

### Monthly Newsletter

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May 2017

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

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** 

May 4: **Board Meeting 9:00am** 

Chamber Office & Information Center 30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom

May 11: Chamber Member Luncheon

Time: 11:30am - 1pm

Topic: Gammelgarden - Mini Tour
Caterer: Chiko's Cocina Mexicana

Location: Gammelgarden Museum

20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

Please RSVP by Monday, May 8 by 5pm \$10/Chamber Members, \$15/Non-Members

### Welcome New Members!

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### "MARKETING & COMMUNICATION STRATEGY" Thursday, May 18 8-9am

Discuss the topic of the month 'Marketing & Communication Strategy', facilitated by **Tanya Paine**, **Revant LLC** & **Marlys Dunne**, **MultiSource Manufacturing** Light refreshments served, RSVP's appreciated but not required. Chisago Lakes Chamber, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

April Summary: 'How to Stay Focused on Goals'



#### What's Happening This Month

May 1 Revii Meeting

May 5 Wildwood Campground Opens - Wild Mountain

May 5-6 Prom Special – Eichten's Bistro

May 6 Spring Art-Out Celebration – Gustaf's

May 6 Canoe & Kayak Rental Opens - Wild Mountain

May 6 Scenic Boat Tours Open - Wild Mountain

May 6-8 Spring Art Tour

May 7 Paint & Sip – Winehaven Winery

May 7 Founding Minnesota Film Premier

May 9 CL Schools Bond Referendum vote

May 9 'Make & Take' Class - doTERRA

May 10-14 Picket Fence Gals Sale

May 11 **Chamber Luncheon** 

May 11 Fitness at the Library

May 12-13 First Anniversary – The Oven Mitt

May 12-14 St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour

May 13 Mother's Day Cruise – Wild Mountain

May 13 Paws to Read – Chisago Lakes Library

May 14 MOTHER'S DAY

May 14 Mother's Day Brunch – Wild Mountain

May 15-20 Community Clean-Up Week

May 17-19 Garage Sale – Trinity Lutheran Church

May 18 Third Thursday Morning Mentoring

May 18 Barn Bash – Family Pathways

May 19 Plant Sale – Chisago City Farmers Market

May 20 Alpine Slides & Go-Karts Open-Wild Mountain

May 20 Paint & Sip on the St. Croix

May 25 ABC All Team Meeting

May 27 Water Park Opens – Wild Mountain

May 27-28 Tap the Barrel Weekend – Winehaven

May 28 Memorial Day Service

May 29 Memorial Day Paddle

May 30 Music for Life – Chisago Lakes Library

#### **2017 Board of Directors**

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A Note from the Chamber Board:

Erin Thorvaldson Generations Real Estate Group

WOW - Talk about community, togetherness, support and pride! For anyone who was at Winehaven to watch the ABC awards presentation I'm sure we felt all these same feelings. It was truly remarkable to see the turn out for such an amazing opportunity for our community. It was standing room only and while the outcome wasn't what any of us wanted, it was still such a good feeling to be standing in a room where everyone was excited for what has taken place with ABC and what the next step for our amazing community will be. It wasn't just business members attending but also families and individuals, all proud of their community and looking forward to our future.

It has been great to see each community come together to support and encourage one another, the ideas, relationships and growth that has taken place the past couple years is truly something to be proud of. Everyone should be proud to drive down Hwy 8 and smile as we get to say this is where I live, this is my community. The ideas and growth will continue and it will be so fun to watch what's next for our community.

To those behind the scenes making the ABC journey possible, THANK YOU! The hard work, dedication and pride each and every one of you has shown is something we all should strive for. We would not be where we are today without each and every one of you. THANK YOU!!

Many didn't know where Chisago Lakes was before, but I can assure they will now and they will come explore this amazing community we all get to call home.

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

- > Visit the new community website <a href="https://www.ChisagoLakes.org">www.ChisagoLakes.org</a> and share an event on the calendar.
- > Email the Chamber at clace@frontiernet.net to include your information in our weekly newsflash or monthly newsletter.



