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October 2016

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

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- October 6: **Board Meeting 9:00am**  
Chamber Office & Information Center  
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- October 13: **Chamber Member Luncheon**  
Time: 11:30am-1pm  
Speaker: **Superintendent Joe Thimm**  
Chisago Lakes School District  
Topic: ISD 2144 Update  
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**  
11754 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chisago City  
Caterer: **Brink's Deli**
- RSVP's are appreciated no later than end of day  
Monday prior to luncheon. \$9/members, \$10/non-members

### Quote for the Month

"Your mind is a powerful thing.  
When you fill it with positive thoughts,  
your life will start to change."

**Trick-or-Treat  
on Mainstreet  
Friday, October 28 4-7pm**

*Call the Chamber by Oct. 7 if you want  
to be listed as a participating business*

*Participate as a business and/or  
bring your family out to area businesses  
for a trick or a treat!*

# Monthly Newsletter



## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

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|---------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| October | 3     | Reality Check – CL High School       |
| October | 3-8   | Recycled Wardrobes Sale              |
| October | 5-9   | Picket Fence Gals Sale               |
| October | 6     | Power of the Inbox Tech Training     |
| October | 7     | Pinked & Pretty Event                |
| October | 8     | Annie's Swedish Coffee Party         |
| October | 8     | Swedish Ekelund Textiles - Gustaf's  |
| October | 8     | Marlene Smith Statue Unveiling       |
| October | 8     | Wild River 5K Run/Walk               |
| October | 11    | doTERRA Essential Oil Class          |
| October | 14-15 | MobilePack Event – Lakes Free Church |
| October | 15    | Blues, Beer & BBQ – Moberg Park      |
| October | 15-16 | Girls & Dolls Tea Party              |
| October | 18    | A Grab Bag of Apps Tech Training     |
| October | 21-22 | Used Books Sale – CL Library         |
| October | 21-22 | Ojiketa Haunt                        |
| October | 22    | Doodling Your Journal - Gustaf's     |
| October | 22-23 | Federweisser Festival - Winehaven    |
| October | 27    | Business After Hours – Grand Casino  |
| October | 27-29 | Kids Outerwear Fair                  |
| October | 28    | Trick-or-Treat on Mainstreet         |
| October | 28-29 | Ojiketa Haunt                        |
| October | 28-30 | Vintage Boutique Tour                |
| October | 29    | Tree Planting – Allemansratt Park    |
| October | 29    | Falloween Festival – Chisago City    |
| October | 30    | Lions Pancake Breakfast              |
| October | 31    | Halloween                            |

## 2016 Board of Directors

### Officers:

President: John Renaker, Northwoods Roasterie  
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Marlys Dunne, MultiSource Manufacturing  
Susan Clayton, Alan Honn Glass & Al's Saloon

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A Note from the  
Chamber Board:

**Susan Clayton**  
**Al's Center Saloon**  
**Alan Honn Glass**

Greetings Chisago Lakes! The early fall weather report from our country road today is glorious, capping off a summer of sunshine and just enough rain. This season, we saw several new businesses and, especially, outdoor opportunities advance; our union of five cities really is one of America's Best Communities.

The Chamber is always thinking ahead, and I'm happy to report that winter plans are afoot. CELEBRATION of the LAKES 2017 should come back strong after being, for the most part, blocked by weather last January. This year, "weather proof" options will be scheduled alongside, as part of a new event, CELEBRATION of the ARTS. All of this happens January 27-28-29, 2017: follow along and express your interest by contacting the Chamber, or me (at [shclayton@mac.com](mailto:shclayton@mac.com)), or by searching Chisago Lakes Celebration of the Arts on Facebook.

But first, we're just entering the celebration season. I'd like to extend a reminder to KEEP YOUR DOLLARS LOCAL and shop with our convenient community of retailers and service providers. This gets easier and easier to do, as entrepreneurs and creatives are realizing their businesses across our area. Along with all of you, I'm anticipating the launch of the Chamber's redesigned website, which promises to be a streamlined, user-friendly hub for such Chisago Lakes information!

As a new member of the Board, I'd like to thank the Chamber for the opportunity to serve, and more deeply experience, our unique area. Since I stopped commuting THROUGH Chisago Lakes to the Cities a few years ago, I've enjoyed living and working IN our community, and look forward to all the fun to come.

Susan Clayton  
Al's Center Saloon  
Alan Honn Glass

## Welcome New Member!

### *Happy Houndz Grooming*

12865 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom  
Connie Wokutch 612-810-9497

### **WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION**

37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls  
651-465-6315 [www.wildmountain.com](http://www.wildmountain.com)



### **Monday, October 3**

Last day to save 15% on your Season Pass for 2015-2016.

### **Leaf Lunch/Dinner Cruises**

Take in the fall colors on board one of our authentic paddlewheel river boats. Your river boat pilot and tour guide will point out the unique rock formations and the history of the St. Croix River Valley.

### **Luncheon - Thursday, October 6 10:30**

Includes: 5 oz Chicken Breast served with dollar buns, garlic mashed potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, brownie, coffee and water.

### **Dinner Cruise – Saturday, October 8 6:30**

Includes Roast prime rib of beef au jus, carved to order with garlic mashed potatoes, or boneless breast of chicken on a bed of wild rice served with a mushroom & brie sauce. Offering Cheesy Manicotti stuffed with four cheeses & served with marinara sauce. Entrees served with assorted breads, Caesar salad, vegetable, dessert, coffee and water.

Both cruises offer a full cash bar. Soft drinks and lemonade are available for purchase as well.

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## CHISAGO LAKES LIONS Pancake/French Toast Breakfast Sunday, October 30 8am-1pm



Tickets available from Lions members or at the door. 50% of profits go to Family Pathways Foodshelf. At Chisago Lakes High School cafeteria, Lindstrom.

Adults: \$6/advance, \$7/door, Children (12↓) \$3.50



10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City  
651-257-1017 [www.WineHaven.com](http://www.WineHaven.com)

## FEDERWEISSER FESTIVAL Saturday, October 22 10am-5pm Sunday, October 23 11am-5pm

A German style festival! Guests can sample some wine made from the 2016 harvest. Wine is neither fully fermented nor finished, but quite refreshing. Come enjoy the festivities as we sample from the barrel or tank.

## Chisago City Farmers Market



The last outdoor market is Friday, October 21. The market will then move indoors at the Chisago City Community Center. Check the market's website and Facebook page for Winter/Indoor Market dates and times. EBT, credit and debit will continue to be accepted. See you at the market!  
[www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com](http://www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com)



## doTERRA Essential Oils

'ESSENTIAL OIL CLASS'  
Tuesday, October 11 6:30pm

Come and see the new product and oils that doTERRA has! You can experience for yourself the sensational new Spa items. Essential oils can play an important role in your life and health today. For more information call Trudy at 651-491-0962.

## LINDSTROM FARMERS MARKET

Wed. 3-6pm & Sat. 8-12 through October  
St. Bridget's, Lindstrom



**Last Market Day**  
**Saturday, October 22**

Lindstrom Farmers Market has loads of pumpkins, squash and gourds! Perfect for fall decorating.

## 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](http://www.NorthwoodsRoasterie.com)

651-257-5240

## BACHMAN'S PHOTOGRAPHY

13000 Sylvan Ave, Lindstrom  
651-257-9380

[www.BachmansPhotography.com](http://www.BachmansPhotography.com)



Stop by to enter our drawings to  
Win a 4-pack of Shafer Corn Maze tickets!  
Drawings held every Friday in October.

## Falloween Festival

Saturday, October 29 2:30-4:30



Ojiketa Regional Park  
27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City



An afternoon of free Fall and Halloween festivities! There will be a pumpkin give away (first come-first served & only one per child please), games, crafts, snacks, music by DJ and more! Enjoy face painting, balloons and kiddie costume parade where we will march to some of the decorated cabins for trick or treating. Yellowhouse Photography will be taking free photos of all ghostlies and goblins. The fun ends with the search of the Golden Pumpkin! Please bring a non perishable food item for the local food shelf.



Gammelgården Museum



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

[www.GammelGardenMuseum.org](http://www.GammelGardenMuseum.org) 651-433-5053

### Annie's Swedish Coffee Party

Saturday October 8

Swedish three-course coffee party includes tour of historic buildings. \$15/person

### Girls & Dolls Tea Party

Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16 10am

For girls and dolls 6 to 96 – a fancy tea party with stories, games, dances, crafts and music! Bring your Doll! Cost: \$20. Reservations/deposit required. Call 651-433-5053.

## Shafer Corn Maze

Open through November 1st

Hwy 8 Quinlan Lane, Shafer [ShaferCornMaze.com](http://ShaferCornMaze.com)  
Fridays 4-9pm • Saturdays • 12-9pm • Sundays 12-6:30pm

'The Moose!' design has two mazes within the design to fit all ages. The large maze has 2.7 miles of paths and the small maze has 1 mile of paths. Both mazes have 6 checkpoints to find and punch your ticket.

➤ **Farm Treasure Hunt:** Find hidden treasure, solve riddles, earn rewards, be the character, scoreable. The scratch off treasure hunt game is within the large maze. Find all 6 check points, use your clues to select the best place to scratch your card to compete with your friends to collect the most treasure.

➤ **Farm Scene Investigation (FSI):** Farmer Joe is missing and it appears to be foul play. Collect hidden check points to find the weapon, suspect & the crime location.

➤ **Farm Tracks:** .2 miles of maze has clues for the kids to figure out 'Who Stole Farmer Joe's Pie!'

➤ **Activities:** Farm petting zoo, rope maze, straw bale jump, obstacle course, corn bag toss, and more!

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
13025 Newell Ave, Lindstrom  
651-257-5129

### KIDS OUTERWEAR FAIR

October 27, 28 & 29

Outerwear will be collected at Trinity Lutheran Church October 1-24. Accepting coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots and blankets that are clean and in good condition. We are also looking for Children's socks, underwear & pajamas. Donations of money for new items will also be accepted.

Distribution Dates/Times:

- ✚ Thursday, October 27 & Friday, October 28 2-7pm
- ✚ Saturday, October 29 9am-12 Noon

### RECYCLED WARDROBES

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



## October Sale

OCTOBER 3-8

'Save 30% on all clothing & stuff that has green, orange and brown in! Sale includes both store locations.

Open Monday-Friday 9-7, Saturday 9-4

### GUSTAF'S GALLERIES

13025 LAKE BLVD, LINDSTROM  
651-257-1821 [www.GustafsGalleries.com](http://www.GustafsGalleries.com)



#### Annual Fall Framing Sale (through October)

Receive 25% off on complete framing orders

[Sale Postcard](#)

#### New Artist Exhibits

- ❖ **Pottery** ~ featuring Dorie Cronin
- ❖ **Pastels** ~ featuring Bill Markwardt
- ❖ **Wood** ~ featuring Chris Buchta

*See all photos at [GustafsGalleries.com](http://GustafsGalleries.com)*

#### ► Annual Fall Framing Sale – through October

Receive 25% off on complete framing orders

#### ► October 8 1-2pm

Presentation of new Swedish Ekelund Textiles.

#### ► October 22 1-2pm

*Doodling your Journaling* - Mary Ann Rivard

#### ► November 5 1:30-3pm

Anja, the reindeer and her new book are here!

Hours: Mon.-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-3pm



## Ojiketa Haunt

Ojiketa Regional Park  
27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City

### OJIKETA HAUNT

**Friday & Saturday 7-10pm**  
**October 21-22 & October 28-29**

Don't make Halloween a one night event. Walk the haunted trail at Ojiketa Regional Park and see what lives in the park after dark...but be careful when you turn that corner.

Enjoy shocking people and seeing their reactions? Do you love dressing up in a character or just love being around fun people? Be a volunteer at the Ojiketa Haunt and be part of a fun event. Contact Doris at 651-257-5464 or [dzacho@ci.chisago.mn.us](mailto:dzacho@ci.chisago.mn.us). You must be 16 or older or have special permission from the planning committee.

Admission: \$5/person or \$3/person  
with a food donation for the local food shelf



## Featured Business – October 2016



### THE OVEN MITT

Located in downtown Lindstrom, The Oven Mitt offers cooks, bakers, hosts and gift givers a new and unique place to shop in the Chisago Lakes area!

Carol Hamlin, the owner, moved to Lindstrom and opened the Oven Mitt in mid-April 2016. "The Chisago Lakes area has a great selection of shops and businesses already and I felt a kitchen store would complement those well without being redundant. Additionally, I felt a kitchen store was a great option for local people to be able to find those items they need for their kitchens without having to make a trip to the big box stores. I'm thrilled to be a part of this up-and-coming area!"

We offer a wide variety of products and brand names that people recognize. Categories include bake ware, cookware, grilling, kitchen linens, table ware and serve ware, barware and accessories, tea and accessories, specialty foods, gadgets, and giftware. Brands include Nordic Ware, Chantal, The Republic of Tea, Stonewall Kitchen, Nora Fleming, Joseph Joseph, Chef'n, and Progressive.

Gift registry, available at The Oven Mitt isn't just for brides! Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, house warming, etc. are all great reasons to register for gifts to give your friends and family ideas of what you're looking for! And more and more, people appreciate the convenience of being able to shop local - not having to go "to the city" to a big box store to find a gift. Contact Carol for more information on this personal service!

Finally, Lois, my French Bulldog joined The Oven Mitt staff in mid-May and has made quite an impression on visitors. She's there to greet each shopper and take in any pets, hugs, or snacks that come her way!

### Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10am to 6pm
Saturday	10am to 5pm
Sunday	12pm to 5pm
Monday, Tuesday	closed



### THE OVEN MITT

12780 Lake Blvd Lindstrom  
(parking/entrances on both sides)  
[facebook.com/TheOvenMittShop](https://www.facebook.com/TheOvenMittShop)  
[TheOvenMittShop.com](http://TheOvenMittShop.com)  
651-213-3310

### Save the Date...

*Chamber Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala*  
*Thursday evening, December 8<sup>th</sup>!*

## Wild River 5k Run/Walk Otter Trotter 2016!

**Saturday, October 8 10am**

**Registration: 8:30-9:45am Race Begins: 10am**

Take a walk or run under the fall colors, along the St. Croix River at Wild River State Park on one of the most beautiful 5K courses in the state! Awards will be given to the top finishers, plus all those under 12 will receive a nice prize. Registration \$20 through Oct 1 and \$25 after Oct 1 and includes T-Shirt while supplies last. Questions call Mike 651-583-2125 ext 227.

### Wild River State Park

39797 Park Trail, Center City

### CHISAGO COUNTY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING Opportunities for Business

#### POWER OF THE INBOX

Thursday, October 6 8-9:30am  
North Branch Library 6355 379<sup>th</sup> St

Learn the keys to effective email marketing. Presented by Dave Meyer, President of BizzyWeb

#### APPY HOUR – A GRAB BAG OF APPS

Tuesday, October 18 (2 times/places)  
8-9am - Rush City Library 240 W 4<sup>th</sup> St  
12-1pm - Chisago Lakes Library 11754 302<sup>nd</sup> St.

Bring your tablet or Smartphone. Presented by Sarah Hawkins, ECR Resource Librarian

Register for FREE classes at [chisagocounty.org](http://chisagocounty.org)



### VINTAGE BOOTIQUE TOUR October 28-30

Friday & Saturday 10am-6pm • Sunday 11am-4pm

Bring your goulfriends for a wicked good time! You won't want to miss this fabulous event featuring Homespun Treasures II, In the Moment Boutique, Lindstrom Antique Mall, and 9 other unique shops. Register to win great prizes at each store. [Details](#)

## Pleasant Valley Orchard

17325 Pleasant Valley Rd, Shafer  
651-257-9159



### Enjoy a Day at the Orchard!

Come for a walk on the nature trail, relax behind the barn and enjoy the best flavors of fall – fresh apples, bakery items and caramel apples. Open daily 10am-6pm

**Hayrides:** Saturdays/Sundays \$3/person

**Pick-Your-Own Apples:** Saturdays & Sundays apple picking is offered on select varieties only.

**Hayrides to the Pumpkin Patch:** Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch and pick-your-own pumpkin, weekends September 25-October, weather permitting.

**Music at the Orchard:** Join us as neighbors and friends bring us live music at the orchard. Saturday afternoons.

- October 8 – Thea Ennen
- October 15 – Pleasant Valley Cloggers

**Brat Feed/Old Fashioned Pie:** Enjoy delicious apple brats and Pleasant Valley Apple Pie while supporting community organizations. Proceeds go to event host. Sundays 11am-3pm

Visit [www.pleasantvalleyorchard.com](http://www.pleasantvalleyorchard.com) for complete details.



### PICKET FENCE GALS SALE

OCTOBER 5-9

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm

A large Victorian 2-story house packed with unique and interesting treasures. Antiques & vintage items, painted furniture, garden items, home & cabin décor, re-purposed items, textiles and more! Downtown Lindstrom.

[www.PicketFenceGals.net](http://www.PicketFenceGals.net)

651-334-1444

## You are Cordially Invited to Grand Casino Hinckley's 2016 Business After Hours Thursday, October 27 5-7pm

Cash Bar Available. Member +1 guest. Entrée will be provided. Dress in a costume for a chance to win prizes.

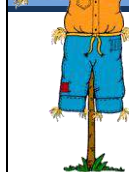
Money prizes awarded for the most represented Chambers along with some good giveaways.

### PLAN TO ATTEND! HELP CHISAGO LAKES CHAMBER WIN!

**RSVP by October 14** to 320-384-4661 (Kim) or x4662 (Arlene) or email [aoslawski@grcasinos.com](mailto:aoslawski@grcasinos.com) or [kanderson@grcasinos.com](mailto:kanderson@grcasinos.com).

\*Discounted room rate are available at \$39. Call reservations at 1-800-472-6321 to reserve. [Invitation](#)

**CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY**  
11754 302nd St, Chisago City  
651-257-2817 [www.ecrl.lib.mn.us](http://www.ecrl.lib.mn.us)



## Fall Used Books Sale

Friday, October 21 Noon – 6pm

Saturday, October 22 10am-2pm

Proceeds are used to fund activities and materials not provided by the regular budget of the East Central Regional Library. Funds have been used for summer reading program, children and teen enrichment gatherings, book carts, story-time craft items and local author talks.

Sponsored by Friends of the Chisago Lakes Area Library who meet on the first Thursday each month at 7pm. If you enjoy books and library events, please join us!



## Don't Forget

Let the Chamber know if you have any changes to your business information... like address, phone number, location etc.

[www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)

**PINKED & PRETTY**  
**A Social Event to Benefit Recipients of**  
**Pink Ribbon Riders**

**Friday, October 7**

**6pm Social Hour/Auction/Games**

**7pm Dinner**

**Vannelli's on the Lake, Forest Lake**



This event is a Community Fundraiser being held by volunteers for the Pink Ribbon Riders, a non-profit organization that raises money for both men and women that live in our state. Direct financial assistance is given to the patient that applies to help pay for medical bills, gas money, any needs they have. The patient receives a \$500 gift card. \$25/includes dinner. For tickets please email [Stephanie@pinkribbonriders.com](mailto:Stephanie@pinkribbonriders.com)


**Music in Moberg Park**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 3-7PM**

Free Music in Moberg Park! Available for purchase: BBQ Food Truck and Chisago Lakes Rotary will be serving beer and other beverages.

 3-5pm Blues Music

 5-7pm Jorgensen Tagg Band

Moberg Park - 10656 Railroad Ave, Chisago City

**REALITY CHECK: What's Happening**  
**with Alcohol & Drug Use in Chisago County?**

**Monday, October 3**

**3-9pm Booths 7-8pm Panel Discussion**

**Chisago Lakes High School**

What is Reality Check? It is a panel discussion to help the local community – specifically parents, families and adolescents who are concerned about or have been affected by chemical use. Hear about the current state of what's happening, signs to be aware of and prevention steps families can take to help their children.

Visit local agency booths representing options for treatment, counseling services, coaching through pledges, Al-Anon, community resources and more. [Flyer](#)

The City of Lindstrom Invites You  
To the Statue Unveiling of

**MARLENE SMITH**

**Saturday, October 8 10am**

Join us in honoring the late Marlene Smith, who has made numerous contributions to the City of Lindstrom. Marlene, distinguished as one of the top 100 businesswomen in the country (Forbes 500), was always generous with any group – whenever funds were needed. One of her many projects was the water tower Coffee Pot which has become an iconic symbol and is recognized throughout the state.

Ceremony at the East Plaza on Hwy 8.  
Short reception at St. Bridget's Church.

**REGISTERING TO VOTE**

New residents are encouraged to save time at the polling place by pre-registering to vote at Chisago County Auditor's Office 313 Main Street N, Room 271, Center City. Hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm. You can also register online on the Secretary of State's website [here](#)



**RETAIL CUSTOMER SERVICE SKILLS TRAINING**

**October 3 – November 2**

**Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm**

**Adult Enrichment Center 540 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Cambridge**

Training and certification through the National Retail Federation shows your ability to communicate, exceed customer/employer expectations, assess and meet customer needs, succeed as an industry professional. Prove you have the skills employers want.

Register with Cristy 320-679-6493 [cthomas@cmjts.org](mailto:cthomas@cmjts.org)



## September 7<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights

### Secretary's Report:

August minutes reviewed and accepted.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

#### • **Triathlon:**

Kids Tri will not be coordinated by DuTriRun any longer. Chamber will look into what it takes to organize and source out a group to work with on that. Triathlon follow up meeting is scheduled to go over the 2016 event with DuTriRun.

