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News and updates from the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

April, 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you all got a copy of the Belgrade News with our first Manhattan Community Corner Page. We had lots of good complements and feel we are off to a great start. We will continue to try and make it a useful venue for the community. I would still appreciate anyone that might be interested in helping with the gathering of information. If you or someone you know would be interested, please let us know. We will continue to rotate businesses through, focusing on the downtown area first. I think if we can let the readers of the Belgrade News know what Manhattan has to offer, it will benefit all the business community. The page will run on the First and Third Tuesday of each month. Our next page runs on Tuesday April 7th. Make it a point to get a copy.

We have started the planning for the Potato Festival, our next meeting is Thursday April 9th @ 6:30 PM. We are holding the meeting at 303 Spruce St. We would appreciate anyone who could join us.

Enjoy the Manhattan Community Corner and please let us know of any event that needs to be added to our Calendar.

Brad Price

MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 9, 2009- 12:00 PM TOWN HALL

Brad Price called the meeting to order.

Present were: Brad Price, Paul Jones, Debbie Jesse, Wilma Jones and Dave Hebner, Tammy Olsztyn and Karen Lauersdorf, Jim Albrecht, George Hoffman, Patty Hebner, Lavonne Stucky, and Carol Painter.

Treasurers Report: Checkings: \$7215
Savings: \$7569 CD: 11,150

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget – The board approved the 2009 budget with a net loss of \$3174.00. If the Profit & Loss for the year does end up as a negative the

board agreed to take the loss of income from the savings account.

- Belgrade News Manhattan Community Page - Starting the week of March 16th the Chamber will publish a community page in the Belgrade News on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Meagan Price has volunteered to gather the information for the page and coordinate with the Belgrade News for publication. The rate will be \$200 per month. The business spotlight section will feature the businesses on Main & Broadway first and then progress through the membership. L&F will be asked to distribute copies of the Belgrade News to customers. The artwork and information can be submitted either in Word or as a PDF.
- Membership: 79 members to date
- Directory: \$1485 in ads has been collected. The board agreed to get bids on publishing the directory from several vendors including those who are not chamber members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potato Festival
 - Rates –The board approved raising the potato festival rates by \$5.00 per space. This rate increase was implemented to offset the cost of an additional security guard.
 - Location – The festival will remain at Railroad Park in 2009.
 - Meeting: The next Potato Festival Meeting will be held on March 19, 6:30, at 303 Spruce.
- Support of Damaged and Destroyed Businesses – Brad will research ways the chamber might help the business that were damaged in the explosion and fires in Bozeman and Whitehall. He will report with opportunities that may be available at the next meeting.

NEXT CHAMBER MEETING

**Monday, April 13th
12:00-1:00
MANHATTAN BANK**

TATER TIMES POTATO FESTIVAL UPDATE

POTATO FESTIVAL THEME IDEAS

**Call the chamber to
express your opinion or
give us your own idea by
April 9th! 284-4162**

- Potatoes are so or a-ppeeling
- Betcha can't eat just one
- You like Potato, I like Potahto
- You say Potayto, I say Potahto
- Mouse Potato (modern day Couch potato)
- Seeds of Innovation
- "Spud" ilicious
- Free 'Taters for Out-of-Staters
- No small potatoes
- Seeding the future
- Seeding the World
- Feeding the world, one seed at a time
- Make mine a potato
- I like potato, potato likes me
- Spudriffic
- We're no small potatoes
- Eyeing you
- I only have eyes for you
- All eyes have it
- Multi tasker spud
- It's that good
- Stop and taste the spuds
- Anything goes...with a potato!
- In a time of uncertainty one never changes - The Potato - Here Yesterday, Here Today, Here Tomorrow.
- Always Dependable – The Potato – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.
- The Potato – Imagine the possibilities: *French fries, curly fries, buffalo fries, mashed, whipped, baked, boiled, broiled, roasted, twice-baked, stuffed, creamed, tater tots, pancakes, hash, hash browns, shoestring, latkes, salt potatoes, smashed potatoes, au gratin, scalloped, dilled, croquettes, frittata, kugel, pockets, souffle, salad, doughnuts*
- Potatoes – Goodness Unearthed
- Potatoes – Simply irresistible
- Potatoes – Food for thought!
- Manhattan Potato Festival – It's a natural thing!

MANHATTAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|----------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 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 Olsztyn | 284-3909 |
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April 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 8 | 9 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 10 | 11 EASTER EGG HUNT Taylor Park 11:00 am |
| 12 | 13 Board Mtg. 11:30 Chamber Mtg. Noon at Manhattan Bank | 14 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 15 | 16 POTATO FESTIVAL Meeting 6:30 303 Spruce | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 22 | 23 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | 29 | 30 Chamber Open 11:30-1:30 | | |

POTATO FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

The next Potato Festival Meeting is **Thursday, April 9th, 6:30 pm, 303 Spruce.**

We will be making decisions on important issues such as the theme. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to help make this truly a community event!

American Legion Post 87 in Manhattan will host an annual Easter Egg hunt on at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 11th, 2009 at Taylor Park. This hunt will be open for all children in the Gallatin Valley who are between 1 and 10 years old.

To help make this a successful event, we are asking the local business community to assist us by helping provide candy, toys, prizes or make a cash donation. 100% of all items that are donated will be used to ensure that the children in this community area will have a quality Easter Egg hunt.



We will also host a petting zoo if weather permits, along with local police and fire department personnel and their vehicles.

The representative for American Legion Post 87 and point of contact for this event will be Jim Albrecht, 284-6641.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

MANHATTAN GARAGE-A-RAMA

Join the Fun & Make Some \$\$\$!

Clean out that garage! Get rid of the stuff you've been storing forever! Join us for the Manhattan Garage-A-Rama. For a \$10 fee you can bring your own tables and set up in Rail Road Park, or have your home address listed in our ad and on a community sale map. Our ad and map is a great way to bring people to your sale! Bring your \$10 to Country Pickins, by end of day June 2nd. For more information contact Country Pickins at 284-6447 or the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce at 284-4162. Pick up a stack of maps for distribution on after, June 4th at Country Pickins.



Your trash is somebody's treasure!

Saturday, June 6th - 8-3