

December 2012 ~ Calendar of Events

Fri, Sat, Sun Dec 7, 8, & 9 Christmas Cookie Fundraiser and Art Show.....Farris Friends Gallery
Saturday Dec 8 Santa Claus at North Pole Annex.....Hometown Pizza Banquet Room
Saturday Dec 8 MOCHIP CHILD ID 12 to 4 pm.....Ray County Court House
Tues, Thurs & Fri Dec. 11, 13, & 14 Christmastime Art Show 5 to 7 pm.....Farris Friends Gallery
Saturday Dec 15 Santa Claus at North Pole Annex.....Hometown Pizza Banquet Room
Tuesday Dec 18 RMS Choir Holiday Concert 6:30 pm.....Farris Theatre
Tues & Thurs Dec 18 & 20 Christmastime Art Show 5 to 7 pm.....Farris Friends Gallery
Thursday Dec 20 Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 am.....19th Hole
Thursday Dec 20 RHS Choir Holiday Concert 5:30 pm.....Farris Theatre
Mon & Tues Dec 24 & 25 Chamber office closed
Monday Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party 8 pm to 1 am.....Hometown Pizza
Tuesday Jan 1 Chamber office closed
Friday Jan 11 New Year's Business After Hours 5:30 pm.....Hometown Pizza

***The Richmond Chamber wishes you and yours
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!***

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Greetings Fellow Chamber Members,

As the saying goes, "Tine Flies" - it is hard to believe we are into the Christmas season. We had a terrific Extravaganza, Lighted Parade and Snow Princess Coronation—what fun and what a crowd it brought to the city square on an unseasonably warm November night. Congratulations to all the raffle winners of the beautifully decorated Christmas Trees, wreaths, and the gift baskets. Thanks very, very much to the fantastic sponsors and decorators for each of these items. There sure were a lot of happy winners. Congratulations, also, to each of the Snow Princess contestants and especially to 2012 Snow Princess Laney Cowick—they are all beautiful young ladies. Finally, congratulations to the City of Richmond for its first place float in the lighted parade—there were several entries and all were great—let's see if we can add to that number next year.

Speaking of the square, how about those lights around the buildings? What a great job by the Downtown District for bringing that project to fruition and a big thanks to everyone who contributed to this project to once again light downtown for all of the Holiday season. The next thing we need to concentrate on is bringing more small business to downtown—with about 400-500 people downtown enjoying all of the festivities, it would have really been great and a great opportunity to have several businesses open.

As we continue to move forward and "grow to the future", your Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has adopted the following core values: *"Since a community's fundamental existence rests upon the foundation of a healthy economy, our core values are: Promoting the community; Creating a strong local economy; Providing networking opportunities; and Representing the interests of business with government."* We believe these values best identify the values that should serve to guide all activities that we as a Chamber of Commerce Board undertake on behalf of our members. We seek input from you the members and continue to strive to make personal visits to Chamber members. We appreciate the positive feedback we have received and want everybody to **"Make it Richmond"**.

To each and every one of you and your families, I wish a very Merry Christmas and Blessed and prosperous New Year

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Brohammer, President
Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce

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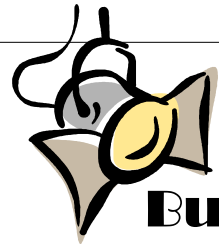
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Spotlight Business of the Month **SONIC DRIVE-IN**

The Sonic Drive-In has been part of the Richmond community since 1978. It is owned by Gary and Liz Simons and is managed by Chris Arnett. Chris, who has held the manager position for 4 years, reports the Richmond Sonic is ranked among the top 20% of all Sonics in the nation. He attributes this high ranking to the local customers and his staff. Richmond Sonic currently employs 35 people many of which have been with Chris since he became manager and most of his employees have worked there over 2 years. Chris believes much of the success of the restaurant comes from the positive work environment he and his management team strive to create. Chris and his Sonic staff are committed to helping their community. The Simons' are very supportive of Chris's community involvement making it easy for him to support the fundraising efforts of numerous organizations and school groups. They are frequently helping organizations such as Relay for Life, All Sports Club, School Booster Groups and other non-profit organizations in Richmond and the surrounding areas. Chris and his staff are also involved with House of Hope. Once a month they donate their time and resources to cook and serve meals to the residents at the shelter. Chris believes in giving back to the community that has served him so well and his employees follow him in that belief. Thank you Gary and Liz, Chris, the Sonic management team and the staff for being a positive force within the City of Richmond. Pictured—from left to right—back row, Scott Scowley, Vickie Smith, Derek Littrell and Eddie Cox. Front row, Natasha England and Chris Arnett.



