

Chamber Tackles Big Issues

Under the direction of new president, Barb Billotto, the Eureka Chamber of Commerce met on March 18 at Prime Time for their monthly meeting. Discussions of many subjects were held during the meeting

A decision to continue holding monthly meetings showed the commitment of those who are strong Chamber supporters. Although the idea was tossed around to go to every other month or to hold quarterly meetings, they agreed that the organization would deteriorate if that action was taken.

Ways of increasing active membership were discussed; among them were reminder phone calls of the meeting, a brochure explaining Chamber, and moving the meeting to a different date.

Involving younger citizens is an issue that continually arises as the local population ages. Having something for them is being addressed in a huge way by Prime Time – the local bar and restaurant will sponsor Second Amendment in July. The highly popular band that performed during the BIG Q celebration will be making its second appearance in Eureka thanks to Prime Time. Eureka Development is targeting youth through entrepreneur education and personal invitations to EHS graduates to return to Eureka to live and work or own a business after they have received post high school education.

A city report was given by Mayor Miller. The upcoming change in the sanitation department will affect all who rely on the city service. Although patrons will continue to set out their garbage as they normally do, the big change will be that it will be collected on Fridays beginning on April 5 for residential customers. A special one-time pickup of garbage will be on Thursday, March 28 as the service transitions from a Monday to a Friday service. Other changes will be moving the compost pile and tree branch areas to near the city shop, the “blue building” will be closed, commercial customers will use dumpsters, and a recycling area will be self-service and located west of the fire hall. The highway project will begin sometime between April 15 and May 1. Four blocks at a time will be done, and the highway through Eureka will be closed to through traffic. May 11-18 will be a time that people can take items free of charge to the rubble site.

Several organizations and groups are working together for a benefit for Tasha Imberi who recently began chemotherapy treatments.

Paint SD is a project that has been a joint effort of Eureka Chamber and Eureka Development in the past. The difficult part is finding enough volunteers to do the work. The information will be given to the Ministerial Assn. in case youth groups may be interested in doing it this year.

An Old Fashioned Saturday Night (or Friday night) was discussed. It will be discussed again at the next meeting after people have given it some thought and it may be held in conjunction with other activities.

The Schmeckfest Committee plans to hold 2 more Bingo nights. Those nights have been popular with crowds of 40-60 people attending. Entertainment has been lined up for Schmeckfest, and the parade will be held at 2:30 PM on Sept. 21.

Charles Koerner reported for HRC that all units have been rented. Residents can begin moving things into their apartments on April 1 and take possession on April 15. An Open House will be held on April 5 from 2-4 PM in the north unit. Air conditioning and landscaping will be completed this spring.

Yes, important issues do face Eureka Chamber as well as other local organizations and the town, but with people willing to put their ideas together and then carry out plans the future holds a lot of hope. All people from the Eureka area are invited to join the Eureka Chamber of Commerce and attend the next meeting on April 15.

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