

# CHAMBER NEWS



PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

## Texas 71 focus of town hall meeting



**Becki Womble**  
IOM president/CEO

Good for Texas Tour with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 16. Did you know our tax receipts are up 12.2 percent? Our elected leadership statewide is recognizing that great things are happening in Bastrop and Bastrop County!

Coming up on Monday, Sept. 28, from 5-7 p.m. at the Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center, 1408 Chestnut St., is our second annual "What is Happening to our Roads?!" town hall meeting. This is an opportunity for our citizens and businesses to hear first-hand from TxDOT what the timeline is for the construction on Texas 71, see maps of the completed projects and have ques-

tions answered. There will also be a presentation by officials from the City of Bastrop on projects going on throughout the city. Lastly, information will be presented by Jack Ladd from Move Texas Forward about Proposition 7 that will be on the ballot in November. Time will be allotted at the end for questions by people in attendance. The goal of the chamber is to facilitate getting accurate information and data into the hands of our community.

As we plan for new roads and infrastructure for the anticipated growth coming to Bastrop, your chamber board is doing strategic planning to take the chamber to the next

level as well. Our focus is being fine-tuned to truly promote and protect the interest of our businesses in the community and even the Central Texas region. In the coming months we will be announcing some new initiatives that will advocate even more heavily for our business membership. Just know that your chamber board has your best interests at heart and are more focused on the future than ever before.

Speaking of the board, your nominees to the board were announced for the 2016-2018 term via email on Sept. 17. I would like to announce them here as well. They are: Marc Conselman with Texas Boot Co., Jonah

Beyer with Mission U-Too, and Kevin Plunkett with Piney Creek Chop House/Old Town Restaurant/The View at ColoVista. If you know any of these individuals or a current board member, thank them for their service and for representing you on the chamber board.

Setting ourselves apart is something I wrote about last month. We continue to do that with our partnership between the chamber and Bastrop ISD. Our Education Committee, which promotes the "We Believe in BISD" initiative, has been asked to present at the upcoming Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Conference on Oct. 3 in Austin. School board

trustees statewide will be in attendance to hear how our Bastrop business community is standing up for our public schools. This state recognition is good for our school district and great for Bastrop.

I could write all day about the great things happening and yet to come to little old Bastrop. Those of you that have been here for a while already know this. Being newer, I am still amazed at what a great place this is. It is exciting to call Bastrop home and I am so proud to get to work here with my fellow Bastropians. Together we always accomplish more!

Always working for a better Bastrop.

## Welcome new members, thank you renewing members

The Board of Directors approved the following new members at its monthly meeting. We appreciate the investment these new members have made in the chamber and we ask that you give them your support.

■ **Energy Control Service Properties** – Julie Cormie, 203 Kona Drive, Bastrop, (337) 515-1098

■ **Murphy USA** – David Moore, 490 Agnes St., Bastrop, (817) 528-0860, <http://MurphyUSA.com>

■ **Red, White & Blue Veterans of Bastrop County** – Jana Hellbusch, Bastrop, (512) 284-0220, <http://www.rwbveterans.com>

■ **Shaklee Healthy Living & Lifestyle** – Linda Allen, Bastrop, (512) 417-4153, <http://ldallen.myshaklee.com/>

■ **Any Time Analysis** – Jeaton Smith, 962 Hwy 71 East #3-102, Bastrop, (512) 360-8928, <http://www.anytimeanalysis.com>

■ **Solid Ground Storage LLC** – Jeanne Bracewell, 505 Hwy 290 W, Elgin, (512) 281-5779, <http://solidgroundstorage.com>

■ **Redwood Seamless Rain Gutters** – Michael Guy, Bastrop, (512) 299-4312

■ **Liberty Dance Center, LLC** – Marisa Bain, 623 Hwy 71 West, Suite 102, Bastrop, (512) 731-4051

**Renewing members**  
Thanks to the following renewing members for continuing your investment in the Chamber. We appreciate your confidence in our ability to promote Bastrop and your business.

■ The Arbors of Bastrop

■ Tuck & Kizer, PLLC

■ Central Texas ENT, Steven Wright MD

■ One Smile Dental

■ Rick & Becki Womble

■ Austin Title

■ CenterPoint Energy

■ Shepherd of the Pines, a Presbyterian Fellowship

■ D&S Home Inspection Service PLLC

■ Doug's Plumbing Co.

■ Barton Hill Farms

■ Bobby's Automotive

■ Inspired Imageneering

■ Red Rock Vineyards

■ Aqua Jet, Inc.

■ Art Connections Gallery

■ Keller Williams Realty-Jana Hellbusch

■ Sunrise Roof & Gutter

■ Bastrop Christian Ministerial Alliance

■ Aaron Thomison Construction LLC

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■ DM Properties

■ Bastrop County Republican Party

■ Lone Star Disposal Recycling

■ Pease Custom Floors LP

■ TSO – Bastrop

■ Stay Cool Texas

■ Johnny A. Sanders

■ Riverwood Medical Clinic

■ Asera Care Hospice

■ Baxters on Main

■ Sharp Propane Co., Inc.

■ Bastrop Economic Development Corporation

■ Best Lil' Hair House

■ Liberty Glenn Home Decor

■ Rose Garden Village

■ Sellers Country Homes

■ William R. Cline, CPA

■ Woodmen Life


■ Dale Cook Backhoe Service, Inc.

■ Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc.


■ Synergy-Mark Caldwell

■ Bastrop Church of Christ

■ Best Western Bastrop Pines Inn



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The Chamber of Commerce 'Member of the Month' is chosen randomly from among the past month's Chamber Membership Renewals. So keep those memberships up to date for your chance to be our 'Member of the Month'!

### RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES



### Scream Hollow

There was a frighteningly large group from both the Bastrop and Smithville Chamber that attended the ribbon cutting for Scream Hollow at 149 Split Rail Lane.



### VanGogh & Paint

VanGogh & Paint at 909 Pecan Street gave us an artistic flair to our downtown at their ribbon cutting on Aug. 19.



### The Vape Bug

The Vape Bug at 962 E SH 71 #3-101 joined the Bastrop Chamber family with a ribbon cutting on Aug. 21.

### THE BASTROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce is to improve the economy of Bastrop and, thereby, the quality of life for all its citizens through economic, community and leadership development.

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Genesis High School sponsored by Gwendolyn Watkins and the Keller Williams Totally Hooked Team



Cedar Creek Middle School sponsored by Classic Bank



Cedar Creek Intermediate School sponsored by the Kevin White Team



Bastrop Intermediate School sponsored by Chick-fil-A



BISD Service Center sponsored by the Nitsche Group



Red Rock Elementary sponsored by the Bastrop Advertiser

**CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS?**  
**HWY 71, CHESTNUT & MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION**

**CAUTION**  
**LOOK OUT FOR CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC**

The Bastrop Chamber of Commerce will host a Town Hall Meeting about the continuing and future construction on Hwy 71, Chestnut Street and Main Street.  
 Presentation by TxDOT and updates by the City of Bastrop.

September 28th, 2015 5 PM—7 PM  
 Bastrop Convention Center  
 1408 Chestnut Street

Don't miss this valuable informational meeting!



### Murphy USA breaks ground

The Bastrop Chamber was joined by officials from the county and city of Bastrop at the groundbreaking ceremony for Murphy USA, which will be located next to Wal-Mart. CONTRIBUTED

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