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Monthly Newsletter

August 2016

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- August 10: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- August 11: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am-1pm
Topic: **ABC Projects Update & Networking Picnic**
Location: **Bloom Lake Barn**
17147 Bloom Lake Rd, Shafer
Caterer: **Deutschland Meats**
- Invite a business friend to join us! Chamber memberships are pro-rated making this a great time to join – ½ Price!*
- RSVP's are appreciated no later than end of day
Monday prior to luncheon. \$9/members, \$10/non-members

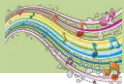
KI CHI SAGA DAYS AUGUST 18-21

Come Help Us Celebrate the City of Chisago City!

Celebrate Ki Chi Saga Days with family and friends. Majority of events will be held in Moberg Park, but expands throughout the community. Enjoy music all day on Saturday and Sunday with a great craft fair and food vendors, family movie night, parade, car show, Frankie's fishing tournament, and much more. Come join us this summer for another fabulous community get together. More details at www.ci.chisago.mn.us.

Ki Chi Saga Day Buttons available at area businesses.

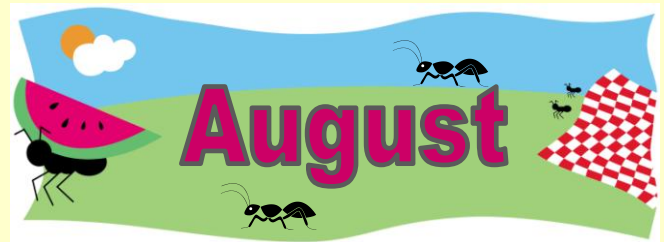
2016 Harmony in the Park



2016 Harmony in the Park Concert Series. *Free* concerts! Held in Lions Park next to Lindstrom City Hall. Concerts begin at 7:00pm with 'Special Events' starting at 6:30.

- August 3 Rockin' Hollywoods (50's-80's Rock)
National Night Out & Lion's Corn Feed
- August 10 Boiling Point (Variety – Rock & Praise)

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.



AUGUST HAPPENINGS

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| August | 1-6 | Recycled Wardrobes Sale |
| August | 3 | Night to Unite – Lindstrom/Chisago City |
| August | 4 | Night to Unite – Taylors Falls |
| August | 5 | Almelund Night on the Town |
| August | 6 | Wine & Cheese Cruise |
| August | 6 | Hot Metal Pour - Franconia |
| August | 7 | Jim Trudeau Memorial Classic |
| August | 7 | Tractor Caravan |
| August | 8-12 | Small Green Frog Day Camp |
| August | 9 | doTERRA Essential Oil Class |
| August | 12-14 | Almelund Threshing Show |
| August | 14 | Sportsmen's Club Picnic |
| August | 17 | Golf 'Fore' the Kids |
| August | 18 | Chisago County Technology Training |
| August | 18-21 | Ki Chi Saga Days |
| August | 20 | Spelmansstäma - Gammelgarden |
| August | 20 | Ki Chi Saga 5K/10K Fun Run |
| August | 20 | Wine & Chocolate Cruise |
| August | 25 | Chamber Golf Tournament |
| August | 27 | Spirit of the Drum – Festival Theatre |
| August | 28 | Bluegrass & Lemonade - Gammelgarden |

2016 Board of Directors

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How to contact us:

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P.O. Box 283 – 30525 Linden St.
Lindstrom, MN 55045
Phone: 651-257-1177
Email: clacc@frontiernet.net
Web: www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com

Welcome New Member!

Tamarack Paddle & Outdoors

Mike Hilber

TamarackPaddle.com 651-600-2680

NORTHWOODS ROASTERIE



12710 N. First Ave, Lindstrom

Coffee and Pie Night

Every Friday Night! 5-9pm

Come enjoy coffee and fresh baked pies!



www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com 651-257-5240

CHISAGO LAKES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 60th ANNUAL PICNIC



Sunday, August 14 11:00 am-5:30 pm

Public is invited-Free Admission

Trap Shooting • Turkey Spatter Board • Horseshoes
Volleyball • Kids Games • Bingo • Games all Day
Turtle Races • Door Prizes • Free Coffee
Food refreshments available for purchase

Kids 14 & under receive a free ticket when they arrive.
Drawings will be every 20 minutes. A Grand Prize drawing
for one Girls' bike and one Boys' bike.

Located between Chisago City & Lindstrom
Lake Lane-Hwy 8 Frontage Road



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS

651-465-6365

www.WildMountain.com

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

- ♦ **Dinner Cruise** – Saturday, August 13 & 27 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.
- ♦ **Picnic Cruise** – Wednesday, August 3, 10 & 17 7-9pm
Includes narrated scenic tour through The Dalles of the St. Croix. Open seating with a buffet style meal of 5 oz chicken breast, BBQ pork ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted breads, dessert, coffee, water. Full cash bar available
- ♦ **Mexican Fiesta** – Friday, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 7-9pm
A festive Mexican night aboard one of our authentic paddlewheel river boats. The 2-hour cruise includes a taco bar, chips and salsa, dessert, and a cash bar.
- ♦ **Daily Excursions:** 11:00am, 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00pm

We can help get your information out to the community! Please share your events/happenings with us so we can include in the monthly newsletter or weekly newflash. Please allow us time to receive the information to include. Email the Chamber at clacc@frontiernet.net. Deadline for inclusion is:

Newsflash – Week Prior of Event/Special

Newsletter – 20th of the Month Prior

RECYCLED WARDROBES
30365 Neal Ave, Lindstrom 651-257-8133
6419 Main, North Branch 651-674-7700

**Annual \$10 Bag Sale
August 1-6**

Ladies and Kids Fashion & Shoes!
Some exclusion apply.

Facebook.com/RecycledWardrobes
MyRecycledWardrobes.com

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, August 25



We are expecting a wonderful Golf Tournament this year! Team line-up is full! This year's Community Partner is **Community Partnership with Youth and Families.**

Please consider providing a 'Swag Bag' item to help promote your business. This could be a promotional item, coupon, etc. We would need 84 of your items by Friday, August 19. For more information contact Chisago Lakes Chamber 651-257-1177.



The Chisago Lakes Chamber thanks the following business sponsors for their generous support for this year's Golf Tournament and of the Chisago Lakes Community.

Hole in One Sponsors:

North Branch Chevrolet, The Drive In Restaurant, Brink's Market, Tam's Travel

Championship Sponsors:

Elevate Builders, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, MidWestOne Bank, Lindgren & Associates, Plastic Products, Shaleen Team – Edina Realty

Eagle Sponsor: **Grand Casino Hinckley**

Birdie Sponsors:

Bachman's Photography, Northwoods Roasterie, Edward Jones – Jim Green, Lindstrom Family Dentistry, Midcontinent Communications, Chisago Hardware & Just Ask Rental

Par Sponsors

Ecumen Parmly LifePointes, Wally Carlson's BP, Fairview Lakes Medical Center, Xcel Energy, Farmers Insurance-Tom Kieffer, US Bank, Security State Bank of Marine, State Farm Insurance-Mike O'Malley, R.O.C Solid Construction

Beat the Mayor

Keith Carlson and George McMahon

BACHMAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY

13000 Sylvan Ave, Lindstrom

651-257-9380 www.BachmansPhotography.com



2017 Grads! August Special

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| ❖ 2 Outfits | ❖ 20 Proofs |
| ❖ 20 Digital Images | ❖ Only \$200.00 |

Additional outfits with 10 more images can be added for \$100.00 each.



Franklin Square Black Box

125 N Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI

715-483-3387 www.FestivalTheatre.org

◆ **'Sew Good Improv'** Fridays, August 5 & 12 9-10pm
Festival Theatre's very own improvisational theatre troupe will entertain you, surprise you and keep you laughing throughout their shows. Tickets: \$5

◆ **'PRIVATE LIVES'** Check dates and time

Elyot and Amanda divorced five years ago and have both recently married again. Problems arise when we learn that they are both on honeymoons with their new spouses in adjacent suites at a resort in Southern France. When Elyot and Amanda learn of each other's presence, old flames are ignited and a whirlwind of events take place that leave all involved in a tangle of emotions. Tickets are \$26.00/Adult and \$13.50/Youth (ages 5-25) Flex pass eligible

