



Weekly Update

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"To preserve the free enterprise system; to preserve and expand the potential of all business and professional enterprises; and to promote the civic, cultural and social well-being of the City of Tustin and surrounding community."



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CALENDAR

**Effective January 2, 2009
the chamber office will be closed on Fridays**

MONDAY, MAY 25

Memorial Day Holiday. The chamber office will be closed. Due to this holiday, the chamber office will be open the Friday before, on May 22nd, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

7:30 a.m. - Governmental Affairs Council (GAC) meeting, Tustin Chamber Board Room. We will be discussing and taking positions on the following bills:

Assembly Bills AB 178 (Skinner), AB 250 (Miller), AB 263 (Miller), and AB 583 (Hancock) - Political Reform Act of 1974

Senate Bills - SBX 3 10 (Ducheny) - The Mental Health Services Act: Proposition 63 Amendments; SCA 4 (Ashburn) - Property Tax: New Construction Exclusion: Seismic Retrofitting; and SCA 8 (Maldonado) - State Officer Salary Increases

Federal Bills - H.R. 627 - Credit Card Holder's Bill of Rights Acts; H.R. 2352 - Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act of 2009; H.R. 915 - FAA Reauthorization Act; H.R. 2346 - Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009; H.R. 2454 - American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009; H.R. 1106 - Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009; and Cash for Clunkers Act

THURSDAY, MAY 28 - BUSINESS EXPO

1:00 - 7:00 p.m. - At Straub Distributing, 2701 Dow Avenue, Tustin. The Tustin Chamber's contribution to the Stimulus Package--this year's event is OPEN AND FREE TO THE PUBLIC with over 60 exhibitors and 10 restaurants..

Thank you to our sponsors to date:

Event Sponsor - Straub Distributing

Other Sponsors: Sam's Club, Tustin Ranch Golf Club, Traffik

MONDAY, JUNE 1

11:45 am. - 1:30 p.m. - Power Lunch at Tustin Ranch Golf Club. The cost is \$20.00/ reservations; \$22.00/at door or non-chamber members.

Keynote Speaker: Johnny Johnson, Blue Buoy Swim School

Topic: Swim for Life Challenge, Drowning Prevention, and Health & Fitness

Informercial Winner: Sonnie Carlton, Conrey Insurance Brokers

Black Marble Jackpot: \$68.00



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With our Member-to-Member Discount Program, everytime you call or visit a Chamber member for products or services, you are promoting member-to-member business.

It's that easy! And it really does pay to shop with members. Merchants are rewarded by increased business and visibility. Members and their employees save money by shopping with you or using your services.

To start taking advantage of this program, view our most current Member-to-Member Discount Directory on our website at www.tustinchamber.org. under Programs & Services.

Pillar Sponsors

The "Pillars of the Chamber" sponsorship program is for active chamber members who take pride in being identified as general sponsors for all chamber events and activities conducted throughout the year. Special on-going recognition and additional benefits are received in return for this all-inclusive subscription. Thank you to our Pillar Sponsors:

- ◆ AT&T California
- ◆ CR&R, Inc.
- ◆ Farmers & Merchants Bank
- ◆ Kimbrell Insurance Agency
- ◆ Patriots Federal Credit Union
- ◆ Sky Lending Group
- ◆ The Market Place/The Irvine Co.
- ◆ Tustin Ranch Golf Club
- ◆ Union Bank of California
Tustin Ranch Branch
- ◆ Vestar Development/The District
at Tustin Legacy

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

BANNER ADVERTISING

A banner ad is a form of advertising on the World Wide Web. All the advantages of a printed publication, a banner ad has the ability to bring a potential customer directly to the advertiser's website. For banner ad rates, please call the chamber office.

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"ADVOCATE" NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING - Advertise in our monthly newsletter, The Business Advocate. Published monthly, electronically mailed to over 2,000 businesses throughout Orange County, and posted on our website for one (1) year. How's that for maximizing your advertising dollars! Advertising space is limited so reserve your space today.

