



Chamber Meetings:

- July 6, General Meeting @ noon - *City Park*
- July 20, Board Meeting @ noon - *Chamber office*
- *visit us on the web-www.collinsvillechamber.net*

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THE COLLINSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PH. & FAX 918-371-4703

The Quest

The President's Podium

Hello to all,

Summer time is definitely here, all with Oklahoma's hot temperatures, the buzz of lawnmowers and a lot of things happening in town. Time flies, as it's hard to believe it's summer again.

Thanks to a great turnout by 72 civic-minded golfers, a perfect day and a dedicated and deserving sponsor, this year's Cardinal Scramble was a definite success for the Collinsville Education Foundation, and the golfers, too! The money raised will certainly make an important impact on our kids and their educational future. As for the golf, well, I was amazed (...from afar) at the high number of great low scores...definitely, we've got some serious players in our midst!

Can't have a Collinsville Mainstreet Hogs 'N Hot Rods without it being one of the hottest days of the year! This annual summer time promotional event, sponsored by Collinsville Downtown, Inc., our Mainstreet organization, was again a big success. Thanks to the hard work of the Mainstreet Board and friends, the event again brought numerous visitors to our downtown business district throughout the day where a good time was had by all, bringing attention and opportunity to our local merchants and service businesses—a main objective of Mainstreet. Thanks, Mainstreet; your mission is much like that of the Chamber of Commerce - to promote Collinsville and to bring attention to the town's business assets for the overall betterment of the business community.

Summer is a busy time for your Chamber too, with the City Workers Appreciation Lunch and Founder's Day fast approaching.

The City Worker's Appreciation lunch at the City Park is Thursday, July 6th at high Noon. Your Chamber Board asks that all of our members try to attend to show our unified support and appreciation for all of the city's employees. Put this on your calendar today, and if you haven't already signed up to bring something, please call the Chamber office if you'd like to bring your favorite side dish, a dessert, hamburger buns, ice, drinks, chips, napkins, paper towels, plates, utensils, salt pepper, table coverings, table decorations, or trash bags.

Founder's Day is August 26th, Saturday. Still a ways off, but we need volunteers and broad membership involvement to make this special annual event as great as possible. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed by your Chamber Board.

Some of my best summer memories revolve around July 4th—Independence Day, family get-togethers and what seemed like the whole community filling up the park to watch fireworks. The City of Collinsville is again planning its own celebration! Watch for the details coming in the newspaper. It should be fun!

May you have little need to yell 'Fore!'

Your President,
Steve Howe

Calendar of Events

- July 3 - City Fireworks
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 6- General Meeting
- NOTE: City Park for City Employees Appreciation Picnic
- July 20 - Board Meeting



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City Employee Appreciation Picnic

The invitations have been mailed and the plans nearly complete for this year's annual City Employee Appreciation Picnic. Volunteers are pounding the pavement, literally, gathering donations for door prizes to be given away to the city employees. We are also looking for businesses who wish to donate food, utensils, condiments or drinks to serve the honorees. Jack Young will be cooking the meat, which has been donated by Verdigris Valley Electric Coop, so we know there will be some good barbeque on hand. The picnic will be held at the City Park at noon on Thursday, July 6; if the weather turns rainy, the alternate site will be the VVEC pavilion on Highway 20.

Upcoming Events

Look for information on the next important event - the Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast. Plans will be underway for this event held every year a couple of days before the first day of school. It's our way of welcoming the teachers and school staff back for another school year, to show them we appreciate the important work they do for one of our community's most important assets, our youth.

August will conclude with the annual Founder's Day celebration, held on Saturday during the Tri-County Fair. This day-long family event will have something for everyone, live music, food, and fun all around. More information in the next newsletter.

There will be a short breather before holiday event planning gets underway.

The speaker at the August lunch meeting will be Rose Washington Rentie.

If you have not yet sent in your 2006 membership dues, sit down now and do so.

2006 Officers

President	Steve Howe	Vice President	Larry Shafer
President Elect	Terry Due	Secretary/Treasurer	Billie Francis

Collinsville Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

The purpose of the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce is to help foster alliances within the business community, to enhance and support economic development, and to provide leadership for the continued growth of Collinsville. The Chamber strives to be very involved with community affairs to create a bond between its citizens that will empower the entire Collinsville community to prosper and grow together.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If your business or organization is hosting a special event, please let us know and we will put it in our monthly newsletter.

August 24-26: Tri-County Fair and Livestock Show

August 26th: Founder's Day Celebration

September 28: Foxy Hens visit Comedy of Errors Book Club at Library, 6:30-8:00

December 9th, 11:00: Christmas Parade

NEW MEMBER CORNER

We would like to welcome our newest member, **St. John Health System/St. John Owasso**. St. John Health System owns Frances Streitel Villa in Collinsville, consisting of the nursing home and assisted living center and soon to add independent living apartments for seniors as well. And look for the opening of St. John Owasso Hospital in the fall of this year. We appreciate their investment in Collinsville.

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership for 2006; your investment will insure the Chamber's ability to continue with the programs we sponsor as well as maintain an ongoing presence in the community, allowing us to highlight the best this city has to offer.

Luncheon Presented by:

**Verdigris Valley
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

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Thank You!

2006 Schedule General Meetings

January 5	July 6
February 2	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

Unless otherwise notified, the 2006 General Meetings will be held at the Collinsville Library meeting room, 1223 W Main, at Noon.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE NEWS-LETTER FOR THE REMAIN- DER OF 2006. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSOR- ING FOR ONE OR MORE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 371-4703 AND ASK ABOUT RATES.

Your ad could be here, contact the Chamber for details.

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