

City Desk

Drain Chamber of Commerce Updates

Story by Rusty Savage

The Drain Chamber of Commerce continues to work for the betterment and beautification of the town. At the May 19th Chamber meeting, members addressed a number of potential activities and events that will be of interest to everyone.

The first item to note, is the Victorian Garden Tea Tour beginning at Ame Beard's, 105 W 1st Ave in Drain on July 7th. With a theme of vintage Mad Hatter Tea, the tour will feature Passports of each stop with door prizes at the end. Wear your party clothes - costume contest. From 2pm to 5 pm, enjoy live music, tea, hors d'oeuvres, art and lovely gardens.

The Saturday Market at Rays parking lot is now commencing for the summer and is bringing some local interest.

The Chamber discussed several options for creating events or regular activities to direct visitors around town, from businesses to points of interest. Possibly by way of making maps or even postcards available around town or locations out of town, Sponsors and advertisers would help with printing and distribution.

At last, plans for the Drain City Wide Yard Sale has finally come together and it is on for August 10th 2024. Look for details in the July issue of the Herald and all the local notices.

A couple of final topics that are very creative and deserving of some planning and input. First, I know you have all seen the ugly boulder

laden curb endings that DOT installed earlier this year. One idea was to paint them or possibly have some contests or sponsorships to do colorful effects, scenes or even abstract art, reflecting Drain's personality and history. Outdoor themes or logging or agricultural influences. Let's get some folks on board with this fantastic idea. I see streams and turtles, fish trees and wildlife, wow.



Not a part of the Chambers agenda, but I know that Bonnie Pyles supports the notion that, the corner lot between Exclusively Bridal and Napa auto parts would be a perfect location for a town landmark of a Colorful, Drain themed, structure with a lighted Fountain. With the curve of HWY 38 winding past, it would be a statement that resonates the sparkling personality of our city.

The Chamber of Commerce is an important voice in our community as all of our citizen groups are. The next meeting is June 16th at 6:00 pm at Exclusively Bridal, 101 E. "B" Ave. If you want to get active and be part of a great effort, maybe you should stop by.

4 Way Stop coming for Drain Intersection

More construction for HWYs 99 & 38

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It was in April that the DOT approached the Drain city government to weigh in on their impending actions regarding the stop signs at the intersection of HWYs 99 and 38. It has been a 3 way stop for a very long time with no stop for west bound HWY 38. Their choice for the city council was a testing period of options that DOT offered. First was for only a 2 way stop on north bound 99 and south out of Dolar General, leaving 38 east and westbound with no stopping. I think it's a general consensus of the town that that is a very bad idea.

DOT made it clear that the present configuration of a 3 way stop is not going to stay, it's going to be changed, they have all kinds of reasons. So the only other option was turning the intersection into a 4 way stop, all sides. Being as that's the only 2 options, there was only 1 reasonable choice, a 4 way stop. Since that was the obvious choice, there seemed no need to do it so much as a test but to go ahead and vote to make the intersection a 4 way stop and it was unanimous. So, because of DOT rules, the

turn lanes will be taken out, the crosswalks will be altered and 4 stop signs installed. It was reported at the May Council meeting that the work should start by summer. Well, it is June so watch out for the coming construction mess, hopefully they'll get it right this time.



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