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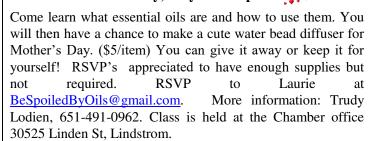
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#### doTERRA Essential Oils

'MOTHER'S DAY MAKE & TAKE' Tuesday, May 9 6:30pm



#### **CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET**

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



#### **CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET**

Opens May 19 'Plant Sale'

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

This summer, we are the proud host of PoP Club for kids! Power of Produce (PoP) is a farmers market incentive program for children offered at farmers markets throughout the nation. Each week, children ages 4-12 receive a \$2 token to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. The intent is to engage children and empower them to make healthful food choices. Also aims to increase family participation. PoP Club runs Fridays 2-6:30pm from June 30-August 4.

See <u>ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com</u> for schedules and updates.

# Save the Date! August 24 Chamber Golf Tournament



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#### CHISAGO LAKES GOLF COURSE

12975 282<sup>nd</sup> St, Lindstrom 651-257-1484

ChisagoLakesGolf.com

#### 6-6-6 TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY, MAY 6!

One of the great events of the year. The 6-6-6 Tournament. Play 6 holes of Best Ball, 6 holes of Scramble, and 6 holes of Alternate Shot.

- \* Entry Fee \$20 (plus green fee if applicable)
- \* Open to anyone with a USGA handicap
- \* Morning Tee Times (must tee off by 11am)
- \* Men Play Blue Tees, Women play Green Tees. Rule of 80 in effect (play blue/white combo tees and subtract 1 from handicap).
- \* Horserace

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Week of May 1 - Leagues Start

May 20 - Men's Club 3 Man Elimination Scramble

May 22 - Girls High School Match 2pm

#### WILD MOUNTAIN / TF RECREATION

37200 Wild Mountain Rd, Taylors Falls 651-465-6315 www.wildmountain.com



#### **SEASON OPENING DATES!**

- ❖ May 5 Wildwood Campground Opens Details
- ❖ May 6 Canoe and Kayak Rental Opens Details
- May 6 Scenic Boat Tours Open Details
- ❖ May 13 Mother's Day Dinner Cruise Register Here
- May 14 Mother's Day Brunch Register Here
- ❖ May 20 Alpine Slides, Go-Karts & FreefallXP Open
- ❖ May 20 Paint & Sip on the St. Croix Register Here
- May 27 Water Park Opens Details

For complete details call 651-465-6365 or visit www.WildMountain.com



#### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

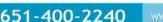
Sunday, May 28 2pm

Veteran's Memorial, Downtown Lindstrom



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### Compost Site



The community compost site, located by the Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, 31501 Lofton Ave, Chisago City is open through November 18.

- ★ Wednesdays 2-7pm
- ★ Saturdays 9am-4pm (until dusk in fall)
- ★ Sundays 1-4pm (until dusk in fall)
- \* Residents within city limits of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Wyoming and Stacy
- ★ Leaves, grass clippings and brush (up to 3" diameter)
- ★ Must show identification showing your street address and name
- ★ No commercial lawn service, tree services, landscaping services or commercial business
- ★ Closed during inclement weather



20880 Olinda Trail N, Scandia www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

Open for the 2017 Season!

2017 Exhibit Focus: Immigrant: Comin' to Amerika 'Tell Your Story'

#### Scandia Butik Open

Monday- Saturday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 pm

#### **Historic Buildings Guided Tours:**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1pm & 2:30pm \$7/adult; Elementary age children and younger/Free

Community Clean-Up Week May 15-20 Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm Saturday 8am-1pm



Chisago City and Lindstrom have replaced the annual Clean-Up Day with Clean-Up WEEK. During the week residents will be offered a 20% discount on recycling bill at SRC. You will need to provide proof of residency. For questions on what you can bring, call 651-462-1099. SRC, Inc, 6320 East Viking Blvd, Wyoming

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Planning is underway and new events are being added with the big event being a parade! If you are interested in participating in the parade, contact Erin at erin@erinthorvaldson.com 651-470-7694, with your name, contact information and business. The

parade will be on Saturday July 29th. More details to follow.