Good News From Local Grocer

Things are "looking up" for Richmond's only locally owned super market. Store owners Larry Bowman and Bob MacDonald report the shelves will soon be fully stocked again at Richmond Apple Market. There will also be a few other changes taking place, new uniforms, new energy efficient lighting and other minor aesthetic repairs. Apple Market will continue to offer the great customer service we have become accustomed to. The Deli will continue to offer top notch bakery items and lunches. The meat department will offer USDA Choice meats and the Produce department will carry the freshest Number 1 produce available. Bob has said their prices will compare to prices in the Kansas City market. With your continued support, Bob, Larry and their employees are here to stay.



You're Invited



New Year's After Hours

Friday, January 11, 2013

5:30 pm

Hosted by

Hometown Pizza

Wind down after the Holidays and

Enjoy a relaxing evening

With Chamber friends.

Light dinner provided.

Cash bar available.

2012 Extravaganza

Mother Nature brought the City of Richmond unseasonably warm weather for the Extravaganza and Square Lighting event. The crowd was estimated to be double what was present last year. The 2nd Annual Light Parade, sponsored by The Downtown District was once again successful in capturing the attention of the nearly 500 spectators who had gathered around the square for the festivities. Christmas wreaths were awarded to the judge's top three picks—1st Place going to Richmond City Hall's float representing Christmas Around the World. The Assembly of God Church took 2nd and 3rd places with two of their parade floats. Crowd favorites included the RHS Marching Band and of course, Santa Claus. Rob Kinnard enthusiastically emceed the event and introduced Master of Ceremonies



Ray Gill who threw the switch for the lighting of the new Christmas lights on the square. The lights were purchased by The Downtown District with numerous donations from private citizens and local businesses. Dawn Powell introduced the Snow Princess candidates and crowned Laney Cowick as the 2012 Snow Princess. Lonnie Quick treated many who were in attendance with a ride in his lit surrey pulled by his horse Freddie. Christmas carols were beautifully sung by a choir from St. John CME Church. Following the entertainment, Ron Brohammer, Chamber



President, announced the winners of the Extravaganza trees, wreaths and baskets. The lucky winners of trees were Paige McGaugh, Sarah Davis, Sharon Richards, Tom Williams, Kristen Lewis, Sheli Nelson, Nonie Clemenson, Lily McIntosh, Felicia Farabee, Katy May, Guyla Stroud, Kaitlan Preston, Janice Anderson and Mackenna Franklin. The wreaths went to Katie Shuck, Cathie Hibbard, Debbie Flexter, Ashley Layman, Richard Joy, Karen Abbott, Linda Strain and



Glenda Reynolds. Winners of the gift baskets were Tracy Fitch, Chris Brown, Jagger McNelly, Eavy Jo Wilson, Hunter Doss, and Cynthia Holmes. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you everyone who supported the Chamber's Extravaganza.

MAKE IT RICHMOND

As you make your shopping plans for gifts, meals and other purchases this Holiday season, the Richmond Chamber would like to remind you of the importance of spending with local merchants and helping to keep your community strong. Supporting local businesses makes a positive financial impact on our community. Local businesses are more generous in their support of local charities, schools and community events than businesses outside of our area. By shopping locally, you save time and costly gasoline prices. When shopping locally, you help to fund city services through sales tax which invests in neighborhood improvements and promotes community development. Support area merchants and the local economy by keeping your earnings and sales tax dollars working for the Richmond community. Shop local.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our newest members. They include **Farmers Home Insurance Company of Ray County** who recently joined at the **Bronze** membership level. Assistant Manager Jim Carter has been active in many community and Chamber activities. The office located at 110 W. North Main can be contacted at 816-776-3457 and by email at fhic@mchsi.com for any insurance needs or questions you may have. Also new to the Chamber membership is **Natalie Macey Bail Bonds**. Natalie's Bail Bonds office has recently taken up residency at 114 W North Main on the square. Natalie Macey is a Missouri Licensed Bail Bond Agent and Notary. Her office can be contacted at 816-776-3107. In the same location, at 114 W North Main, is another new member **RJ3 Creations** operated by Jonna Walder. Jonna specializes in commercial embroidery and can embroider many different designs from her collection or one of your own designs. The embroidery can be done on blankets, shirts, hats and a number of other items. There is still time for her to create personalized Christmas gifts. She can be contacted at 816-786-1819 and at rj3creations@gmail.com. The Chamber would also like to welcome new member **Jerry Penniston Repair**. Jerry was instrumental in securing the musical acts for the Outlaw Days Beer Garden and we are looking forward to working with Jerry and his musical knowledge and contacts in the future. Jerry Penniston Repair is available for all your plumbing needs and can be contacted at 816-470-7646 or 816-838-9379. The Richmond Chamber would like to thank **Hometown Pizza** who recently increased their membership to the **Bronze** level. Hometown Pizza is another one of our many members who are involved in numerous community and Chamber activities. Thanks to all members, new and current, for supporting the Chamber.

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