"ADVOCATE" NEWSLETTER INSERTS - Advertising in The Advocate makes sense and it works! Just ask those members who have tried it. For only \$100.00, your promotional fliers will be a part of our newsletter and posted on our website for thirty (30) days. Inserts are due by the 20th of the month on a PDF format.

DIGITAL ADVERTISING IS HERE!

The impact of digital advertising is sensational! It allows multiple clients to share valuable advertising space at a reduced cost per exposure. Your digital ad will be displayed on a 42" flat screen located in our Information Center and viewed by hundreds of people each day. 3-month minimum commitment.

Digital Ad Rates:

3 Months/Minimum - \$300 (payable at \$100/Month)

6 Months - \$510 (payable \$85/Month)

12 Months - \$600 (payable \$50/Month)

SAVE THESE DATES

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - 14TH ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Clifton C. Miller Community Center. Invitations will be mailed out next week. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - 52ND ANNUAL CHAMBER GALA & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Starting at 6:00 p.m. - Tustin Ranch Golf Club

Also, recipients of the 2009 Business of the Year will be announced that evening. Invitations will be mailed out mid-May.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & BANQUET DINNER AT TUSTIN RANCH GOLF CLUB

Entry fee is \$195.00/person. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., shotgun start/scramble format at 12:00 p.m. Starting at 5:00 p.m. will be the Helicopter 50/50 Ball Drop, dinner/silent & live auction, and awards presentation.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Tustin Area Senior Center, the public can enjoy and purchase handmade crafts from over 30 crafters and vendors. If you are a crafter/vendor and would like to register for this event, call the chamber office at 714-544-5341.



Got news about your business and would like to share it with other members?

Send your information via e-mail approximately two weeks before your special event and we will include it in the Weekly Update ("News from Our Members" Section), space permitting.

Due to limited space and a large volume of requests, items printed on the Weekly Update will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, will run for one week only (please, no ongoing articles), and final entries will be at the discretion of the Tustin Chamber of Commerce.

Articles submitted with events more than two weeks away may/may not be published, depending on date sensitive materials from others.

This FREE SERVICE is available to chamber members only.

Pillar Sponsor and sponsor of the Quarterly New Member Reception



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT FLIERS

Due to the high demand for requests to attach special event fliers to our Weekly Update, we are limiting these attachments to a total of 5 per week on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

FREE TICKETS TO TUSTIN NIGHT AT THE ORANGE COUNTY FLYERS ON JUNE 10TH

Offered by the City of Tustin Parks & Recs Department, June 10th is "Tustin Night at Goodwin Field" in Fullerton. Come out with your friends and family to see the Independent minor League Orange County Flyers play the Victoria Seals in a summer night double header baseball game. The first game is at 5:05 p.m.; the second game will start at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tickets are FREE! Stop by the Parks & Recs Department for your tickets at 300 Centennial Way, Tustin. Or call 714-573-3326 for more information.

BLIND CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

Destination...Independence 5th Annual 5K Walk is on Saturday, June 6th. Post-walk festivities include food, games, music and more at Blind Children's Learning Center, 18542-B Vanderlip Avenue, Santa Ana. Register online at www.blindkids.org. Or for more information, call 714-573-8888, Ext. 118.

I-5 HOSTING FAMILY FRIENDLY GRAND OPENING

The community is invited to attend this grand opening on Saturday, May 30th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are located at 2631 Michelle Drive, Tustin. For more information, call 714-669-0555,

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS SEEKING DONATIONS TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP

For the past 26 years, children from Tustin have attended the Pythian Youth Camp in Fresno. The Pythian Youth Foundation, which operates the camp, is a 501(c)(3) corporation with a single purpose--sending at-risk children between the ages of 9 and 11 to summer camp regardless of their race, religion, or cultural background. For donations or more information, go to www.pythianyouthfoundation.com/Mission.html or send an e-mail to pythianyouthcamp@earthlink.net.

MISS TUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTS TEXAS HOLD-EM/TEAM POKER TOURNAMENT FUND RAISER

This event is on Saturday, May 30th, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m., at the Fullerton Boys & Girls Club, 348 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton. Donation is \$280 for a team of eight players (\$35.00/each). For details and reservations, call Cherrill Cady at 714-227-1751 or Kathi Hikawa at 714-524-6096.