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#### PAINT & SIP! PAINTING PARTY SUNDAY, MAY 7 12-3PM



An afternoon of fun and relaxation among Winehaven's vineyards and wine barrels. Sip your favorite wines and enjoy step-by-step instruction with local artist Linda French. Leave with a one-of-a-kind creation and a new

found talent you'll want to explore! We provide all the supplies and no experience necessary! \$25.00/person. Reservations required – call Linda, 651-343-96914 or online HERE. Click on the link, then go to the bottom of the screen and click "pay with a debit or credit card."

#### PAINT & SIP ON THE ST. CROIX Saturday, May 20 6:30-8:30pm

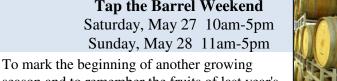
Get your friends together and make some memories while cruising on the beautiful St. Croix River. We supply everything needed to paint a 16 x 20 inch canvas. No experience necessary, an artist will guide you step by step through the painting.

Winehaven wine samples and light hors d'oeuvres are included in the price. We also offer a full cash and soft drinks and lemonade are available for purchase as well.

Reservations/prepayment are required-\$59.95/person. This cruise embarks from Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours. Call 651-465-6315 or click here for reservations.

#### **Tap the Barrel Weekend**

Saturday, May 27 10am-5pm Sunday, May 28 11am-5pm



season and to remember the fruits of last year's labor, join us for a winemaker's barrel tasting weekend. Don't miss the unique opportunity to taste wine directly from the cask!

#### **FAMILY PATHWAYS**

10625 Railroad Ave, Chisago City www.FamilyPathways.org



#### **BARN BASH**

Thursday, May 18 5:30pm Bloom Lake Barn, 17147 Bloom Lake Road, Shafer

Experience a true Family Pathways style celebration with dinner, auction, live music, games and more! All proceeds benefit our Hunger Relief, Aging, Youth & Refuge Network domestic violence services. Early bird registration is now open: \$50 until May 1/\$60 after May 1, call 651-674-8040.



#### **Chisago Lakes School District BOND REFERENDUM**

The District will be holding a special election on May 9, seeking voter approval of a ballot question that would authorize the issuance of \$64.95 million in general obligation school building bonds for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities. Highlights of the bond referendum include:

- 1. Construction of an Elementary School (grades 2-5) to replace Lakeside
- 2. Additions and renovations at Taylors Falls Elementary School and remodeling at the Middle School
- 3. A manufacturing-agri science lab along with a Community Center located at the High School
- 4. District-wide safety and security upgrades.

Additional information, at <a href="mailto:ChisagoLakes.K12.MN.US">ChisagoLakes.K12.MN.US</a> **Voting Information** 









**North Branch** 38844 14th Ave. 651-277-1000

**Chisago City** 29610 Gateway Ave. 651-257-2111

#### **April 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Highlights**

#### **Secretary's Report:**

March minutes reviewed and accepted.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### • Celebrate Chisago Lakes (formerly COL)

The home base will move to Ojiketa Regional Park with ice dependant events happening as able in 2018. Brainstorming ideas for new activities.

#### • Home and Business Expo

Wrap up meeting to be scheduled

#### Triathlon

Chamber will receive increased donation from DuTriRun after reviewing community volunteer hours contributed. A committee is being formed to plan an after party with the goal to showcase the community for tourism.

#### • Fall Decorating

A committee will be formed to help facilitate this as it grows. We will connect with suppliers and set a timeline for delivery and pick up.

#### ABC

The live stream of the ABC Grand Prize awards will be held at Winehaven Winery on April 19 from 5-7pm.

#### **New Business:**

#### • Lions Cadillac Dinner

Chamber purchased a ticket, would like to give away at the luncheon or to a board member.

#### • Chamber Membership Invoicing

Would like to move the due date to September to benefit businesses and the chamber for both time and budget.

#### • Chamber Member Testimonials

Chamber will be gathering and sharing member testimonial and stories of how being a chamber member is a positive experience for them and their business. Will ask Jack Doepke to help record testimonials.

#### **Old Business:**

#### Vision Retreat

May 4th will be an extended Board Meeting/Vision Retreat.

