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NEW COVID-19 FINES IN CITY AND COUNTY

Adapted from Sonoma County website content, https://socoemergency. org/urgency-ordinanceauthorizing-enforcementof-covid-19-healthorders/

In early August, the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa approved urgency ordinances authorizing administrative enforcement of the public health orders. These orders allow for civil penalties that give enforcement agents additional tools to address those violations of health orders that create serious risk of spreading the virus.

Fines for personal (non-commercial) violations are \$100. Fines for commercial violations range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Landlords are exempt. Provisions were also made for residents to report violations.

Read more on the **Press Democrat** website: https://www. pressdemocrat.com/ article/news/santa-rosaadds-fines-for-covid-19-with-exemption-forlandlords/



Dunk Tank Finale and Grand Raffle Drawing Livestreamed · Sept 17, 4pm

See your favorite community leaders get dunked!

Online Auction, Dunk Tank pledges and Grand Raffle tickets at communityfaire.betterworld.org

FIVE DAYS!

Grand Raffle • Online Auction • DUNK TANK FUN Family-Friendly • DAILY Challenges • Food Sampling Give-Aways • Faire Specials • FUN Videos Cooking Demos • Rebuild Info

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Register your Business and Participate! See page 3



Steve Plamann Aaction Rents President

Our Mission:
The Mark West Area
Chamber of Commerce
is organized to advance
the economic wellbeing and uniqueness
of the Mark West Area
so that its citizens and
all areas of its business
community shall prosper.

CHAMBER MEETINGS

Board of Directors Second Tuesday Of Each Month 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Best Western Plus Wine Country Inn & Suites 870 Hopper Av. S.R.

Ambassadors Mtg.
Second Tuesday
Of Each Month
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm at
Best Western Plus Wine
Country Inn & Suites
870 Hopper Av. S.R.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MAKE A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO!

Here we are in sunny California with its yellow-grey smoky skies and snowflakes made of ash. If you were getting sick of the constant news about the Coronavirus you are getting a break with nearly 11,000 lightning strikes and almost 400 wildfires topping the news. I hope you are all well, safe and sane. More fires... déjà vu... Is there anything left to burn? We are now conditioned. We anticipate and prepare for the worst, but continue to live our lives as normally as we can, knowing we will survive and get back to normal tomorrow. As F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote, "so we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." We sleep through earthquakes, roast marshmallows during wildfires, and adapt to viruses with masks and social distancing. We are finally ready for an invasion by E. T., as that is the only thing left that we haven't already suffered. Well, there is one problem: many of us could use a BIG hug. I sure could. Our business community has adapted, is surviving, and will continue to be a special place with close relationships and caring neighbors and friends. Resilience is much more than a word to us. It is our way of

life. We will celebrate another victory!

Well, if you want a real challenge, have us come to your business and make a promotional video for this year's Mark West Community Faire and Business Showcase. It is easy and fun and we do all the work! You will have a lasting testament to your business, your community involvement, and your success.

We encourage business owners and their employees to get involved with the creative process and express what they do in a humorous way. We want to make you a promotional video we will all be proud of and which captures the attention of those tuning in to our Business Showcase. We will make you look good!



We recently shot a Business Showcase video for A.M. Maggio & Associates. This Santa Rosa business run by Aggie and Anthony Maggio offers health products with a focus on skin care. That's Aggie on the left, comparing her modern products with an old-fashioned mud mask humorously scooped up out of her own garden. Beth Henry, Beth Henry, VP Membership, Publicity & Public Relations is at right, filming. We encourage everyone to do as Aggie did and put some humor into their video!

The promotional videos will be shown all five days of the Faire and remain on the Faire's Facebook and YouTube sites, with links to them from the Chamber website. If you already have a promotional video for your business, we can play that for you on our two sites. You can also share the promotional video on your own business Facebook page and website!

All the registration forms you need are in this issue of the Lark. You can also go to markwest.org to register, or contact us at Office@MarkWest.org or (707) 578-7975.

Steve Plamann, President



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COMMUNITY FAIRE GOES ONLINE THIS SEPTEMBER

Celebrate our Mark West community! The Mark West Community Faire is fun for kids and adults with games and activities, silent auction, rebuild and public services information, food



and wine sampling, Faire Specials and promotions at our local businesses and restaurants, and of course, the Grand Raffle. Stay connected to your neighbors and be a part of the fun!

The Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center is hosting its annual community event and business

showcase ONLINE for 2020. Interactive daily activities, short cooking demos for kids and adults, Silent Auction website and Grand Raffle, Dunk Tank Fun featuring adventuresome local leaders, all kinds of informative and silly videos by our local organizations and businesses, even food and wine sampling! It all takes place from Sunday, September 13 through Thursday, September 17, with a different theme every day. Daily themes are:

Sunday, September 13 - Tiger King Day

Monday, September 14 - Mask Day

Tuesday, September 15 – Toilet Paper Day

Wednesday, September 16 – Some Good News Day

Thursday, September 17 - Resiliency Day

Thursday, September 17 from 4-5pm - Dunk Tank finale and Grand Raffle Drawing

There will be plenty of time to bid on your favorite auction items donated by our great member businesses. Bidding starts September 1 at communityfaire.betterworld.org The Faire culminates in a livestreaming event on Facebook and YouTube on Thursday, September 17 from 4-5pm with the Dunk Tank Fun finale and Grand Raffle drawing.

Starting September 1, announcements and schedule details will be found on our website and social media channels: www.markwest.org, Facebook/MarkWestAreaChamber, communityfaire.betterworld.org, and our Youtube channel.

Every day will have new upload challenges, cooking demos, business spotlights, food specials, and more, and the public

has the opportunity to be engaged not only through our own social media, but through the online involvement of our many community partners like the Mark West Union School District, neighborhood resiliency organizations, and Faire sponsors.

We would like to especially thank our 2020 Platinum Faire Sponsors: Molsberry's Market, California American Water, Carlton Senior Living, Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital, Jackson Family Wines, and Accent Printing and Design.

DO WE NEED THIS? YES, NOW MORE THAN EVER, WE DO!

David Mohle of Accent Printing trains for dunk tank duty. Dunk Tank Pledges start September 1 at communityfaire.betterworld.org.

To host a Ribbon Cutting, contact... Aggie Maggio

aggiemaggio@icloud.com 707-486-1303



Interested in joining our Ambassador Team? Contact the Chamber at office@markwest.org 707-578-7975







Sunday, September 13 – Thursday, September 17, 2020

GRAND RAFFLE • ONLINE AUCTION • DUNK TANK FUN • COOKING DEMOS • FOOD & PRODUCT SAMPLING • FAMILY FUN • UPLOAD CHALLENGES

PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP

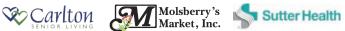
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Online Auction, Grand Raffle, and Dunk Tank pledges at communityfaire.betterworld.org

Bidding opens Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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CHAMBER VOLUNTEER TONY GERALDI INSTRUMENTAL IN RECRUITING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

Adapted from a story by Chris Smith in The Press Democrat, August 8, 2020

Critical demand for food for people challenged or devastated by economic fallout of the COVID-19 crisis spurred more than 30 elected officials from throughout Sonoma County and one from Mendocino County to give up their Saturday morning.

City council members from every municipality in the county teamed up to sort and package food beneath a tent outside the Redwood Empire Food Bank, north of Santa Rosa. Thirty-four



Recent activity at a Redwood Empire Food Bank facility. Image source: Redwood Empire Food Bank

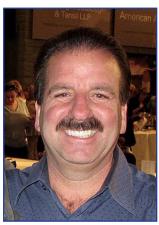
members of city councils and school boards were joined by family members and several former elected officials.

They answered a call for help by the regional food bank, which wrestles with shortages of volunteers as it strives to assure that free food keeps flowing to great numbers of families and individuals that struggle to pay bills and keep food on the table amid layoffs and other disruptions brought on by the pandemic.

Rallying the elected officials to the cause was Tony Geraldi, a regular Redwood Empire Food Bank volunteer who works as operations manager for Sonoma County Airport Express, serves on the board of the county fair, and is a longtime official and advocate of the Miss Sonoma County scholarship competition.

Aware that the food bank needs more volunteers to sort and package food, he asked elected officials from throughout the county to put in a shift on Saturday morning for the cause.

The 40 work slots were quickly filled. "I had to turn people away," Geraldi said.



Tony Geraldi, Operations Manager for Sonoma County Airport Express and a regular volunteer at the Redwood Empire Food Bank

The eagerness by the corps of current and former elected officials and by so many others to step up at a time of crisis touched the heart of David Goodman, chief of the REFB.

