

September 2017 Calendar of Events

- September 1,8,15,22,29: Richmond Rotary @ noon @ 19th Hole**
- September 1: Second Baptist Church Annual Church Revival @7pm**
- September 2: Ray County Historical Society David Whitmer Community Service Award & Symposium @ 2pm @ Farris Theatre**
- September 3,10,17,24: Grace Church Youth Ministry 6:30-8pm**
- September 4: Chamber Office, City of Richmond & Ray County Library Closed**
- September 5,12,19,26:Richmond Kiwanis meeting @ noon @ 19th Hole**
- September 5,12,19,26:American Legion hosts Bingo-open @ 4pm games @ 6pm**
- September 5: Ray County Community Arts Association meeting @ 7pm @ Friends Gallery**
- September 6,13,20,27:Oak Pointe provides FREE blood pressure checks 1-3pm**
- September 6,13,20,27: Grace Church hosts Drop Zone-After School Program til 5:30pm**
- September 7: RDD hosts First Thursdays 6-9pm Downtown Richmond**
- SEPTEMBER 9TH OUTLAW DAYS DOWNTOWN RICHMOND 8A-5P RODEO AT 7:30PM**
- September 9: Orscheln Farm & Home hosts Blade Sharpening \$3 per blade 10a-2p**
- September 11,18,25:Ray County Library hosts Family Story Time @ 10am & 1pm**
- September 11,18,25:Ray County Library hosts GED/HSE Tutoring from noon to 2pm**
- September 13,20,27:Ray County Library hosts Teen Time from 3-4:30pm**
- September 13: Ray County Library Board Meeting @ 5:30pm**
- September 14: Elements Destination Dining presents “Kids in the Kitchen” 6-8pm**
- September 14,15,16: Town Square Mercantile hosts their 2nd Annual Fall Open House 9a-6p**
- September 15,22,29: Ray County Library hosts Marble Mania from 4-5pm**
- September 16: Bridge of Hope hosts their annual BBQ from 11a-7p @ Armour Park \$12.50**
- September 18: CMCCU hosts “Understanding Credit” Workshop from 6-7p in Warrensburg**
- September 20: Ray County Memorial Hospital 20% off gift shop sale**
- September 21: Element’s Destination Dining hosts “Girls Night Out” from 6-8pm**
- September 25: Richmond Downtown District meeting @ noon @ Hometown Pizza**
- September 28: Element’s Destination Dining hosts “Crepe Creations” from 6-8pm**
- September 28: Chamber Board meeting @ 11:30am @ 19th Hole**
- September 30: CMCCU hosts “Understanding Credit” from 10-11am in Warrensburg**

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Executive Director, Natalie Lamar, will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Missouri Fall Conference from September 20th through 22nd in Branson, MO. The Chamber office will remain open thanks to the hard work and dedication of the secretaries, Sammi and Darlene. If you need anything during that time, please feel free to call the Chamber office at 816-776-61-916 or feel free to call your favorite Board Member.

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The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new offices of AXA Advisors, Troy Rust and Brett Smoot on June 9th, 2017. Pictured front row, left to right are Tonya Willim Chamber President, Laura Smoot, Brett Smoot and Troy Rust. Congratulations on your new location!

Photo Courtesy of the Richmond News



The Richmond Chamber was happy to welcome Special Needs Services of Ray County to our Chamber membership on August 25th, 2017. Pictured in the front row are Jennifer Brenton, Natalie Lamar, Glen Martin Chamber President, Susan Breen, Jim Schmidt, Jimmy Carter and Justin Meier. Congratulations and welcome to the Chamber!

Photo courtesy of the Richmond News



On July 7th, The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce helped congratulate the Richmond Wal-Mart Super Center on the remodel of their facility with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Congratulations on a job well done!

Photo Courtesy of the Richmond News

## Chamber Offers Business Funding Webinar August 30th, 2017

Over the last year, the Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce has been fortunate to develop a very beneficial relationship with the Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers along with the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry Entrepreneurship & Business Development Program. On August 30th, the Chamber in partnership with these organizations and offered a FREE webinar entitled “Accessing Funding For Business” We are happy to announce that if you were unable to view the webinar that day, we are able to offer it on our website

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Please feel free to share this with anyone that you find it may be beneficial for. This is one way that the Chamber is adding benefit to your membership and doing our best to promote economic growth. If you have a training or educational idea that you would to suggest, please feel free to call Natalie at 816-776-6916.

