

Bay Point Celebrates the Holidays

The Bay Point Holiday Tree-Lighting and Celebration will be held as the colder weather sneaks in. On December 8, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:30pm, the Ambrose Community Center will literally light up! There will be a carriage ride (donated by the Chamber of Commerce), singing, goodies for munching – all while awaiting Santa’s arrival! The Riverview Junior High School Band will provide the music, the Home Depot will provide the tree, and the event will be sponsored, in part, by Allied Waste (recycle!) and Henkel.

Of course, double thanks go to the Ambrose Recreation & Park District for hosting the event again this year! (See associated article on Sponsors for a full list of those who helped us with this.)

Last year, a good time was had by all, and we anticipate an even greater event this year. Join us at the Ambrose Community Center (3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point 94565), participate in the good will of the season, and realize what a great community we are.

The Saturday following the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Celebration, come again to the Ambrose Community Center for a fabulous Pancake Breakfast. It begins Saturday, December 10th, at 8:00am, and ends at 11:00am. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee . . . all for just \$3 per adult, and free for children! What a great way to kick off the holidays in Bay Point.

And remember, shop locally!

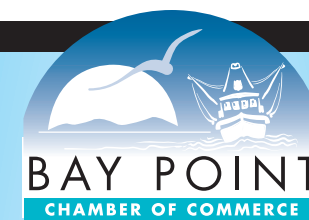
“Mow-In” at the Welcome to Bay Point Sign

It was a cold day, overcast, with rain threatening, when fourteen members of the community, including the Chamber of Commerce Board, Golden State Water and Ready Print, gathered around the overgrown land surrounding the Welcome to Bay Point sign. In the spirit of “people power”, and in the face of “We can’t afford it” from the County, we began weed-eating, cleaning debris, raking, and bagging all the overgrown materials. With fourteen people, it only took four hours to clean the entire area, and transform it into something we can all be proud of when we enter the community from the west. A celebration was held in the form of feeding the troops, and we all relaxed a bit and observed the good work that had been done. Just then, it started to sprinkle. The rains had held off until we were finished!

If you haven’t passed by the Bay Point sign, please do so. It’s on Willow Pass, at the Bay Point exit from Highway

4, near Port Chicago Highway. The Bay Point Chamber of Commerce has contracted with the County to formally “adopt” this piece of road, and the Chamber is committed to keeping it in

its current cleaned, and beautiful state. Bay Point is a community that has reason to be proud, and the sign is just one indication of that. Thanks to all who participated!



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www.BayPointChamber.org
for all current events!



Biz News

December 2011

Make It In America

Brad Klock, President

On November 10th, I had the opportunity to attend US Congressman John Garamendi’s (10th Congressional District) Manufacturing Advisory Committee Meeting at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Congressman Garamendi is a strong proponent of “making it in America.” We know Bay Point is a small community with many smaller businesses. But it is also home to some larger manufacturing companies, including Henkel, Criterion Catalyst, and General Chemical, all of which manufacture locally and supply both across the United States, and the world. Whether we’re large or small, the message is the same -- local businesses and local manufacturing are essential!

From Congressman Garamendi’s website, I share with you his summary of that meeting...

November 10, 2011: Congressman John Garamendi (D-Fairfield, CA), the author of two Make It in America bills, today convened a meeting of his Manufacturing Advisory Committee at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), a U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science laboratory. The meeting brought together more than two dozen community leaders from local businesses, cities, economic development agencies, labor organizations, and the regional national laboratories: LBNL, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). The meeting, held at a facility built with Recovery Act funds to facilitate cyclotron research at LBNL’s synchrotron light source, focused on technology transfer from American public research to private manufacturing.

Businesses in attendance included an LED manufacturer and companies in the chemical, transportation manufacturing, energy, bio-diesel, and solar industries.

“The key here is how to get this technology out of the laboratory and into the business world. This brings us to my primary agenda: how do we Make It in America and rebuild our manufacturing base?” Congressman Garamendi said at the meeting. “All of you are involved in one way or another with this challenge. If we pull this off, America will make it.”

At the meeting, LBNL gave an update on its Second Campus project with six sites under consideration. Once constructed, the site will consolidate the Lab’s biosciences research and help to accelerate the commercialization of LBNL’s research in advanced biofuels, biological sensors, medical imaging, cleaner combustion, chemicals, and more. More than 30 startup companies from across America are already in operation based on LBNL’s research, creating thousands of good jobs.

