WEDNESDAYS WITH WARRENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOVEMBER 23, 2022

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, November 29th 12:00 pm Membership Planning Meeting- Casa Tequila

Wednesday, December 7th 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm
Board of Directors Meeting- Warren County R-3 Central Office
Friday, November 18th 8:00 am
Ribbon Cutting and Grand Re-Opening for Wal-Mart (NEW DATE)

Monday, December 12th 11:45 pm- 1:00 pm General Membership Meeting- Country Lake Golf Club

Friday, January 13th, 2023 6:00 pm 100th Anniversary Banquet and Annual Awards

FRIENDS OF THE CHAMBER

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Thank you, Friends, for your support.

Business Spotlight Brenda Turner & Christine Conley of Fidelis Realty Group

I would like to welcome my daughter Christine Conley into the Real Estate World... Together we will be working to make everything smooth and easy for you when you buy or sell. My name is Brenda Turner, I have been in real estate for 10+years. We are The Fidelis Realty Group powered by Coldwell Banker out of Lake St. Louis. We work most of St. Louis area as well as Fulton, Troy, Bowling Green, St. Charles area. Our Group loves the diversity of the market and the people that we meet and greet at every location. If you are in the market to sell or buy, let the Fidelis Realty Group show you how faithful we can be when it comes to taking care of your Real Estate needs.



SEE THE NEXT 3 PAGES FOR IMPORTANT
CHAMBER UPDATES!
Get Involved!



2023 Dues are being sent out now.

Keep an eye out for your 2023 Dues. If you have not received an email or letter by Friday, November 18th please contact Stephanie to avoid being left out of the 2023 Directory and missing out on great Marketing and Sponsorship Opportunities.

Invoices will look a little different this year. If you participated in any marketing or sponsorships in 2022, they will be copied on your 2023 Dues. You can pay all at once and save time throughout the year. If you do not want to pay all at once or you would like to add something just let Stephanie know and she will update your invoice.

Be sure to check out our DISCOUNTED LUNCH PRICE for 2023 if you prepay!!

2022 "Of The Year" Nominations are now being taken.

E-mails went out two weeks ago with the documents to nominate businesses and individuals for the 2022 awards to be presented at the Annual Chamber Banquet on January 13, 2023. We need more nominations! If you need the information resent, please reach out. Help the Chamber recognize the wonderful people making a difference in our community.



Christmas Parade Committee Forming

As part of our joint effort with Wright City Area Chamber of Commerce we will be participating in 3 area Lighted Christmas Parade. Wright City-Dec 1st, Jonesburg-Dec 2nd, and Warrenton-Dec 3rd.

We are looking for volunteers to help build the float on November 30th at 5 pm, ride in any of the parades, or help donate decorations for our Santa's Workshop. Items needed-lights, cotton batting or other "snow" materials, unwrapped toys that will be donated afterwards to local groups.

Please call or e-mail Stephanie if you are interested in helping.



WANT TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS?

PURCHASE A TV AD AT THE LICENSE OFFICE. FOR \$25 A MONTH OR \$150 A YEAR YOU CAN PURCHASE AN AD THAT RUNS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



THE WARRENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS



we are calling all businesses
TO LIGHT UP OUR TOWN!

Judging will be from December 1st to December 9th.

Winner to be announced at the December 12th Chamber meeting.

Send in your entries— can be pictures or videos. They will be judged on originality, creativity and curb appeal. This includes out side decorations and visible decorations from your business entrance. Judging will be done by Board of Directors and Facebook likes this year!

- 1st Place One year free advertising on the Warrenton License Office TV, keepsake plaque, bragging rights and a keepsake award sign.
- 2nd and 3rd Place Bragging rights and a keepsake award sign.
- · Winners will also be featured on the Chamber Facebook page.

To be considered for judging, call 636-456-2530 or email warrentoncoc@socket.net.

Warrenton businesses interested in entering the City's contest as well please include in your information and your entry will be forwarded to the City as well.

WARRENTON AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



NEW MEMBER ALERT

T Mobile

t-mobile.com 636-456-5911

Welcome T-Mobile to the Chamber. Located at 525 Warren County Center they open this week.

www.warrentoncoc.com

www.facebook.com/warrentonareachamber

WANT TO GET INVOVLED?

WE ARE NOW FORMING
OUR AMBASSADOR
COMMITTEE.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION
FOR SHARING WITH
OTHERS? THIS COMMITTEE
WILL BE GREAT FOR YOU!

The Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 100th anniversary! Please join us at this momentous event. We invite all past and present Chamber members, plus anyone from the community, to help us recognize those individuals and businesses that have been growing the area for the last 100 years. Join the party while seats are available!



