



CHAMBER NEWS

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New Chamber website launched: www.DestinationWaconia.org!

Check it out. We'd love your feedback!

Thanks to all who golfed and supported the 7th Annual Chamber Golf Scramble-Lucky #7!

It was another fantastic event thanks to all of your support!

We extend our gratitude to Island View Dining & Golf Club for their outstanding customer service.

Congratulations to the team from Lola's Lakehouse-winner of this year's Chamber Cup. We were thrilled to have Elvis "in the building"! Save the date for next year...Monday, July 14, 2014!



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Winners-Lola's Lakehouse-stop by to see "The Cup"!



Silent Auction, delicious apps, and a new scratch off game-many enjoyed the after hours on the "19th Hole"!



Golf Pro, Dan "Elvis" Callahan, addresses the group

52nd Annual Nickle Dickle Day is coming...Saturday, September 14!

Watch your mail for opportunities for sponsorship & volunteering. 😊 This marks the 20th year of the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and the Community Ed Fun Runs! Don't forget the Car Show, Craft Show, Library Book Sale, Music & Fun all over town.

New this year-**Nickle Dickle Pickle Contest** at the Waconia Farmer's Market! See this week's Waconia Patriot for details. Mark your calendars & we hope to see you on the

GREATEST DAY OF THE YEAR!



Welcome New Members:

Laketown Electric Corp.

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Guest: Susan Arntz



Development Update from the City:

Commercial activity has picked up at the City this summer! This article is a review of the various projects you can expect to see in the coming months.

Waconia Ford is working on an expansion of their service and showroom areas. The improvement includes a new façade on the Highway 5 side to match the new corporate look of Ford.

Hometown Bank will soon be remodeling the former Snyders Drug. The plan for this site includes the bank occupying the north half of the building with a couple of office tenants on the south side of the building. Hometown Bank is working on an amendment to their previously approved plan that will include a drive up area on the east side of the building to occupy a coffee user.

Freshwater Church is hard at work remodeling of the former Dueber's Variety Store. Work is anticipated to complete early this fall.

Bruegger's Bagels/Caribou will soon be starting the demo on the former Mobile Gas Station site. The canopy and pumps have been removed. The store will include a drive up area and a patio. Work is scheduled to complete before Thanksgiving.

Clearwater Libare, LLC has received approval for a micro-distillery in the Pine Business Park. This facility will manufacture spirits such as vodka, gin, whisky, scotch, bourbon, etc. The facility will have a small tasting room to accommodate a limited sampling on site, in accordance with Mn Law.

Ground Round will start construction on a patio addition on the east side of their building later this summer.

Crosswinds will become the new neighborhood on the south side of County Road 10, south of Pine Hill. 96 single family lots have been approved recently and grading on their first phase is scheduled to start soon.

Interlaken 6th and 7th Additions have been platted and are moving forward with more than 70 lots available. This continuation of the Interlaken development by Ryland Development span the future County Road corridor that was purchase by the City and County and sits just north of "Schmidtville".



We tip our hat to existing businesses, too

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A newsletter from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development declared “jobs” as “the big winner” this legislative session: “DEED is thrilled that the Minnesota Legislature approved (and Gov. Dayton signed) more than \$95 million in economic development funding along with tax incentives that will help businesses expand and create jobs.”

From my perspective, the Legislature’s first priority should be to make our business climate more competitive for all businesses. I find it troubling that while providing incentives to a few specific businesses, this same Legislature raised taxes and fees by \$2.3 billion, much of which will fall on businesses statewide.

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and our statewide network of local partners work tirelessly to strengthen the business environment for all types and sizes of companies no matter where they are located. That is what our team of lobbyists did at the Capitol every day during the 2013 session. That work is also at the heart of Grow Minnesota!, our distinctive private-sector initiative dedicated to helping businesses stay and expand in our communities.

