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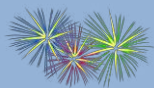
Monthly Newsletter

August 2017

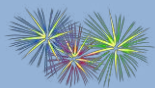
Serving the communities of Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer and Taylors Falls

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- August 3: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- August 10: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am – 1pm
Speaker: **Tanya Paine, Revant LLC**
Topic: **Morning Mentoring- Key Highlights & Benefits**
Location: **Chamber Office**
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- Please RSVP by Monday, August 7 by 3pm
\$10/Chamber Members, \$15/Non-Members



KI CHI SAGA DAYS AUGUST 18-20

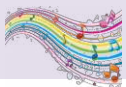


Come Help Us Celebrate the City of Chisago City!

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 Days Events](#)

Ki Chi Saga Day Buttons available at area businesses.

2017 Harmony in the Park



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

- August 2 Rockin' Hollywoods (50s-80s Rock)
Lions Corn Feed, Blood Drive
Ian Dudley Art Show
- August 9 Darlene & the Boys (Classic Country-Variety)
River City Cloggers

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. [Full Schedule](#)



What's Happening This Month

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| August | 1 | Night to Unite – Taylors Falls |
| August | 3 | MN Zoomobile – Chisago Lakes Library |
| August | 4 | Almelund Night on the Town |
| August | 4 | English Garden Party |
| August | 5 | Hazelfest |
| August | 5 | Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise |
| August | 7 | Dean Hovey Author Visit – CL Library |
| August | 8 | Local Employer Panel |
| August | 8 | doTERRA Essential Oil Class |
| August | 9-13 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| August | 11-13 | Almelund Threshing Show |
| August | 12 | Green Frog Day Camp-Gammelgarden |
| August | 16 | Senior Surf Class – CL Library |
| August | 16 | Family Pathways Golf Classic |
| August | 17 | Morning Mentoring |
| August | 18-20 | Ki Chi Saga Days |
| August | 19 | Ki Chi Saga 5K/10K Fun Run |
| August | 19 | Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise |
| August | 19 | Spelmansstämman Fiddle Fest |
| August | 21 | Social Media Review Event |
| August | 21 | Solar Eclipse Party – CL Library |
| August | 22 | Intro to Genealogy Research – CL Library |
| August | 24 | Chamber Golf Tournament |
| August | 24 | Employment Taxes/Employer Responsibility |
| August | 25 | Paint & Sip on the St. Croix |

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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Josh Soderlund
Soderlund's Wood Mill

Hello Chamber Members,

There are lots of great events going on these days and we are continually organizing new opportunities for you and your organization to succeed. If you are unfamiliar with the services and benefits your chamber membership offers you I would encourage you to please stop in and speak with Wendy or Laurie at the chamber.

I have three calls to action for us as a business community. The first is to take the time to write a Google review of another chamber member. One of the best ways that we can serve our business community is to help each other grow the free marketing platforms we all have on the internet. A great way to do that is by writing them a review. If you are interested in other ways I would strongly encourage you to attend morning mentoring. Contact the chamber for details.

Secondly, we would love to hear how the chamber has served your business. If you have a story or experience where the chamber has served you please let us know. I realize that it takes time to do that, but we want to recreate those experiences for other members.

Lastly, our mission is your success and we would love to hear feedback on how to do that well. If you have a great idea we would love to hear it. Our commitment is to serve this business community and ensure that there are opportunities available to those who are willing to take advantage of them.

Thank you all for your continued hard work in the businesses that you serve. I know that in many ways your hard work goes unnoticed, but you are truly the engines that power the community forward. I am excited to see what happens in the future as we pursue the economic vitality of our communities and continue to make Chisago Lakes a great place to live and do business!

God bless,

Josh Soderlund

Social Media Positive Review Event **Monday, August 21 7-9pm** **Chisago Lakes Grill (Golf Course)**



Bring your laptop and join other Chisago Lakes Chamber Members in writing positive reviews of area businesses on Facebook, Google and other online platforms. Positive reviews show up on the internet and help businesses gain new customers. Grab a meal or a drink and join in this fun, rewarding event of spreading positive cheer throughout the community!

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

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

CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Vilhelm Moberg Park

10656 Railroad Ave, Chisago City

www.ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



CHISAGO CITY FARMERS MARKET

Fridays 2-6:00pm

Every Friday through October from 2-6:00pm, find a variety of fresh goods from local growers, producers and artisans. Live music/entertainment every Friday 4-6pm. The market accepts cash, credit, debit and SNAP/EBT.

