



Monthly Newsletter

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July 2017

Serving the communities of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer and Taylors Falls

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- July 6: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- July 13: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am – 1pm
Speaker: **Superintendent Joe Thimm**
Topic: **School District Update**
Location: **Panola Valley Gardens**
26026 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom
- Please RSVP by Monday, July 10 by 3pm
\$10/Chamber Members, \$15/Non-Members

KARL OSKAR DAYS JULY 12-16

Karl Oskar Days celebration starts with Harmony in the Park. Meet the Ambassador candidates and the KOD Button winners. First clues for the Snuff Box Treasure Hunt will be posted the 12th. Festivities for everyone include: 3-day craft/vendor fair, inflatable rides, bingo, family movie, music, food, car show, 5K run/walk loppet, tournaments for cribbage-basketball-golf-fishing, fireworks and parade.

See KOD's [full schedule](#) here and on the Chamber website at www.chisagolakeschamber.com.

Purchase a Karl Oskar Day Button, wear it and get deals!

Center City Days! JULY 28-30

Friday, July 28: Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Rummage Sale, Cash Bingo, Street Dance featuring Maiden Dixie.

Saturday, July 29: Kids Fishing Contest & Activities, Grandpa's Triathlon, Cribbage Tournament, Pig Roast, Talent Jam, Music, Family Movie

Sunday, July 30: Pancake Breakfast, Car Show, Inflatable Jumpers, Ice Cream Social, Boat Parade.



July

What's Happening This Month

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| July | 1-31 | Walk Your City Challenge |
| July | 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY! |
| July | 5 | Lindstrom Farmers Market Open s |
| July | 7 | Almelund Night on the Town |
| July | 8 | Wine & Chocolate Cruise |
| July | 10 | Stuffed Animal Sleepover – Library |
| July | 10-13 | Soccer Camp – Lakes Free Church |
| July | 12-16 | Karl Oskar Days |
| July | 12-16 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| July | 13 | CHAMBER LUNCHEON |
| July | 13 | TASTE! Event |
| July | 13 | Diva Night! – Lindstrom |
| July | 14 | Wine & Canvas Event |
| July | 15 | Wine & Cheese Cruise |
| July | 15 | Coffee & Canvas Event |
| July | 15 | Lindstrom Loppet |
| July | 15 | Kahoot at the Library |
| July | 16 | Cookies & Canvas Event |
| July | 18 | Safety Camp – Ojiketa Regional Park |
| July | 18 | Henna Tattoo Workshop – Library |
| July | 20 | Third Thursday Morning Mentoring |
| July | 20-22 | Friends of the Library Book Sale |
| July | 20-23 | Chisago County Fair |
| July | 22 | Dinner Cruise – Scenic Boat Tours |
| July | 22-23 | Rhubarb Frenzy – Winehaven |
| July | 24 | Bunny Clogs Music – Library |
| July | 25-27 | Skateboard Camp - Chisago City |
| July | 26 | Art in the Park & Exploration Camp |
| July | 26 | Paint Party – Vitalize! Wellness Centre |
| July | 27 | Paint Your Pet – Vitalize! Wellness Centre |
| July | 27-29 | Indoor Garage Sale – Chisago Lake Lutheran |
| July | 28-30 | Center City Days |
| July | 29 | Wine & Chocolate Cruise |
| July | 30 | Chisago Lakes Triathlon |
| July | 31 | Little Immigrants – Gammelgarden Museum |

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Susan Clayton
Al's Center Saloon
& Alan Honn Glass

