

Emailed 9-21-15

Hi all,

Belatedly (having been on vacation one week and having a house guest another week), below are a few notes from the excellent informal brainstorm we had on Sept. 1st.

Most important, I noted several people volunteered to bring finger food for our "Invest Local" event this Sunday, 4-6 at the Library. Those volunteers are:

Laura, Carol, Kristin

Of course, others would be most welcome to bring items as well. Please let me know if & what you may bring!!

Thanks, Madge

Notes from 9-1-15 (in random order):

Important to promote tourism; a reason to exit from the Bypass.

Instead of Peak Oil, more concern now about Climate Change.

Not so much emphasis on food (Grange is taking lead on this).

More on business-economic development, e.g. survey businesses; Mondragon coop model;

Cuba model. Work with C of C on Local 1st. Noted that C of C is hosting Top 10 employers on

Sept. 8; what do they need? Promote Pay It Forward again.

An index of local businesses (Laura willing to help on that & local articles).

Possibly update Local Food Guide (with NCO?).

Possibly a local business coupon book.

Promote job opportunities/livelihood for youth.

Community bank.

Events are how people know about us. But want more action (e.g. work days), not just meetings!

More coverage in local newspapers; improve public perception of who we are, what we do.

Idea of holding our meetings at local businesses, more outreach (e.g. Rotary & others). We're too hidden.