



WINDMILL

News and updates from the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

February 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Chamber Banquet. It was a great success. I look forward to a great year ahead. We are trying to get a head start on the sponsorship's this year. We are hopeful to expand the Potato Festival to include a Street Dance on Friday night along with the BBQ, so make plans to attend that and please start thinking about the areas you may want to volunteer.

The Board will be working on the budget this month, so if you have ideas that you would like to see implemented, please contact one of us right away so we can consider it in our budget.

This past year we were able to add the BBQ to the Potato Festival, the Free Inflatables for the kids were a big hit. As the Festival grows it takes more and more people to make it the great event that it is. We would like to expand on the Christmas Stroll and several ideas have been thrown around for adding other events to our calendar. Make this year the year that we all decide to pitch in and volunteer for all of our wonderful events. With your help we can make this the best year ever.

I believe we are making some great headway with our Revitalization Committee. If any of our current businesses or if you know of anyone thinking of opening a new business, please contact myself or Dave Hebner. We have resources to help. We would like to get a revolving loan fund established, but we have to have a business that we can help get the initial funding to start the fund with. If you are a business in need, or know of someone interested in starting a business and needs funding, contact us and let us try and help with your needs. Let's have a great year.

On another note, a chamber member recently sent out an email to various members addressing her concern over the moving of the Potato Festival from downtown to Taylor Park. She mentioned that she thought we were supposed to help the business community/Chamber Members and encouraged members to attend the meeting and encouraged concerned businesses owners to attend the upcoming meetings. First of all, I encourage all of you to attend the Chamber Meetings. We would love to hear your voice. The Chamber is here for the local business

community and my main goal is to promote our business community and to help it in any way that I can. Myself and the few that have attended meetings regarding the Potato Festival would like to make it bigger and better and bring more people to our town. I feel that this will benefit the Town and its business community. We at this point don't know what exactly that means. We are exploring Taylor Park as an option, in conjunction with other events elsewhere. This is all exploratory. We have not made any decision to move the Potato Festival. We need to have Town approval to do so, that is why we are going before the Town Council. Approval by the Town Council doesn't mean it will be moved, but it will allow us the option. As to the matter of the parade route, yes that is also being considered. We have had numerous complaints from downtown business owners that blocking off Main Street for the parade and the festival was hurting their business. We have to listen to all the business community and try and do what is best for the business keeping in mind the safety of the visitors. I encourage all to come to the meeting on Monday 2/9, Noon at Manhattan Bank and you will be allowed to speak in an orderly fashion. If you cannot attend but would like to give your opinion please give me a call 539-9347.

Brad Price

2009 ANNUAL BANQUET & MEETING MINUTES Monday, January 19th, 2009 7:00 pm – E-Z Body Shop

Call to Order: Brad Price called the meeting to order.

The minutes from December 8th meeting were approved

Treasurers Report:

- o Checkings: \$16,235
- o Savings: \$ 7,451
- o CD: \$11,150
- o Assets: \$35,202
- o Total Income for 2008: \$55,942
- o Total Expenses for 2008: \$46,790
- o Net Income for 2008: \$9,152

OLD BUSINESS

- 2008 Chamber Accomplishments
 - o Membership:
 - Income= \$7,926
 - 110 Chamber Members
 - o New Website which containing the membership, newsletters, registration forms and other information. Put your banner ad on for \$50 a month.
 - o Yellowstone Country Grant: \$5500 which paid for informational mailings and paid full time staff to keep the Museum & Chamber open every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
 - o Garage-A-Rama held the first Saturday in June had 23 participants
 - o Farmers Market mid June to mid September
 - 2008 Income = \$2117.95
 - The 2009 Farmers Market was accepted as a participant in the Senior Nutrition Program for 2009 which will give \$50 to 90 individuals who qualify to be spent at the market next year.
 - o Potato Festival held in August
 - Income: \$23,840
 - 128 vendors have registered
 - 160 booths have been reserved
 - Car Show had \$735 in income with 70 vehicles
 - Cook-off Income: \$4,124
 - Sponsorships:
 - Cash sponsorships totaled \$11,650
 - Over 100 businesses contributed to the raffle
 - o Established new committee guidelines which addressed:
 - Chain of Reporting
 - Awareness of Responsibilities:
 - Required Skills & Knowledge
 - Qualifications
 - Duties and Responsibilities
 - Evaluation Process
 - o Christmas Stroll was held on December 11th.
- Current Board:
 - o President: Brad Price
 - o Vice-President: Paul Jones
 - o Treasurer: Roberta Paul
 - o Secretary: Karen Lauersdorf

MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Brad Price	284-3400	Pat Figgins	284-6574	Linda Johnson	284-3174
Vice President, Paul Jones	586-8581	Dave Hebner	599-7456	Tammy Machowicz Olszty	284-3909
Treasurer, Roberta Paul	284-3255	Debbie Jesse	282-9111	Wilma Jones	284-3255



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- Current Board: (cont).
 - Directors:
 - Pat Figgins
 - Sue Frazier
 - Jerry Harrison replaced by Linda Johnson
 - Dave Hebner
 - Debbie Jesse
 - Wilma Jones

NEW BUSINESS

- The following members were elected to the Board of Directors:
 - President: Brad Price
 - Vice-President: Paul Jones
 - Treasurer: Roberta Paul
 - Director: Linda Johnson
 - Director: Tammy Machowicz Olsztyn
- Telephone Directory
 - 2000 copies distributed free to residents & businesses in the Manhattan-Amsterdam-Churchill area.
 - Ads start at \$45. Deadline is January 31 to reserve your space.
- Future Meetings – 2nd Monday of each month at noon at Manhattan Bank

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9th, 12:00 pm at Manhattan Bank.

February 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	4	5 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	6	7
8	9 Board Mtg. 11:30 Chamber Mtg. Noon at Manhattan Bank	10 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	11	12 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	13 Directory Ads DUE	14
15	16	17 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	18	19 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	20	21
22	23	24 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	25	26 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30	27	28

The following members have renewed their membership to the Chamber of Commerce for 2009. Membership renewal must be received by FEBRUARY 18TH to be listed on the cover of the telephone directory!

A Turning Point
Allied Waste Management
American Legion
AmeriMont Real Estate & Investment
At Home on the Range Pet Cemetery & Crematory
Belgrade News
Belgrade Urgent Care
Bennet Project Management & Construction Services
Big Sky Carvers
Bill Cole Certified Seed Potatoes
Bozeman Alpaca Traders, LLC.
Bozeman Broker Group
Bozeman Plumbing & Heating
Broken Spur Hotel
Carol & Company Bookkeeping
Carol Sutton, Realtor
Carolyn's Hair Design
Clips n' Cowlicks
Cottage Critters
Country Pickins
Crazy Mountain Air
Dellinger Gallagher CPAs
Dust In Time Cleaners
Excel Orthopedic Physical Therapy, Inc.
E-Z Body Shop
Gallatin River Ranch
Gallatin Valley Baptist Fellowship
Glidewell Investments & Insurance Group
Hebner, Dave & Patty
House of Clean
Hubner Homes, Inc.
Kimm Brothers Farming
L & F Market
Little Apple Technologies
Main Street Office

Manhattan Athletic Club
Manhattan Back & Neck Clinic
Manhattan Christian School
Manhattan Community Library
Manhattan Dental
Manhattan Plumbing & Heating
Manhattan Public Schools
Manhattan, Town of
Montana Climate Control
Montana Employee Benefits Company
Montana IT Solutions
Montana Medical Bill Reviews, LLC
Murdoch's
Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D
Northwest Association of Accredited Schools
Northwestern Energy
P.J.'s Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Parkhaven
Plumb Level Builders
Preferred Properties
Qualified Bookkeeping
R J Enterprises
RC Ranch
Ressler Chevrolet
Rising Wolf Studio
Sam's Putt Putt Shop
Simply Office Supplies
Statewide Publishing
Subway
TD Hamilton Excavation, Inc.
Twin Rivers Ranch
Weidenaar Ranches, Inc.
Western Pines
Westervelt Transportation
Whistle Stop Storage
Woolbaugh, Bridget, LCPC

MEMBER PARTICIPATION

It takes lots of people to put on the many events organized by the Chamber – please consider volunteering for one or more of the following committees!

**Mixers/Banquet
Chili Cook-Off
Christmas Stroll
Beautification/Revitalization
Farmers Market
Garage-A-Rama
Marketing/Publicity/Directory
Nominating
Potato Festival
Scholarship
Manhattan Arts Council**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead