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## GET INVOLVED MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Chamber Event Organizers are busy planning upcoming events. Volunteer to become a CEO - just call Sharon at 775-6339 or a committee chair!

### CHAMBER GOLF OPEN

Chair: Trent Schell 775-0700  
NEXT MEETING: Aug. 3 @ 12p (Chamber)

### BARK IN THE PARK

Chair: Susie Ingold 775-2351  
NEXT MEETINGS: Aug. 2, 16, & 23 @ 7p (Chamber)

### AUGUSTA COMMUNITY

### HOMECOMING FEST

Chair: Erica Jones 775-4510  
NEXT MEETING: Aug. 7 6:30p (Chamber)



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**Tag Off with Augusta**

**GOLF OPEN**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Augusta, Kansas 67010  
www.chamberofaugusta.org

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 2007

- 2 Bark in the Park Planning Meeting @ Chamber 7p
- 3 Butler Workforce Advisory Board Meeting 9a
- 3 Chamber Golf Open Committee Meeting 12p
- 4 WFO Car Show
- 6 USD 402 New Teacher Luncheon
- 7 Community Homecoming Fest Meeting @ Chamber 6:30p
- 9 Augusta Progress Inc. @ Sarah Chance Bistro 8a
- 14 Convention & Tourism Board Meeting 5:30p
- 15 Ambassadors Meeting @ Chamber Office 11:30a
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting @ Chamber Office 12p
- 18 **CHAMBER GOLF OPEN @ Augusta Co. Club 8a**
- 21 **BUSINESS AT LUNCH @ McCollom Const.**
- 21 Leadership Butler Opening Retreat
- 21 Civic/Wellness Center Committee @ Chamber 5:30p
- 22 SCKTR Meeting in Newton
- 25 **BARK IN THE PARK @ Garvin Park 8a-2p**

### PLANNING AHEAD

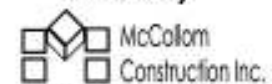
- September 3 Labor Day—Chamber office closed
- September 11 Convention & Tourism Board Meeting 5:30p
- September 20 Board of Directors Meeting 12p
- October 1-6 Augusta Community Homecoming Fest

Join **BUSINESS** from  
~~after~~ hours  
during

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

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find out  
what's happening at the  
Chamber!

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Be sure to bring along  
your business cards to  
exchange.

No charge to attend. Open to  
all Chamber Members, their  
Employees & Associates

PASS IT ON! Once you have read this please share it with others at your business.



## High tail it to Bark in the Park

No one knows how to have a rocking good time more than a happy dog. 2007 Bark in the Park celebrates that "Dogs Just Want to Have Fun!" The pure joy of being a four-legged family member will be evident on the muzzles and mugs of the dogs and humans attending this all day event.

Located in an expansive, well-shaded area of our local Garvin Park, this fun, family-oriented, community awareness event, features music, demonstrations, dog-related vendors and services, and kids activities. Plus, lots and lots of happy, frolicking dogs.

Bark in the Park is a fundraising event hosted by the Augusta Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds of this event will benefit the Augusta Community in many areas, including a portion of proceeds going to a spay and neuter endowment fund.

Businesses are encouraged to put together a team(s) to compete in the **Corporate B.O.N.E.S. Challenge**. An insert with more information has been included. Information can also be printed from the Chamber website at [www.chamberofaugusta.org](http://www.chamberofaugusta.org).

### BARK in the PARK 2007

Saturday, August 25

8 am to 2 pm

Garvin Park

Augusta, Kansas

Admission \$3.00

children under 6 free

FOR INFO CALL

316-775-6339

## Bark in the Park Activities & Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Salute to Seniors K-9 Parade
- Hot Dog Bobbing
- Great American Paws Parade
- The Duck Hunt
- Story Time – Bimini's Tail
- Cat-a-Pult
- K-9 Search & Rescue of KS
- Paw-Traits
- McConnell K-9 Working Dogs
- Talks in the Park
- Frisbee Contest
- Marvelous Pet Contest
- Draw Your Animals Story
- Pet Care Clinic w/ Dr. Mike Cocke



## Attention Business Owners / Employers!

Please make a note of the new contact information for the Wichita area Unemployment Call Center.

