



Chamber of Commerce – Newsletter, June 2008

Welcome Members;

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for joining our Spring Hope Chamber. Together we can make Spring Hope a stronger, better community.

The 2008-2009 season promises to be one of growth for not only our chamber, but for our area. As most of you know we are expecting Bo Jangles to break ground soon for their new restaurant on the corner of 581 and Hwy 64. This project will open the door for more retail opportunities for our area.

As many of you know we have developed our website, www.springhopechamber.com. The website reflects activities and information about the chamber, as well as well as, a business member and individual member listing. The site is interactive and we receive requests about area events, newcomers and business info via email. If you have an email address and it is not listed on the site please forward it to info@springhopechamber.com.

We have launched our Farmers Market, originally in the downtown area on June 6. The market did extremely well and was welcomed by most residents and businesses. Due to a discrepancy in the town's ordinances we have temporarily moved to a different location on Hwy 581 just past Batchelor's Tavern. The property's use was donated by Spring Hope Mayor Buddy Gwaltney.

The market will continue to be open every Friday at this location until the ordinance issues are ironed out. Meetings with the Town Board of Commissioners are set for Monday, July 14, to discuss a special use permit application. When produce is available the market will also be open on Tuesday mornings at this location. Local farmers and gardeners are invited to participate for more information please contact Warren Boone at 478-3267.

Our first business after hours was held at the Chamber Office on March 31, with a wine tasting. There were about 25 people who came to the event. This offered an excellent opportunity to meet fellow local business men and women and to be able to discuss area business opportunities.

The next business after hours will be held on July 17, at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Chamber Office and will be hosted by one of our new members, Frank Ladd. Mr. Ladd works for Edward Jones in Wendell, NC. Ice cream will be served so come by and meet Mr. Ladd and spend a little time networking with other area business people.

If you would like to schedule a business after hours for your business please contact Rose Cushing at 919-539-6647 or email her at rose@ezmarketingandconsulting.com.

We are also in the process of developing our "Welcome Wagon" type packet for newcomers to our area. If you have any ideas or would like to offer coupons or products to be included please contact Spring Toney at 478-7079.

The Pumpkin Festival is perking along and this year is chaired by William Toney, Jr. Volunteers are always needed and if you would like to volunteer please give William a call at 478-7079. If you would like to volunteer for any of the committees please contact the appropriate chair person.

We would like to welcome our news members to the Chamber:

Garnes and Toney Funereal Home
Frank Ladd
John Davis
J.D. King

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 28 at 6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Sylvia Williams
Spring Hope Chamber President