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A voice that promotes planned economic growth by linking people in business, government and the community.

Presidential Thoughts-December 2007...

As you drive through town in the evening, make sure you take time to enjoy the lights. Everyone who decorated has given us a special gift. It's time to count our blessings, even the small ones!

Have a safe and happy holiday. We have a great new year to look forward to. Remember..."THINK SPRING HILL!"

IF YOU NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT, DON'T FORGET ABOUT CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES. THEY CAN BE USED AT ANY CHAMBER BUSINESS!

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

The renewal letters went in the mail this morning. We have had a great 2007. With new members, activities and expanding networking opportunities, we have just begun to explore the possibilities of what the Spring Hill Chamber is able to do to provide the business community what they are asking for.

As we look ahead, 2008 offers even more ways for you to be active and to promote your business. We will continue to encourage the "Think Spring Hill First" campaign to remind people to shop locally. The Home and Business Expo will offer ways to promote your business and expertise. There will be legislative activities, keeping you informed about local, county and state issues.

The Chamber Board of Directors has chosen to keep the dues the same as 2007, so it's a good time to be a member of the Spring Hill Chamber. We will be concentrating again this year on service and recruitment of new members. Now, that's customer service! If you have concerns or suggestions, the door is always open. Call or write anytime!

HERE'S THE DEAL- YEAR OF MEALS!

Some people have requested that we start the year of meals again. This lets you pay for the whole year and never have to worry about it again. The package includes 9 Membership meals and the Legislative Breakfast in March all for \$80. (There are no meetings in July or December, and doesn't include Annual Dinner tickets.)

The cost of lunches has gone up to \$9 per lunch if paid at the door. If you would like to take advantage of this just fill out the information below and send a check to: Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 15, Spring Hill, KS 66083.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Make check out to Chamber of Commerce for \$80

SIGN UP NOW TO HOST FIRST FRIDAY DONUTS!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST GETS GREAT RESPONSE! Co-Sponsored with Westar Energy!

The votes are in! What a great response we had to the Lighting Contest this year! We had about 140 people visit our website to register their votes for the best lit house, business or subdivision. Yard signs were posted in the yards of the 1st place winners.

THE WINNERS ARE.....

1st place Home: 309 S. Jackson Street
2nd place Home: 201 S. Harrison
3rd place Home: 21860 South Race St

1st Place Business: Spring Hill Veterinary Clinic
2nd Place Business: Perfect Details
3rd Place Business: **Tie-** Sonic, Cheryl Amlin's Day Care and Spring Hill Civic Center

1st Place Sub-Division: 300-500 blocks of South Jackson Street
2nd Place Sub-Division: **Tie-**Victory Woods, The Village and Sweetwater Creek

HOME AND BUSINESS EXPO INFORMATION

The Ambassadors are busy organizing the Home and Business Expo scheduled for April 5, 2008 at the Spring Hill Elementary School on Webster. With the help of David Chrisjohn of Slice N Spice, we have added a grilling contest! We will have our first King of the Grill in Spring Hill. Sound like fun?

The excitement continues to grow as the plans are put together. We will have entertainment through the day from the community as well as the schools.

We are looking for more volunteers to help put this event together. If you would like to help please let us know. We need people to work on the sponsors committee, food and beverage, entertainment, the set up and much more. Come join the fun!

Information will be mailed soon about corporate sponsorship and entry information. If you have any questions and suggestions, please call the Chamber office.

Outstanding Commitment Award-Jim Fagan, Fagan Insurance



BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION E SURVEY

Beginning in January our Ambassadors will be visiting about 30 businesses to help them take the economic pulse of Spring Hill. They will be calling you to ask for about 30 minutes of your time to help with a survey for the Kansas Department of Commerce called the BRES Project, (Business Retention and Expansion Survey.) The businesses were chosen randomly. We will be doing this in stages so if you aren't contacted now you may be chosen next time. This interview will be confidential and the results of the survey will not be linked with the businesses who participated.