LLNL and SNL focused on the combustion and cyber security technologies found at the labs’ new Livermore Valley Open Campus. While traditionally facilities focused on national security research for government purposes, LLNL and SNL have been committed in recent years to opening their research to private investment. Within the first 90 days of the Livermore Valley Open Campus operations, 1,700 visitors arrived to look for opportunities for collaboration and manufacturing at LLNL – and SNL had a fourfold increase in private sector interest.

Business leaders asked lab representatives about a diverse set of issues, including intellectual property rights, methods to examine emerging technologies at the labs, types of collaboration services

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available for tech transfer on the lab and municipal level, incentives to keep business opportunities local, connecting energy to the power grid, and more.

In 2010, Congressman Garamendi introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act to help streamline technology transfer at America's national

labs by fostering collaborative scientific research, technology development, and the appropriate transfer of research and technology to users in addition to the national security laboratories.

"America is behind some of our competitors in linking public innovation to job creation. We used to be number one in this. We can be number

one again, and meetings like this are a way to make it happen," Congressman Garamendi said. "America is in good hands when the world's smartest researchers, savviest entrepreneurs, and hardest workers come together to build our economy and create rewarding jobs."

As the end of 2011 fast approaches, and we look

ahead to both the holidays and the new year, I thank you for your input and support to the Chamber during this year. I also thank you for the opportunity your Bay Point community has provided the Chamber to serve it. Working collaboratively, we can make a difference!

Enjoy the holidays, and be safe!

Bay Point Holiday Event Sponsors

Sometimes, we think that no one cares about Bay Point – that we're just out here on our own. The Bay Point Chamber of Commerce wants you to know of the amazing support we have received for the Tree Lighting & Holiday Celebration, and Santa's Breakfast.

To date, the following entities have contributed to the Tree Lighting and Holiday Celebration, to be held on Thursday, December 8th

from 5:30 to 7:30pm:

- Home Depot
- Riverview Middle School
- Allied Waste
- Pittsburg Disposal
- Henkel
- K&S Towing
- Ready Print
- Bay Point All-Stars
- Ambrose Recreation & Park District
- Spark Point of Eastern Contra Costa County
- Bay Point Chamber of Commerce (Carriage Sponsors)

- Golden State Water
- J.W. Backhoe & Construction
- Tesoro Refinery

The Bay Point Breakfast with Santa, on December 10th from 8:00am to 11:00am, is being sponsored by:

- Henkel
- Bay Point Historical Society
- Bay Point All-Stars
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 48
- Riverview Junior High School
- Ambrose Park & Recreation District

Now then, it is clear that we have some wonderful corporate, educational, and non-profit friends and partners in this community, who care very much about what happens here. When we see them at the events, let us all give them a big thanks for helping with these Holiday events, and for all the other things they quietly do for our community!

If you would like to be a part of all of this, contact the Chamber!

Welcome Louie Esposito!



We want to welcome aboard our newest member of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Louie Esposito is not only on our Board, but is our Membership Director.

Louie most recently worked as the Contra Costa County, Field Operations Supervisor, for the US Census Bureau. He also worked with the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce as a Sales Associate and special Projects Coordinator for the Farmers Market and Seafood Festival. He is a real asset to the Board!

Louie has signed up several new members over the last month and is building close relationships with all of his contacts.

If you want to join our Bay Point Chamber family please give Louie a call at 925-550-7343.

Welcome New Member, American Trophies

One of our newest Chamber members is American Trophies. Owner/Manager Michele Copeland and her staff are the best at Awards, Engraving and Promotional

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Welcome New Member, Ameriprise Financial

We'd like to welcome a new member of the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce: Scott Esco and his staff, from Ameriprise Financial! Scott is located in 1320 Willow Pass Road, Suite 710, in Concord, CA 94520.

If you want to prepare for a confident retirement, put a child through college,

buy a new home, or just manage your immediate finances, Scott can help put it all within reach. If you mention that you are a member of any Chamber of Commerce, you can get a complementary initial consultation.

During your consultation, Scott will help you identify

"Where you are", and he will help you determine "where you want to go". Then, you and Scott can create a plan, with solutions customized for you and your goals. You can make an appointment by calling 925-798-5400, and mentioning the Bay Point Chamber of Commerce. His website is www.scottesco.com.

Their showroom displays, located at 516 W 3rd St in Antioch, are extensive, and the staff support can get you the perfect product that you need. Promotional

items, advertising specialties and business gifts can be imprinted with your company name and logo. Their e-mail address is www.american trophies.com.



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