

President's Message



by Christina Blackman
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Temperatures are rising, school is out and summer plans are beginning to take shape. Summer is here at last! Business is a bit sluggish and we are all

looking for ways to grow, feeling the pinch no matter what business were in. Yes, the economy is slow, the housing market is down and gas prices are high, however you can do your part and shop local. It's important that we help our business community thrive especially during these slow times. With an abundance of terrific businesses available, you can easily find everything you need in your Chamber directory or on the website at www.woodlandchamber.com. Opportunities to increase your business through networking are still plentiful through our monthly mixers, luncheons and advertising opportunities. The 08/09 Directories will be out the end of July first part of August.

I hope you had a chance to come to the 47th Annual BBQ on June 26th. We had a very nice turnout. It's a good event to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Terrific food, great sponsors and wonderful support from staff and volunteers is what makes this event successful year after year. Thank you to all that attended, sponsored or volunteered, we couldn't do it without you. The well deserved "Salute to Excellence" award was presented to Raley's Superstore. Ludy's did a great job with the Hawaiian cuisine.

The Yolo County Fair is fast approaching and I can tell you, my family looks forward to it every year. My children have been going to the fair every year since they were babies. From the fun rides, animals, entertainment and exhibits it's an event we never miss. While you're there, be sure to stop by and look at your Chambers feature

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Fire Dept. Re-Establishing Inspections

The City of Woodland Fire Department is breathing new life into an old program. Starting in July 2008 the Fire Department will be sending fire engine companies out into the city to perform annual fire safety inspections at local businesses.

The Department will be conducting inspections on low to moderate hazard occupancies with occupancy uses described as retail stores, professional services, banks, offices, grocery stores, small restaurants and fast food outlets, beauty shops, and similar use occupancies. These occupancies represent about half of the businesses in the City.

Fire safety inspection programs provide a safer community by creating a dialog and collaborative effort between the business community and the Fire Department regarding fire prevention and safety. During these contacts, members of the Department can evaluate the fire safety of the occupancy; provide education on managing and maintaining fire safety, and review fire code regulations of the City. Fire inspections also provide firefighters the opportunity to pre-plan buildings and gather emergency contact information that may be used during emergencies. These pre-plans allow firefighters to see the building before the fire which provides an element of safety to the fire operations.

Fire inspections will be assigned to each fire station and assigned to one of three shifts. This spreads the workload among the 4 engine companies and 3 different shifts providing the Department with 12 inspecting units. Each business will be inspected annually during a specific quarter in the year. The cost of initial inspections is covered under normal Fire Department operating expenses. This includes the follow up inspections to verify the removal and corrections of hazards. When a business has hazards that are identified and corrections are not completed in a timely manner, fees and fines may be assessed to recover the cost of completing the inspection process.

Inspections will include the review of common fire hazards, housekeeping, electrical fire safety, adequacy and maintenance of exits, maintenance of fire sprinklers and fire alarms systems, fire extinguishers, addressing and fire equipment access to the building.

Businesses requiring a fire code permit for special uses and hazards currently receive an annual inspection from an Inspector assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau. These inspections account for the other half of the businesses in the community.

Through the prevention of fires in our Historic City of Woodland we preserve this history for years to come.

If you have any questions regarding the City of Woodland Fire Department's occupancy inspection program or any other questions regarding Fire Prevention, please feel free to contact Russ Cole, Fire Marshal, City of Woodland Fire Department at (530) 661-5855.



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Opportunities for Local Businesses Increase

Through collaboration with the cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, the County of Yolo and UC Davis, the City of Woodland has been working to provide an opportunity for fledgling entrepreneurs to access venture capital investment funds and grow their business in their community.

Last month, the Woodland Chamber sent out an email invitation to invite interested Chamber members to attend the kick-off for Yolo Venture Communities. Attendees heard from Kerry Sachs, Founder and CEO of Puroast Coffee, who was featured on a panel discussion entitled "Successful Yolo CEOs Panel". About 100 companies, investors, and entrepreneurs participated.

The following day The NEW CALIFORNIA 100 – a once a year celebration of business success and entrepreneur innovation was held at the Mondavi Center. The conference celebrated top companies, CEOs and Entrepreneurs in the Central Valley and two Woodland businesses were named: Pacific Coast Producers and Nugget Market.