#### FOUNDING MINNESOTA FILM PREMIER **SUNDAY MAY 7 1:30PM & 6PM**

Gustafson Tomtegården Immigrant Homestead Barn 28388 Redwing Ave, Shafer



The St. Croix Scenic Byway has completed five-film historical documentary that tells the story of the St. Croix Valley from around 1800 to present. The five films were shot **BYWAY** entirely in the St. Croix valley and were

funded in part with Legacy Funds through the Minnesota Historical Society.

We will premiere 2 of the 5 films on Sunday May 7. Admission is FREE with registration.

**Detail and Registration Information** 



#### CHISAGO LAKES ROTARY CLUB 18-Hole Golf Scramble Tuesday, June 6 10:30am www.ChisagoLakesRotary.org

#### **Schedule of Events**

10:30am -Team Registration and Range Open

Lunch Buffet 11am NOON Shotgun Start

4:30-6pm - Appetizers, Drawing, Prizes Awarded

Registration \$125/person or \$500/team. The location is the beautiful Chisago Lakes Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Chisago Lakes Rotary Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Year Commemorative Project. For more information or to register call Frank Johnson 715-483-0355 or Jason Gamble 651-257-7504. Golf Brochure

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12710 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom 651-257-6199 facebook.com/grandpacheesecake

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April Membership Luncheon



Amy Frischmon, ABC Representative

April luncheon was held at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation were we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch and venue. Thank you to Grand Casino Hinckley for raffle prizes.

Chamber announcements: ABC Competition Awards Event will be live streamed from Colorado April 19. Join us at WineHaven Winery from 5-7pm. The next Third Thursday Morning Mentoring is April 20 at the Chamber with the topic 'How to Stay Focused on Your Goals'. Chamber May luncheon will be held at Gammelgarden Museum in Scandia. Plan to join us there. The chamber loves our volunteers and we could not run our events without you! We encourage you to volunteer with us by joining an event committee. We would love to hear your story as a chamber member. We will be featuring these stories in our monthly newsletters, so please send us Your Story! Feedback is always helpful, so if you have anything that you think the chamber is doing well, or that we can add or improve upon, please let us know. Stop and shop Local for Easter, Prom, Mother's Day. Think Local!

New Members: American Family-Melanie Berneck Agency and A\*Pro Pool and Spa-Chad Hansen.

Member announcements: Jeff Bouchee-Lake State Carpet Cleaning is offering a Spring Member Special of 10% off through May 31. Sally Barott-Country B&B announced her Spring Tea, the Swedish Circle Tours brochure and an upcoming fundraiser at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Jerry Erickson-Chisago Lakes Library gave the update on library events, Kim Johnson Calhoun-Family Pathways promoted their upcoming Barn Bash and informed everyone that it is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Sarah Curtis-Lakes Center for Youth & Families announced their Open House on April 19 at the new location. Nancy Hoffman-Chisago

County HRA/EDA promoted the Job Fair coming up on April 19. Susie Sandberg-Almelund Mercantile encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Eclectic Tour and Pottery Tour. Eileen Carlson-Eichten's Bistro said they will be open on Mondays starting in mid May. Monthly specials are going on. Steve Levey-Chisago Lakes Lions promoted the Cadillac Dinner, Russ Hanes-Big O Radio shared that they are able to help you with your marketing needs, helping to make it easy for you.

Guest speakers: John Driscoll and Chuck Rice from Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation gave foundation updates. Amy Frischmon-ABC Representative gave the presentation that she will give when the team goes to Colorado on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Amy did a fantastic job—as she will in Denver!



PARMLY LIFEPOINTES 28210 Old Towne Road, Chisago City

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> 'Paint Class' Thursday, May 25 6-8:30pm Get ready for summer with this painting. Instructor Joy Tate will walk you through one step at a time. She will answer questions and help you along so that you can walk out with your own masterpiece! Class Flyer/Registration All materials included. For all skill levels, \$15/Members, \$20/Non Member

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#### GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Wednesday-Friday, May 17-19

Wed, Noon-6pm Thurs, 9am-5pm Fri, 9am-3pm

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#### **MEMBER TESTIMONIAL!**

The Almelund Mercantile joined the Chisago Lakes Chamber for advertising purposes. We felt it would be a strategic way to promote Almelund and its small businesses. Though we are at the entrance to Wild River State Park we felt that promotion of Almelund's local businesses to other local businesses might be useful.

