

“Fast Facts News”

a bi-monthly overview of government issues & offerings for members of the CVCC

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***52nd Annual Community Awards:** Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Carpinterian of the Year and Large & Small Business of the Year. All nominations must be submitted on formal application forms, available to download on the CVCC web @ www.carpinteriachamber.org, or may be picked up @ the CVCC office, 1056-B Eugenia Place, 9 am-4 pm any weekday. Junior Carpinterian applications are also available at the Carpinteria High School Counseling Center. **Graduating senior high students living in the Carpinteria Valley are eligible to be nominated by the Nov. 30 deadline. Other deadlines are: *Large & Small Business = Dec. 1 *Carpinterian of the Year = Dec. 8** All Forms must be delivered to the CVCC offices on or prior to the deadline. **Winners will be announced at the Annual Community Awards Banquet, Sat., Jan. 30, 2010 @ Girls Inc of Carpinteria. Questions may be directed to 684-5479 x10. *Merit Awards Deadline = Dec. 15. Merit awards, please contact Mike Damron at 684-2466.**

***Small Business Nation:** Over 96 percent of local, state and US chamber members are small businesses. To help small business owners navigate the current challenging economy and add real value to their own bottom line, businesses may log onto a newly created website @ www.SmallBusinessNationUSA.com. **The site features information resources covering hiring, printing, shipping, sales, marketing, start-ups, finance, government contracting, & insurance.** In addition, the site offers an advocacy center and a community discussion forum. **Questions regarding the website may be directed to (202) 463-5560.**

***Tour of a Lifetime:** The CVCC has the perfect holiday gift solution... a spring **2010 trip to Greece, Croatia, Venice and Tuscany.** **The tour includes airfare, transfers, meals, cruising on the Norwegian Gem & motor coach excursions. It leaves Apr. 30 and returns May 10.** To learn more about the trip, you are cordially invited to attend a **FREE Tour Preview, Thurs., Dec. 3.** Please call **684-5479 x10**, for your “Tour Preview” reservation. Log onto www.carpinteriachamber.org to check out the trip.

***You’re Invited:** The Santa Barbara Contractors Association, the Community Environmental Council & the Built Green Association invite business owners to an upcoming forum, which will help companies tap into stimulus funds, increase profits and assist them in reaching more customers. **“The Central Coast Energy Independence Program: Municipal Financing for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy”** event will be presented at 914-A Santa Barbara Street (behind Playa Azul) in Santa Barbara, 8-11 am, Mon., Nov. 16. Please send a registration email to ltaggart@cecmail.org to RSVP.

***Training Just in Time:** The CVCC & Carpinteria’s Best Western Inn offer two college credit sessions taught by SBCC instructors; **Tues. & Thurs., Nov. 17 & 19 (8:30 am-12: 30 pm).** These classes feature information on how to deal with criticism and difficult people, on and off the job. **Please call (805) 683-8284 or send an email to Rowley@sbcc.edu for registration information. The deadline to sign-up is Nov. 12.**

***SB Airport Upgrades:** Santa Barbara Airport is a major gateway to Carpinteria and the surrounding community. Thanks to the sale of municipal bonds, **the airport will undergo the construction of a new two-story 67,000 square ft. terminal building, will reconfigure the short-term parking lot, add a new loop road for busses, shuttles and taxis, refurbish the historic 1942 terminal & add an aircraft parking ramp.** Work should be completed in 18 months-2 yrs. **Yes, there will be restrooms & a food court in the new waiting areas.** Check out the changes @ www.flysba.com.

For Chamber/Member Events Calendar, visit www.carpinteriachamber.org

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