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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



When: Thursday, September 4, 2008

Where: State Line Pizza
150 Us Rt 30, Schererville , IN (322-3333)

Time: *Networking: 11:30 am Lunch: 12 noon*
Bring your business cards!
Bring any brochures or flyers you may have for the table

Cost: \$15.00
Reservations **MUST** be made by **Tuesday, September 2nd!**
Call in your reservation at 865-1045 or email at **chamber@townofdyer.com**

Menu: Pizza & more.....

Speaker: Peter Van Colen, Continuing Education Program Developer, Purdue Calumet

Topic: Purdue Calumet Community Engagement

A Message From Your President

Well, after much time and effort the new Chamber web site is up and running. Please go to www.dyerchamberofcommerce.com and make sure your business is listed with the correct information. To make the site successful, it must have fresh, updated information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Send Tammy news about your business. Open house? Business anniversary? New team member? You can send the info to chamber@dyerchamberofcommerce.com. This site is our home on the web and with everyone's assistance we can make it a valuable tool to promote and improve your business.

Dyer Hometown Celebration is a go for Saturday, September 6th. We still have time slots open at the Chamber booth. Just let me know at jsmith@dyerchamberofcommerce.com. We still need more vendors, and donations too if we are to have crowd-pleasing fireworks! Contact Rick or Tammy.

At the last Board meeting, it was decided to leave the general meeting lunch/breakfast price at \$15 and include dessert. The Chamber will continue to have a drawing for **two** free meals. If you as a member want to contribute an additional drawing gift, please contact Tammy or I.

Ruben (H & R Catering) and I have been meeting with two of our newest members, Andy (Andy's Music) and Eddie (Eddie's Guitars) to promote a new event they call Dyer's Eve. It's a Fall/Halloween theme. The big news is, wait until next year! But for this year, we are looking at working with the Dyer Park Department and our own Chamber members to bring back the **FUN** we all remember as kids. We'll keep you posted!

The big news is the business license ordinance the Dyer Town Council discussed at their last meeting. I have asked Tammy to include the meat of the ordinance in this newsletter. We need to make ourselves heard on this! For those of you in other towns, let me know if they have a local business license, the costs, what benefits you as a business receive from it or any information you want to share. This matter will probably be discussed at the next Dyer Town Council Study Session, 6PM on Wednesday, September 3rd. It could then be voted on at their September 17th meeting at 6:30PM. We need voices to speak out on this! PLEASE, help us help you!

See you around Dyer, Jethroe

AN ABBREVIATED VERSION OF THE PROPOSED DYER BUSINESS LICENCE ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DYER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

PERSON. An individual, sole proprietorship, corporation, firm, partnership, association, organization, trustee, joint venture, or any one of a group acting as a unit as well as a natural person.

RETAIL AND SERVICES ESTABLISHMENT. Any business, office, plant or place within the Town, whether temporary or permanent in nature, and whether within or without a permanent structure, where services or professional services, manufacturing, fabrication, construction, assembly or design occur or where commodities or goods are sold or offered for sale to the public in general or to the ultimate consumer of the commodities or goods.

SECTION TWO: LICENSE REQUIRED AND APPLICATION.

a. No person shall operate or maintain a retail, services or other business establishment within the Town without first obtaining a business license therefore as provided in this Ordinance.

b. An applicant for a business license issued under this Ordinance shall be made upon a blank form prepared and made available by the Clerk-Treasurer and shall state the following information:

1. The name, home address, phone number, and existing or proposed business address of the applicant;
2. The name, address, and phone number of the owner of the real estate upon which the business is located;
3. The hours of operation for the proposed retail and service establishment; and
4. Any other information the Town of Dyer, Indiana, shall find reasonably necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Ordinance, and to arrive at a fair determination of whether the terms of this Ordinance have been complied with by the applicant.

SECTION THREE: ISSUANCE AND FEE.

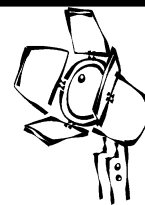
a. The Clerk-Treasurer shall issue a business license under this Ordinance when he or she finds compliance with the following rules and regulations:

1. There is no apparent danger to the health, welfare, or safety of the people of the Town of Dyer, Indiana; and
2. The requirements of this Ordinance and all other governing laws and ordinances have been met;

b. A Town license shall be issued by the Clerk-Treasurer to a successful applicant under this Ordinance after payment of a licensing fee of \$100.00. The license shall be for a term of one (1) year commencing April 1st and expiring March 31st of the following year and shall be renewed annually. A separate license shall be required for each business, retail and service establishment operated and maintained or to be operated and maintained by any person or company. Any license issued under this Ordinance is not transferable. A business, retail or service establishment not obtaining a license by April 1st of each year shall be required to pay \$300.00 for the license. Regardless of the date obtained, the annual license will expire on March 31st of each year.

Luncheon Reminder: Please remember our luncheon policy. If you make a reservation and do not attend the membership luncheon, **you will be billed for the lunch.** In order to control our expenses and keep costs down, we must begin to strictly enforce this policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Business Spotlight



FunFlatables, Inc.
101 Joliet St., Suite 700
Dyer, IN 46311
322-5333

FunFlatables is an indoor, year-round, inflatable private-n-play center where the whole family can jump, climb, bounce, play and race on their enormous inflatable play structures. Gaint aquariums, pirate ships, Noah's Ark, 17' slides and endless obstacle courses await those adventurous minds. 12,000 square feet of pure, clean, energetic FUN. FunFlatables is host to primarily private parties, however, random open play sessions and special events will be placed on our calendar each week.

Business Spotlight's are taken from the Membership application that each business filled out and turned in with your dues. If you did not fill one out you can still have your business spotlighted, just email the chamber and tell us about your business.

Dyer Hometown Celebration

There is still time to get a vendor or information booth space for the Hometown Celebration on Saturday, September 6th in the Jewel Parking lot. If you'd rather not have a booth space and just want to attend the last festival of the year, then come out on the 6th and enjoy some food, a live band, beer garden, a car show, and new this year, micro-reality stock car racing. Oh, and we can't forget about the great display of fireworks at 8pm.

Golf Outing: A couple of businesses were inadvertently left off of the Golf Outing page in the August Newsletter: **Thank you to the following Businesses:** "Guess the Tees Contest" sponsored by **Paul & Jacki Kennedy, Identity Theft Awareness Group** donated over \$50 back to the Chamber, **Donald E. Bates, First Group Engineering & H.J. Umbaugh** sponsored 1st & 2nd prizes; **T.M. Edwards & Associates** sponsored the Hole-in-One prize; **Centier Bank** sponsored Long Drive and **Stan's Towing** sponsored Closest to the Pin.

Mark Your Calendar

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| September 1 | Circus at Pheasant Hills |
| September 4 | Membership Meeting/Luncheon |
| September 12 | Board of Directors Meeting
Dyer Town Hall - 8 am |
| September 25 | Promo Meeting -1pm -Town Hall |
| October 2 | Membership Meeting/Luncheon |
| October 10 | Board of Directors Meeting
Dyer Town Hall - 8am |
| October 23 | Promo Meeting -1pm -Town Hall |
| October 25 | Halloween Fun Fair/Parade - Town Hall
1-2pm |

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Dyer Chamber of Commerce appreciates your sponsorship and all the help during our First Annual Corn Roast & Family Picnic!

We could not have undertaken this major project without your support. We received lots of positive feedback from the community and pictures show everyone having a great time.

You and your business help make Dyer a better place in which to live and work!

Thanks again and hopefully we'll see you at our "2nd Annual Corn Roast"!

Gratefully,

Ruben Calvo