◆ **'CLUE: THE MUSICAL'** Check dates and time

The doomed Mr. Boddy invites the audience to witness a series of events leading to his impending murder. The catch? At the beginning of the show, three audience members choose the playing cards that dictate who kills him, in what room and with what weapon with over 200 outcomes. Tickets: \$26.00/Adult, \$13.50/Youth (ages 5-25) Location: Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

◆ **'THE SPIRIT OF THE DRUM'** August 27 10-11:30am

Don Karsky facilitates this workshop with a passion for playing, as well as teaching. Don's experience with drumming, sharing stories and techniques provides a comfortable and supportive environment for learning. \$10/person

◆ **'STEEL MAGNOLIAS'** Check dates and time

Truvy's beauty salon serves as a gathering place for an eclectic group of Southern women who come together for friendship, gossip, therapy and celebrations.

Tickets: \$26/Adult and \$13.50/ Youth (ages 5-25)

Area Farmer's Markets

Buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Also includes fresh honey, maple syrup, bakery and specialty items. Area farmers markets allow for a splendid assortment of items and variety of days and times. Check them out this summer.

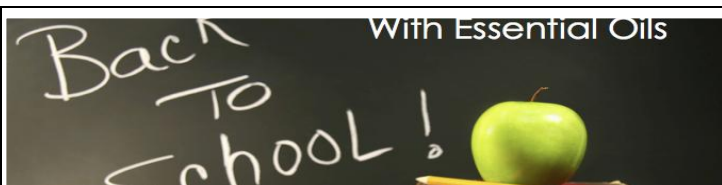
CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Fridays 2-6:30pm Moberg Park, Chisago City
www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com

LINDSTROM FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon
Hwy 8 by St. Bridget's Church

www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com



doTERRA Essential Oils

'BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS'

Tuesday, August 9 6:30pm

Whether you are a parent or a teacher, you want your students to do their best! Learn which oils can help with concentration and focus, ease anxiety and support your student's immune system at home and in the classroom. For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962. Class is free, held at the Chamber office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

Almelund Night on the Town

Friday, August 5 Starting at 3pm

Meet up with your friends for an old fashioned community get-together celebrating our land of liberty. Music in Triangle Park will be provided by Inter-State Band from 6-7pm. 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. Enjoy the evening with Music, the Farmers Market, Flea Market and the Amador Heritage Center.

Almelund....'Busiest Small Town in Minnesota!'



Wine and Cheese Cruise on the St. Croix River
Saturday, August 6th 7:00-10:00 pm

Wine and Chocolate Cruise on the St. Croix River
Saturday, August 20th 7:00-10:00 pm

Cruise the beautiful St. Croix River on the Taylors Falls Princess paddleboat 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 reserved seating with a buffet style meal including choice of roast prime rib with baked potato or boneless chicken breast on a bed of wild rice served with a chardonnay & mushroom sauce. Both entrées are served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable and dessert. Reservations/prepayment required.



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS

Cost is \$54.84 per person

Boarding at 6:45pm

Reservations: 651-465-6315



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

Small Green Frog Day Camp for Children

August 8-12 9am-3pm

A 4-day experience for 1st through 5th graders that combine science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with nature, history and art. Learn and experience food from the farm, stories in the rocks, energy from the sun and climate. \$120 [Register Here](#).

Spelmansstämma – The Immigrant Fiddle Fest

Saturday, August 20 10am-4pm

Spelmanstämma, a long held Swedish tradition for fiddlers to gather on a lovely day, play tunes and teach each other new music. The music has never been written; shared by playing only! This annual festival held on the museum grounds is a great activity for families.

BLUEGRASS & LEMONADE IN THE SHADE

August 28 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.

Night to Unite Events!



LINDSTROM & CHISAGO CITY

Wednesday, August 3 6:30-8pm

During Harmony in the Park at Lions Park, Lindstrom. Featuring Rockin' Hollywoods, Lions Corn Feed and the Photography of the Lakes Area.

TAYLORS FALLS

Tuesday, August 4 6-8pm



Free hot dogs, chips and lemonade for all! Community members are invited to bring a dessert to share. Many organizations serving the Taylors Falls area will have informational displays throughout the evening. Taylors Falls Elementary School. [Flyer](#)

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June 7th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

June minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Triathlon:**

Volunteers are being contacted, connecting with possible water station hosts. Planning is on track.