#### • **Golf Tournament**

21 teams participated. There were new and returning sponsors. The new Mystery prize was well received as were the traditional raffle prizes. North Branch Chevrolet was unable to donate a car at the last minute but sent a grill to be raffled off instead. The event went very well and the Chamber will send out Thank you/Save the Date letters for next year.

#### • **Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala**

Fresh ideas were discussed, including location and activities.

#### • **ABC Competition**

Teams are continuing to work on the many projects. A Higher Education trip is planned to Grand Marais to visit a site that is in line with what our community would like to offer students. Blue Zones Rally Wednesday, Sept 14 at the PAC. Clean energy workshops and audits available. Water trail Grand Opening and many other great projects.

#### • **Celebration of the Lakes**

Meeting to be scheduled to plan COL 2017. New ideas are fat tire biking, winter Smoosh triathlon, sip & ski, snowshoeing and incorporating the water trail and Celebration of the Arts into this event.

### New Business:

#### • **Chamber Float**

Float will be retired after many great years of service.

#### • **Membership Dues**

Meeting planned for Monday, Sept. 12 for reorganizing membership dues scale with addition of possible sponsorship categories.

### Old Business:

#### • **Trick or Treat on Main Street/Fall Decorating**

Decoration bundle suppliers have been contacted, businesses are being contacted this week. Decorating will be Sept. 16-23 and pickup Nov. 28-Dec. 4. The cost for a bundle is \$35. Trick or Treat on Mainstreet will be Friday, October 28 4-7pm. Participating businesses will

be advertised in elementary schools, Brink's, Chisago County Press and through Chamber resources.

### Executive Director's Report:

- Membership update. 2 New members.
- Meetings: Golf Tournament, Celebration of Arts, ABC Team
- Attended Global Leadership Summit

## LAYSBS News!

244 N. Lake Street, Forest Lake

[www.YSBLakesArea.org](http://www.YSBLakesArea.org) 651-464-3685

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau is here for you and your family

### Youth and Family Counseling

Providing individual and family counseling to adolescents and their families to solve immediate issues, stabilize family situations, work through individual crisis, strengthen skill development & assist in building healthy relationships.

### R.S.P.

The goal of R.S.P is to provide youth an opportunity to gain moral self-awareness and develop skills in decision-making-available in individual or group setting. An average of 5 sessions utilizes moral reasoning skills concepts

### R.E.A.C.H.

*(Recognize and Exploring Anger, Conflict and Hope)*

Youth are able to explore and develop an understanding of anger, where anger comes from, learn decision making & anger management skills, as well as identify anger triggers and more. Offered as individual counseling or small group format in an average of 6 sessions.

### Walk-In Parent Support – Every Thursday 6:30-7:30pm

Just need someone to talk to about being a parent of a teenager? Come talk to other parents and a professional staff member. This program is FREE.

## CHISAGO LAKES AREA

### MOBILEPACK EVENT

*Packing meals for children around the world!*



## OCTOBER 14 & 15 Food Packing Schedule

### Friday, October 14

6-8pm & 8:30-10:30pm (Youth)

### Saturday, October 15

9-11am, 11:30am-1:30pm & 2-4pm

Register and donate online at [www.lakesfree.org](http://www.lakesfree.org)

### LAKES FREE CHURCH YOUTH CENTER

29620 Olinda Trail, Lindstrom 651-257-2677

[www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com](http://www.ChisagoLakesChamber.com)



## BAIL OR JAIL HUNGER RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Help us stock Family Pathways' food shelves! This event raises necessary funds to stock our shelves before the holiday and winter seasons. Last year, we distributed over 2.3 million meals to 18,922 neighbors in need.

Bail or Jail is a humorous fundraiser held in a mock court at a local establishment. 'Suspects' receive warrants prior to their impending 'arrest', which instruct them to gather donations to serve as bail money before being 'incarcerated' at the event. Each suspect participates in a hearing with an honorary judge, eats free jail grub, and gets a mugshot taken. Top fundraisers receive prizes and fun is had by all!

Every dollar collected from your network of friends, family and coworkers makes a huge difference in the lives of your neighbors. Last year's event raised \$30,000!