At the June Chamber lunch, on the lawn of the old Nya Duvemåla House in Lindstrom, one by one community members spoke about the events and amenities available throughout Chisago Lakes this summer. The July calendar alone holds longtime favorite festival **Karl Oskar Days, July 12-16**, and **Center City Days July 29-30**. Elevate Builders/Victory Lane Oil Change revived the Street Dance tradition in recent years by hosting the band Maiden Dixie on Friday night. This year Al's Center Saloon will sponsor a local talent jam Saturday afternoon. A check of chisagolakes.org yields choices for everyone: **Harmony in the Park**, **Grandpa's Triathlon**, TWO farmers markets and a **Rhubarb Frenzy!** My own favorite Chisago Lakes summer treats include making a library run then reading books under a tree, stopping the car at Franconia Sculpture Park for an instant art vacation, sipping on the deck of Northwoods Roasterie rather than using the drive through. The work begun in ABC committees continues

as well, with the Walk Your City Challenge and a growing healthy restaurants initiative (look for new options on local menus beginning to roll out soon!) Summer weather welcomes us outdoors to experience local parks and historic sites. The scene is different, certainly, than summers 150 years ago at Nya Duvemåla, but offers the same beautiful Minnesota landscape - and enterprise - that's ours to explore.

We can help get your information out to the community! Share your events/happenings with us.

- > Visit the new community website ChisagoLakes.org and share an event on the calendar.
- > Email the chamber at clacc@frontiernet.net to include your information in our weekly newsflash or monthly newsletter.

2017 CHISAGO LAKES CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP HALF PRICE

Chisago Lakes Chamber new member dues are pro-rated, which means that this month a new business can join for ½ price! Do you know a business that would benefit by joining the Chamber? Since dues are pro-rated, it is a smart time for new businesses to join.

That is what this new member did! Welcome!

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CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Vilhelm Moberg Park
10656 Railroad Ave, Chisago City
www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET Fridays 2-6:30pm

Every Friday through October from 2-6:30pm, find a variety of fresh goods from local growers, producers and artisans. Live music/entertainment every Friday 4-6pm. The market accepts cash, credit, debit and SNAP/EBT.

July	7	Live Music: Aubrey Olson
July	14	Live Music: Kirk & Low
July	21	Live Music: Paul Dennison American Red Cross Blood Drive
July	28	Live Music: Michael Keyes

More information at ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



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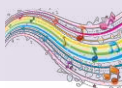
"CROSS PROMOTION PARTNERSHIPS TO DRIVE AWARENESS, ENGAGEMENT & SALES"

Thursday, July 20 8-9am

Discuss the topic of the month, 'Cross Promotion Partnerships to Drive Awareness, Engagement & Sales', facilitated by **Tanya Paine, Revant LLC & Renee Dabill, In the Moment Boutique & Renee Lynn Photography**. Light refreshments served, RSVP's appreciated but not required. Chamber Office, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

June Summary: ['Savvy Social Media Marketing'](#)

2017 Harmony in the Park



2017 Harmony in the Park Concert Series. *Free* concerts are held in Lions Park next to Lindstrom City Hall. Concerts begin at 7:00pm with the 'Special Events' starting at 6:30pm.

- July 5 Bob & the Beachcombers (60's)
Water Festival
- July 12 Barbary Coast Dixieland Showband (Jazz)
*KOD: Meet the Ambassadors, Button Winners
Cock-A-Doodle Zoo Petting Zoo,
Kiddie Costume Parade (8:00pm) &
Free Outdoor Movie 'Moana' (8:30pm)*
- July 19 Hard Days Night (Beatles Tribute Band)
Non-Profit Night
- July 26 Elvis—Remembering the King
Serve & Protect Night

[Full Schedule](#)

Bring your lawn chairs, friends and family for a great evening of fun. In case of inclement weather concerts will be held inside the Lindstrom Community Center.

If you would like to help support this great community event and get your business advertised, you may drop off your donation at Lindstrom City Hall.

PICKET FENCE GALS SALE



JULY 12-16
Wednesday 3-7pm
Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

A large Victorian 2-story house filled with affordable, ever-changing items. Find antiques & vintage items, painted furniture, garden items, home & cabin décor, re-purposed items, textiles and more! Downtown Lindstrom.

www.PicketFenceGals.net 651-334-1444

CHISAGO CITY'S PARK COMMISSION

10625 Railroad Ave, Chisago City
651-257-4162 www.ci.chisago.mn.us



Chisago City is excited to offer the following activity to our youth this summer. To register or for more information please visit Chisago City website or contact the Parks Programmer, Doris Zacho at 651-257-5464.



