Please consider this opportunity – WE NEED YOU! If you have not been personally invited to consider joining the Board, then please call one of the people on the Nominating Committee: Debbie Jessie (282.7458), Laura Niemi or William Johnson.

For anyone who has lived in Manhattan for a while has probably met Mabel Gardner. Mabel lived in Manhattan for many years, although now she resides at the Gallatin Rest Home. We have a special request because Mabel will be celebrating her 100th Birthday next week. Is it possible that she could receive 100 birthday cards from Manhattan? If you know Mabel please send a card to her at the Gallatin Rest Home, 1221 W Durston Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715

Christmas Stroll

December 10, 5-7pm –
Downtown Manhattan

3:30-4:45 Santa at the Library
4:30-7:00 Chili Feed at the Senior Center
5:00-7:00 Santa at Manhattan State Bank
Gingerbread Creation Contest - Bank
Open Houses at Downtown Businesses
Horse Drawn Hay Ride at Gazebo
7:00 Gazebo Events Begin
Raffle Winners
Town Lighting Contest Winners
Gingerbread Creation Winners
Fireworks

Would you like your business highlighted in the Windmill? Call the Chamber office and let us know - we want to share your business successes and maybe some of your lessons learned as well!

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