• **Golf Tournament**

Elevate Builders is a new sponsor this year. Plans are going well with teams, sponsorships and fundraising.

New Business:

• **Jim Stein Insurance**

Jim shared information about different liability insurance and how they work for chamber events. Events bring their own insurance but deciding if the chamber should use additional insurance for certain events.

• **Bakery Mural**

Bakery owner wants to fly the mural artist out for a grand opening celebration.

• **Middle School & High School Robotics**

Launching robotics program.

Old Business:

• **ABC Update**

Blue Zone Rally set for September 14. Community website almost ready and committees are busy with solar panel options, higher education and submitting video clips on ABC updates.

• **Vision Retreat**

Planning for August.

• **2016 Budget**

Review in August

• **Blood Drive Challenge**

Trying to get as many people as possible to give blood and win the friendly competition between the surrounding Chambers.

Executive Director's Report:

- Office will be open KOD on Saturday only.
- Membership dues addressed and clear plan of fees.
- Performance reviews for board members to keep everyone on task and moving forward to better our community.
- Discussion about extra hours for Wendy and Laurie due to ABC.
- Chamber budget overview meeting.

KI CHI SAGA DAYS 5K/10K FUN RUN SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

An event for the whole family....strollers welcome. Age group medals will be given, awards will be given to top male and female overall and kids will receive a finisher's medal. There will be door prizes, pies and more!



Zion Lutheran Church

8005 Old Towne Road, Chisago City

Registration 7am; Races 8am [Register Here](#)

LAYSBE News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake
www.YSBLakesArea.org 651-464-3685

JIM TRUDEAU MEMORIAL CLASSIC **Sunday, August 7 10am**



Best Ball Scramble 9-hole Tournament with shotgun start at Castlewood Golf Course, Forest Lake. Many events will be held during this tournament. Lunch will be provided immediately following at Vannellis By The Lake, Forest Lake. \$55/person with proceeds going to Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau a non-profit Jim co-founded in 1976. Register at 651-399-9525 or kencapeti@msn.com.

All proceeds will support Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau programs and services in our community.



FRANCONIA SCULPTURE PARK

29836 St. Croix Trail, Franconia

651-257-6668 Franconia.org

Artists from around the world converge at Franconia to create cast metal sculpture and we invite the public to participate in this unique art-making process! Witness artists working a furnace that heats up to 2,700° F, as they pour 8,000 lbs. of red-hot molten iron throughout the day into sand molds designed by people just like you. Savage Aural Hotbed, Minneapolis's found-object percussion band, performs throughout the day. Bring the family and make a day of it!

July Chamber Luncheon



Rick Olseen, 8th Congressional District

July Chamber luncheon was held at and hosted by **Panola Valley Gardens**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: **Chisago Lakes Triathlon** is July 23-24. We welcome 1000 athletes into our community. Join the team of 200+ volunteers to help with this great event. **Chisago Lakes T-Shirts** with the new community logo are available for \$15-\$18 at the Chamber office. Free **Tech Training** continues on Thursday, July 21: Social Media Management Tools. Register at ChisagoCounty.org. Bring a business friend to the August luncheon at Bloom Lake Barn on August 11. The **Chamber Golf Tournament** is Thursday, August 25 with a 12:30 registration. Our community partner this year is **Community Partnership with Youth and Families**. There is still time to register a team or be a sponsor. **Jolene Lauderbaugh** has been hired as the **Google Mapper** for Chisago County and is working to get area business and sites on Google Maps. Thank you to all who donated blood at the **Blood Drive Challenge** yesterday. Remember to shop the local **Farmer's Markets** this summer.

New Chamber member was introduced: **Tamarack Paddle and Outdoor-Mike Hilber**.

Member announcements: **Tony Randall-RE/Max Synergy** invited everyone to their Summer Block Party on July 30 from 6-10pm. **Susan Clayton-Al's Center Saloon** promoted upcoming **Center City Days**. **Eileen Carlson-Eichten's** announced the arrival of 40 baby buffalo. She also shared about their menu changes at the restaurant.

