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Local Support: What's Happening at BIBA?

BIBAbally*WHO!* - Hurry! Time is Running Out!
Space is limited! Reserve your expo space or donate an aution item for the first annual BIBAbally*WHO*! - an expo & auction that showcases the best reasons to Shop LOCAL! Monday, Sept. 8th, 4-8 p.m. at The Boulder Theater. Open to the public. Live entertainment and food. Remember, we can't show you off if you're not there! For event information and registration, log on to: http:boulder-iba.org/Events&News/index.php *This event is sponsored by the Colorado Daily. Additional community sponsors include: The Boulder Weekly, The Boulder Bookstore, Buffalo Exchange and McGuckin Hardware.* See below for details.

Collaboration
Thank you BIBA volunteers - you make it happen! How? Local business representatives help BIBA at its fundamental grassroots level, including: Advocacy, Event Planning, Membership, Public Relations and Product Promotion. Contact BIBA now to join one of BIBA's teams: eileen@boulder-iba.org.

What Have you Done For Me Lately?
As a collaborative organization, businesses gain more direct benefits as members of the alliance the more they participate. This includes: prominent display of the BIBA logo in all advertising, display of window decals, volunteering, distribution of the BIBA guide, utilization of member services, purchase of discounted advertising space with local media partners and participation in the Community Benefit Card program through discount offers and purchasing. And – new this year, members will have additional opportunities to benefit from membership with the BIBAbally*WHO!* and *INDEPENDENTS ONLINE*, which offers information and promotional opportunities as well as a venue for members to raise issues most pertinent to their success. For more information about BIBA programs, see http://boulder-iba.org/MemberBenefits/programs.php

Are you a BIBA Member?
Invest in Boulder's future! Log on to to join BIBA today!



Hurry! Registration ends September 1st and space is limited!
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Local Happenings: How Will it Impact Local Businesses?

Economic Vitality Policy
Now in its final draft, the Economic Vitality Policy is the cumulative work of the Economic Vitality Action Group (EVAG). EVAG is charged with the task of preparing appropriate options, tools and other resources to assist the city's efforts to enhance business opportunities and sales tax revenues. The policy will be brought to the City Council in October and, if successful, result in the hiring of Boulder's first Economic Vitality Coordinator. **If you are interested in learning more about this policy and its repercussions**, contact BIBA at info@boulder-iba.org and we will coordinate a meeting with Frank Bruno, City Manager. For more information, go to http:ci.boulder.co.us/bura/evag/evag.html.

Concerns About Boulder Parking?
Some local businesses – especially those in the Hill neighborhood – have expressed concerns about parking issues that may be having a negative impact on their business. Doyle Albee, an owner of Prufrock's Coffee Café on the Hill, is working to set up a meeting to both voice concerns and begin to work toward solutions with Boulder Deputy Mayor Tom Eldridge. If you'd like to discuss or attend the meeting (still to be scheduled), drop Doyle an email at dalbee@strategicadvantage.ws.

Local battles
In communities across the country, citizens are taking action to defend and strengthen their local economies. The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) has been tracking these efforts and provides bimonthly email updates on significant developments. If you would like to subscribe, send a blank email to: home_town_advantage-subscribe@topica.email-publisher.com

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The Colorado Internet Cooperative Association
(aka "The Coop") is a Boulder based business-to-business ISP serving businesses all over Colorado. The Coop offers dedicated high speed Internet access such as full and fractional T1 and T3 circuits. The Coop is currently having a summer bandwidth sale, including great deals for small businesses. www.coop.net/sale

Locally Owned: Announcements from Members

The Boulder Theater presents the following August line-up: Aug 24: BURNING SPEAR with Judge Roughneck, Aug 27: Folk-Rock Icon DONOVAN, Aug 28: Boulder Weekly 10th Aniversary party with THE MOTET and Aug 30: THE HEADHUNTERS with FRESHFUNK: DJ SPOOKY / ROB WASSERMAN. Log on for more information www.bouldertheater.com

Redstone Meadery - Mountain Sun Pub (along with its fellow establishment Southern Sun) has put the Redstone Meadery's Black Raspberry Nectar on tap. Find out more about the Redstone Meadery's award winning meads http//redstonemeadery.com>.

Rocky Mountain Animal Defense - Wilderness Pub in Boulder has hosted a few RMAD events through the years. This microbrewery is the source of Boulder Beer. We recommend a combination of hours and beers on the pub's deck. 2880 Wilderness Place. Phone: 303-444-8448.

Submit your business news to info@boulder-iba.org.

BIBA would like to give a special thanks to our members. Your support and participation allow us to continue our important work year round.

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