



Red Springs Chamber of Commerce

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The Red Springs Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invite you to join the local businesses, organizations and individuals and become a member of the Chamber. The Red Springs Chamber of Commerce is an organization working together for each other and our community so that we can all thrive, not just survive. Your chamber membership is an investment in your organization and the mission and vision of the Chamber. We look forward to serving you!

Call 910-843-5441, email redspringschamber225@gmail.com or visit 225 S. Main Street, Red Springs for more information regarding membership opportunities.

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Business of the Month

Douglas Jackson, D.D.S

714 E. Fourth Avenue in Red Springs

Dr. Douglas Jackson, DDS has been serving the Robeson County community and surrounding counties for several decades. Dr. Jackson and his wife, Earline, opened the practice in May of 1974. Sherron McNeill joined him as his dental hygienist shortly after he opened. In recent years, Stacy Varnum joined him as his second dental hygienist. He also hired Dr. Starlet Oxendine, DDS in July of 2006 to help with his heavy dental workload. His first priority has always been patient care. He understands patients' apprehension and fear of dentistry and he and his staff make it a priority to ensure all patients are comfortable and satisfied. As well as offering a service to Red Springs and surrounding areas, he also makes many contributions to charities and organizations in our area. He is an annual sponsor of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament in addition to other sponsorships in this area.



A note

from Chamber president, Fran Ray

I would like to remind all businesses and residents of Red Springs that our Chamber of Commerce is here to serve the people of our community. Working together to make Red Springs a better place to work and live and have a better quality of life. We need support in doing all the things that we do and we are asking for people to get involved. If you are not a member of your Chamber, you need to contact us and become a member. We need individuals as well as organizations to step up and become a part of what is going on in our town. The Board of Directors work hard and put in a lot of their time in doing things for our town and community. Please become a part of something good for Red Springs and remember, we need your help and support. Give us a call at 843-5441 or call any board member.

HAPPY LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 4

Thanks, Fran

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- **13** RS Chamber Board Monthly Meeting 11:45 am
- **19** RS Cancer Awareness Program 6 p.m. at The John M. McNeill Farmers Market Contact Murray McKeithan or Patsy Conoley for more information.
- **23** RS Arts Council Annual Music in the Park 6 pm . Tickets are available \$20 per person. Contact Maggy Morley, President 910- 988-1315

October

- **5** RS Chamber of Commerce 2017 Invitational Golf Tournament. Enjoy a fun day on the green. Sponsorship opportunities are available. More details to come.

November

- **2** Annual Dinner \$20 per person. 2017 Waverly Baren Award Recipient will be recognized.

December

- **9** Christmas in Red Springs... Vendors, Christmas Parade, Tree Lightening and Caroling

RED SPRINGS ART COUNCIL'S MUSIC IN THE PARK

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
6 - 10 PM**

**Vardell Memorial Garden
East 3rd Ave, Red Springs**



The Red Springs Arts Council sponsors cultural and educational activities in Red Springs and promotes any phase of the creative and performing arts. It encourages participation and appreciation of the arts by all citizens. The news season kicks off with a fun night of entertainment and fellowship with "Music in the Park" on Saturday, September 23rd from 6-10 PM in the Vardell Memorial Garden on East 3rd Avenue. Musical entertainment

and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. There will be tables set by individuals for either six or eight and prizes will be awarded for the best decorated table. Tables for six are available for \$120 or \$160 for a table for eight. Individual tickets are available for \$20. All proceeds will go to the cultural arts programs in the Red Springs Schools. Contact Maggy Morley at 910-988-1315 with questions or to purchase tickets.

Summer vacation has come to an end for students, teachers and staff. The Red Springs Chamber of Commerce wish you a successful school year!



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RED SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PREPARES FOR ITS ANNUAL KIRKIN' O' TARTAN SERVICE

The Red Springs Presbyterian Church will again celebrate the annual Kirkin' o' Tartan service on October 8th beginning at 10:45 AM with bagpipe music being played on the grounds. This will be followed by the processional of the tartan flags being carried by members of the Scottish clans. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Joseph C. McCutchen, a former minister of the church with Scottish ancestry. Lunch will served following the service.