15 REASONS TO SHOP LOCALLY

BY BROOKE BARNETT, UPDATED BY LINDSAY CUOMO

When asked to name her favorite local business, local retail consultant Allison Barta Bailey likens it to a parent being asked to choose a favorite child. Bailey simply explains, "I have too many favorites to name!"

In addition to being her passion, Bailey says that local shopping is crucial to the growth and expansion of our city.

"If we want our community to continue to develop, we have to offer something that other communities don't," she says. "Our local business scene is something that's unique to our city for travelers, and provides quality and convenience for residents."

Bryce Bandy, co-founder of Keep It Local OK (keepitlocalok.com) agrees.

"Since local businesses are not tied to any national sales or marketing strategies, we will get a wider variety of products and services from Oklahomans for Oklahomans. This also means you won't run into the exact same mix of restaurant and retail anywhere else."

Not to mention the economic benefits of shopping locally, a fact to which Bandy is quick to attest.

"Local shopping is crucial to our continued growth because the success of local businesses attracts and encourages other entrepreneurs to start local businesses, which leads to more jobs and revenue re-circulating throughout our community."

Doing the Math

The math for buying close to home is compelling—for every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business, \$73 remains in the local economy. Compare that to the same \$100 spent at a non-locally owned business, where only \$43 remains in the local economy. Recent research from Civic Economics (civiceconomics.com) indicates that local eateries return nearly 79 percent of revenues to the community, compared to just over 30 percent for chain restaurants.

"When profits stay local, it increases the community's wealth, tax revenue and standard of living," Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, professor of economics at the University of Central Oklahoma, says.

"Small businesses and local businesses are still the backbone of our economy," Sasser adds. "They are local people serving local people and are generally committed to staying there, raising their families. After all, most businesses started out as a small, local business and earned the success of growing and expanding. It's the American Dream."

Here are 15 reasons to keep your cash close to home:

- 1. Keep Money Local—Sales taxes fund our communities and provide vital services such as police and fire protection, street repairs and trash collection.
- 2.Local Investment—Local businesses are less susceptible to national downturns and more likely to work harder to stay open. "Local ownership means that important decisions are made by people who live in our community and feel the impact of those decisions," explains Chris Branson, co-founder of Keep It Local OK.
- 3.Locally-Made Products—Local business owners often sell local products, which helps preserve the community's distinction and creates more jobs locally, as well.
- 4.Support for Nonprofits —Local businesses support good work in our community. "Studies show that nonprofits receive 250 percent more support from small businesses than large ones," explains Dr. Sue Lynn Sasser, professor of economics at the University of Central Oklahoma.
- 5.Discover Interesting Things and People—"One-of-a-kind shops and restaurants are part of what makes our city a great place to live," Branson adds.
- 6.Personal Connection—Getting to know the store owners is a great reason to shop local. "It's their business, they are the decision-makers and they build a personal relationship with their customers," Sasser says.
- 7.Product Knowledge—Local business owners are well informed about their products and know what they are selling. "Because they know their customers, they can easily adjust their inventories to include the goods and services local people want to buy," Sasser explains.
- 8.Diverse Products—Local stores carry inventory you might not find at national chain stores. "Local business owners choose products based on what their customers want and often carry unique items from local artists and farmers," Branson says.
- 9.Cost Effective—"Sometimes prices at local businesses are better because they don't have the overhead that larger stores may have and they may be more willing to negotiate to meet your price needs," Sasser says.
- 10.Better Experience—Local shopping can translate to more convenient retail experiences.
- 11. Less "Leakage"—Local businesses tend to buy and sell with other local businesses. "With national or multi-national firms, a percentage of that profit 'leaks' out of the community, the state or even the nation," Sasser notes.
- 12.Increased Expertise—Shopping at a local store means you can get an expert opinion about the products that you're purchasing. "Local shop owners have to be experts in their field to compete. Use them—ask them questions and get advice about products," Bailey encourages.
- 13.Create Community—"We are a transitory society so people don't always have a connection with the communities where they live. I would encourage people new to an area to ask the locals where they shop," Sasser says.
- 14. Better Service—Local business owners do what they do because they are passionate about their products and typically take more time to get to know their customers. "They'll often go the extra mile to help you and to ensure you're a satisfied customer," Sasser says.
- 15. Support Future Growth—Our experts agree on the last reason—shopping locally is the best way to show pride in your city and help protect the businesses that make our city unique.
- "We can't simply say 'Shop Locally!' and keep our economy vibrant and healthy," Harris explains. "We have to take the time and spend the money to support local businesses with our presence and our dollars. You really do vote with your wallet, and shopping locally casts your vote for Oklahoma City. As a local business owner, it makes me immensely happy to have the opportunity to help shape what Oklahoma City becomes."