> SAFETY CAMP - July 18 7am-6pm

Basic safety topics covered will include bike safety, first aid, water safety, sports safety, weather safety, child defense and electrical safety. Bring a bag lunch, snacks, sunscreen and bug repellent. Children must have completed grades 3-4. Ojiketa Regional Park, 27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City Cost: Free

> SKATEBOARD CAMP - July 25-27 10am-Noon

Professional coaches will be helping skaters of all ages progress in their skill level! Learn how to Ollie, kick flip, heal flip, ramp riding, safety etiquette and more. Beginners: balance, pushing, dropping in. Bring your own skateboard to camp daily. Snack will be provided. 10940 Stinson Ave.

> ART IN THE PARK & EXPLORATION CAMP

July 26 1-2pm

Children of all ages are invited to join us at Cedar Cabin in Ojiketa Regional Park, 27500 Kirby Ave, for fun 'Red, White & Blue' crafts and exploration. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$5



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CHISAGO LAKES/TOUGHMAN MN TRIATHLON

JULY 30

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The Triathlon which starts and ends in beautiful Paradise Park, Chisago City includes the Half Iron, Sprint and Aqua Bike. The Sprint is a .25 mile swim, 22 mile bike and 3.1 mile run course. The Half Iron includes a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run course. [Register Here](#)

Get a front row seat as a volunteer! Volunteers are needed throughout the event to help with registration, participant body marking, directing athletes on and off the course and handing out water and food. All volunteers receive a t-shirt and a big thank you! Volunteer at 651-257-1177 or clacc@frontiernet.net.

If you have marketing items to donate for the athlete gift bags, please bring items to the Chamber office by Friday, July 21. We will be filling 1000-Adult bags. Thank You!

NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE

12710 N. First Ave, Lindstrom



Coffee and Pie Night

Every Friday Night! 4-7pm



Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!

www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com

651-257-5240

Chamber Golf Tournament August 24



Join us at our Annual Community Golf Tournament. This 18-Hole, 4-Person scramble is a fun day of networking. Show your community support while promoting your business through sponsorship, bringing a team - or both! [Registration/Sponsorship Form](#) This year's community partner is **Chisago Lakes Community Meals**.



FAMILY PATHWAYS

10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City

651-257-1308

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, August 16

The Refuge Golf Club, Oak Grove



Proceeds will support the quality youth programs we provide at four Teen Centers in Forest Lake, Mora, North Branch and Princeton. Consider a sponsorship or a team for this great benefit. [Sponsorship/Registration Flyer](#)



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS

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Enjoy a cruise on the St. Croix River. Choose from a variety of specialty cruises.

♦ Ribs on the River – July 5, 12, 19, 26 7-9pm

A narrated scenic tour on the beautiful St. Croix River. Enjoy a buffet style meal of delicately seasoned BBQ pork ribs, and a 5oz chicken breast, cole slaw, baked beans, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted breads, dessert, coffee and water. Cash Bar, soft drinks & lemonade available for purchase.

♦ Mexican Fiesta – Friday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 7-9pm

The 2-hour festive Mexican night cruise includes a taco bar, chips and salsa, dessert, and a cash bar.

♦ Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise – July 8 & 29 7-10pm

Cruise featuring local Winehaven wines and fine chocolate while experiencing the breathtaking rock formations that were left behind as the glaciers retreated thousands of years ago.

♦ Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise – Sat, July 15 7-10pm

Featuring Winehaven wines and some of the best cheeses while experiencing the breathtaking rock formations that were left behind as the glaciers retreated thousands of years ago.

♦ Dinner Cruise – Saturday, July 22 7-10pm

Spend a summer evening with friends and family. Enjoy a delicious meal, live entertainment and the beauty of the St. Croix River. Each trip includes a narrated scenic tour of area history and the rock formations along the river.