Our guest speakers were **Rick Olseen-8th Congressional District** and **Joe Sroga-'Let's Go Fishing'**. Rick, who works with **Congressman Rick Nolan**, gave an 8th Congressional District update. Topics covered were: the Iron Range, Social Security (bill for Seniors on SS), Broadband, ABC Tour, Traffic/Roads, Veterans (Medical Care), the STOP Act (no fundraising while in session in Washington), water trails, military academies and the Art & App Contest. If you have any problems with Federal Government (Medicare, IRS, etc), Rick can help.

Joe Sroga explained the 'Let's Go Fishing' program. This is a program to take Seniors/Veterans/Disabled out fishing. This is a multi-generational activity. Needs are: financial, volunteers, captain or first mate.

Next luncheon - August 11 at Bloom Lake Barn!

CSI: CHISAGO COUNTY 'Whodunit' Mystery!



This is a different kind of fundraiser! We actually bring people into your business! All you have to do is have a place for a shoebox size container and tell your employees about it.

- "Detectives" will come into your business and show their "official" CSI: Chisago County badge.
- You look at the number on their badge and give them the corresponding numbered envelope.
- That's it! While they're there, they may order a meal, buy merchandise, check out services.

Only \$100, Tax Deductible, a GREAT local cause.

What does the Foundation do? (Where does your donation go?) We help support the Sheriff's Office with needs beyond their budget. We plan for and host a "Badge of Honor" Banquet each year to recognize deputies and citizens who have earned awards throughout the year. We have also provided an appreciation lunch for the patrol division during their annual patrol meeting for the past two years. We hope to grow enough to offer Youth Scholarships in the near future and eventually host a Youth Citizen's Academy. [CSI Donation Letter](#) [CSI Registration](#)

Find photos and more information at ccsofoundation.org
Questions? Email ccsofoundation@gmail.com or call Kelly at 651-260-2841

Almelund Threshing Show

August 12-14 Gates open at 7am
17760 St. Croix Trail, Taylors Falls



Once again a field is transformed with tractors, steam engines, people and music as the Almelund Threshing Show comes to life.

*Steam Threshing ♦ Steam Powered Sawmill ♦ Music
Huge Tractor Display ♦ Tractor Pull ♦ Food
Gigantic Flea Market ♦ Antique Gas Engines
Glass Blowing ♦ Kids Ring Toss ♦ Blacksmith Shop
Car & Truck Show ♦ Barber Shop ♦ Beer Garden
Mercantile Store ♦ Lots More!*

Complete schedule and information at
www.AlmelundThreshingCo.org

14th Annual Tractor Caravan – August 7 Starts at 9am
28 mile route through rural Minnesota! [Caravan Flyer](#)

Chisago Lakes Triathlon – Toughman MN



FIRST WAVE OF SWIMMERS TAKE TO THE WATER

We had a wonderful weekend for the Toughman Minnesota Triathlon! A huge thank you goes out to the Chisago Lakes community. We worked together to create a fun, and safe environment for the 1000 plus athletes and spectators who enjoyed our community over the weekend.

Thank you to Chisago City-Paradise Park for hosting the event, to the amazing safety crew, including Chisago Lakes Sheriff Dept, Lakes Area Police Dept, Lake Region EMS, Almelund Fire, Shafer Fire, Stacy Fire, Chisago City Fire, Fairview Health Services, Lifeguards, and Forest Lake Skate and Cycle.

Our volunteers are the absolute best! And we love each and every one of you! We had a volunteer that just 3 weeks ago was a kidney donor and one recently had hip surgery! We had ages from 4 to 84, families, individuals and even people we never even contacted! We are one of America's Best Communities! That is because of the great people that live here.

Thank you to Bernick's Pepsi, Brinks Market and Northwoods Roasterie for donating beverages for the volunteers and to Deutschland Meats for being onsite to feed all of us in the park.

Thank you to the businesses who generously donated items for the athlete goody bags and for the hospitality shown by area hotels, camping and lodging establishments.

Many thanks to the Chisago County Press for their coverage of the event before, during and after. We also want to thank the staff of DuTriRun for coming, once again, to the Chisago Lakes Area to conduct an amazing event in our community.

We did it! We made it! We are looking forward to you all joining us again next year!



HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION

15251 Pleasant Valley Rd, Center City

800-257-7800 www.Hazelden.org



August 6 10am-7pm

Many fun things going on all day so bring your family and friends. Yoga on the Lawn, #LifeTake2 Speakers, Curious George, Exhibitors, Food Trucks. Music by **Hippo Campus, Davina & The Vagabonds, The Honeydogs** and **Pushing Chain**. Special guest speaker: John Feldmann, producer & Lead Singer of Goldfinger, 5:45pm.

Tickets \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door (online tickets available through August 5). Children 12 and under free. Buy your advance tickets online [HERE](#)



FAMILY PATHWAYS

10586 Liberty Lane, Chisago City

651-257-1308

GOLF 'FORE' THE KIDS CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, August 17

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.

[Sponsorship Flyer](#) [Registration Flyer](#)



POINTE PLEASANT HEIGHTS

28600 Fairway Lane, Chisago City

651-257-4035 www.Parmly.org



'A RIO GOOD TIME'

A Summer Celebration of Olympic Proportions

Thursday, August 11 5-7pm

We have 33 Degrees North, a steel drum & guitar band to fill the air with Caribbean sounds as we enjoy foods of that flare and party tropical style to go along with the 2016 Summer Olympics.

This event is free and is an opportunity for you to invite your family as it is open to the community. If you know of someone interested in PPH, tours will be available.

CHISAGO AREA CLEAN ENERGY HUB

As part of the America's Best Communities Competition, Chisago Lakes businesses and residents are invited to get a free energy audit.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub goal is projected to spur \$40,000,000 in community-based project investment in solar and energy efficiency improvements and to reach 100% locally-generated renewable electricity by 2025.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub will provide:

- 1) No-commitment energy assessments and technical assistance at little or no cost;
- 2) A list of Hub prequalified contractors, ensuring capable and professional service from service providers with a proven track record;
- 3) Multiple financing options to make clean energy cost-effective, and
- 4) Monitoring collective progress toward the broader community goals.

If you are interested in looking into solar options and other clean energy choices visit Chisago.CleanEnergyHub.Us to learn more about the Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub and to sign up for a clean energy assessment through Hub partners. For further information, contact Jacob Shoop at Eutectics at jacob@eutecticsllc.com or 612-353-5760.

The Chisago Area Clean Energy Hub brings together the Chisago Lakes ABC economic development committee, the Chisago County HRA-EDA, Eutectics® and the Metro Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERT). The Hub is made possible through the generous support of the Carolyn Foundation, the Initiative Foundation, the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, Chisago Lakes Chamber and Americas Best Communities. [Clean Energy Letter](#)

HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP

6:30-8pm 4 Dates to Choose From!



Tuesday	September 13	Wyoming Library
Thursday	September 15	Taylors Falls Community Center
Tuesday	September 20	Chisago City Community Center
Thursday	September 22	Chisago City Community Center

- > Bring your questions on home energy usage & efficiency
- > Schedule a Home Energy Squad visit that includes the installation of energy saving solutions to start saving you money immediately
- > Learn how to get money back for home energy improvements
- > Help our community win the ABC competition!

Light snacks and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kathryn Phillips at kphillips@gpsid.net or 612-767-7297

Chisago County Technology Training Opportunities for Businesses

Through a grant provided by the Blandin Foundation and the energy of a team of advocates for Chisago County businesses, these monthly technology trainings are FREE for businesses & residents in the county.

- ♦ **LIBRARY BUSINESS RESOURCES** – Did you know your library has business resources? Learn about databases that feature market research, reports and local business news, Learning Express that offers tech training and consumer research sources.

Thursday, August 18

8-9am Rush City Public Library
240 W. Fourth St, Rush City or
12-1pm Chisago Lakes Area Library
11754 302nd St, Chisago City

RSVP to www.chisagocounty.org

LAYSBS News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake
www.YSBLakesArea.org 651-464-3685



TEEN RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP Every Tuesday 6pm

Our Place is a weekly support group for teens between the ages of 13-19 who desire to gain freedom from any addiction. Our Place provides an opportunity for teens to gain insight into the process of their own recovery and to practice their potential to live a life free of addiction. Using a 12-step group approach, teens can share their experiences, strength, and hope in an atmosphere of acceptance and belonging. The group is overseen by caring facilitators who are familiar with group facilitation, the 12 steps process, and have a passion to assist our youth in gaining freedom from the devastating consequences of addiction.