### Participation Options:

- Donate – [donate here](#)
- Fundraise – [fundraise form](#)
- Suspect - Volunteer to personally raise funds that will cover bail for your "Crimes of Compassion."
- Plaintiff - Want to place an unwitting friend, coworker, or family member behind bars? Raise money for Family Pathways and we'll happily throw them in jail!
- Bail Bond Company - companies, clubs and civic groups sponsor bond money by donating supplemental funds. Receive public recognition on warrant packets, event materials, the press, social media & website.
- **Reward:** Raise needed money for the local food shelf

### Locations/Dates/Times:

- > Thursday, October 20 - 3:00-5:30pm  
Oak Inn - North Branch, MN
- > Thursday, October 27 - 3:00-5:30pm  
Famous Dave's - Forest Lake, MN
- > Thursday, October 20 - 3:00-6:00pm  
Kassel Tap - St. Croix Falls, WI



Contact Michelle at [michellet@familypathways.org](mailto:michellet@familypathways.org)  
651-674-8040



## TREE PLANTING FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE STUDY

Saturday, October 29 8:30am-12:30pm

**Allemansratt Park**

31316 N. Olinda Trail, Lindstrom



Volunteers at this family friendly event will reforest an old hay field by planting Bur Oak trees. This planting will also kick off a study by

Great River Greening and the University of Minnesota to explore how Bur Oaks from three Midwest regions grow in today's Twin Cities climate. Results from this study will inform our future oak restorations so that they are adapted to future weather patterns.

Lunch provided! All ages welcome, children must be supervised.

Pre-registration is required, so sign up today at [greatrivergreening.org/vol-events/](http://greatrivergreening.org/vol-events/) or contact Katie McCann at [volunteer@greatrivergreening.org](mailto:volunteer@greatrivergreening.org) 651-272-3989. [Event Flyer](#)

## AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES (ABC)



The competition is approaching the half way point and the second quarter report is being submitted. The teams continue to do amazing work. The Chisago Lakes

Water Trail has opened with maps and brochures available soon. A scenic portion of the Swedish Immigrant Trail has been completed and is open for use. The Blue Zone Rally was a success and next steps are being sought. The Chisago Lakes Community Website is receiving its final edits. Broadband is being updated in our community with residents to see improvements by the end of 2016/early 2017. Higher Ed/Workforce of the Future continues to work with the schools and received a grant to cooperate with the students in creating outdoor musical chimes to be placed throughout the community. They are also communicating with Cook County, gleaning information from a site there that could be an asset to our community. Clean energy has created a hub that has had many businesses and residents utilize the clean energy audits and solar studies. Go to [www.chisagocleanenergyhub.org](http://www.chisagocleanenergyhub.org) to register for these audits. All Team meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> in Nov due to Thanksgiving) from 8:30-10:30 at the Chisago Lakes Library. All are welcome to join this exciting process.

## September Luncheon Meeting



**JERRY SPETZMAN**

### Chisago County Lake Improvement District (LID)

September Chamber luncheon was held at **Chisago Lakes Library**. Catered by **Eichten's Bistro** & coffee provided by **Northwoods Roasterie**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** and **Recycled Wardrobes** for prize drawings.

Chamber announcements: Thank you to all involved with the Chamber Golf Tournament. We had great teams, sponsors, donations and terrific weather! **Hay Days** are this weekend in the Almelund area. Join others in Chisago City on Sunday for **Day of Remembrance**, a time to remember the 9/11 attacks. **Shafer Days** begins next Friday. The **Almelund Apple Festival** is September 18. Plan on attending the **Blue Zones Rally** on Wednesday, September 14 6-8pm. Learn about this Healthy Living Initiative. This is free and is brought to you by the ABC Competition. Free **Technology Training** continues with a Social Media Breakfast on Tuesday, September 20 7:30am at the North Branch Library. **Home Energy Workshops** are being offered in conjunction with the Clean Energy Team of the ABC Competition. The Chamber is offering Fall Decorating for businesses on the corridor of Hwy 8. \$35 includes a hay bale, corn stalk, pumpkins, mum, gourds delivery/pickup. Join **Trick or Treat on Main Street** on Friday October 28 4-7pm. There is no cost to participate and your business will be listed in the paper, at Brink's and on a flyer given to all elementary students as a fun place to stop and grab a treat and information. Last year the Chamber had 90 families stop by.