♦ Daily Excursions: 11:00am, 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00pm



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LITTLE IMMIGRANTS MONDAY, JULY 31 10AM-2PM

Come and see what it was like to be a child coming from their homeland country to America. Make yourself a play house, learn games they played, make a craft, and even see what it was like to be in school. If you choose, dress like children did in pioneer days. Class size is limited to 15 children, target ages K- 3rd grade. Bring bag lunch, we provide water and lemonade. To register, you must fill out both the online registration and pay the fee by clicking the button below. \$15

BLUEGRASS & LEMONADE IN THE SHADE 4th Sundays through September 24 2-4pm

Enjoy the summer of pickin', plunkin', harmonizin' and enjoying a lazy Sunday afternoon with Bluegrass music. Come to play or enjoy relaxing in the shaded back yard of Gammelgården Museum. Free lemonade. No charge for playin' or listenin'. A Great family event.

DOWNTOWN DIVA NIGHT

Thursday, July 13 4-8pm
Shopping 4-7:30 Downtown
Bingo 8-9 Lindstrom Community Center
(13292 Sylvan Avenue)

Register at In the Moment Boutique to receive your Diva Bag and Bingo Card. Registration is \$5 and all the proceeds go to the Chisago Lakes Food Shelf.

Shop at any of the Diva Night participating businesses and receive an additional bingo card with each purchase! [Participating Businesses](#) Lots of fun activities and great deals.

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JULY SPECIAL!

Receive ½ off any Portrait Sitting in July with a Karl Oskar Day Button! Must have button at time of sitting. Buttons are available at local businesses.

Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church

1 Summit Ave, Chisago City

651-257-6300 ChisagoLakeLutheranChurch.org

Annual INDOOR Yard Sale

July 27, 28 (8am-3pm) & 29 (8am-noon)

Featuring everything from household items to antiques and something for all ages and interests. This is a fundraiser for the church youth. This year, food concession will be 'Swedish Meatballs and Potatoes On-A-Stick' served by Sally Barott in the church kitchen. \$2.50/stick....Yum.

PLEASANT VALLEY ORCHARD

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer

651-257-9159 www.PleasantValleyOrchard.com

It's shortcake season! Pick-your-own strawberry season runs now through mid July. Call ahead to plan your visit. Picking hours and conditions can vary with the weather.



Lindstrom Farmers Market

Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon

Hwy 8 St. Bridget's Church-Baby Blanket Area.

Lindstrom Farmers Market begins on **July 5!** This is a gathering of local merchants offering plants, produce and specialty products for sale in the summer-July through October. Buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Also includes fresh honey, maple syrup, bakery and specialty items.

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Almelund Night on the Town

Friday, July 7 Starting at 3pm

Meet up with your friends for an old fashioned community get-together the 1st Friday of each month. Enjoy the local Farmers Market from 3-6pm, Music at 6pm and Movies at 7:15pm. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring a picnic supper, try pizza from Rod's Country Corner or a 'Sausage on a Stick' & Root Beer Float from the Almelund Mercantile.

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WALK YOUR CITY 30 DAY CHALLENGE

July 1-31

A Healthier Chisago Lakes Starts Today!



Complete Five Challenges over 30 days and win great prizes. This is open to all ages. Prizes include a Super Day pass to Wild Mountain Water Park and Go-Karts for 2 people plus many gift certificates to local businesses. [Flyer](#)



CHISAGO COUNTY FAIR

July 20-23, Rush City

www.ChisagoCountyFair.org

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| ☆ 4-H & FFA | ☆ Horse Show | ☆ Food |
| ☆ Carnival Rides | ☆ Parade | ☆ Live Music |
| ☆ Demo Derby | ☆ Chainsaw Racing | |
| ☆ Beer Garden | ☆ Silent Auction | |
| ☆ Entertainment | ☆ Tractor & Semi Pull! | |



Happy
4th of July!



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651-257-1017 WineHaven.com

RHUBARB FRENZY

Saturday, July 22nd 10am-5pm

Sunday, July 23rd 11am-5pm

The secret's out! WineHaven's rhubarb makes fantastic wine. Be one of the first to sample the new batch during the Annual Rhubarb Frenzy! We'll have live music, hourly tours, and lunch at the vineyard. Bring your friends!

Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturdays, July 8th & July 29th 7:00-10:00 pm

Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River

Saturday, July 15th 7:00-10:00 pm

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River with a chocolate or cheese cruise. Enjoy fine food, great **WineHaven** wines, **Eichten's** cheeses and some of the best chocolates. Includes wine sampling, live music, cash bar and a buffet style meal with your choice of roast prime rib with baked potato or boneless chicken breast on a bed of wild rice. Both entrées are served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable and dessert. Reservations/prepayment required at 651-465-6315.



FAIRVIEW LAKES MEDICAL CENTER

5200 Fairview Blvd, Wyoming

800-571-7344

www.fairview.org/lakes

'LINDSTROM LOPPET 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Registration 7-7:45am Race starts at 8am

Once again, proceeds of the Loppet are earmarked for healthcare scholarships for area students, youth suicide prevention efforts, and other area community health improvement initiatives. Starts/Ends at Lakes Free Church, 29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom

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June 1st Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

May minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Golf Tournament**

All information was mailed out last week, some teams and sponsors already committed.

• **ABC**

Teams are still meeting and moving forward.

• **Morning Mentoring**

Going great. Next one 'Social Media 101 & Practical Application for Small Business' on June 15 8-9am.

Old Business:

- Chamber board voted on our Mission Statement 'Serve, Support and Promote the Businesses and Organizations in our Chamber Community.'

To Do's:

- Rotary Golf, June 6th, 10:30 am. Chamber is finalizing a team.
- Social Media Review-Next event is Monday, June 26 7-9pm at Chisago Lakes Grill.
- All Chamber Board Members will be writing testimonials for upcoming newsletters, etc.
- Wendy is invited to attend Global Leadership Summit and will receive pay during the two days of training.
- Video stories will be great for capturing positive information about our community businesses. John Renaker from Northwoods Roasterie has been selected to be the first one interviewed.
- A 3% Lodging Tax is being explored as a way to help promote tourism in Chisago Lakes. A meeting to answer the many questions we have about this is set up for Wednesday, June 7.

Director's Report:

- One new member in May.
- Attended Ribbon Cutting for O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Attended Social Media Review Night
- Planning for Golf Tournament
- Spaces Magazine delivered over Memorial Weekend highlighting Chisago Lakes.

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WINE & CANVAS

Friday, July 14 5-8pm

Beach Park, Lindstrom

A time for **adults** to enjoy a fun evening of painting. No talent or experience is necessary. Our talented instructors will guide you step-by-step! You will be amazed at your very own work of ART! WineHaven wine will be available. 'Beach Painting' \$35. [Register Here](#)

COFFEE & CANVAS

Saturday, July 15 1-4pm

Northwoods Roasterie, Lindstrom



Teens only-ages 13-20 invited to come enjoy the afternoon painting at Northwoods Roasterie \$35 [Register Here](#)



COOKIES & CANVAS

Sunday, July 16 2-4pm

Beach Park, Lindstrom

Kids ages 5-12 can enjoy painting at Beach Park. Space is limited so sign up soon. Cookies & Milk will be provided. \$25 [Register Here](#)



doTERRA Essential Oils

Stop by and visit us on DIVA Night, July 13 and at our booth during Karl Oskar Days, July 14-16! Experience a free hand massage! Discover the benefits essential oils can have for you and your family. For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962.

June Membership Luncheon



The June luncheon was held at the **Karl Oskar House (Nya Duvemåla)**. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by **Deutschland Meats**. Thank you **Northwoods Roasterie** for the coffee and **Grand Casino Hinckley & Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation** for raffle prizes.