Paddle Rendezvous

Chisago Lakes Water Trail
GRAND OPENING
Monday, September 5 11am-3pm



Paddle in from the West or the East to Meredees Bistro. All free, lunch available for purchase at Meredees. 1-3pm enjoy music and free demonstrations on canoeing, kayaking, paddle board and paddle board yoga. [Rendezvous Flyer.](#)

POINTE PLEASANT HEIGHTS

28600 Fairway Lane, Chisago City
651-257-4035 www.Parmly.org



COFFEE CHAT - *'Outsmart the Scammers'*

Friday, August 19 9:30-10:30am

Presented by Tom Hallberg-Edward Jones Investments
At Point Pleasant Heights in the Cedar Dining Room.
Coffee and light refreshments served.

MN Chamber Update

Be proactive on ADA: Increase access; avoid lawsuits
By Doug Loon

Many Minnesota small businesses have been the target of lawsuits in the past two years by a few lawyers alleging violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Legislation was passed this year that provides businesses with additional tools to fight these lawsuits, thanks to efforts of a broad-based coalition led by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and many local chambers.

The legislation is important. However, the best way to avoid these lawsuits is to be proactive in making sure your business is ADA compliant. We are working with the MN State Council on Disability to help educate & provide additional resources for business owners and local chamber of commerce partners on accessibility requirements.

A top priority as a statewide business organization is to make sure that businesses are fully accessible to all their customers and comply with all federal and state disability laws. That's simply good business. Our reason for seeking the legislation is that many of these lawsuits appear to have the primary goal of lining the pockets of attorneys versus improving access.

The legislation, HF 2955, is intended to help thwart these lawsuits. The new law, passed unanimously by Legislature and signed by Governor Dayton, importantly shifts the burden of proof to the plaintiff if a business has undertaken an audit for ADA compliance. We are working with the State Council on Disability to compile and publicize individuals and organizations specialized in accessibility that are able to assist with these audits.

At the same time, however, the law will not necessarily prevent these lawsuits from being filed. And the law does not eliminate state and federal requirements for businesses to be accessible to the physically disabled.

Many of the common violations alleged in these lawsuits may be easily addressed and fixed. Among them: parking lot stalls including the color and height of signs; ramp entrances to buildings; the width and lip on door frames

and handles; aisle widths. Here's a [fact sheet](#) on parking lot requirements. Most businesses, when notified of an alleged violation, have immediately taken steps to correct the problem or have shown that they are actually compliant.

Yet, the lawsuits unfortunately are not dropped, and the plaintiffs continue to seek large financial settlements. Businesses often wind up paying out the money – \$8,000 on average – to avoid the additional cost and time of litigation. These settlements are an obvious financial hardship, especially on small businesses.

The best way to avoid these lawsuits, as well as to help improve access for disabled individuals, is for businesses to make sure they are complying with the laws. In addition, federal tax credits may be available to help offset the cost of removing barriers.

Where should you start? The ADA recommends the following priorities for removing barriers to customer access:

- Provide access to your business from public sidewalks, parking areas and public transportation.
- Provide access to your goods and services.
- Provide access to public restrooms.
- Remove barriers to other amenities offered to the public such as drinking fountains.

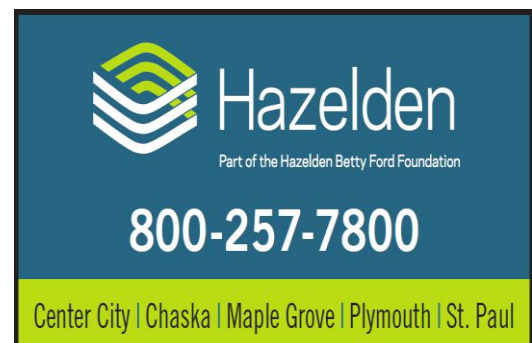
We do not want to protect businesses that refuse to correct a violation. We do, however, want to educate businesses on accessibility laws and give them opportunity to fix a problem before facing a lawsuit. The new law is a step in that direction.

Please visit our [website](#) and make use of the educational resources. The site will be updated as information becomes available. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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