Grow Minnesota! recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. With 60 local chamber partners, our 10-year partnership has resulted in face-to-face conversations with well over 7,000 Minnesota companies and provided direct assistance to more than 1,000 businesses. Our retention efforts have protected close to 15,000 jobs. Our portfolio of company profiles identifies business challenges and trends that help shape and support the Minnesota Chamber’s public policy agenda at the Capitol.

We welcome all partners, private and public, in developing Minnesota’s economy. It takes hard work. We won’t be successful unless we pay as much, or even more, attention to existing businesses as we do to offering incentives to companies to relocate or expand in Minnesota. Bottom-line dividends depend on checking in regularly with local business owners and managers.

Legislative leaders are quick to promote this year’s economic development package as an investment in the economy and Minnesota’s future – but we remind policy-makers to not lose sight of the cumulative impact of their actions on the businesses that already line our main streets, commercial districts and industrial parks.

Business retention is painstaking work. However, these last 10 years have proven at least two things: First, that it is critical to the development of our economy and job growth; and, second, that the work of programs like Grow Minnesota! is more important than ever. We need to reach more Minnesota businesses – always thanking them for being here and helping them stay and grow in Minnesota.

David Olson is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce – www.mnchamber.com.

Ribbon Cuttings

Unhinged! Pizza

Primary Contact: Shonna Caswell
224 West 1st Street Waconia, MN
952-442-2030 www.unhingedpizza.com

The pizza place “formerly known as Pizza Ranch”! Shonna & her crew have undergone a massive renovation of their 4 facilities and their menu, but they still have great customer service and are now serving even better food!

Don't miss their new Twisted Ice Cream & “Rubbed Down” Chicken. Delish!

Hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-9pm, Fri –Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 4pm-8pm



The Consignment Shop

Primary Contact: Julie Wiborg &
Barb Sinnen
25 S Olive Street, Waconia, MN
952-442-9851

**Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-6,
Saturday 10-5,
Monday appointment only**

More info coming soon!



Schram Vineyards

Primary Contact: Aaron & Ashley Schram
8785 Airport Road, Waconia, MN
612-229-8477 www.schramvineyards.com

**Hours: Friday 5-8, Saturday 12-6,
Sunday 12-5**

More info to come!



Member News & Happenings

Grand Opening Schram Vineyards-Saturday, August 2-4

We are proud to welcome our 3rd winery to "Waconia Wine Country"! Specials all weekend: Sparkling Honey Wine 2 for 1, Who's On First Food Truck-gourmet pizzas & sandwiches & Bocce Ball courts open! Singleton Street Band-LIVE music on Saturday 2-4pm under the pavilion.



Don't miss the **Inaugural Wine & Bocce Ball League!**

When: Sundays with game times starting at 4pm. First league game will be Sunday, August 18th and will run through September 22nd (no league on Labor Day weekend).

Who: Teams of 4 (you may register as a team or as a single and we'll do our best to put teams together). Teams can be all men, all women, or co-ed. It's a game for all! We can accept up to 8 teams.

Cost: \$100 per team **Other perks:** Wine specials exclusive to Bocce Ball players during league play!

Hours: Friday 5-8, Saturday 12-6, Sunday 12-5 www.schramvineyards.com

Historical Celebration at Zoar Church-Sunday, August 11 9:30-3:00



Built in 1863, the Zoar Moravian Church is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. A worship service, old fashioned pig roast & historical display is being planned as part of the celebration. This is an excellent opportunity to see the inside of this building, which was registered on the National Historical Register in 1980, and learn more about some of the first settlers to Carver County. There will also be music and games for the kids-a family friendly event! The community and history lovers are welcome.