Chamber announcements: The **Spaces Magazine**, affiliated with the Pioneer Press came out over Memorial Weekend featuring Chisago Lakes as a Day Trip Destination. **Google Business Seminar** on how Google search impacts local businesses and offering tools to stay ahead of the curve, will be held next Wednesday at the **Lindstrom Office Center** from 11am-noon. **Third Thursday Morning Mentoring** will be next Thursday 8-9am at the Chamber. We will be discussing 'Social Media 101-Practical Application for Small Business'. The Chamber is hosting another **Social Media Review Party** at Chisago Lakes Grill on Monday, June 26 7-9pm. Bring your laptop. **Chisago Lakes Triathlon** is Sunday, July 30 and we are looking for volunteers. **Chamber Golf Tournament** is August 24. Consider sponsoring or having a team. Our partner this year is **Chisago Lakes Community Meals**.

New Member: **Cindy Collins** with **Forest Lakes Peach and Times**.

Member announcements were given. Highlights of summer activities were given by the following cities and groups:

- > **Lindstrom Farmers Market/Foster Mooney** – This is their 18th season. Dates & Times are July 5-October 28, Wednesdays 3-6pm and Saturdays 8am-noon. Because of St. Bridget's main parking lot replacement, the market will be held in their Baby Blanket parking lot.
- > **Chisago City Farmers Market/Susan Clayton** – Every Friday from 2-6:30pm in Moberg Park, Chisago City. Enjoy live music 4-6pm. POP (Power of Produce) Club is designed for children ages 4-12. They receive a \$2 token to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables at the Market. The intent is to engage children at farmers markets empowering them to make healthy food choices.

- > **Taylors Falls** – Wannigan Days is June 9-11.
- > **Shafer/Missy Glenna** – Shafer Days is Sept. 15-16. Parade and Vendor forms are available at City Hall and the Chamber office.
- > **Center City/Erin Thorvaldson & Laura Hasseltine** Center City Days is July 28-30. Lots of activities including return of Maiden Dixie for the street dance and they are bringing back the parade.
- > **Lindstrom/Kathy George** - Karl Oskar Days is July 12-16 and is filled with activities throughout town. Harmony in the Park is every Wednesday starting with Special Events at 6:30pm.
- > **Chisago City** – Ki Chi Saga Days is August 18-20. Looking for nominees for Grand Marshal. The city is offering numerous kids camps this summer.
- > **Almelund/Susie Sandberg** – First Friday evenings of each month offers a chance for people to gather and enjoy music, food and a flea market at Triangle Park, Almelund.
- > **Karl Oskar House/Arild Hagberg** – The house is open on Sundays 1-4pm and by appointment. There are many Swedish visitors to the house. They will have Midsommer Dag on June 24.



PARMLY LIFEPOINTES

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'Paint Party'

Wednesday, July 26 1-3:30pm

Paint with your daughters or granddaughters! This is a double canvas painting. You can each do one panel or work together as a team. This is a great way to enjoy creating a work of art together. Space is limited. Bring along painting clothes. Class [Flyer/Registration](#) \$25/Members, \$30/Non Member

'PAINT YOUR PET!'

Thursday, July 27 4-8pm



Artist Joy Tate will pre-sketch your pet onto the canvas before you arrive. Then under our instruction, you will do the rest. It will turn out great! We will need a clear, closeup, well lit photo of your pet 2 weeks prior to the class (July 18). Email it to Joy or drop one off at the front desk. Questions, please contact Joy at 651-257-7968 or joytate@ecumen.org. Space is limited. Class [Flyer/Registration](#) \$30/Members, \$40/Non Member

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Tickets available now! \$25/Advance and \$30 at the door. Available for purchase at the Chamber office.



For the third year in a row, Chisago Lakes School District is pleased to announce that it has been selected one of the Star Tribune Top Workplaces.

The 150 Top Workplaces are determined solely on employee feedback from a survey conducted in areas covering leadership, culture, pay, training, work/life balance, and how employees feel about working at the company overall. Just over 71% of district employees completed the survey and once again Chisago Lakes School District is honored to be recognized by its employees as a great workplace!