THE WINERY'S WINE TASTING

Wednesdays at The Winery, there will be an informal wine tasting event held every month starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 (excludes tax). For reservations, call 714-258-7600 or email Rochelle@thewineryrestaurant.net

TUSTIN RANCH GOLF CLUB'S MUSIC UNDER THE STARS CONCERT

Summer is just around the corner and so is Tustin Ranch Golf Club's popular summer concert series. These concerts will be at the Greenside Patio, starts at 6:00 p.m. and is open to the public: June 18, July 16, August 20 and September 27



Ambassadors Committee

Is It For You?

Our Ambassadors Committee is comprised of active Tustin Chamber members who made a conscious decision to help their business grow through their involvement in chamber events. The opportunities to meet and interact with other chamber members and businesses in the community have proven to be an excellent networking tool.

Our ambassadors are also conscientious individuals who believe in our Mission Statement. They volunteer their time for our many events by supporting the chamber staff in the implementation of these programs.

What Are The Rewards?

The rewards will be dependent on the level of service provided throughout the 2009-2010 year such as:

- ◆ Two greeters on a rotation basis will receive complimentary admission to the monthly breakfasts;
- ◆ Reserved seating at the monthly breakfasts;
- ◆ Ambassador of the Month acknowledged at the monthly breakfasts;
- ◆ Ambassador photo published in our monthly newsletter;
- ◆ Free admission to the monthly mixers;
- ◆ Acknowledgement at the monthly mixers;
- ◆ Ambassador Roster posted on our website;
- ◆ Ambassador List on our Weekly Update;
- ◆ Ambassador name badge available at all events;
- ◆ Invitation to the ribbon cuttings, grand openings and special community events as well as acknowledgement at chamber ceremonies; and
- ◆ The coveted Ambassador of the Year recipient announced at the Chamber Gala in June.

When Are The Meetings?

The Ambassadors Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., Tustin Chamber Board Room.

MORE CHAMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

The following businesses were nominated for this year's prestigious Business of the Year. The nominees for the three categories are:

Large Business Category - CR&R, Inc., The Winery, and Union Bank/Tustin Ranch
Small Business Category - Aloha Graphics, Beach Pit BBQ, Conrey Insurance, Enderle Center, Extreme Boot Camp, HKA, Inc., Optimum Property Management, and Tustin Brewing

Rookie of the Year (Obtained a new business license in the City of Tustin in 2008) - Barrhomes Real Estate and HR Now!

Nominees will be recognized at the June 10th Membership Breakfast, 7:15 a.m., at Tustin Ranch Golf Club. The winner of each category will be announced at the Chamber Gala on Friday, June 26th, at Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

2009-2010 AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE

The first meeting/orientation of the 2009-2010 Ambassadors Committee is on Wednesday, June 3rd, 7:30 a.m., at the Tustin Chamber office. A member in good standing with an interest to be a part of this dynamic committee is invited to join us.

BUSINESS TOUR TO ITALY 2010

The tour will be departing March 8-17, 2010. Open to the Tustin community and their friends and families, this 10-day journey to Tuscany and Rome will include Italy's top destinations--Siena, Pisa, Florence, Carrara, Portofino, San Gimignano, Montecatini and Venice. The cost is \$2849/per person. For more information, visit our website at www.tustinchamber.org under "Calendar of Events."

CHILI COOKOFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Tustin Chamber will be selling BBQ ribs at the Chili Cookoff on Sunday, June 7th from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We still need volunteers for the Chili Cookoff on Sunday, June 7. If you can spare a couple of hours between 11:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m., please give us a call.

FOOD DRIVE FOR O.C. RESCUE MISSION AND BLIND CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER BEGINS MAY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31

This community outreach program is sponsored by the Tustin Chamber of Commerce and the Tustin Host Lions Club, in collaboration with the City of Tustin. Food items needed include canned meats (tuna, chicken, stew, corned beef), canned vegetables, canned fruits, peanut butter, cereal, powdered baby formula, dried soup mixes, crackers, dried beans, boxed pastas and rice. Non-foot items may be blankets, diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels.