"Shopping locally is a big part of what our family is," Harris concludes. "Not just because we own a small business, but because we feel it is such a big part of helping to create a great city for our son to grow up in."

Current Job Openings at Child Evangelism Fellowship

17482 State Highway M, Warrenton, Mo 63383

Creative Services

- Artist/Illustrator
- Editor
- Graphic Designer
- Music Specialist

Communications and Marketing

- Digital Communications Assistant

Education

- Leadership Training Instructor

Facilities

Maintenance Technician/Grounds Crew

Finance

Financial Assistant - Accounts Receivable/Purchasing

Information Technology

- Administrative Assistant
- Helpdesk Technician

International Ministries

- Finance Account Analyst

Production

- Digital Printing and Bindery
- Press Operator

For more information, please contact www.cefonline.com/jobs or (636) 456-4321

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Boonslick Regional Planning Commission
Warrenton, Missouri

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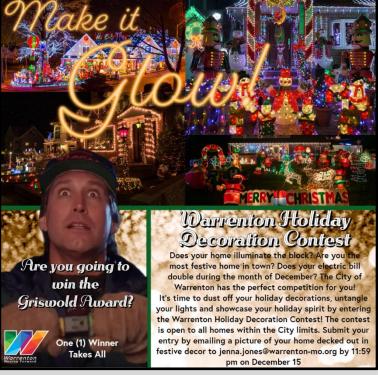
Supervise Job Center programs \$35,000—\$45,000/year
Paid health insurance
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Visit boonslick.org for a job description Send résumé to janecale@boonslick.org

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is an equal opportunity employer.









You are Invited to Celebrate Advent at Friedens!

The season of Advent is a favorite of many Friedens worshippers, and Sunday, November 27th, Friedens celebrates the first Sunday in Advent at the 9:00 am worship service with the lighting of the first Advent Candle. The sanctuary will be all decked out in the season's colors and lights, including a new Chrismon tree. Helping us celebrate the first Sunday in Advent will be the Praise Band and inspirational words from Rich Barton. Reverend Rick Mortimer will lead worship beginning the second Sunday in Advent, December 4th, and lead our services through Christmas Day. In addition to lighting each week's Advent Candle, the Chancel Choir will sing December 4th, and December 18th. The Bell Choir will be playing December 11th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE on December 24th, at 7:00 pm will include Holy Communion and always a beautiful service of lights.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE. Since Christmas Day lands on a Sunday we will celebrate this special day during our regularly scheduled 9:00 am service with Christmas carols and Advent scripture.

IN ADDITION:

POINSETTIAS can be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone or group. The cost is \$15. THE COOKIE WALK IS BACK!!! Once again, the ladies of the congregation are sponsoring a Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 3rd, from 8 am until 12 pm. The cookies are usually gone before 12. CHORAL ARTS SINGERS will present a concert Sunday, December 4th, 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. THE LIVE NATIVITY SCENE will be Saturday, December 17th, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM will be presented during the December 18th service. LIPPSTADT SERVICE - The Annual Lippstadt Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to share in this beautiful service.

ADVENT



Price reflects the total monthly cost for each weekday class. Add the amounts together for your total amount due when registering.

Monday_ 8:00-8:45am Jeanette \$16 Members 9:00-9:45am Sherry \$28 Residents 10:00-10:45am Mary D \$40 Non-Residents 5:15-6:00pm Sherry

Tuesday_ 8:00-8:45am Jeanette \$20 Members 5:15-6:00pm Mary G \$35 Residents

\$50 Non-Residents

* No Class November 23 Sherry

\$30 Non-Residents

Wednesday. 8:00-8:45am Jeanette \$20 Members 9:00-9:45am Sherry \$35 Residents 10:00-10:45pm Mary D \$50 Non-Residents 5:15-6:00pm Sherry

Thursday_ 8:00-8:45am Jeanette \$12 Members 5:15-6:00pm Mary G \$21 Residents *No Class November 10 Jeanette *No Class November 24 Pool Closed

Friday_ 8:00-8:45am Jeanette 10:00-10:45am Mary D \$12 Members \$21 Residents

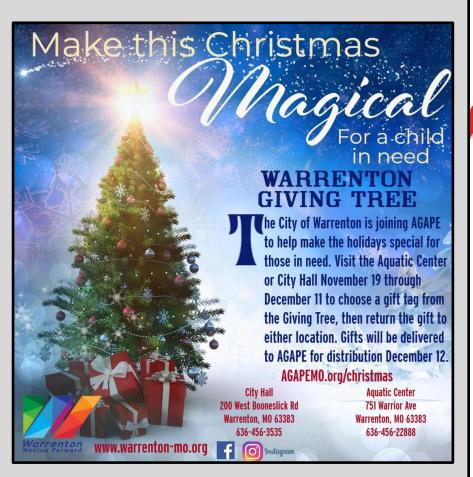
\$30 Non-Residents "No Class November 11 Jeanette "No Classes November 25 Pool Closed

Balance & Fall Prevention Class with Jeanette

A low impact workout focused on improving walking, balance, flexibility, and strength which is beneficial in reducing the risk of falling and injuries.

