



The Chamber

Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

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'A SIDE OF RICE'

CHANGE IS COMING, FROM ALL SIDES

March came in as a lion – and ended the same! It was a wild month of activity for the Chamber and there is lots of positive change coming to every corner of Excelsior Springs.

We successfully pulled off our first “remote luncheon” at Pisgah Baptist Church last month. We couldn’t have done this without the hospitality of Mark Spohn and the many volunteers who helped set up the space and serve refreshments during the event. It was an exciting exercise. The Chamber might choose to move our luncheon locations around on occasion.

I’d call our general election a huge success with the passing of Prop Lewis and the city’s Marijuana sales tax. Both questions passed by a large margin, proving that our community sticks together and supports positive change for Excelsior Springs. Look for work on the new Lewis school to begin this summer. Thank you to everyone who voted.

This week, Westside property owners are participating in a mail-in election for a one-cent sales tax. This sales tax will fund our Community Improvement District that will begin major infrastructure changes on the Westside. Partnered with the city and their Raise Grant of \$21.5 million, the Chamber and the new Westside CID will use these funds to not only improve streets, sidewalks and landscaping, we will create a whole new environment on the Westside



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with united promotion, marketing and activities.

During this mail-in election, owners will need to vote and have their ballots notarized before mailing them back to the Clay County Election Commission. Tallying of the votes will take place May 2. Please help by encouraging a yes vote to any Westside property owners you know.

Waterfest planning continues for June 23 and 24. Our entertainment is booked for the ESH Main Stage and Crescent Lake Christian Center’s Good News Stage. Count on lots of exciting (and FREE) live entertainment courtesy of our Waterfest sponsors.

Chamber businesses get discounted

rates on vendor booths at Waterfest. We are also looking for volunteers to help during the festival. Registration forms and volunteer sign-ups are at the Chamber or online at ESWaterfest.com.

We are excited to have Tammy Murphy join us as our Farmer’s Market Coordinator this year. Tammy is working hard to gather vendors for our downtown market, which begins Wednesday, June 7. We’re planning lots of big things for our opening night, so make an effort to stop by. We’ll be in the parking lot across from the GSC on Broadway again this year.

The Westside Excelsior Carnival is set and will be open to the public May 4, 5 & 6. Jones & Company will be here for the first time. They will have \$25 armbands for unlimited rides. Look for details on our social sites.

We’ve had several businesses renew their memberships this month. We welcome Hales Heating and Cooling, One Step at a Time Ballroom Dance, Total Insurance – Jim Rice, KH Consulting – Kim Halfhill, and Boopy Locks Hair Salon. We’re so happy you rejoined.

I continue to network with local businesses every opportunity I get. If I haven’t seen you yet, give me a call to set up an appointment. I’m looking forward to meeting all our great Chamber businesses and help us all move forward!

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURS • APR. 20

Keep Your Heart in Check
11:30 a.m.

ES Community Center

**City of Excelsior’s
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
6 p.m.

Hall of Waters

FRI • APR. 21

**Chamber Farmer’s Market
Committee meeting**
11:00 a.m.

Chamber office

SAT. • APR. 22

Earth Clean Up Day
9:00 a.m.

Schutte Pocket Park

**Blue Sparrow Garden Ctr
Grand Opening**
10:00 a.m.

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TUES • APR. 25

ESH Family Care Event
6:00 p.m.

Excelsior Springs Hospital

WED • APR. 26

**Chamber Westside
Committee meeting**
Noon

Mid-Continent Public Library

FRI-SAT • APR. 28-29

**City-wide Garage Sales
& Open Houses**
City-wide ESMO

SAT • APR. 29

Gatsby Day Celebration
Downtown ESMO

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

The Chamber is excited to announce our newest members who rejoined this past month. Please support these new members with your business.

ONE STEP AT A TIME BALLROOM DANCE

Jeri Mickle
423 S Thompson Ave
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-591-2509

BOOPY LOCKS HAIR SALON

Betty Jean Evans
210 S Marietta St
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-716-8074

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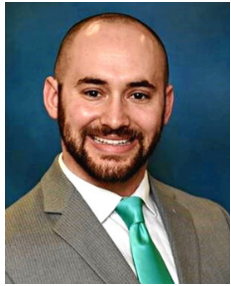
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Pediatric Care now available at Excelsior Springs Hospital



Dr. Joshua Umscheid

Dr. Umscheid specializes in Pediatrics, newborns to adolescents, and is now scheduling appointments. Dr. Umscheid also specializes in non-operative pediatric orthopedics, treats sports injuries, sprains, strains and other growth deformities, neuromuscular disorders, and uncomplicated fractures. Schedule your appointment with Dr. Umscheid today: 816-629-2700



Family Care Series provides evening of fun, facts & food



Bring the family to Excelsior Springs Hospital on Tuesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. This will be an informal interactive evening packed full of great information and resources. We're highlighting Dietetics and Rehabilitation Services. Meet our team, and learn about the variety of services that they provide to our community. There will be a light dinner provided, fun activities, and time to tour the Rehab Services department. You will also be able to explore other community resources related to health and wellness. This event is free and open to the public! All ages are welcome. Registration is requested for food planning purposes. Register online at bit.ly/aprilfamilycare.

Mayor Powell shares final State of City address

Outgoing Mayor Sharon Powell delivered an uplifting State of the City address to Clay County's Economic Development Council recently. Watch the video here: bit.ly/3GX6UBn



BE A LUNCHEON SPONSOR

Chamber luncheons are a great way to promote your business and network with community leaders. The new luncheon format for 2023 puts more focus on the luncheon sponsor and provides more networking between guests, keeping the format focused, productive and fast. The months of August and October are currently available. If you'd like to learn more about being a luncheon sponsor, call or email Chamber President Brian Rice.



Upcoming weekend entertainment in Excelsior Springs

mmm... Heavenly *A New Musical Comedy*

Church Basement Ladies

APRIL 21 & 22
APRIL 28, 29 & 30
MAY 5, 6 & 7

TICKETS: SOBTHEATRE.ORG

Slightly Off
BroadwayTheatre
114 N. Marietta St. • Excelsior Springs
816-637-3728

TICKETS \$17
ADULT \$10 - YOUTH

GATSBY DAYS

Celebrating the Roaring 20s

29 APRIL
SATURDAY
in historic downtown
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

Excelsior Springs Cultural Guild
INSPIRING THE ARTS
ESCULTURALGUILD.COM