

Downtown Revitalization Meeting



Approximately 30 people from the community attended a meeting on October 20th, to discuss the options of maintaining and attracting business to not only downtown Carrollton, but our county as a whole. Nick Marsh led the meeting, opening up discussion about the county's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Several suggestions were made, including a River Walk, which drew the most discussion. Also

discussed were camping and lodging ideas. It was felt that a River Walk would draw people downtown for something to see and do. Then, when people are there, you have a captive audience. People will then shop, dine, or stay downtown. Also, a need for marketing was discussed & to develop more signage from the interstate to downtown. The closing of the Milton-Madison Bridge could also draw people to town.

Everyone there was challenged to go back to their business or organization, and recruit 2 to 3 volunteers for a Beautification Committee, a Marketing Committee, and a River Walk Development Committee. Anyone interested, please contact the Chamber office as soon as possible at 502-732-7034, for more details. It's time to get busy. We will begin meeting as soon as November 10th

2009 "A Christmas Carroll Parade" featuring Dawne Gee of Wave 3 as Grand Marshal

On Saturday, December 5th, at 11:00 a.m., Dawne Gee will be leading the parade to kick off the holiday season in Carroll County! This is a fun

way to showcase your business, church, or organization. Anyone interested can enter a float, vehicle, or group. All that is re-

quired is that you decorate or dress in a Christmas theme. To reserve your space, contact Cindy Dunn at 732-6669 or The Chamber Office at 732-7034.

Help is on the way!

Want to start a small business, but don't know where to begin? Cassandra Collins, director of NKU's Innovation Center, will be at the Carroll County Community Development Corporation/Chamber office on Tuesday, November 24th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to answer your business related questions or help you with a business plan. For more information, contact Joan Moore at 502-732-7035.

Help Carroll County's Angels

The Carroll County Ministerial Association has started their annual Community Christmas Project. They need generous donors to help provide Christmas to the many needy families in our county. Not only do they provide toys for children, they also provide clothing through the Clothe A Child Program, and meals through the Food Basket Program. Last year, over 350 families benefited from their hard work. Anyone interested in donating can contact Leigh Ann



Roberts at (502)480-6323. She will assign you a child or a family. You will then receive a "wish list", and you purchase items for them. They ask for \$100 spent per child. Then you

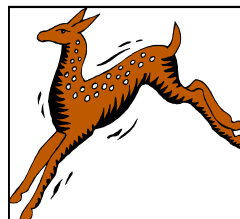
return the gifts, wrapped or not, in a garbage bag, with the families assigned number on it. If you can't spend \$100, but would like to donate money, you can still do that. Every little bit will ensure that every family on the list will have a "Merry Christmas!" On December 14th, volunteers will meet to wrap the presents from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Then, December 18th, they will have Community pick-up day, when families will pick up their gifts.

Motorists advised to look out for deer

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is reminding motorists that deer become a greater roadway hazard this time of year. This year there have been 1509 deer-related accidents thus far, resulting in 105 injuries. Many times these accidents are unavoidable, but motorists can reduce the risk by taking extra time to drive carefully and stay alert. The Insurance Information Institute

offers these tips to help avoid striking a deer.

- Be attentive from sunset to midnight
- Watch out in known deer crossing zones.
- Use high-beam headlights to better illuminate the eyes of deer near roadway.



- Blow the horn with one long blast to drive deer away
- Brake firmly if deer is in road, but stay in your lane.
- Always wear a seat belt. Most people killed in deer related crashes were not buckled in.

Scouting for Food



Boy Scouts will be distributing bags soon for local residents to donate food for the less fortunate. Simply fill your bags with non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, peanut

butter, crackers, juices, etc. Then put the bag outside on Saturday, November 21st. They will begin at 9:00 a.m. that morning.

Dinner Theatre- Tony & Tina Murder Mystery

General Butler State Resort Park will host an interactive dinner theatre on Saturday, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Audience participation is required. It will be located in the Conference Center. Tickets are only \$35 + tax per person, on sale until November 13th. Or you can purchase a weekend package for two for \$275.00 + tax, which includes two nights lodging, tour of the Butler-Turpin house, Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday breakfast buffet, and Saturday Dinner Theatre. For more information, contact General Butlers direct line at (502)732-4384, or toll free 1-866-462-8853.

Carroll County Public Library Offers Several Free Events for the Public

I'm bored! How many times have we parents heard this? Well, how about a trip to the library? There are several opportunities for young people and grown ups alike! The month of November offers several events. Saturday, November 7th will be "Rise & Read" at 10:00 a.m. It will be a fun and informative program on dental health, with a story, games, and a craft. Grown ups can make a holiday door swag, your own shopping bag, & learn basket making, plus much more. Check our calendar for more fun events on the back page, or contact the library.

Champions for a Drug Free Carroll County

Champions for a drug free Carroll County held their meeting last month, and presented some scary statistics. In 2008, they surveyed students from the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. Although the stats show many good things about our youth, some were alarming. 10% of sophomores reported using narcotics regularly, 11% of sophomores reported they had been at school drunk or

high, 8% of seniors reported using ecstasy regularly, and 12% of the 8th grade had used marijuana. Champions is active in trying to reduce drug use among youth, with several ways of reaching out and providing a positive, caring approach. They meet the 4th Thursday of each month at the Library that are open to the public and welcome new membership.

J.T. Ellis Banquet Hall Reservations

The J.T. Ellis Banquet Hall is offering all the Chamber members, the same special this year for your Christmas and Holiday parties. You can reserve the hall, fully decorated, including tables for 3 or 4 hours of your choice, for only \$150.00. Contact David Hendren at 502-525-3567 or 502-347-0135

General Butler State Park Thanksgiving Buffet

All 17 resort park restaurants will be serving the annual Thanksgiving Day buffet on November 26th, from noon to 8:00 p.m. They will have salads, turkey and dressing, ham, carved roast beef, and fried chicken. Vegetables will include yams, green beans, and mashed potatoes with gravy. There will also be a variety of desserts, including pumpkin and pecan pies. Cost is \$16.95 plus tax for adults; \$6.95 for children, ages 6-12; and 5 and under, free.

November Calendar of Events

November 7th– Celebration at General Butler State Park for approximately 25 Korean War veterans from this area. Presented by the Carrollton American Legion Post 41 at 2:00 p.m.

November 9th– Veteran’s Day

November 13th– Open Mike Night at the Library. Everyone welcome. 6:30 p.m.

November 14th– Tony & Tina Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. Begins at 6:30 p.m.

November 14th– Deer Season– Opening Day Lunch at Carroll County Extension Office. 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Deer Chili, hot dogs, chips, deserts, drinks. \$7

November 16th– Make a Holiday Door Swag at the Library. Sign ups required. 6:00 p.m.

November 21st- “Another Reason to be Thankful”- Merchants will have special offers during regular business hours.

November 25th- Children can make Holiday Crafts at the Library from 1:30-4:00 p.m.

November 27th– Escape the crowds on the busiest shopping day of the year, and make your own shopping bag at the Library. Sign ups for adults and young adults. 10:30 a.m.

