

Supporting Friends, Family, and Business

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2020

Music in the Park

We enjoyed three beautiful summer evenings at Veterans Park listening to some amazing music that was enjoyed by many individuals from our Village and the surrounding communities. Thank you to the various Local Praise Bands that provided music at all of our concerts, along with

> June 18th—Sister Winchester July 16th—Vintage Mix August 12th—Copper Box

We are grateful that we are able to sponsor and provide this free entertainment for all that care to attend. We appreciate your business being a part of the Chamber that makes this all possible!



Oostburg Athletic Association did a fabulous job providing food at each concert as a fundraiser for their organization. In appreciation, we recently committed to donating \$3,000 to the new concession stand that the OAA is currently in the process of getting finalized bids. The new stand will be located at the west end of Veterans Park and will also include bathrooms. This is going to benefit all who use the park for many years to come. We feel blessed that we can give back to our communities by supporting this organization.

11th Annual Oostburg Area Chamber Christmas Parade

Saturday November 28, 2020 5:00 pm



OACOC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Board of Directors have decided that we will still hold the OACOC Annual Christmas Parade! Now that Center Avenue is completely redone and there are new lights to line the entire street, we are going to lengthen the parade route to allow for additional space so we can all social distance safely. We will start the parade at Veterans Park on 12th Street and turn East onto Center Avenue. The parade will head East all the way to 6th Street, where it will then turn North and head to the Oostburg High School parking lot to disassemble. Again, it is a large area where all participants will be able to spread out as they prepare to head back home.

We want to thank Carlton Automotive and their employees for being willing to plan the Annual Christmas Parade! Also special thanks to the Oostburg Fire Department who are willing to help with the logistics. Thank you to Oostburg Financial Services for providing individuals to judge the entries and also to the Oostburg State Bank for being willing to donate the prize money. There will be three prizes given! First place will be \$100, second place \$50, and third place will be \$25.

It isn't too late to enter! This is a great way to promote your business either by entering a float or vehicle with lights for everyone to see. There is no entry fee to participate!!! You can find your blank form on the Chamber website under the "ABOUT" tab/Christmas Parade.

Please email your completed entry form to: cree@carltonautomotive.com or mail to:

Carlton Automotive 39 Center Avenue Oostburg, WI 53070

If you have any questions, please call 920-564-3000.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following business to the OACOC:

- Wensink Heating and Cooling

Wensink Heating and Cooling has been in business for 30 years. They currently are owned and operated by David Wensink and Scott Arndt. Their phone number is (920)207-2629, or you can find more information about their business by visiting their website at <u>sheboyganheating.com</u>.



Quarterly Meeting held on October 21, 2020



Thank you to Breaking Bread Banquet Hall for hosting our last Quarterly Meeting. Those in attendance enjoyed individually boxed lunches provided by Judi and her staff.

Special thanks to Representative Terry Katsma for sharing an update with the election and our government. Did you know that both Terry and Devin LeMahieu serve on the Joint Finance Committee, which helps set the annual budget? This committee has been in existence for 108 years. During this time there have been a total of 366 people who have served on the committee...Terry and Devin are only numbers 8 and 9 from Sheboygan County! If you were unable to attend but would like to ask Terry any questions, please feel free to email him at <u>rep.katsma@legis.wisconsin.gov</u>.

The rest of our time we held a round table discussion on the effects that Covid-19 has had on the businesses that make up our membership. These are definitely different times but together we can grow through what we go through. Remember to support our small businesses whenever it is possible and SHOP LOCAL!



Oostburger T-Shirts

We have just placed our third order and will have a large supply of t-shirts available and ready for purchase soon.

Christmas is right around the corner! These unique t-shirts make a fantastic gift!

Kids sizes through Adult XXXL

\$13.00 each

Purchase directly from one of the following locations:

Oostburg Bakery

Voskuil Machine Co.

Contact Terri Mentink at (920) 564-6500 or oostburgchamber@gmail.com if you have any questions.

VETERANS PARK BANDSHELL TILES

The Chamber learned of interest in our community to purchase tiles for the military and community memory walls of the bandshell at Veterans Park. After discussion, the Directors approved for us to take over this project.

A huge SHOUT OUT to Karen Voskuil from **KV Graphics** for being willing to take on this project. She not only designed the order form, but also took care of placing the orders for the tiles. We ended up ordering a total of fifteen tiles this summer—that is awesome!

We also want to THANK Don Ludens who volunteered to install the tiles on the walls for us. The next time you see either Karen Voskuil or Don Ludens, please make sure to join me in THANKING them personally!

We truly could not have done this without them and are so appreciative of their servant hearts.



This event continues to help support our Chamber's vision: *to promote the Village of Oostburg and to unify the interests of the businesses in the village and the surrounding communities for the bene-fit of the greater community.* We are just starting to form the committee for our next event which will be held on August 13, 2021.

If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact either Terri Mentink at ostburgchamber@gmail.com or Shannon Sellin at shannonsellin@oostburgbank.com.

2021 CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars have arrived! The sponsoring businesses that paid to advertise on the calendars have been notified and were welcome to help themselves to a supply. The remaining calendars are available to the public at the Oostburg State Bank. Please feel free to stop in by Lynn or Vicki and they will be happy to assist you.



OACOC CHRISTMAS SOCIAL IS CANCELLED FOR 2020



These are pictures from our event last year at Oostburg Concrete. Everyone who attended truly enjoyed their time visiting, networking and sharing the Christmas spirit with one another.

Unfortunately due to the current pandemic, the Board of Directors have decided that it is NOT in the best interest of our members to hold this event with rising cases of COVID-19 in our area. We look forward to next year when we will be able to spread our holiday cheer in person, hopefully without wearing masks. We still want to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!