

Ask the Mayor
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Bridgeton Calendar Contest
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Happy New Year to everyone!

There are so many popular and successful events held in Bridgeton each year, yet it is surprising to me just how many people don't know about them. In fact, over the past 18 months since I have been in office, I've been flooded with emails or stopped on the streets by residents from the Bridgeton area who share the same frustration: "If I had only known about the event I would have attended!"

After all, the music festival, BBQ's, bicycle races, Bridgeton Invitational, city cleanups, parades and holiday events are mainstays in Bridgeton and draw literally thousands upon thousands of residents and visitors to our events every year. And as we keep adding new events to our calendar each year, we find that more and more people want to know more about them.

Well, I'm here to announce the **"First Annual Bridgeton Calendar Contest"** for 2009. Our calendar will be featuring twelve unique photographs taken by Bridgeton residents based upon a theme that will be selected each year. But first, we begin with the selection of a theme for this, 2009 calendar and that's where you come in.

Entries for the theme selection will begin today and continue through March 1st. The selection for the theme will be determined by a panel of judges and if your theme is selected not only will it be used as the feature for the calendar but the winner will receive a free pair of tickets to attend several of Bridgeton's most popular events for 2009. Ideas for the theme can include anything from decorated porches, front doors, back doors, people, etc...however, be creative and be specific about your ideas! We will have a lot of entries to choose from and the more specific you are about your theme the better.

I will announce the winner and their winning theme in my March column. Once the theme is announced I will share with you all of the details on how one of your unique photos of Bridgeton can wind up as a feature in the calendar. So, get your digital cameras ready!

Theme submissions: Are to include the name and contact information of the entrant along with a detailed description of the theme and sent to: mayor@cityofbridgeton.com no later than March 1, 2008.

Photo submissions: The theme along with details on how to submit a winning photograph will be announced in the Mayor's column for March, 2008