New Chamber members were introduced: **Happy Houndz Grooming**, **Connie Wokutch** and **Rick Munshi**, the new owner of **Chisago Inn & Suites**.

Member announcements: **Jamie Nelson** with **Community Partnership with Youth and Family** explained the Youth First Program after school until 5pm-Thursdays in Taylors Falls and Fridays at Lakeside. **Missy Glenna-City of Shafer** promoted upcoming Shafer Day. **Nan Toskey-Chisago City Farmer's Market** mentioned that they have

a great fall coming up with live music from 4-6pm. **Susie Sandberg** promoted the upcoming Apple Festival which is very much for kids. **Bill Mack** gave an update of the Water Trail (part of the ABC) and the Grand Opening that was held on Labor Day. A signed paddle was given to the Chamber. **John Hoffman-Rise** announced their 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the Minneapolis Marriot. **Erin Thorvaldson-Generations Real Estate Group** invited everyone to movie night which is kicking off the Parade of Homes. **Loretta Anderson** announced the upcoming Reality Check event. **Kim Rathsack** announced the upcoming Blue Zones Rally. **Gerry Erickson** shared the upcoming speaker, a lady that went through the Holocaust at **Lakes Free Church** on Sunday.

Our guest speakers were from **Lake Improvement District (LID)**. They gave a very informative presentation explaining about the different lakes in the county and facts about each one. They monitor lake levels, test water quality, and have many programs with the county to help keep our lakes the best they can be.

**Next luncheon – October 13 at Chisago Lakes Library!**

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**Newsflash – Week Prior of Event/Special**

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## MN Chamber Update

Circle Nov. 8: Let's make Minnesota  
Ready to Compete and Grow

By Doug Loon

Minnesotans will go to the polls Nov. 8 to elect all 201 legislators in the State House and Senate. We issue our first challenge to all those elected: Let's focus on placing MN in the top 10 states for job, economic and income growth.

Minnesota needs to be ready for the future – ready for change, ready to grow and ready to compete.

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and our local chamber partners work year-round to help all Minnesota businesses grow and excel. We advocate for public policies to promote economic opportunity and strengthen our business climate that ultimately benefit all Minnesotans by encouraging a growing economy and good jobs.

Where does MN stand? The inaugural Minnesota Business Benchmarks, a collection of key economic business indicators, shows mixed results. The 2nd annual report, which will be released in October by the MN Chamber and our Chamber Federation partners, provides key data points to determine how Minnesota is faring compared with the rest of the nation.

The good news is that we have a dynamic and diverse economy forged by a business culture that is rooted in innovation and growth. We are proud of our talented workforce. Our business owners are forward-thinking and risk-takers. We have a great quality of life. Data show we are improving in key infrastructure areas of transportation and educational achievement, though there's more work to do.

Despite our achievements, however, the Business Benchmarks report clearly shows signs of stress in our business climate. Too many indicators show Minnesota's costs of doing business are not competitive in today's global economy with business taxes among the highest in the nation.

It's important to note that most other states including our neighbors are working to lower costs and regulations to be

more attractive for business growth and expansion. Minnesota, unfortunately, is going the opposite direction.

Electing government leaders who understand that business is the engine of our economy is essential if Minnesota is to be ready to compete. Minnesotans can do their part by helping to elect pro-jobs, pro-business candidates to the Legislature.

We invite you to use the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce as an elections resource. Check out our [2016 Voting Record](#) to see if candidates have supported Minnesota employers in the past. Look to the Minnesota Chamber [Leadership Fund PAC site](#) to see which individuals will best advance pro-jobs policies at the Capitol.

The 2016 Legislature was a missed opportunity to enact policies to help develop and grow Minnesota's economy. We still hold hope of a possible special session to complete work from the regular session. Our priorities are to provide much needed tax relief and invest in transportation funding for roads, bridges and transit. That's just a start. We must take steps every year to strengthen the business climate if Minnesota is to compete in the ever changing global economy.

Rarely does a new legislative session kick off without leaders pledging to advance policies to create jobs for Minnesotans. I fondly recall a favorite saying of our friend and my predecessor, David Olson: "You cannot be pro-jobs and anti-business." This seems to be forgotten by many who are advocating for new regulations, more costs and overall making it harder for job-creators in our great state.

Let's collectively pledge to deliver solutions to ensure that Minnesota is ready for change and ready to grow. That benefits all Minnesotans.

**Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: [www.mnchamber.com](http://www.mnchamber.com).**



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