The Red Springs Church started having these annual services in conjunction with the Flora Macdonald Highland Games that took place the first weekend in October for over 30 years. The church has continued this tradition even though the Flora Macdonald Highland Games have not taken place in recent years.

This custom is truly a Scottish-American tradition believed to be started by Rev. Peter Marshall, originally from Scotland and minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC and Chaplain of the United States Senate. The majority of these services seem to be held in Presbyterian churches, but other denominations have celebrations as well. The one started by Rev. Marshall was moved to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC in 1954 which is an Episcopal church.

CANCER AWARENESS EVENT TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

All persons are touched by cancer in one way or another and the people of Red Springs want to do their part in helping to find a cure. On Tuesday, September 12th from 6-9 PM, the Red Springs community will come together to have fun and support the American Cancer Society by raising awareness and funds. The event will be held at the John McNeill Farmers' Market on W. 4th Avenue. There will remarks by local people that are cancer survivors or care givers for patients. Entertainment will be provided by local talent giving of their time and talent. Free refreshments of hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served. Cash or checks will be accepted to support the American Cancer Society. No donations will be used for the cost of the event.

Yards of the Month



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RED SPRINGS MUSEUM

The Red Springs Museum could well be the best kept secret in town. It is in a building of its own, is located on a busy street and is open to the public two days a week. How many small towns can brag about having such a facility? Red Springs does, but, it didn't happen by accident.

In June of 1997, a group of local, interested citizens, led by local historian Grace Graham Britt, met with the Town Commissioners and requested that the inactive Red Springs Historical Commission be reactivated—their request was approved and the movement to open a museum began. The Town donated a building for the Museum along with a generous monetary gift to renovate the building and to aid in the expenses of cataloguing artifacts. The Museum opened in May 1998.

The citizens of Red Springs enthusiastically supported the new Museum and were very generous in donating and lending articles for display. Because of this local support, the Museum quickly outgrew its location—the Museum simply had far more items for display than they had room to

put them. Again, the Historical Commission approached the Red Springs Commissioners for help and the Commissioners responded by obtaining a grant and purchasing a vacant Catholic Church building to use for the Museum. The Museum opened in the current location at 504 East 4th Avenue (highway 211 toward Lumberton) on 28 April 2004.

The additional space made room for more exhibits and allowed the relocation of the Astronaut Bill McArthur Space Museum from Red Springs High School to the Museum. A room in the Museum is dedicated to Astronaut Bill and has on display many, many artifacts of his military career and experiences as an astronaut. Although Bill McArthur lives in Houston, Texas and is still affiliated with NASA, he has personally visited the Museum on numerous occasions.

Also, in the Museum are artifacts and documents from turn of the century when Red Springs was even then a booming community, well known almost worldwide for the health giving, red, iron tinted mineral water that flowed from artesian wells. The town even had a large hotel (Hotel Red Springs) that gave visitors a place to stay when they

came in large numbers to enjoy the mysterious red water, to hunt or to visit Presbyterian College.

And the Museum doesn't forget the many, many patriots who proudly served in our Armed Forces and who died for the freedoms we still enjoy. A room in the Museum is dedicated just to them. Documents and items on display date from WW-1 through the Viet-Nam conflict.

And who can forget that Red Springs was a baseball haven and in the 1940's had its own professional baseball team named the Red Robbins. The team played home games at the then named Robbins Park located in our Mill Village community. Also, Red Springs High School won the State Baseball Championship in 1956 and the Museum has many documents and items about that. In the 1970's the Red Springs community also had a Minnesota Twins farm baseball team.

The Red Springs Museum has thousands of items on display for everyone's enjoyment. These items include pictures, documents, farm tools, medical items, Indian artifacts, and displays related to the town's development. Items continue to be donated and loaned throughout the year.



The Museum is located at 504 E. 4th Avenue in Red Springs and is open Tuesday and Sunday afternoons from 2 – 5 PM and by appointment—plenty of parking is available. The facility is used each year for school children and church groups

throughout the county to come and visit, thus teaching the importance of preserving history. The Museum's telephone number is 910-843-7300. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.



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