These items may be dropped off at the chamber office during office hours. Additional drop-off locations include:

Barrhomes Real Estate - 160 Centennial Way, #2, Tustin

Blind Children's Center - 18542-B Vanderlip, Santa Ana

Blue Buoy Swim School - 100 W. Main Street, Suite 4, Tustin

Boys & Girls Club of Tustin - 580 W. 6th Street, Tustin

CR&R, Inc. - 250 El Camino Real, #118, Tustin

Francis Chiropractic Offices - 1131 E. Main Street, #106, Tustin



Chamber Councils

Chamber Councils are the outreach, advocacy, service and communication platforms for the Chamber. The councils gather their members from and have involvement beyond the boundaries of Chamber membership. The Councils provide value to the community that is made possible through the support of the chamber's fundraising events.

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (BEDC)

- ◆ Monitors and supports growth and development of businesses in Tustin.
- ◆ Develops programs, in cooperation with other stakeholders, to encourage development of business opportunities.
- ◆ Assists to improve the competitiveness of local companies.
- ◆ Monitors that the needs of existing businesses are met.

Open to members, BEDC meets on the second Thursday of each month, 8:00 a.m. in the Tustin Chamber Board Room.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GAC)

- ◆ Focuses on issues related to government at all levels and raises awareness of the affects of government action on the well-being of the Tustin area communities and businesses.
- ◆ Meets regularly with representatives from the city, county, state and federal government.
- ◆ Monitors legislation at all levels of government and makes recommendations to oppose or support legislation that impacts businesses.
- ◆ Sponsors and hosts the City Council Candidates Forum during an election year.

Open to members, GAC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 a.m. in the Tustin Chamber Board Room.

CHAMBER BENEFITS & SERVICES

RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES - This is a great way to promote your business to the entire community. A benefit of your chamber membership, ribbon cuttings are held on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays.

TUSTIN INFORMATION CENTER - Located in the chamber offices, we receive numerous visitors and handle hundreds of calls each month regarding businesses and things to do in Tustin. Why not further promote your business by displaying your brochures in the Tustin Information Center. Better yet, come visit us and see what this is all about.

- ◆ Digital Advertising on 47" Monitor Strategically Located for Maximum Visibility
- ◆ Community Calendar displayed on 42" Monitor

OTHER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- ◆ Free listing in our annual Membership Directory and Community Resource Guide
- ◆ Free listing on our website and links to your business
- ◆ Monthly Membership Breakfasts
- ◆ Police Officer of the Month Program
- ◆ Monthly Mixers hosted by various chamber members
- ◆ Joint Mixers & Workshops With Other Chambers of Commerce
- ◆ Members Power Lunch on the first and third Mondays of each month (except holidays)
- ◆ Quarterly New Member Reception
- ◆ Business Outreach Program for Large Employers
- ◆ Business Workshops
- ◆ Business Management & Training Seminars
- ◆ Certificates of Origin
- ◆ Membership Mailing Labels
- ◆ Member-to-Member Discount Program
- ◆ Educational business tours, open to the community, to exotic countries like China and Italy

ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR "MEMBERS ONLY"

Patriots Federal Credit Union/949-362-7202 - Special to chamber members only, an 'instant benefit' of \$110. First, become a PFCU member and they'll pay your \$10.00 membership fee. Second, sign up for direct deposit upon joining and after the first three months of active direct deposits PFCU will put \$100 in your account. You receive \$110 of value for doing something good for yourself!

T-Mobile/Westven Wireless/949-295-9415 - Available to chamber members only, sign up for phone service for a minimum of 24 months with T-Mobile/Westven Wireless and receive a mobile phone valued up to \$400.00 absolutely FREE.

Tustin Ranch Golf Club/714-734-1611 - The Community Partner Program (CPP) offers special golf membership to our members only. This program was designed to offer our members significant price reduction on membership, golf throughout the week on green fees, and discounts throughout the facility for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment.

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