

# Castle Rock Chamber Notes

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## Upcoming Community Events:

- Chamber Of Commerce Membership Drive - Contact: Jessica Robertson 274-8181
- Riverfront Trail Trek Saturday, April 17th Contact: Dave Vorse 274-4876
- May Day Clean Up Day May 1st. City Wide Call: Jessica Robertson 274-8181
- Mountain Mania July 24th. Contact: Carolyn Pederson 274-8221
- Castle Rock Fair July 22-24 Parade on July 22nd. Contact: Yvonne Knuth 274-8422 or Barbara Rider

## What's Happening in Castle Rock?

**CHAMBER REACTIVATED—**  
The reorganizational meeting of the CastleRock Chamber of Commerce was held August 14, 2003. Positive factors for reactivating this organization included retainage of the existing non-profit status, continuation of a recognized board to obtain funding for projects and to serve as a catalyst to build partnerships between various civic, government, and community organizations to showcase Castle Rock as a destination point, instead of a place to pass through.

The Board of Directors continues to seek and solicit assistance from all local businesses to work toward those endeavors.

**YOUR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL!** Chamber President Linda Bauska welcomes all sources of participation and recommendations— if you cannot come to meetings she asks that you contact her at Hattie's Restaurant, or call 274-7019.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS-**  
- VISTA volunteer obtained to assist with community revitalization programs.  
- City granted \$15,000 for consultant to develop a marketing plan.  
- Met with funding repre-

sentatives from Washington State Community Trade and Economic Development regarding downtown upgrades. They recommended that Wa. State Historical Society be included in conceptual plan reviews to support future grant applications for construction.  
- City council budgeted \$5000 to develop conceptual plans for downtown upgrades. A meeting will be held in March to seek ideas from business owners.

**WORK IN PROCESS-**  
- Insurance coverage for Chamber of Commerce sponsored events (such as street sales, parades, art fairs, street dances, etc)  
- Develop web site for Chamber showing business opportunities, available services, etc.

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### Chamber Meeting Information:

*WHEN:* Second Thursday of every month 8:00 A.M.

*WHERE:* Currently Held At Hattie's Restaurant

*For meeting or membership information, please contact Linda Bauska at (360)274-7019, Sharon Traub at 274-6685 or Ryana Covington at 274-8181 email: rcovington@ci.castle-rock.wa.us*



Riverfront Trail nearing completion!



The Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce is defined as:  
 “Consolidation of business owners and the community, combining efforts to improve and promote business and quality of life in the Castle Rock area.”



Welcome Vista Volunteer Jessica Robertson with Chamber of Commerce President, Linda Bauska

## Business News Around Town

### Welcome A New Business:

**Curves For Women** - opened a Feb. 23, 2004 at 160 Huntington Ave N. Suite G. (360) 274-2777

### New Construction:

• **Castle Rock Pediatric And Family Wellness Center.** Opening a new pediatric wing to be completed this spring.  
 • **Mt. St. Helens Cinedome Theater** - expansion of their gift shop area.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!!**

### In Remembrance -

Pauline St. John, co-owner of Castle Mercantile recently passed away- The Chamber would like to extend their condolences to her family and business partners As a long-time member of the business community- she will be sorely missed.

## What's Happening in Castle Rock? (continued)

### WORK IN PROCESS-

- Investigate Use Of Community Currency Between Businesses. This is an incentive program based on the barter system. Successful programs promote the idea that local money should stay local to support the town. Rewards are not just financial, but also create a strong sense of community and self-sufficiency. Further discussion will be

held at upcoming meetings.

- Business Surveys - “thank you” to all of the businesses that participated in the survey. Results are available from Jessica Robertson. This summer a follow-up survey will poll consumers. Results will be made available upon request.

- Development of a community service and infor-

mational brochure. This will include information to assist in finding local services, specifically for the tourist. Preliminary information may include where to find fishing supplies, camping, groceries, movies, beauticians etc. Jessica Robertson would like to be contacted with ideas on this project. Her phone number is 274-8181.

## Welcome to Our VISTA Volunteer!

In November, Castle Rock opened its arms to a new helper, named Jessica Robertson. Jessica will be devoting this coming year toward spearheading community revitalization projects; with emphasis on the business community. Jessica asks that those with suggestions and ideas contact her at City Hall (M-F 8:30am-5pm) Telephone: 274-8181 or email: [jrobertson@ci.castle-rock.wa.us](mailto:jrobertson@ci.castle-rock.wa.us)