9:30 Worship Service, 11:30 Catered Pig Roast, 12:30 Historical Exhibits, Cake & Games, 2:00 Historical Presentation & Sharing
Zoar Moravian Church-8265 County Road 10, Waconia www.waconiamoravian.org

4th Annual Relay For Life-Friday, August 16



This year the American Cancer Society will host its 4th Annual Relay For Life in Waconia. The Relay seeks to educate, support those fighting cancer & raise funds to annihilate cancer. Gates open to the public at 4:00pm with Opening Ceremonies at 6:00, Luminary Ceremony at 9:00 & Closing Ceremony at 6:00am. Walking the "track" will last all night because cancer never sleeps! This event is open to the community & will feature food, games, music & more!

If you are a cancer survivor or know of a survivor who would like to attend the FREE Survivors Dinner (with entertainment by Tim Mahoney), please contact April 952-564-7237 www.relayforlife.org/waconiamn

Oakwood Music in the Park-Saturday, August 17 3:00-5:00pm

Resonate is a FREE community event at City Square Park in Waconia sponsored by Oakwood Community Church. Event starts at 3pm with a free music concert until 5pm, free ice cream/popcorn and puppet show for kids. Fun for all ages - everyone is welcome! www.oakwoodonline.org



MRCI Open House-Saturday, August 24 4:00-7:00pm

MRCI WorkSource invites you to celebrate their new facility with tours, program information, employment programs, food and beverages.

MRCI-103 Peavey Road, Chaska www.MRCIWorkSource.org

Presidents Network Worksite Health Roundtable-Wednesday, August 28 8:30-10:30am

You're invited to attend the Worksite Health Roundtable for presidents, community leaders and company owners on August 28th.

The purpose of this event is to expand the number of leaders in the community committed to driving down the costs of health care and improving the overall health of our employees and our communities. Representatives from partner organizations will share cutting edge best practices of workplace health initiatives at this roundtable. Topics will include obesity, nutrition, physical activity, stress management, tobacco cessation and vascular health but always from the standpoint of what the owner or president can do to influence positive change. Don Klassen, the founder of The Presidents Network, will facilitate the roundtable.

Garden Level Conference Room-Ridgeview Medical Center, 500 South Maple Street, Waconia

RSVP to dklassen@skypoint.com for more info visit www.presidents-network.com

Monthly Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, August 22, 2013

11:45AM-1:00PM

Location: Schram Vineyards

Address: 8785 Airport Road



RSVP to the Chamber Office by August 16

Topic: How to go from Dream to Winery

Guest Speakers: Aaron & Ashley Schram

\$25 Chamber Members, \$30 general admission*

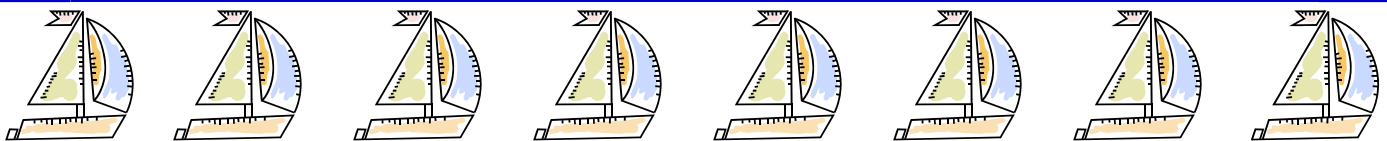
Also Available: Tasting for \$5 and Wines by the Glass

RSVP Required!

Please RSVP by Friday, August 16th!

www.destinationwaconia.org or 952-442-5812

*Payment will be accepted in advance or at the door. Please note that you will be billed for all meals reserved and walk-ins not guaranteed.



Chamber Calendar-August 2013

- 1 Coffee Connection at Mid-Country Bank 200 East Frontage Road, Waconia 7:30-9:00 am
- 1 Tourism Committee Meeting at Carver County Historical Society 9:15-10:15am
- 7-11 Carver County Fair-Stop by our booth in the Chamber of Commerce Building!
- 8 Retail Committee Meeting 8:00 am Maple Conference Room
- 15 Ambassador Meeting
- 22 Membership Luncheon 11:30-1:00 @ Schram Vineyards-8785 Airport Road **RSVP by August 17th!**