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JULY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

- > **'Preschool Storytime' Wednesdays 10:30-11am**
Children ages 3-5 are invited for stories, songs and more. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
- > **'4H STEM Series-Engaging Youth as Scientists' Every Wednesdays July 5, 12, 19 2-3pm**
Kids (completed Kindergarten through Grade 2) explore scientific concepts, sound, motion & astronomy through hands-on experiential lessons. Registration at Chisago County 4H 651-277-0150.
- > **'Stuffed Animal Sleepover' Tuesday, July 10 6-7pm**
All ages, families welcome. Wear your pjs and join us for a special storytime. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and leave them overnight. Come back on Tuesday, July 11 to pick them up and find out what mischief they have gotten into during the night.
- > **'Kahoot at the Library' Saturday, July 15 11:30am-1:30pm**
Come for some fun computer games and snacks. For ages 12-17. Pre-registration required and ends July 13, by calling 651-257-2817 or stop by the library.
- > **'Henna Tattoo Workshop' Tuesday, July 18 6:30-7:30pm**
Kristin Johnson will demonstrate on several participants if time allows (participants must have a signed permission form). Workshop includes a presentation about henna and its history, demonstration about how to mix henna and learn basic design elements and practice on paper. For ages 12-17. Pre-register, Class size is limited!
- > **'Friends of the Library Book Sale' July 20-22**
We have something for just about any kind of reader. Prices \$0.25 -\$1.00
- > **'Bunny Clogs' Monday, July 24 2-3pm**
Adam Levy and his two daughters take pop music, make it kid-friendly-sweet and will keep adults and kids groovin' and movin'. For all ages!

July Featured Business – Plastic Products



Plastic Products Co., Inc.

On May 23, 2017, Lindstrom's largest manufacturer, **Plastic Products Co., Inc.**, marked its 55th anniversary.

As one of North America's largest manufacturers of custom plastic, metal and ceramic injection molding products, PPC does \$200 million in business annually with eight plants devoted entirely to plastic injection molding. The ninth plant, Smith Metal Products, in Center City, makes metal and ceramic molded parts utilizing Metal Injection Molding Technology.

The Plastic Products of today is a far cry from the tiny factory that opened its doors on Olinda Trail in 1962 and got its first big break making cereal box trinkets. Today, Plastic Products custom designs precision-made products for companies like Whirlpool, General Electric, 3M, Andersen Windows, Tomy, Johnson Controls, and Medtronic, making everything from battery cases and appliance parts to children's sippy cups and stethoscopes.

A culture of commitment

One thing that hasn't changed in the past 55 years is Plastic Products' culture of commitment to its customers, respect for its employees and generosity to the community.

Plastic Products emphasizes the importance of the customer to employees even before they are hired. The PPC website tells job applicants, "You must be willingly and consistently able to bring new ideas, cost savings, and responsiveness to the client."

Following the example set by former company president Marlene Smith herself, the company remains as devoted to its employees as it is to its clients. From the moment she assumed the reins of the company, the late Marlene Smith took a practical approach to management that included "listening to the people who work for you." She is quoted in a 1999 article in Twin Cities Business Monthly saying, "Running a business takes a lot of common sense...If you don't listen to the people who are down in the trenches, you don't make the right decisions."

After nearly three generations, this company philosophy has resulted in remarkable track record of employee loyalty and longevity. "People come to work here and stay," says Erickson. "We have people with over 45 years of service."

Giving back to the community

Plastic Products has a long-standing reputation for giving back to the community. That commitment continues at Plastic Products today. Every year a consistent percentage of the company's income goes back to the communities where plants are located. Funding requests are evaluated by a five-person Contribution Committee at corporate. The Marlene A. Smith Foundation, established by PPC, annually presents at \$2,500 scholarship to a Chisago Lakes High School graduate enrolled in a technical school. PPC accepts contributions and makes regular donations to that fund. Erickson says that the company intends to expand the scholarship program to offer assistance to one student in each community where PPC has a facility.

The future is bright. "Expect More"

Our plants are almost at capacity, and we're looking for expansion opportunities. We are close to maximum utilization of our floor space. Soon we'll be moving the executive offices out of the Akerson building and into the original Smith building on Olinda Trail in Lindstrom. That move will allow the sales, engineering, and purchasing departments to move into the main plant on Akerson and out of the smaller building across the street, which will become a conference center.

