**MEMBERSHIP PACKET 2023**

Thank you for your interest in the St. James Chamber of Commerce in 2023. Whether you are an existing member or thinking about joining as a new business, we look forward to collaborating with the St. James community. Our Chamber is run by our Board of Directors which consists of local business owners, bankers, educators, & individuals, who are enthusiastic about the growth of this region and the development of this community. St. James stands above with the churches, schools, tourist destinations, parks, trails & businesses that care!

There are many great reasons to join the chamber. We provide exposure for your business. Community connections, quarterly luncheons, and networking opportunities are just the tip of the iceberg. We strive to promote your business through our social media platforms, weekly newsletters, ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and milestone recognition. The St. James Chamber is very engaged in the community and our goal is to continue to improve tourism, merchant promotions, and the beautification of St. James.

The St. James Chamber not only participates in Trout Season Opening Day and Kid’s Fishing Day but coordinates & supports many events in the community including:

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| * Annual Membership Dinner + Quarterly Dinner
 | * Sip N Savor
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| * Annual Golf Tournament
 | * Fourth of July Fireworks
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| * Christmas Parade with Santa Claus
* Clean up St. James Litter pick up day
 | * Grape & Fall Festival
* Commerce & Cocktail Networking Events
* Lunch & Learns events
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In 2022, the Chamber of Commerce accomplished and added value to our membership with the addition of a city-wide clean-up litter day, we brought several events to town including a Grand Celebration with Leatherwood, a Building 429 concert in June, we were voted one of the Best Small Towns in Missouri, Featured in Kansas City Magazine as one of the best 12 towns to visit and out of Columbia MO, the perfect town for a Summer Road Trip. Our 2022 membership increased by 40 new members and the growth will continue into 2023. With the addition of Lunch & Learns, Business Chamber connections, & the development of a peer council, we look forward to a progressive 2023 year.

We’d love to hear what’s working, what could be improved upon, and what will help our community thrive. Without the efforts of our individuals in the community and our businesses working together, we would not have the successful events that continue to promote St. James and grow as a tourist destination.

We have the following resources to help promote your business. We have integrated our Chamber website with our visit St James website, [www.visitstjamesmo.com](http://www.visitstjamesmo.com). I would encourage you to check it out as we continue to make updates. In addition, we have our Chamber Facebook page with over 4000 followers at [www.facebook.com/stjchamber](http://www.facebook.com/stjchamber), where we can promote local events, merchant promotions, and focus on bringing more people to our town.

Attached with your packet you will find the St. James Membership Form, the Membership Tier & Sponsorship Opportunities, and the Benefits of Being a member page. Again, we thank you for your membership in the St. James Chamber of Commerce. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at 573-265-6649 or email: director@stjameschamber.net. We look forward to a great 2023 in St James.

Sincerely,

The St. James Chamber Board of Directors

**Please be sure to return these next 2 pages to the St. James Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 358, St. James, MO 65559 or by email to** **director@stjameschamber.net** **You can pay your membership dues online by visiting** [**www.visitstjamesmo.com**](http://www.visitstjamesmo.com) **Click on “The Chamber” and Membership.**

**2023 MEMBER INFORMATION:**

Type of Membership: (check one) Individual \_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_ Number of employees \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure all information is filled out as you want it to appear in our publications!

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| Company Name |  | Phone |  |
| Address |  | City, State & Zip  |  |
| Website |  | Facebook Page |  |
| 1st Point of Contact |  | Title |  |
| Email Address |  | Phone  |  |
| 2nd Point of Contact |  | Title |  |
| Email Address |  | Phone  |  |

Please list your business category or categories below (Example: Accountant, Book Store, Pharmacy, etc.). Feel free to list more than one category. You can find a complete list of the categories currently in use on the Chamber website at [www.stjameschamber.net](http://www.stjameschamber.net).

**FINAL STEP:**

Having completed the forms, an invoice can be provided for your records for the total amount. Please note we are a 501 (C6), we are not a charitable organization, therefore sponsorship cannot be used as a charitable donation. Please check with your tax preparer to see if your sponsorship can be used as an advertising expense.

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| **Membership Level (select one):** | **Amount** |
|  | Tier 1 (5 or fewer employees) | $150.00 |  |
|  | Tier 2 (6-11 employees)  | $200.00 |  |
|  | Tier 3 (11-49 employees | $250.00 |  |
|  | Tier 4 (50 or more employees) | $300.00 |  |
|  | Individual (not affiliated with a business)  | $30.00  |  |
|  | Senior Citizen (not affiliated with a business)                                         | $15.00  |  |

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

The Chamber depends on its volunteers to work at the events and serve on committees that are such a vital part in promoting growth to our businesses and community. Please check the line next to those that you would be most interested in volunteering for:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Opening Trout Day \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sip N Savor

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grape & Fall Festival \_\_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Litter Day \_\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Parade

 \_\_\_\_\_ Golf Tournament \_\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors

Additional information will be sent out by email or by mail with sponsorship and volunteer opportunities for above-mentioned events.