> Tuesday 9:00-9:45am \$16 Members, \$28 Residents, \$40 Non-Residents Thursday 9:00-9:45am \$8 Members, \$14 Residents, \$20 Non-Residents

Please register for classes at the Aguatic Center 751 Warrior Ave. 63383 636-456-2288





A program that gives a 'Grandparent' (resident at a care facility) a gift for Christmas.

Gift: a Fragrance-Free Nourishing Shea Hand Cream, Mint Bliss Energizing Lotion for Feet & Legs and a pair of fuzzy socks.



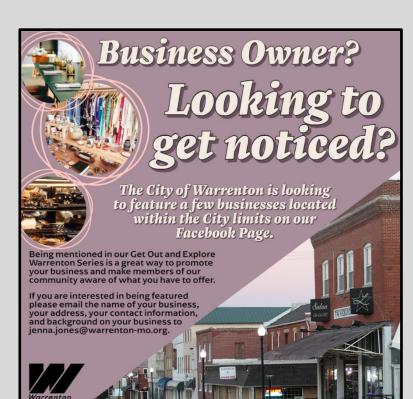
For simply \$25,

I can provide a gift to a 'Grandparent' whose family may be far away and possibly will not, otherwise, receive a Christmas present.

How many grandparents would you like to gift?

call, text or email: Lynda Chandler 636-359-1110 lyndachandlermk@gmail.com









NONPROFIT TAX CREDITS ARE A WIN-WIN

CONTACT US

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WHAT TAX CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE?

AGAPE has been approved to offer both Neighborhood Assistance Program and Youth Opportunity Program tax credits.

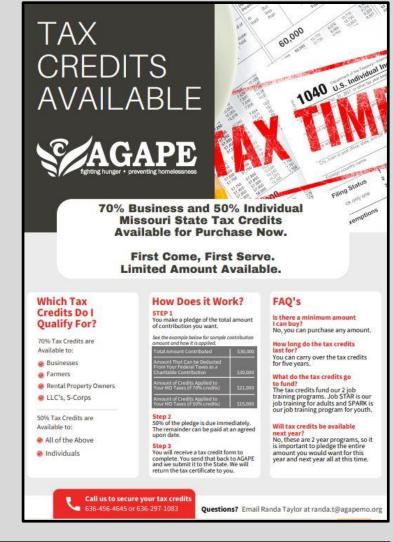
70% NAP Credits

NAP tax credits are 70% credits and they are available to

YOP tax credits are 50% credits and are

Any business or individual who owes Missouri State taxes can benefit from buying tax credits!







A TIME TO SHOW YOU CARE!

Compass Health Network's annual Season of Giving program collects toys and monetary donations to bring joy to families that are struggling in your community during the holiday season.

The Event: A store like environment is created where parents and/or guardians are invited to make gift selections for their children. Their selected items are gift wrapped and concealed in a large bag to avoid spoiling any surprises. While the adults are "shopping", children are kept busy creating holiday themed

Season of Giving Goal: Serve 200 children in need of holiday

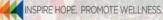
Two ways to help:

Make a financial donation at: compasshealthnetwork.org/donate or scan the QR code using your mobile device.



Holidays can be a stressful time for families. Season of Giving is one small way to remove stress and offer joy! Please consider being a part of the effort...make a donation, drop off a toy, involve your work friends, family, and neighbors! Deadline for donations: December 1, 2022.

For more information, please contact Denise Risch · 636.332.2184 · drisch@compasshn.org



FALL SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6AM BOOTCAMP		GAM BOOTCAMP		GAM BOOTCAMP	7AM BOOTCAMP	Closed
7:30am Morning Yoga		7:30am Morning Yoga		7:30am Yin Yoga	8:30am Vinyasa Yoga	Closed
9AM BOOTCAMP		9AM BOOTCAMP		9AM BOOTCAMP	10AM BOOTCAMP	Closed
				12:20pm Lunch Time Yoga	11:30am Yoga + Little ones	Closed
G:10pm Vinyasa Yoga	6:10pm Restorative Yoga	G:10pm Vinyasa Yoga	6:10pm Vinyasa Yoga			Closed
7:05PM BOOTCAMP	7:05PM BOOTCAMP	7:05PM BOOTCAMP	7:05PM BOOTCAMP			Closed

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