August 4 Live Music: Andrew Spreck
August 11 Live Music: Michael Keyes
August 18 Live Music: Bobby & Christine
August 25 Live Music: Hannah Flowers

More information at ChisagoCityFarmersMarket.com



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**"CUSTOMER SATISFACTION"
Thursday, August 17 8-9am**

Discuss the topic of the month, Customer Satisfaction, facilitated by **Tanya Paine, Revant LLC & John Renaker, Northwoods Roasterie**. Light refreshments served, RSVP's appreciated but not required. Chamber Office, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

July Summary:

['Cross Promotion Strategy - Blueprint for Success'](#)

Lindstrom Farmers Market

**Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8-Noon
Hwy 8 St. Bridget's Church-Baby Blanket Area.**

Local Sweet Corn is Here! This is a gathering of local merchants offering plants, produce and specialty products for sale in the summer-July through October. Buy locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. Also includes fresh honey, maple syrup, bakery and specialty items.

PICKET FENCE GALS SALE



AUGUST 9-13
Wednesday 3-7pm
Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

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Chamber Golf Tournament August 24



We are expecting a wonderful Golf Tournament this year! Team line-up is full! This year's community partner is **Chisago Lakes Community Meals**.

Promote your business by donating Raffle Items or 96 'Swag Bag' items which could be a promotional item, coupon, etc. We would need your items by Friday, August 18. For more information contact Chisago Lakes Chamber 651-257-1177.



Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

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15251 Pleasant Valley Rd, Center City
800-257-7800 www.Hazelden.org



August 5 11am-7pm

Fun things going on all day so bring your family & friends. Yoga on the Lawn, #LifeTake2 Speakers, Family Fun Zone- featuring Clifford, Exhibitors, Food Trucks. Music by **Lizzo, Har Mar Superstar, Communist Daughter, DJ Last Word, Host David Campbell and others**.

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

LOCAL EMPLOYER PANEL

August 8 9am-12pm

Cambridge City Hall, 300 Third Ave NE, Cambridge

If you are seeking a job or assisting someone with obtaining a job then come and learn about the companies hiring in your community and the candidates they seek to hire. Free lunch is provided. Hosted by East Central Minnesota Employer Resource Group. Space is limited. RSVP to Sandra Peasley at 651-257-2281 or SPeasley@rise.org

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ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Wednesday, August 16 1pm Shotgun Start
The Refuge Golf Club, Oak Grove



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

KI CHI SAGA DAYS 5K/10K FUN RUN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19



An event for the whole family....strollers welcome. Age group medals will be given, awards given to top male & female overall & kids receive a finisher's medal. **Zion Lutheran Church** 8005 Old Towne Road, Chisago City Registration 7am; Races 8am [Register Here](#) [Route Map](#)

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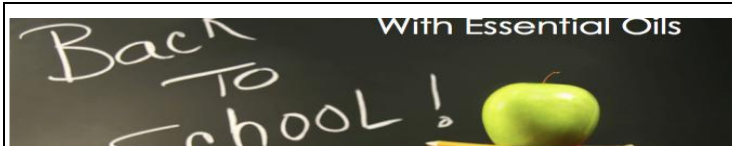
TAYLORS FALLS

Tuesday, August 1 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](#)



doTERRA Essential Oils

'BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS'

Tuesday, August 8 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. **Make & Take Hand Sanitizer \$5.** For more information call Trudy, 651-491-0962. Held at the Chamber office 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom

Almelund Threshing Show

August 11-13 Gates open at 7am

17760 St. Croix Trail, Taylors Falls



Once again a field is transformed with tractors, steam engines, people & music at the Almelund Threshing Show.

*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!*

Schedule and information at www.AlmelundThreshingCo.org

15th Annual Tractor Caravan – August 6 Starts at 9am

32 mile route through rural Minnesota! [Caravan Flyer](#)

Almelund Night on the Town

Friday, August 4 Starting at 3pm



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

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July 6th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

June minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Triathlon**

Still needing volunteers, no kid's triathlon this year.

• **Golf Tournament**

Planning is going well with 19 teams confirmed and sponsorships are coming in.

• **ABC**

ABC was featured in the Initiative Foundation's *IQ Magazine*.

• **Morning Mentoring**

Going great. Next one is 'Cross Promotion Partnerships to Drive Awareness, Engagement & Sales' on July 20 8-9am.