If you were unable to attend either of the events I would encourage you to register your business on the Yolo Venture Community website portal. Registration is very easy... Simply go to the Yolo Venture Community homepage at <http://www.yolo.venturecommunities.com>, click on the registration icon at the top right of the page, and follow the onscreen instructions. Once registered, choose the companies tab to build your company profile. There is no cost to participate, creating a company profile takes less than two minutes, and your profile can be updated or deleted at any time. Whether you are an investor, service provider, or entrepreneur this is a great opportunity for exposure and networking of your business in Yolo County and through the entire Venture Community network.

We are excited to bring you this opportunity and encourage you to share the message with friends and associates. Please feel free to contact City of Woodland Economic Development staff at (530) 661-5921 with any questions.

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booth in the Ag exhibit hall. Every year Chamber staff plan, create and decorate the booth using their creative flare. Last year we came in 2nd place for our Sugar Queen Pageant/Miss Yolo County exhibit, a reflection of days gone by.

Are you ready for the annual Chili Cook-off? This event scheduled for September 20, 2008 and will be here before you know it. Both local and non-local businesses/individuals will be serving up chili competing for the title "Best Chili" both in Woodland and in the ICS competition nationally. If you're a chili aficionado you won't want to miss it. Since inception of this event, we have had a great leader with a passion for Chili that can't be matched. John Fenrich, whom you may know as "Chili John" has moved to Oklahoma with his lovely wife Kay. We will miss his leadership and enthusiasm and wish him and his family well in their new life in Oklahoma.

Top 20 Ways to Be “Green”

1. Recycle plastic, glass and paper products
2. Purchase/use CFL light bulbs
3. Use stainless steel water bottles rather than plastic
4. Buy organic and support organic farming
5. Use native plants and shrubs in your yard and home to improve air quality
6. Use vinegar and baking soda for cleaning and/or buy environmentally-friendly cleaning products
7. Use power strips for computers and other appliances and turn off when not in use
8. Purchase/use ceiling fans and shade screens to reduce or eliminate the need for air conditioning
9. Use a tank-less water heater
10. Use solar energy
11. Add circulation pumps to bathrooms that are further away from a hot water heater so warm water is generated quicker and less water is wasted
12. Give plants as gifts rather than bouquets of flowers – they last longer
13. Buy items made from recycled items (i.e. recycled bark from old tires, paper towels from recycled paper)
14. Use consignment stores to purchase furniture, or refinish furniture in environmentally – friendly ways rather than buying new items
15. Compost food and yard waste
16. Use wood flooring that is FSC certified, stone, cork or carpet made from natural fibers wool) rather than synthetics
17. Purchase/use energy efficient appliances. Energy efficient washers uses only 7 gallons of water per load. PG&E and the City of Woodland offer rebates!
18. Purchase/use low flush and dual flush toilets
19. Donate food from your emergency supply pack to Boy Scouts or local food closets before expiration dates expire, then replace/update your emergency supplies
20. Use Mosquito Magnet (can be purchased at Hardware Stores) rather than toxic sprays to ward of mosquitoes. It is powered by electricity and a propane tank

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July 2008 Chamber Calendar

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the
Date** 

Backpacks For Kids 11am – 3pm Gibson House Museum

Mark your calendar for the Dynamite Chili Cookoff - Sept 20th!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Marketing Comm. – 9 a.m. Chamber Ambassadors Noon – American Red Cross	4 Fourth of July Fireworks Festivities – Woodland High School Stadium Chamber Closed	5
6	7	8	9	10 Business Connection Luncheon. Noon. Heidrick Ag History Center Featured Caterer: Paco's Mexican Restaurant	11	12
13	14	15 Business Issues: Econ. Dev./Govt. Affairs – 3:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Express	16	17 Business After Hours Mixer – 5 - 7 p.m. Yolo Fliers Club (Golf prior 2 -5)	18	19
20 Cabrillo Club Scholarship Recognition BBQ – 662-0377 Holy Rosary Comm Ctr.	21	22	23	24	25	26 Backpacks For Kids 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Gibson House Museum
27	28	29	30	31 Board of Directors Meeting – 3:30 p.m. American Red Cross		

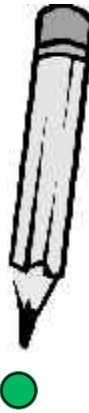
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Chamber of Commerce
CEO, Kristy Wright

Wright Writes!