PO Box 3539, Topeka, KS 66601-3539

Fax: 785-296-3249

Employer Notices and other unemployment correspondence should be sent to the above address or fax number.

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### Minimum Wage Increases

New federal wage legislation that increases the minimum wage in three steps over the next several years has gone into effect. The wage increase schedule is as follows:

July 24th 2007 - \$5.85

July 24th 2008 - \$6.55

July 24th 2009 - \$7.25

Since employees will be more aware of pay-related concerns because of the publicity of the wage changes, employers should ensure compliance with the laws to avoid costly wage-hour lawsuits. For Fair Labor Standards Act employers in Kansas this means the minimum wage increase started in July.

The new legislation requires all employers with Fair Labor Standards Act employees to post the minimum wage law in a conspicuous place, accessible to all employees. You can find a printable copy of this poster at:

[www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/pdf/minwagep.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/pdf/minwagep.pdf)

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### House Postpones 3% Tax Withholding Requirement

In a victory for business, the House Ways and Means Committee voted in July to delay for one year the application of the 3% withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services.

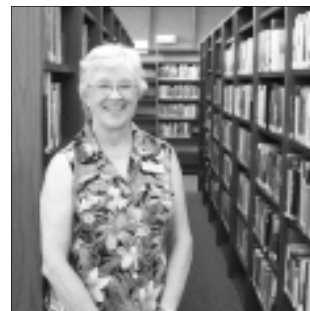
With a vote of 23-18, the committee passed out the "Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007," including a provision to delay until January 2011 implementation of the 3% tax withholding requirement. Last year, the US Chamber successfully prevented an attempt to move up the implementation date of this provision from 2011 to 2007. Visit the GWRC Web site for more information: [www.withholdingrelief.org](http://www.withholdingrelief.org)

- All of the newly restored seats are back in their places at the **Augusta Historic Theatre**. Now there is room to cross your legs and stretch out a bit! The black glass on the front of the building has also been replaced. Next comes new carpeting in September or October.
- The Chamber extends its condolences to the family of Gary Dryden and his staff at **JP Weigand & Sons**. Gary was a tremendous friend, volunteer, director, and community advocate.
- **Drs. Mark and Melodee Armfield** will be hosting a student from Germany this school year through the SHARE! program.
- Fred Schuster, the Regional Director of **US Department of Health and Human Services** visited with members of the Augusta Chamber in July. He shared information on several initiatives the department is working on. These included Value Driven Health-care and Pandemic Flu.
- Dr. Rob Colt will soon join Dr. Paul Mitsch as a full partner and practicing dentist at **Augusta Family Dentistry**.
- Bob McCalla was elected as the president of the **USD 402 School Board**.
- **Mid-Cap Headstart** is accepting enrollments for children ages 3 to 5 years of age — call 775-3000 for info.

## Get to know the Chamber Board

### Meet MYRNA HALE

**History:** Originally from Moline, Kansas, Myrna relocated to Augusta five years ago. She has 2 grown sons and a 6 month-old grandson.



Myrna Hale

**Business and Title:** Myrna is the Director of the Augusta Public Library

**Chamber Committees:** Board of Directors, also on the Administrative Board at The 1st Methodist Church

**Best Thing About Living in Augusta:** Myrna found Augusta to be a very friendly and welcoming town.

**Thinks The Biggest Benefit of Chamber Membership is...**having the chance to meet the people who are active in promoting our community.

## JULY MEMBER RENEWALS

Thank you for renewing your investment in the Chamber.

- Wal-Mart
- Parks Motors
- Augusta Home Center
- Butler Community College
- Sonic Drive-In
- Senator Peggy Palmer
- **JUST JOINED**
- United Way of the Plains
- The American Legion