To Do's:

- Social Media Review-Group posted many Google reviews. Possible article in the local paper to raise awareness about how valuable business reviews are for our community.
- Chamber mugs with new/updated logo will be put in the 2018 budget.
- Chisago Lakes maps will be updated with new ads and Chisago Lakes logo.
- July ½ price to join the chamber. Invite new businesses to the luncheon this month.
- Chamber credit card terminal has been terminated. Looking into the best options to save on fees. Considering Paypal, Square, Quick Books and others.
- Looking for board member's testimonials to express why they love being a part of the chamber.
- Still working on putting together the 1st Video Story of a local business.
- Continuing to collect information on the Lodging Tax for our community

Director's Report:

- 1 new member
- Contacting volunteers and planning for the Triathlon
- Planning the Chamber Golf Tournament
- Working towards implementing Lodging Tax
- Attended Social Media Positive Review Event



TAYLORS FALLS SCENIC BOAT TOURS

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

♦ **Ribs on the River** – August 2, 9, 16 7-9pm

Enjoy a buffet style meal of delicately seasoned BBQ pork ribs, and a 5oz chicken breast, cole slaw, baked beans, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted breads, dessert and coffee. Cash Bar, soft drinks & lemonade available for purchase.

♦ **Mexican Fiesta** – Friday, August 4, 11, 18, 25 7-9pm

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

♦ **Wine & Cheese Dinner Cruise** – August 5 7-10pm

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

♦ **Dinner Cruise** – Saturday, August 12, 26 7-10pm

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.

♦ **Wine & Chocolate Dinner Cruise** – August 19 7-10pm

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

♦ **Paint & Sip** – August 25 6:30-8:30pm

Our Paint & Sip cruise features everything needed to create a 16 x 20 inch canvas. Additionally, a tasting of local Winehaven wines and light hors d'oeuvres are included.

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



CHISAGO LAKES FALL DECORATIONS!

The Chisago Lakes Chamber is coordinating fall decorating again this year for businesses in Chisago Lakes (Chisago City, Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer, Taylors Falls). The cost for decorations is \$35 (delivery, setup & pickup) and each bundle includes a hale bale, cornstalk bundle, pumpkins, a mum and gourds or similar items. Delivery is on September 29th and pick up is on November 17th. Contact the Chamber at 651-257-1177 if your business would like to be decorated.

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POINT PLEASANT HEIGHTS
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'English Garden Party'
Friday, August 4 1-2:30pm

You are invited to our annual summer party! Join us out back on our patio for light refreshments of tea, lemonade, water and "nibbles" (finger food). Live entertainment with **Joanne Bolles** and yard games. Tours will be available.



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www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

GREEN FROG DAY CAMP **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 10AM-12PM**

A partnership between Gammalgården Museum and Growing Green Hearts LLC. Our *Faith & Science Saturdays* blend play with nature, Swedish engineering, Christian faith and environmental science. Family \$50 Individual \$15

Spelmansstämma – The Immigrant Fiddle Fest Saturday, August 19 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 4th Sundays through September 24 2-4pm

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

Lakes Center for Youth & Families

20 Lake Street N, Suite 103 Forest Lake
<http://www.LC4YF.org> 651-464-3685



Do you know a teen that might be interested in a technical career? Check out Tried and True! Tried and True has openings for youth mechanics! Pick from

a **Tuesday/Thursday session from 3:30-6:30** or a **Saturday session from 9:00am-1:00pm**. Each session is 72 hours over 12-18 weeks. Our shop is located at 27540 Forest Blvd, Wyoming, MN. Youth must be 15+ years old, be available for the Tuesday/Thursday or Saturday session, come in for an interview, make a commitment to the program if accepted. For more information contact Matt Howard at 651-464-3685. [Application](#)

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- 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.

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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
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July Membership Luncheon



Superintendent Joe Thimm

The July luncheon was held at beautiful **Panola Valley Gardens**. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch among the peaceful gardens. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation & Panola Valley Gardens** for raffle prizes.

Chamber announcements: Chisago Lakes has received great press lately: The Pioneer Press showcased us from the content from the Spaces magazine, Star Tribune published an article on **Sven's**, IQ magazine highlighted our ABC competition journey and League of MN Cities will be coming out with an article about Chisago Lakes as well. **Third Thursday Mentoring** will be next Thursday with the topic 'Cross Promotion Partnerships to Drive Awareness, Engagement & Sales'. The **Triathlon** is Sunday, July 30. We still need volunteers. The **Chamber Golf Tournament** is August 25. Thank you to returning and new sponsors and teams who have already signed up. Our community partner this year is **Chisago Lakes Community Meals**. For the month of July participate in the **Walk your City Challenge** by walking anywhere for 20 minutes in each city. **Karl Oskar Days** is on right now and **Center City Days** will take place the end of July.

New Member: **Bratrud Construction**, in Chisago City.

Member announcements were given.

Chisago Lakes Library/Gerry Erickson: Upcoming events include Henna Tattoo event and the Book Sale which is a primary way to earn money for other library

events. **Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation/Loretta Anderson**: Hazelfest is coming up on August 5. Enjoy music, food, vendors, speakers. **Almelund Mercantile/Susie Sandberg**: Almelund Threshing Show is August 11-13 with the Tractor Parade on August 6. **Pleasant Valley Orchard/Judy Erickson**: Strawberry Season is over, now getting ready for Apple Season. **Lakes Center for Youth and Families/Matt Howard**: Taste! Event is July 13. **Erin Thorvaldson**: Center City Days is July 28-30. New this year is the revived Parade.

Guest Speaker **Superintendent Joe Thimm** gave an update on the referendum projects and other great things happening in the Chisago Lakes School District.

Employment Taxes & Employer Responsibilities Seminar

Thursday, August 24 8am-4pm

The Minnesota Business Tax Education Partnership is presenting a seminar for employers and their representatives who are interested in information on state and federal employment taxes and other employer responsibilities.

The seminar will be taught by experts from the IRS, MN Dept of Revenue, MN Unemployment Insurance Program, MN Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, and the United States Dept of Labor.

Seminar content will include information on:

- Worker status (independent contractor vs. employee)
 - Employment Tax withholding, depositing and reporting
 - Unemployment Insurance
 - New hire reporting rules
 - Department of Homeland Security (USCIS) employee verification requirements
 - Workers' Compensation Insurance
 - State and Federal Labor standards (wage/hour issues)
- MN Dept of Employment and Economic Development

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Captain Shawn's Charters and Rentals

Welcome to Capt. Shawn's Charters and Rentals! If you've ever wanted to get out and explore our beautiful lakes, Capt. Shawn now has options available. Rent a pontoon, kayak or motorized fishing boat and come see the wonders Chisago Lakes has to offer. Get out and explore the new Chisago Lakes Water trail, which offers beautiful camping sites, mini portages and access to great local shops. Pack a lunch and cooler for a picnic, or stop at one of the local venues.....it's all right here in Chisago Lakes.

From Green Lake to South Center, it's fun all around. See the beauty of 5 lakes and explore the many options available....don't let your summer go by without an adventure on the water. Have family coming to town and don't know what to do? Book an afternoon on the pontoon for some relaxation and sun, or book a fleet of kayaks for some great group fun. If you haven't seen the blazing sunrise or the sunset from our beautiful lakes, you are missing out! Like to fish or would like to try? Rent a kayak or fishing boat and give it a go! It's great fun for all ages.

Capt. Shawn, retired from the fire fighter service after 23 years, started his business out of his passion for boating and water. Shawn earned his US Coast Guard Captain's license and now wants to help others learn and enjoy all the fun our lakes provide. As an avid sailor, Capt. Shawn enjoys helping others take advantage of the fun our local lakes offer. With warm summer days finally here, reservations are filling fast! So give Capt. Shawn a call to book your next adventure. Chisago Lakes is yours to explore and Capt. Shawn is here to help everyone do just that.

Captain Shawn's Charters and Rental – launches from Meredee's Bistro Docks, 12565 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom, MN 55045. Call 651-769-3343 for more information and make a reservation for an adventure!

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TOUGHMAN MN-CHISAGO LAKES TRIATHLON
THANK YOU 2017

The Chisago Lakes Chamber says Thank You to all involved with the Toughman MN – Chisago Lakes Triathlon this past Sunday. We thank DuTriRun for once again bringing a successful event into the Chisago Lakes community. Thank you to the wonderful local businesses, who sponsored, supported and donated items for the event that welcomed 900+ athletes and their cheering sections into our community. Thank you businesses for water and ice, coffee and donuts, food at the park, garbage service, goody bag donations, sponsorship dollars, posters in windows, information in the paper, the use of the park, lodging, meals and so much more.

We also thank the 250+ amazing volunteers who helped direct, support and register the athletes over a 3 day period. Your service and cheers from in the water, on the route and in the park are invaluable! The race could not have happened without you. Many of the athletes said Thank you! One of our volunteers biked alongside the final runner the last half of the course so she would not give up but would finish the race! Thank you Rita!! You made our day!

A huge thank you also goes out to our local law enforcement, fire and safety crews that kept athletes and the public safe during this event. We appreciate all you do in our community! Thank you Chisago Lakes for working together this past weekend to support the ToughMan MN-Chisago Lakes Triathlon! The volunteers and athletes are looking forward to the event next summer!



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- > **'Preschool Storytime' Wednesday, August 2 10:30-11am**
Children ages 3-5 are invited for stories, songs and more. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
- > **'MN Zoomobile-Cool Animals of the North' Thursday, August 3 10:30-11:30am**
Learn about native animals to Minnesota, our ecology and how to be a good steward of the environment, and celebrate the end of the summer reading program! This event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Space is limited! Free tickets available starting Tuesday, July 25.
- > **'Dean Hovey Author Visit' Monday, August 7 6-7pm**
Local author Dean Hovey will be visiting the library to discuss *Family Trees*, the latest book in his Pine County Mystery series.
- > **'Senior Surf Class' Wednesday, August 16 1-3pm**
Seniors are invited to a free session on learning to Surf the Internet! These classes are geared to seniors who have little or no experience with computers. Learn how to type in a web address, navigation, determine if a website is secure, using search engines, access Internet sites to assist you in obtaining information on your own. CALL 1-800-333-24331 to register for the class
- > **'Solar Eclipse Party' Monday, August 21 11am**
Come to the Library as we watch the Solar Eclipse with our eclipse glasses and live stream it on our big screen. Free solar eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last.
- > **'Intro to Genealogy Research' Tuesday, August 22 6-7:30pm**
Find out how to piece together your family history. Join ECRL staff members Sarah Hawkins and Steve Karlson for tips and techniques and see how Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest Online and free Internet resources can make your search easier. Class size limited; registration required at Chisago Lakes Area Library or 651-257-2817 and ask for the Chisago Lakes branch.



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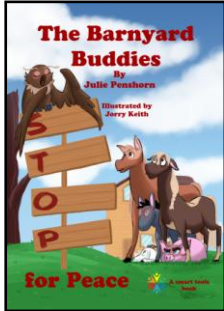
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MN Chamber Update

Work Begins Now on 2018 Legislative Agenda
By Doug Loon

The 2017 Legislature is history, the 2018 session won't convene until February. Contentious debates over important public policies at the Legislature are the last thing on most people's minds as we enjoy Minnesota summer.

Summertime is a great opportunity to connect with your legislators and explain firsthand the impact of their votes to ensure that Minnesota is ready for the future – ready for

change and ready to grow. You have their full attention and the chance to connect with them at your worksites.

Your conversations will be most effective if you are armed with ammunition. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce [2017 Voting Record](#) is a guide to help you evaluate your

Legislature. The votes reported reflect the priorities of our 2,300 members across the state. Each vote is on an issue that's of daily consequence to Minnesota businesses and identified through regular discussions with members and our local chamber of commerce partners.

We have much to celebrate The 2017 session was historic in its accomplishments and one of the most results driven in years. Many of the business community's priority issues were acted upon and advanced, better positioning Minnesota businesses to change and grow in our global economy. For a more detailed summary of the Minnesota Chamber's 2017 legislative achievements, [click here](#).

Our successes notwithstanding, work remains to strengthen our business climate, especially in the area of workplace regulations. Our recently completed Statewide Policy Tour gives us a strong start on these priorities as we look ahead to next year. We'll be back in many of your communities and connecting with local chamber partners during our fall policy tour as we present preliminary priorities for 2018.

Minnesota continues to rank favorably as a great place to live, work and build a business. As we celebrate our state's assets, we also recognize that MN needs to be ready for the future. We should be among the top states for economic growth rather than being identified among the top states for cost of doing business. The Minnesota Chamber produces the Minnesota Business Benchmarks report that sizes up business & economic climate and underscores those challenges. Our next report is due in October.

Our policymakers can help to address these challenges. The summer break is a great chance to explain and show your legislators firsthand how the policies they craft have an impact on your daily business operations.

Be sure to thank those legislators who voted in favor of your priorities. For those who did not, begin a conversation about how their decisions impact your ability to own and operate a business here, and explore how we can work more effectively together to make Minnesota ready to change and grow.

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



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