“ By 2050, the region is projected to add over 800,000 new housing units, and approximately another 1.7 million people. ”

In June the Business Education Committee made their first Student Employee of the Month presentation. The Board elected to start a program which recognizes and honors a local high school student employee. The employee is nominated and sponsored by a Chamber member business. Pam Duey, Woodland Veterinary Hospital and Barbara Butterfield, PG & E are the co-chairs.

The June recipient was Lauren Epperson, employed by Raley's Superstore. Tim Branigan nominated Lauren and presented her with the plaque. If you would like to nominate your employee for the award please contact Pam at pduey@woodlandvethospital.com.



The six-county Sacramento region will continue to grow, in large part due to the nearly 1 million new jobs expected to be created by 2050. Using population projections through 2050, SACOG worked with each of the 22 cities and six county local governments in Yolo, Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, El Dorado and Placer counties and 5,000 residents of the region to develop a more compact growth pattern for

the region. By 2050, the region is projected to add over 800,000 new housing units, and approximately another 1.7 million people.

These increases will roughly double the region's population, jobs and housing units. As such, SACOG, the region's transportation planning agency, developed strategies with each local government to reduce the amount of farmland and open space consumed and the amount of vehicle congestion.

Also during the luncheons, new members are introduced and they have a few moments to say a little bit about their business. Attendees chat at their tables, exchange business cards; self introductions are conducted and announcements for their upcoming events are made. The lunches are catered by a featured member caterer. There are also some prize drawings!

Not only are members stating that the Chambers Business Connections luncheons are a great venue for marketing their company, they are learning a lot about our community and the region.

In May, Greg Chew Senior Planner for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) made a presentation to the Chamber membership to describe the region's Blueprint Project. This may be of interest to you...

The “Blueprint Preferred Scenario” identifies ways that jurisdictions can best meet the needs of their community, while minimizing the overall regional impact. For further information about the Blueprint Project, please go to the SACOG website: www.sacog.org

I highly encourage your attendance at these luncheons. They are held on the second Thursday of the month. Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations should be made by the Tuesday prior. Oh, and yet another “perk”, after lunch the Heidrick Ag History Center is open and offers free tours to those in attendance!



Chamber Membership Anniversaries July 2008

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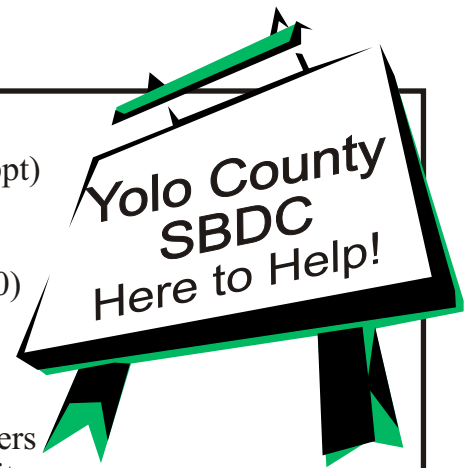
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Monley's Carpet One
R. Stephen Waldeck & Co., Inc.
Timothys Bakery
Broward Bros., Inc.
Target Stores
Amos Metz Rentals

WALNUT
10-19 YEARS

American Cancer Society
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Lawson Property Management
Yolo Wayfarer Center
Courtside Village Apartments
Westgate Village Apartments
Golden Dragon
Colleen Manzer
Mountain Valley Golf Center
Citizen's Towing
United States Army

PALM
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Yolo County CASA
Tibbitts Farming Company
Yellow Book USA
Jeffrey Kohlhardt, DDS
Colonial Terrace Apartments
Pacific Coast Producers
MG Painting
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Mark Reiff's Gas Station Museum Attraction started 7 years ago with the purchase of a 1930's Wayne gas pump at a neighborhood garage sale. Since then Mr. Reiff has designed and remodeled his home into a 1950's dream, complete with a retro diner, gas station, and old time Movie Theater. Throughout this unique home, Mr. Reiff has approximately 37 antique gas pumps dating back to 1909, 7 stoves, 16 old meat and candy scales, and a collection of over 200 original oil and gas signs. Mr. Reiff's collection is so amazing that it caught the attention of HGTV. Mr. Reiff and his home were recently featured on an episode of "Offbeat America." You can tour Mark Reiff's Gas Station by appointment.

Tajmahal Indian Cuisine
Alejandro Romero-Alejo
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Bringing old world India to Woodland with their exquisite menu, Tajmahal specializes in East Indian Cuisine with dishes from all regions of India. They are located on the corner of Sixth and Court in the old El Charro building. Tajmahal is sure to be a dining experience that you won't forget.

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