



Chamber Update

Happening THIS WEEK!!

Here's hoping all our Chamber members enjoyed the long Memorial Day weekend.

During this short first week of summer vacation your Chamber staff will be following up on the many major events held in the month of May. Whether or not you were there, visit our website photo page to see scenes from EXPO, the Small Business Advisory Council's Lunch n' Learn or B2B Networking and committee members in action during their May meetings. To be added later this week will be photos from last week's Business After Hours at Banner Ford, our regional legislative event, "Northshore Focus," and our May luncheon (tomorrow) with Baton Rouge Mayor President Kip Holden.

Later this week we will send a special message about remaining sponsorship opportunities for 2008, including for our \$10,000 Raffle Party, set for Saturday, August 16, 2008 Raffle Chairman P.J. Demarie is ready to plan for the fun! If you are interested in this special event planning committee, email us at info@sttammanychamber.org!

Committee meetings this week and next:

- Small Business Advisory Council (SBAC): Tuesday, June 3 at 8 a.m.
- EXPO Wrap Up meeting—give input on making EXPO 2009 bigger n' better! 8-9 a.m., Thursday, May 30

Ribbon Cuttings this week:

- Thursday, May 29 – Freedom Boat Club, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Marina Del Ray in Madisonville

Spotlighting Our Small Business Members

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MEMBER HAPPENINGS

Southeastern SBDC hosts SBA District Director

The Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University will host a breakfast reception to welcome the recently named U.S. Small Business Administration District Director for Louisiana, Mr. Michael Ricks.

This event will be held on Friday, June 6 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. at the **Southeast Louisiana Business Center** on Martens Dr. in Hammond. For more information contact Southeastern’s Business Center at 985-549-3831 or sbdc@selu.edu.

Joint the City of Covington for the opening of the new **Covington Trailhead** located at 419 N. New Hampshire St. on Friday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Candace Watkins and the Covington City Council will cut the ribbon marking the official opening of the impressive facility.

Hammond Mayor’s Gold Award

New Orleans Saints Head Coach Sean Payton will be the featured speaker at this event that will honor Henry “Tank” Powell and John Alario set for Wednesday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Carter Plantation in Springfield. Please visit www.laso.org for more information.