

Membership Meeting March 26, 2015

Meeting started with networking including light refreshments. Anne Merkel called the meeting to order at 6:15.

Anne introduced guest speaker Try Lowder with Atlanta Merchant Services who talked about EMV (Europay, MC and Visa) which will become the global standard for credit cards October 1, 2015.

The first changes will be for “present” only transactions. Merchants will not be “required” to change to their machines after October 1st but if they don’t the responsibility for card fraud transfers from card issuer to merchant.

Today there are “enabled” and “capable” terminals but only “capable” terminals can process transactions.

Announcements:

- **Cesar Martinez** announced that the city will be closing East Main St between Depot and Carter March 31st for sewer repair.
- **Pam Fink** announced there were still 2 advertising space available on this years walking map.
- **Cindy Trimble** announced the city has created a committee comprised of council members, business owners and residents and instructed them to put together a comprehensive infrastructure plan for the city. Workshops are currently underway. The committee has made it clear to the city that street scape can not start before additional parking is in place. Cindy also announced that BRBA has taken over responsibility of the little train from Light Up Blue Ridge.