The membership has provided me with so much more. I have met local small business owners, have listened to interesting programs about the local lakes and their benefit to all businesses, have had the opportunity to participate in business education that focused on helping small businesses and have networked with people who have a similar love for the area.

The Chisago Lakes Chamber meetings provide a networking opportunity that I don't have when I am a lone business. This networking is a tremendous way to learn about what is all happening locally.

I have been able to promote the Almelund Threshing Show, Hay Days, the Almelund Apple Festival, Almelund's Farmer's Market and Music in the Park, Wild River State Park and the Almelund Lion's hamburger stand at summer ball games.

When I had visitors from Sweden I became a tourist; something we all need to do once a year. Our wonderful area has so much to offer: shopping, outdoor activities, cultural events, ethnic foods. Becoming a chamber member highlighted the variety of local attractions so I could be a great guide to Swedish visitors.

The love for the Chisago Lakes area is evident in many local business owners. This "area" also includes the Highway 8 corridor, Taylors Falls and even up into Almelund. It has been rejuvenating for me to meet monthly with so many businesses with a passion for making our part of Minnesota a great place to live, visit and work.

SHARE YOUR STORY! Email: clacc@frontiernet.net



#### CHISAGO LAKES LIBRARY

11754 302nd St, Chisago City 651-257-2817 www.ecrl.lib.mn.us

#### MAY EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

- > 'Fitness at the Library' Thursday, May 11 6:30pm A yoga and zumba event for ages 18 plus. Get into shape and feel good about yourself with 30 minutes of yoga followed by 30 minutes of zumba. There will be a 15 minute break between sessions. Sessions will be led by the Lindstrom Wellness Center. Bring your own Yoga mat, limited mats will be available.
- > 'Paws to Read' Saturday, May 13 10am-Noon Children can come to the library and have a one on one session reading to a real reading therapy dog. This is a great way for young readers to gain confidence in their reading abilities while having fun.
- > 'Music for Life' Tuesday, May 30 2pm
  East Central Regional Library presents the music of tenor vocalist, David Kozisek, and pianist Debra McTaggert at Parmly LifePointes in Chisago City. Free and open to the public.



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#### May Featured Business – U.S. Bank





It's a three-peat! We're a 2017 World's Most Ethical Company. Ethisphere Institute recognizes our commitment to ethics and integrity for the third year in a row.

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#### America's Best Communities! CHISAGO

#### ABC Contest Was Not The End But The Beginning

Five members of the Chisago Lakes America's Best Communities Team traveled to Denver, Colo., on April 19 filled with nervous excitement as the entire community watched at home and held its breath in hopeful anticipation. Three years of hard work were culminating in written reports and 15-minute presentations by eight communities competing for millions in cash awards to help continue revitalizing their communities as part of the ABC competition.

"The passion and dedication of our team and its three years of effort came through loud and clear in Denver," says ABC Coordinator Tangi Schaapveld.

Back in Chisago Lakes at Winehaven Winery in Chisago City, hundreds of community members and Twin Cities TV cameras watched and waited throughout the day. Unfortunately, Chisago Lakes was not among the top three winners selected to take home a monetary prize. Winners of the nationwide America's Best Communities competition were Huntington, West Va., \$3 million, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., \$2 million, and Statesboro, Ga., \$1 million.

"We are so grateful to the passion and dedication of the entire America's Best Communities team," says Tangi Schaapveld, ABC team coordinator. "There's no denying our disappointment, as we felt we had a very good chance of taking home a monetary prize; but as we've said from the start, whatever the results of the contest, the community has come home a winner from the experience. Participating in this competition brought our communities together in ways we could not have anticipated when this project began. We are now able to work together for the betterment of all."

Schaapveld says that the ABC team has created a comprehensive plan for the Chisago Lakes Area and will continue to work on projects now in process.

"This is the people's plan," she says. "It was the result of hours of interviews, meetings and brainstorming sessions where we heard from people of all ages throughout our community. It is perfect for our community, and we have already made great strides in bringing it forward. Projects are ready for completion, and new ideas are cooking. The Chisago Lakes ABC Initiative Fund has been created and is ready to manage funds to continue the work. This is not the end, but the beginning."