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KMMO  
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- Bronze Investors  
Edward Jones Investments  
Red Cross Pharmacy  
Missouri Secured Title  
Ray Carroll Grain Co-Operative  
Richmond Family Clinic  
Thurman Funeral Home  
U.S. Granules  
Wal-Mart Super Center  
Central Missouri Community Credit Union  
Derstler Lumber Company  
KFC/Taco Bell  
Hometown Pizza  
C & C Discount Pharmacy  
NorthStar Wellness  
Richmond Chiropractic  
Sam's Club  
Kountry Kuts  
Shirkey Golf Course  
KMZU/KRLI  
Phillips Computer Repair  
Linda's Floral  
Richmond Bowl  
Scenic Ridge  
Matt's Autobody & Restoration  
Ray County Land Title  
Thunderbird Electric  
Crooked River Meat CO

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Congratulations To Our Newest Chamber Board Members!

Jennifer Brenton  
Shirkey Nursing and Rehabilitation

Ellen Vandiver  
Westbrook & Co

James Ford  
Ray County Accounting & Tax

Bart Willim  
Thurman Funeral Home

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 12TH, 2017-AFTER HOURS HOSTED BY CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION AT THE 19TH HOLE 5:30-7:30PM  
OCTOBER 26TH, 2017-49TH ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET @ RAY COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING 6-9PM  
NOVEMBER 9TH- BEFORE HOURS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE  
HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER BOARD 7:30-9:30AM @ CHAMBER OFFICE  
NOVEMBER 10TH- CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY  
NOVEMBER 11TH-DECEMBER 7TH-CHRISTMAS TREE EXTRAVAGANZA-CAHMBER OFFICE OPEN EXTRA HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK  
NOVEMBER 23RD-24TH CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING  
DECEMBER 7TH- LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE & SANTA VISITS DOWNTOWN RICHMOND  
DECEMBER 25TH-CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED-MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
JANUARY 1ST-CAHMBER OFFICE CLOSED-HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHAMBER WEBSITE

Over the last few months, we have been experiencing technical difficulties with our website. After visiting with our Webmaster, we determined that there was need for drastic computer upgrades and program purchases in order to fix the problems. The Chamber Board has been working diligently with hardware and software updates in order to be able to support updating and refreshing our website. During the months of September and October, we will be working with Morgansites.com to put a fresh new website into action. Thank you for your patience while we are in this process. There will be times during those 2 months that the website will be down and unavailable. Hopefully, this conversion will not take too long and we will be back in action soon. Thank you for your understanding during this transition!

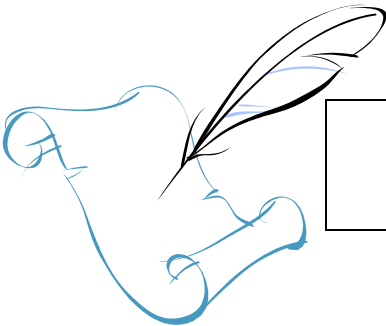
We would like to thank the Class of 2017 Chamber Board Members for a job well done!

Tonya Willim: City of Richmond

Kim Davis: Ray County 911

Jimmy Carter: Farmer's Home Insurance of Ray County

Jennifer Brenton: Shirkey Nursing & Rehabilitation



From the President's Pen



Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

As we kick off Chamber business for the 2017-2018 year, please allow me to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Glen Martin and I am fortunate enough to be serving as your Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce President for the upcoming year.

I was born and raised in Richmond and have made this community my home for nearly all of my life. I am blessed to be the manager of a local business, Oak Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care. I am a husband and father, a Scout leader and a coach, and, like most of you, deeply invested in Richmond and its future.

As we observe the rituals of late summer and early autumn in our town (the start of a school year, the Friday night lights, Outlaw Days, the annual reemergence of everyone's pumpkin spice addiction), it is worth taking a moment to be thankful for all that we have here. We live in a time in Richmond's history in which we see new business development, new residential and commercial construction, new faces, and new opportunities. With increasingly active and aggressive City government supporting and pursuing new businesses to establish themselves in our town, it truly is a great time to Make It Richmond.

That does, however, require an awful lot of work from all parts of the community. A city like Richmond is not entitled to exist just because it always has. Just as generations before us built and rebuilt the economic identity of Richmond, it is now our turn...our responsibility...to do the same. Nothing of value will happen on its own or by accident. What we know to be true, informed by all of our history as a self-reliant, resourceful, and persistent people, is that we will have to keep rolling up our sleeves and working if we want to build something worth handing off to the next generation.

Your Chamber of Commerce is here to help you do that work. Under the leadership of our Executive Director Natalie Lamar and the guidance of an active and invested Board of Directors, the Chamber has been an active partner to several of our newer businesses in town. We will continue to be available to help anyone who wants to establish or grow their business.

Of course, we'll still be delivering an amazing slate of events during the course of the Chamber year, which we'll highlight in each of our monthly newsletters. Please consider serving on one of the event committees. Those committees are open to all members, not just members of our Board, and we would love to have as much help as possible as we deliver the outstanding events for which we're known.

I am honored and humbled to work alongside you for the next 12 months. Please let me know how we're doing and how we can better serve you.

Blessings to you,

Glen Martin  
President 2017-2018  
Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce