



December/January

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**2007
Calendar
of Events**

Dates to Remember

Chamber Board
Dec. 11 – Noon

Leadership Academy
Dec. 12 – 7:30 am

City Christmas Party
Dec. 12 – 6:00 pm

Hospitality Staff Training
Dec. 13 – 9:00 am

**County Wide Leadership
Discussion**
Amish Acres
Dec. 13 – 11:30 am

Chamber Board Retreat
Dec. 14 – 6:00 pm

**Golf Outing Planning
Meeting**
Wakarusa
Dec. 15 - Noon

SBDC Circuit Rider
Dec. 18 – 8:00 am

Hospitality Staff Training
Dec. 22 – 9:00 am

**Redevelopment Commission
Meeting**
Dec. 26 – 6:00 pm

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Meeting**
Jan. 9 – 6:00 pm

Chamber Board
Jan. 15 – Noon

NIFTY Meeting
Jan. 16 – 7:00 pm

SBDC Circuit Rider
Jan. 18 – 8:00 am

**Thanks
Nappanee Chamber Members –
It has been a great year!**

NEW WELCOME CENTER IN 2007

Remember to update your contact information January 1st. Our new address is **302 West Market Street**. Phone numbers will remain the same (Chamber: 574-773-7812 - Redevelopment: 574-773-7281) but the **Redevelopment Fax number** will now be the same as the Chamber's (574-773-4691).

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

The Chamber Staff will be taking part in Hospitality Training Sessions to prepare to welcome guests at the new Nappanee Welcome Center. We are planning to offer these sessions to volunteers and chamber members in the future.

2007 JOINT CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

Mark you calendar for the Joint Chamber Golf Outing to be held **Tuesday, June 26, 2007!!**

VISITOR'S COUPON BOOKS BEING PUBLISHED!

The **first 15** Nappanee Retailers to sign-up will get their businesses discount coupon in the hands of visitors for **FREE**. The CHAMBER coupon book offers "Dollars Off" or other discounts of value to a visitor. The expiration date will be June 1, 2007. We would like to use your logo if possible. We have received 7 applications so only 8 spots left!! Contact us ASAP for application. (This offer is inclusive of Chamber Members only).

SEE EXAMPLE BELOW:





REMEMBER:
Chamber Gift
Certificates make Great
Christmas Presents!!

An Old Farmer's Advice

Life is simpler when you
plow around the stump

Forgive your enemies. It
messes up their heads

Don't judge folks by their
relatives

Don't interfere with somethin'
that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with
the outcome of a rain dance

Lettin' the cat outta the bag
is a whole lot easier than
puttin' it back in

If you get to thinkin' you're a
person of some influence, try
orderin' somebody else's
dog around

(The Truth/Wed. December 6, 2006)

'BUSINESS FEASIBILITY WORKSHOP'

Ever ask yourself "Can I make money at this?? Business Advisor, **Staci Lugar Brettin** will be presenting a seminar at the NEW Chamber Office on January 18th from 8-10 am answering that question. The cost is \$25. Make your reservations soon. **Face-to-face** counseling services and training is also available to the Nappanee community through the Small Business Development Center's South Bend office **at no charge**. This service provides resources to individuals with ideas or issues for their business or assistance for start-up and existing small businesses. To schedule an appointment with her call the Chamber office.

2007 RETAIL BROCHURES

20,000 - 2007 Retail Brochures are ready for print. Sixty-four Nappanee Businesses participated in this years newly formatted booklet. They will be distributed on the Toll Road, Interstate 65 and Interstate 69.

CHAMBER BOARD RETREAT

The annual Chamber Board planning retreat will be held Thursday, December 14th from 6-9:15 PM at Heritage House. They will review 2006 and prioritize 2007 focus areas.

ANNUAL MEETING

March 10, 2007 is the date set for the Chamber's 2006 Annual Meeting to be held at **Amish Acres**. Guest speaker, **Staci Lugar-Brettin**, Small Business Development Center Circuit Rider, will share her hands-on experiences with local Nappanee Entrepreneurs. More information will follow in the months to come.

I 80-90 AD and RACK SERVICE

For the 2007 edition of the I-80/90 Toll Road Travel Planner we would like to enhance our presence with a **full page ad** for Nappanee. Advertising space will still be limited so don't be left out! This is a wonderful way to promote Nappanee's businesses and new downtown look! A full page ad will cost approximately \$200-\$250 per business depending on the number of businesses that want to be in the directory ad. What a great bargain and opportunity to promote your business on the toll road in 250,000 brochures. We look forward to working with you on this promotion piece. Contact either Larry Andrews at the Chamber Office (773-7812) or Dianne Debelak at The Homespun Country Inn (773-2034) to reserve your space for advertising by **December 8, 2006**.

NIFTY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Six applications have been received from downtown businesses owners wanting to improve their look!! The NIFTY Committee will review and select the winners at their next meeting on January 16, 2007.