The ABC Team meets at 8:30am Thursday, April 27, at the Chisago Lakes Library to plan its next steps. Anyone who would like to be part of the team's ongoing efforts is invited to attend or to call 651-257-1177.

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"Truly New" photography by Gary Alan Nelson



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**2017 MEMORIAL DAY PADDLE** Monday, May 29

Canoes, Kayaks and Paddleboards! Pack a Picnic Lunch, Beverages and a Dessert to share. Get acquainted with the new **Chisago Lakes Water Trail.** There are 3 paddle options to choose from.

Memorial Day Paddle Options & Information

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**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> -** Carline Bengtsson, will be in-store from 1-3 to sign her cookbook – "Carline's Fork & Cork Simply Delish!" Sample popcorn & seasonings from Urban Accents throughout the day!

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Menu

#### TAYLORS FALLS WANNIGAN DAYS PARADE

Saturday, June 10 7pm



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For more information about this exciting opportunity please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org

## Spring Art Tour http://www.earthartswi.org

Saturday, May 6th – Sunday, 7th 10am-6pm

Driving around on the first weekend in May each year, you're bound to see these simple, distinctive Art Tour signs directing you to the various studios and galleries hosting our Earth Arts members. We

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(will not be meeting on Memorial Day)

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We are currently viewing the series 'The Thyroid Secret'. Hear about thyroid issues and how to support thyroid health. We are adding special guest speakers on occasion. Free and open to the public.

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#### **MN Chamber Update**

Minnesota Chamber advocates for uniform labor laws
By Doug Loon

Minnesota business owners and managers already have their hands full when it comes to complying with state and federal workplace regulations. Now imagine if you are tasked with facing two, three, four – or more – distinctive sets of local laws dictating private-sector employee wages and benefits.

A disturbing trend is emerging in Minnesota.

Minneapolis and St. Paul have passed ordinances scheduled to go into effect July 1 that require businesses to provide paid sick time. The specifics of the mandates are different in each city. In Duluth, a task force is studying the issue and scheduled to make its recommendation in November. It's only a matter of time before the movement comes to a city near you.

That's why the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and our local chamber partners are pursuing passage of the Uniform

State Labor Standards Act at the Legislature. The law would explicitly preempt local governments from enacting their own their minimum wage laws and mandates on businesses including predictive scheduling and paid sick and safe time.

An important next step in our efforts occurred last week with Senate passage of a bill. The House passed its version in March. A conference committee will work through the slight differences in the bills and send to Governor Dayton.

The governor has expressed reservations with the bill, but he not gone so far as to say he'll veto it. In similar fashion, legislative leaders have said they are not interested in sending the governor a bill that he will automatically reject. Against that backdrop, we are hopeful that consensus can be reached.

To be clear, we do not believe government at any level should dictate private-sector employee benefits. However, the only thing worse than state government demanding one-size-fits-all mandates is for local governments to do so. Consider the fact that Minnesota has 853 cities and 87 counties. A patchwork of local laws would be an administrative nightmare for employers, especially those with operations in multiple locations.

Todays' worker shortage is front and center across all industry sectors in all corners of the state. Minnesota's unemployment rate dropped another notch to 3.8 percent in March compared with the national rate of 4.5 percent. The statistics already demand that employers voluntarily offer expanded wages and benefits to attract and retain employees, and they're doing so.

The question of local control has surfaced in the debate. The Minnesota Chamber and our partners generally support keeping decision-making close to the people. Our system of government values local control in certain policy areas such as issuance of zoning approvals and assessment of property taxes. In other areas, though, Minnesota has realized the benefits of statewide consistency. Look no further than areas such as the criminal code; consumer protection laws; banking, insurance and securities regulations; and occupational licensing.

We enthusiastically support and encourage employers to provide employees with paid options for providing care to their families. Flexibility is the key. It's a far better approach to have employers sit down with employees to develop policies that work for individual workplaces. This approach recognizes the uniqueness of each workplace. Imposing a one-size-fits-all mandate replaces creativity and flexibility with a straightjacket.

Doug Loon is president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: <a href="https://www.mnchamber.com">www.mnchamber.com</a>.



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