"To see our community come together, supporting this dire need, is a wonder to behold," Goodman said. Among the beneficiaries, he added, are many people who are experiencing food insecurity for the first time.

"Until today, people didn't need to know us," Goodman said. "So many people needing assistance right now have never had to ask for help before."

For information on volunteer opportunities at the Redwood Empire Food Bank, go to https://refb.org/volunteer-opportunities/.

Read the entire story on the Press Democrat website at https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/news/sonoma-county-elected-officials-roll-up-their-sleeves-to-help-redwood-empir/?artslide=1Earlier&fbclid=lwAR3ev-XIK98m66o0fRD7fD2dH_nwsEZFiZtB_o6sE4y_ntJijrVl9JQUJtc

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schedule Subject to Change Due To COVID-19 Health Emergency

The times, dates, and locations of all Mark West Area Chamber events are subject to change, depending upon governmental guidelines. For the latest event information, check the Chamber website at http://www.markwest.org/

September 13-17, 2020 30th Annual Community Faire & Business Showcase



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year! The Mark West Community Faire is fun for kids and adults with interactive daily activities, short cooking demos for kids and adults, Silent Auction website and Grand Raffle, Dunk Tank Fun featuring adventuresome local leaders, all kinds of informative and silly videos by our local organizations and businesses, even food and wine sampling! Promote your own business with a video or a donation to our silent auction. Stay connected to your neighbors and be a part of the fun!

Thursday October 8, 2020 Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Extended Child Care Coalition 1745 Copperhill Pkwy #5, Santa Rosa

Thursday, November 12, 2020 Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Anytime Fitness 490 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 Holiday Tree Lighting - Community Event 6:00pm Hosted by Mark West Union School District; Molsberry's Markets, Inc.; Sonoma County Fire District: Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce Thursday, December 10, 2019 Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Co-hosted by Larkfield Exchange Bank and Molsberry Markets, Inc. 500 Larkfield Center, Santa Rosa

Events postponed due to Covid-19 Response

Chamber 39th Annual Installation Dinner 6:00 - 9:00pm Hosted at Charlie's Restaurant at the Windsor Golf Club, 1320 19th Hole Drive, Windsor

Chamber Business Luncheon
11:30am-1:00pm
Topic: Mark West Site-Specific Plan
Speakers: James Gore (Sonoma County 4th
District Supervisor), Pete Lescure (Lescure
Engineers), and PRMD staff
Hosted at Best Western Plus Wine Country Inn and
Suites, 870 Hopper Ave, Santa Rosa

Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Salon Marcel (Ribbon Cutting) 4795 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite C, Santa Rosa

Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Solstice Senior Living at Santa Rosa (Ribbon Cutting) 3585 Round Barn Blvd., Santa Rosa

Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Bisordi Ranch and Vineyards, LLC 1350 River Road, Fulton

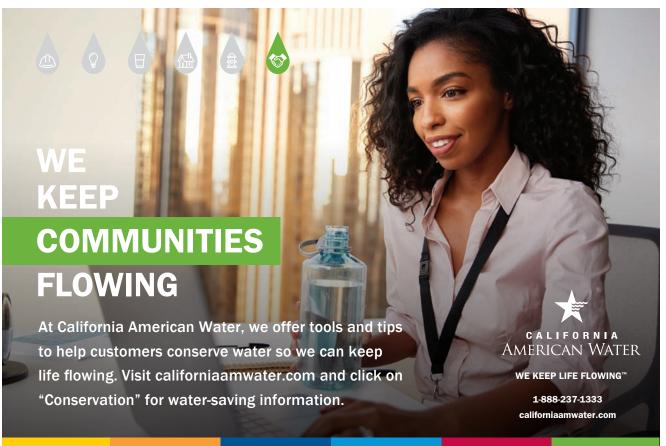
Chamber Business After Hours Social 5:30-7:30pm Hosted by Atlas Pavers Co. 1710 4th Street, Santa Rosa





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MARK WEST AREA COMMUNITY INFORMATION

AREA POPULATION - within a 3 mile radius - 20,000

ELEVATION - 160 feet above sea level

BOUNDARIES - Area approximately bounded by: Shiloh Road - North Piner Road - South

West Olivet Road - West Lodge on Mark West Springs Rd - East

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Standard Dues - Effective January 1, 2020

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