The future of PPC is very bright and the commitment to serve our customers still continues. The employee owners of PPC understand and deliver on this every day. Through these efforts, the company is profitable and can return dollars back to its communities. The company can also help to create a rich retirement plan for all employees.

After 55 years, Plastic Products continues to evolve. The face has changed but the heart's the same. Five years into its second half century, Plastic Products' future is forged by the hard work and enthusiasm of more than 700 owners in six states—the employees themselves



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MN Chamber Update

Banner year for business community at Legislature

By Doug Loon

The 2017 legislative session was one of the most successful for Chamber members in years. The Minnesota Chamber and our local chamber partners can equivocally say we delivered on your priorities. It was an outstanding year on several fronts, thanks to the tremendous engagement of our statewide grassroots network. These legislative successes will better position Minnesota to be ready for the future – ready for change and ready to grow.

The biggest disappointment was Governor Dayton's veto of the Uniform State Labor Standards Act, which would have explicitly prevented local governments from mandating local wage and benefit packages on private employers. We staunchly oppose government interference – at any level – in private-sector employee benefits. The worst-case scenario is a local patchwork of mandates that impose different rules & requirements across our state. Our fight continues in the courts as we advance our litigation against the city of Mpls regarding paid sick & safe time mandate.

On other fronts, there's a wealth of good news. Among highlights of our legislative successes: **Taxes:** We worked to pass the largest tax reduction bill since 2001 and first tax bill signed into law since 2014. The automatic annual inflator in the statewide property tax was eliminated, and the first \$100,000 of a property's market will be exempt from state levy. Tax credit for research & development was enhanced. The threshold for the estate tax was increased. An individual's use of MN financial advisers, accountants, etc., will no longer be used to determining residency for tax purposes.

Transportation: We delivered the largest investment in roads and bridges since 2008 – without an increase in taxes or fees. Existing tax from the sale of auto parts and rental vehicles that now goes into the general fund will be directed to roads and bridges, resulting in nearly \$2 billion over 10 years. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will continue to focus on efficiencies. Metro counties will be allowed to expand the light rail and bus rapid transit systems through generation of local option sales tax revenues. In addition, funding is provided over the next biennium to address current deficit and to ensure regular bus service in the metro area.

Real ID: Minnesota became the last remaining state to comply with the federal law so Minnesotans can continue using their current driver's license to board airplanes and enter federal facilities when the federal law takes effect in January 2018.

Health care: Qualifying Minnesotans who buy insurance in the individual market, and don't receive federal premium support, will receive a 25% reduction in premiums this year. Small employers will have expanded options to self-insure like most large companies do – giving them more control over costs and flexibility in plan design.

Lawsuit reform: Plaintiffs represented by an attorney must provide a notice of an alleged accessibility violation and give businesses 60 days to respond (30 days longer for weather conditions) before a lawsuit can be filed for state claims under the Minnesota Human Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. This new law, effective now, curtailing the abusive lawsuits that have been plaguing small businesses across Minnesota during the past several years.

Environmental regulations: Applicants can request schedule that details when agencies will begin drafting a permit and when it will be issued for public notice. For expedited permits, applicants will receive a description of tasks to be performed, a schedule for completing the tasks and cost estimates.

Education/workforce development: School districts must negotiate a plan for how teachers are laid off due to budgets, and not defer to the fallback rule of LIFO – "last in, first out" – where seniority prevails over performance. The teacher licensure governance system is reformed, and a tiered teacher licensure structure will be created, which will help to ensure there is an effective teacher in every classroom.

Energy: Reforms to the Renewable Development Fund include changing the expensive biomass power mandate, yielding about \$700 million in ratepayer savings over 11 years.

We have much to celebrate in our shared success. And, of course, with our legislative efforts wrapped up at the Capitol, we are ready to develop our 2018 agenda. We welcome your engagement as we lay the foundation to make Minnesota ready to compete in the global marketplace.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: www.mnchamber.com.



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