

Concrete Chamber of Commerce
General Meeting, November 10, 2011
Hi.Lo. Country Bar & Grill, 8:00 a.m.
Secretary: Anne Bussiere

EVENTS

Ghost Walk held in October included great crowds and brought in \$1821, to be split with Concrete Heritage Museum, who helped with the Walk. Next year needs more help with characters (short and authentic), or guides.

Skagit Eagle Festival to be held every weekend in January. Deadline for applicants was today, and board will now review various events. Sign up sheet for volunteers to assist with information center and other duties. Also plan to have a little "training session" for everyone who encounters visitors so they can be helpful about eagle questions. Table space for groups at the info center will be available but need to let Val know ASAP so can be coordinated. Suggestion to law enforcement work to control traffic during Eagle Festival and/or ask Sharon Dillon to request lighted warning sign.

Mardi Gras parade entries needed. Should talk up entries so will be more. Volunteers can help line up entrants, etc.

Fourth of July parade also planned for 2012. Volunteers needed for various positions. All these will be mostly done through emails and announcements up until the events.

OFFICERS, BOARD, MEMBER DUES

Election of officers and board members for 2012 was conducted at meeting via paper ballot. Must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. November 17 to Chamber office. Dues for 2012 will remain the same at \$100 for business or \$50 for individual non-business. Checks may be given to Helen or Valerie Lee at Chamber office.

MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION

Meetings have started, led by Rick Archuletta. Next meeting is November 17 at 5:30 at Resource Center. The goal is to make the town a friendly, safe and clean environment. We need to find out what other towns do about bars and smoking ordinances?

OTHER BUSINESS RELATED NEWS

- Ribbon cutting for KSVU at 4:30 November 17 at elementary school's Portable B.
- "Gift certificate" ad in December issue of Concrete Herald to include all businesses who want to pay. Information needed before Thanksgiving. (November 23).
- New owners of Historic T.P. Inn to be called Washington Bakery and Grill. Husband and wife Mike and Melissa Swanson from Detroit, Michigan (originally from Seattle and Bellingham areas) with extensive restaurant experience. Hope to open in December.

- Town Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. will include presentation by United General Hospital CEO about consequences of state cuts, and how that will impact our hospital and potential for closure, if not extreme cuts to jobs and services. Will ask to help with lobby to keep health care. Can also go to Unitedgeneral.org website for details.
- Also will talk about the sign at the Hub at the council meeting. Will ask if this is what town council will allow in ordinances. Support Jason and attend. Letter to be written listing chamber members names addressed to Hub, cc to town council objecting to sign on the Hub.
- Encourage council members to appoint Main Street business person Mike Bartell (new thrift store owner) on town council open seat. Other applicant is Mike Dileo.