CHAMBER ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH



Skip Kalb, Guest Speaker-Gardner Intermodal



Perfect Detail-First Friday Donuts-Dec 7, 2007



CROWN REALTY-STEVE SMYTH- OPEN HOUSE- DECEMBER 14, 2007

Calendar of Events

January

Jan 1, 2008- Chamber Office Closed
Jan 4- First Friday Donuts 8-9:00 am
Jan 10- Board of Directors Meeting 12-1:00 pm
Jan 17- General Membership Meeting 12-1:00 pm-Janet McRae, Guest speaker-Miami County Economic Development
Jan 21-Martin Luther King's Birthday Observed

February

Feb 1- First Friday Donuts 8-9:00
Feb 14- Board Meeting 12-1:00
Feb 18- President's Day observed
Feb 21- Membership Meeting 12-1:00 pm
Feb 27-Chamber Day on the Hill

March

March 1- 7-9:00sm-Legislative Breakfast
March 7- First Friday Donuts 8-9:00-Crown Realty-Steve Smyth
March 13- Chamber Board Meeting
March 20- Membership Meeting

April

April 4- First Friday Donuts-Salon Mystique 8-9:00
April 5- Home and Business Expo
King of the Grill in Spring Hill
April 10- Board Meeting
April 17- Membership Meeting 12-1:00 pm

May

May 2- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
May 8- Board Meeting 12-1 pm
May 15- General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm
May 26- Memorial Day – Chamber Office Closed

June

June 6- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
June 12- Board Meeting 12-1 pm
June 14- City Garage Sale – All Day
June 19- General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm

July

July 4- Independence Day – Chamber Office Closed

July 10 Board Meeting 12-1 pm
July 11 First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
July 17- NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August

Aug. 1- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
Aug. 14- Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Aug. 21 General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm

September

Sept. 1- Labor Day – Chamber Office closed
Sept. 5- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am- First Option Bank
Sept. 11- Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Sept. 18- General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm
Sept. 20- Spring Hill Fall Festival – All Day

October

Oct. 3- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
Oct. 9- Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Oct. 13- Columbus Day – Chamber Office Closed
Oct. 16- General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm

November

Nov. 4- ELECTION DAY – PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
Nov. 7- First Friday Donuts 8-9 am
Nov. 10-ANNUAL DINNER 6-8:30 pm
Nov. 13 Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Nov. 20-General Membership Meeting 12-1 pm
Nov. 27- Thanksgiving Day – Chamber Office Closed

December

Dec. 5- First Friday Donuts – Perfect Details – 8-9 am
Dec. 11-Board Meeting 12-1 pm
Dec. 18- NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Dec. 25- Christmas Day – Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 26- Chamber Office Closed
Dec. 31- Christmas Eve – Office may close early

2008 Legislative Breakfast Series

The Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson County Public Policy Council sponsor the Legislative Breakfast Series to enhance the communication and exchange of information between the business community and the Johnson County state legislative delegation.

Legislators will be on hand to discuss issues and offer the most current legislative updates. All meetings are at the Ritz Charles Overland Park, 9000 West 137th Street. Casual attire is requested. Breakfast is served promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Please mark the dates you will attend:

- I will attend all five breakfasts.
- Saturday, January 26, 2008, 7:30 a.m.
Speaking: Senators Nick Jordan and David Wysong
Representatives Ronnie Metsker, Cindy Neighbor, Arlen Siegfroid
- Saturday, February 23, 2008, 7:30 a.m.
Speaking: Senator Dennis Wilson
Representatives Ray Merrick, Sheryl Spalding, Ben Hodge and Sue Storm
- Saturday, March 8, 2008, 7:30 a.m.
Speaking: Senator Julia Lynn
Representatives Pat Colloton, Jeff Colyer, Owen Donohoe and Tim Owens
- Saturday, March 22, 2008, 7:30 a.m.
Speaking: Senator Karin Brownlee
Representatives Jill Quigley, Gene Rardin, Kay Wolf and Kevin Yoder
- Saturday, April 19, 2008, 7:30 a.m.
Speaking: Senators Barbara Allen and John Vratil
Representatives Terrie Huntington, Lance Kinzer and Ron Worley

Reservations must be made in advance. The reservation deadline is **Wednesday** preceding each breakfast.

The Legislative Breakfast Series is a prepaid event. Dates and speakers are subject to change.

\$20 - Single breakfast for Chamber members

\$25 - Single breakfast for non-members

\$85 - Discount package price for Chamber members for all five breakfasts (savings of \$15)

Name _____

Company _____

E-mail _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Charge \$ _____ to my credit card

Please return reservation form and payment to: 9001 W. 110th St., Suite 150, Overland Park, KS 66210

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