

CHAMBER DATEBOOK

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IT IS NOT TOO LATE - SIGN UP NOW TO WORK WITH 2003 CHAMBER TASK FORCES - If you are interested in working with one of the Chamber's 2003 Task Forces, complete your "Opportunities for Involvement" form and return it to the Chamber via fax or mail. Once your form is received, you will be added to the contact list for the task forces you are interested in and will begin receiving meeting notices. There is much to be accomplished in 2003 and your input is needed. If you have questions or need another form, please contact the Chamber at 483-1321.

BUILDING EXPANSION/RENOVATION UPDATE - Due to the inclement weather in January and February, construction on the expansion/renovation is slightly behind schedule. However, the last two weeks of February will be very busy. To make up for lost time due to the weather, work will begin on Phase II (renovation of the existing facility) in late February and will run concurrently with Phase I (the new addition.) The affected Chamber staff members have been temporarily relocated to the Large Conference Room. For the next several months, almost all Chamber meetings will be held off-site. You are encouraged to read your meeting notices carefully for meeting location information. Completion of the expansion and renovation is expected in May.

OAK RIDGE DAY IN NASHVILLE - Each year on the second Tuesday of March, the Oak Ridge Chamber hosts events in Nashville to provide an opportunity for Chamber members to meet with government officials. Oak Ridge Day in Nashville is set for Tuesday, March 11th and will feature a luncheon with dignitaries, meetings with key officials, and a reception. Sponsors are being secured to cover costs for the events. For more information about the program and how to get involved, please contact Greta Ownby at the Chamber.

WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION - With the upgrade of the membership database software and the recent decision to hire **Mediapulse/AkinsCrisp Public Strategies** to update the website, there are many tremendous improvements on the horizon for the Chamber's website. The membership directory is being enhanced and the overall look and content of the website is being revised - making a good website even better. The architecture of the site is being modified to more accurately reflect the mission of the Oak Ridge Economic Partnership as a sub-corporation of the Chamber. We will be in contact as the improvements evolve with information about how you can use them to promote your company.

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS - The Chamber wants to help you share your good news with fellow Chamber members and the community. *Chamber Currents*, the Chamber's newsletter, is distributed to all Chamber members and inserted in *The Oak Ridger*. Submit your good news, such as promotions, awards, successes, etc... to the Chamber and it will be included in an upcoming issue of *Chamber Currents*. Send your information via fax to 483-1678 or email to ownby@orcc.org.

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