

Benefits of the Wray Chamber of Commerce

- **Referral Services:** Anyone who contacts The Wray Chamber of Commerce, whether it be in person, by phone or by email, will be referred to members of the Chamber only. The Wray Chamber office averages 10-15 calls, per week, asking for business referrals.
- **Publicity and Public Relations:** The first benefit you will receive as a Chamber member is your picture in the Wray Gazette with the director and various board members of the Wray Chamber of Commerce. Also, Wray's locally owned radio station, KRZD, will bonus you 25 commercials upon your initial sign-up for membership in the Wray Chamber of Commerce. In addition to these benefits, your company name, address, phone number and, if given, website and e-mail address will be published in the directory on the Wray Chamber website at www.wraychamber.net. This website receives between 200+ hits per month.
- **Sponsorship and Donor Opportunities:** The Wray Chamber of Commerce puts on several events each year and for many of these events we seek out sponsors to help defray the costs or donations for door prizes or for silent auctions or event prizes. Sponsorships range in price from \$50 to \$1000. We only contact Chamber members to sponsor these events. For example, each summer during Wray Daze Fun Night, we seek out a sponsor to bring in a band to entertain the crowd. A few examples of other events that we seek out sponsorships or donations for are the Quilts of the Plains, the Wray Daze Parade and the Christmas Festival Parade.
- **Social Gatherings:** The Chamber holds up to 4 socials/meetings per year. Our 1st quarter social is our annual banquet held each year around late February or March. This is also our annual awards banquet where we award the Outstanding Large Business, Outstanding Small Business & Outstanding Non-Profit of the Year. Our 4th Quarter social is also our annual business meeting where we elect, or re-elect, our Board of Directors. It is normally held in October or November and is held at a local Chamber member restaurant. Plus, the Chamber has reinstated the Business After Hours social program which brings Chamber members together in a casual setting to network with friends and colleagues. These are hosted at the sites of Chamber members.
- **Use of Chamber Member directory:** All Chamber members are welcome to request a copy of the member directory for their business uses such as mailings and announcements. **The Wray Chamber of Commerce does not sell any information to anyone and does not give out any information to third party sources who are not Chamber members.** Some information is public due to the online directory, but what is not listed is not given out to nonmember third parties. The Wray Chamber prohibits any member who requests a copy of the directory from copying it or selling it to a third party and any member caught doing so will be subject to all legal ramifications allowed us by the State of Colorado.
- **Wray Chamber of Commerce Newsletter:** The Wray Commerce Newsletter is here!! This a free opportunity for you to let us know about your upcoming events or what your business is about. Each month the chamber director will send out a reminder for you to send in a PDF or DOCX file that you would like to be added to the newsletter. Then the chamber director will add that to that month's database and send an email out with the newsletter in it. **THIS IS FOR ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS, BOTH COMMERCIAL AND NON-PROFIT!** This is a free opportunity to add events to this newsletter so the chamber director will not be keeping a database of all the things he has been sent to put into the newsletter. It is your responsibility as a chamber member to send your document each month to be added to the newsletter. All documents must be sent in by the 21st of each month to run in the next month's newsletter.
- **Board of Directors:** The Wray Chamber of Commerce is managed by a Board of Directors and is made up of owners/employees of current members. We attempt to get members from all different types of businesses and nonprofits and elections are held each year at our 4th Quarter social. Any owner or employee of a Chamber member is eligible for a seat on the Board of Directors. Board meetings are held monthly at the Chamber office and are open to members. It is recommended that we receive advanced notice of your attendance so we can prepare.
- **Quantity Membership:** If you own more than one business you are eligible for our quantity membership program. If you feel you are eligible for this benefit, please contact the Chamber Director for details.

- ***You are helping to boost our Community and Region:*** The Wray Chamber of Commerce puts on several events to boost the tourism in our community such as Wray Daze, Quilts of the Plains and the Greater Prairie Chicken Tours. These events bring in thousands of people from around the world and bring in tens of thousands of dollars to our local economy. The Wray Chamber also serves as an information center for tourists and new residents. Your dollars also help to pay for the Chamber director to serve on regional committees like the Northeast Colorado Travel Region Committee, the Eastern Colorado Workforce Board and the Rural Philanthropy Days Committee. These committees serve to boost the NE Colorado region by bringing in new tourism and commerce.

For more information on joining the Wray Chamber of Commerce, you can e-mail Executive Director, Eldon Van Vickle, at director@wraychamber.net. You can also call the Chamber office at 970-332-3484.