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Monthly Newsletter

November 2017

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 2: **Board Meeting 9:00am**
Chamber Office & Information Center
30525 Linden Street, Lindstrom
- November 9: **Chamber Member Luncheon**
Time: 11:30am – 1pm
Speaker: **Senja Morque – Blandin Foundation**
Topic: **Blandin Community Leadership Program**
Caterer: **Brinks Market & Deli**
Location: **Chisago Lakes Library**
11754 302nd St, Chisago City
- Please RSVP by Monday, November 6th by 3pm
\$10/Chamber Members, \$15/Non-Members



Shop Small Saturday Saturday, November 25!

Small Business Saturday, a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Stop by the chamber before November 25 for free promotional supplies.

Lighting Festivals

NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH DECEMBER 3

Get out and enjoy tree lightings, Santa, music, hayrides, food, caroling and more!

November 24: TAYLORS FALLS

'Lighting up the Season' Grand lighting/Santa Parade, activities following the parade and continuing through the weekend.

December 2: LINDSTROM

Carolers, tree lighting, bon fire, s'mores, food, beverages, & more!

December 3: CHISAGO CITY 4:30-6PM

Wagon rides, tree lighting, refreshments, music, Santa and his elves & more! We will be collecting for Anonymous Santa and Local Food Shelf.



What's Happening This Month

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| November | 1-5 | Picket Fence Gals Sale |
| November | 1-11 | Nov. Barn Sale – Pleasant Valley Orchard |
| November | 2 | Birch Tree Painting Class – Vitalize! |
| November | 3 | Life Line Screening – St. Bridget Church |
| November | 4 | The Great War – Chisago Lakes Library |
| November | 4 | The Puppy's Wish Book Signing – Gustaf's |
| November | 4 | Chisago Lakes PTO Craft Fair |
| November | 4 | Cheese & Wine Tasting – Eichtens |
| November | 4-5 | Crafts & Fine Arts Expo – Taylors Falls |
| November | 5 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| November | 6 | Parent University – CL Community Ed |
| November | 7 | Teddy Bear Storytime – Ojiketa Park |
| November | 9 | Blandin Community Leadership Meeting |
| November | 9 | Talk Technology with Your Kids - Library |
| November | 9 | Minnesota Flannel Painting – Vitalize! |
| November | 9 | Open House – Lakes Center for Youth/Family |
| November | 9 | Family Game Night – CL Community Ed |
| November | 10 | Turkey Bingo – Center City Fire Department |
| November | 11 | Children's Shop Day –United Methodist |
| November | 11 | Scandinavian Ornament Sale |
| November | 11 | Wine & Cheese Pairing – Winehaven |
| November | 12 | Paint & Sip at Winehaven |
| November | 12 | Grand Piano Fundraiser – CL Lutheran |
| November | 13 | Tween and Teen Book Club – Library |
| November | 14 | doTERRA Essential Oil Homemade Crafts |
| November | 15 | Crayola Experience – CL Community Ed |
| November | 16 | Morning Mentoring |
| November | 16 | Holiday Open House – All Is Wellness |
| November | 16 | Lutfisk Dinner – Gammelgarden Museum |
| November | 18 | Turkey Bingo – American Legion |
| November | 18-19 | Cheese & Chocolate Weekend |
| November | 23 | Community Thanksgiving Dinner |
| November | 24 | Night Moves – Wild Mountain |
| November | 24 | Taylors Falls Lighting Festival |
| November | 25 | Fused Glass Event – Gustaf's Galleries |
| November | 25 | Pie & Wine Soiree-Franconia Sculpture Park |
| November | 25 | Thanksjibbing Rail Jam – Wild Mountain |
| November | 25 | Shop Small Saturday |
| November | 29 | Social Media Breakfast |
| November | 30 | Snowman Painting Class – Vitalize! |
| December | 2 | Lindstrom Lighting Festival |
| December | 3 | Chisago City Lighting Festival |

2017 Board of Directors

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Elevate Builders/Victory Lane Quick Oil Change

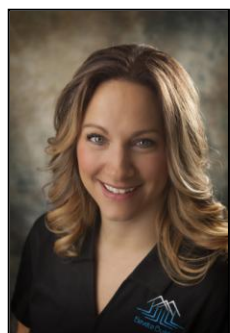
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A Note from the
Chamber Board:

Laura Haseltine

**Elevate Builders Custom Homes
Victory Lane Quick Oil Change**

Fall is well underway and the Holidays are soon upon us, truly such a wonderful time of year! So far this fall has been quite busy and a little crazy to say the least for our business, Elevate Builders Custom Homes. We just completed the Fall Parade of Homes 2017 during the month of September and WOW people are definitely on the MOVE! We were busier with traffic through our models this year than the past 3 years combined!! Whether they are building, buying, selling or remodeling, things are really looking good in the housing department! I get excited because this means our great community is GROWING which also means new neighbors & friends! As I look outside and see all my neighbors "closing up" for the cold weather that's coming, I can only think "what a bummer, my favorite season soon will be gone" but I can always depend on our great community having so many wonderful events

throughout the winter that my family can bundle up, get out of the house and be active on those chilly days! I know it's tough sometimes with busy schedules, sports, activities and everything else in between but I am asking that you take the time this year to join us in a few of the awesome things we always have planned in our community for you and your family. The great thing is, all you have to do is show up! We have so many wonderful committee members that do all the planning so that you have a great time! I personally am a part of a few committees during the year and I have to say I love it! It has allowed me to be more involved with where I live, meet new, amazing people & find out what my community is truly about, it's about people and connecting us all and I couldn't be happier! Remember as the next few months are racing by, take time for yourself, your family members and friends but also remember you don't have to do it all, pick and choose carefully because your well being and sanity are what's most important, it's the only way we can be the best we can be! Enjoy the upcoming Holidays & make memories that last!

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 newflash or monthly newsletter, email clacc@frontiernet.net.

PICKET FENCE GALS SALE



NOVEMBER 1-5

Wednesday 3-7pm

Thursday-Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 11am-5pm

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The Chamber has partnered with Town Square Publications to produce our 2018 Community Map. A total of 5,000 maps will be printed, making this a great marketing opportunity for your business. There are a few spots left but this will be wrapped up the first week of November, so let us know as soon as possible if you want to be part of the new Community Map. [Introduction Letter.](#)

Questions, call John Hubbard at 847- 287-6260



Blandin Foundation™
STRENGTHENING RURAL MINNESOTA

Blandin Community Leadership Program Seeks New Participants

As part of its commitment to strengthening rural communities, Blandin Foundation is making its Blandin Community Leadership Program (BCLP) available to residents from Chisago Lakes. All those interested in the future of Chisago Lakes are invited to apply to participate in this nationally recognized program. Deadline to apply is Monday, January 8, 2018. Applications can be accessed and completed online at: leadership.blandinfooundation.org (Under Current and Upcoming Leadership Training, click on your community).

Ultimately, a community team of 24 people will be selected to take part in eight days of training – a five-day residential retreat scheduled for February 26-March 2, 2018 at Sugar Lake Lodge south of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and three follow-up workshops scheduled for April 17, 2018, June 26, 2018 and September 11, 2018. BCLP is underwritten by Blandin Foundation, which covers all costs for training, materials, food, lodging and tuition. [Information](#)

Upcoming informational meetings:

- > November 9 11:30am 'Chamber Luncheon' \$10
RSVP by Monday, Nov. 6 by 3pm to the Chamber
- > November 9 5-6pm 'Lindstrom Community Center'
RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 7 to Senja Morque
877-882-2257 ext 732



"Get Ready for SHOP SMALL SATURDAY!"

Thursday, November 16 8-9am

Let's talk about getting ready for Shop Small Saturday. Share what has worked for you in the past, what you are going to try this year and pick up your promotional supplies. Light refreshments served. RSVP's appreciated but not required. We meet at the Chamber Office, 30525 Linden St, Lindstrom.

2018 CHISAGO LAKES SENIOR CLASS POINSETTIA SALE



Every year after graduation, there is a Senior Party, giving kids a safe, chemical-free environment in which to celebrate the end of High School. This poinsettia fundraiser helps makes that possible. These are great for the holiday or a hostess gift!

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Some of the services we provide include repair and installation of heating & cooling equipment, gas fireplace service and installation, appliance repair, duct cleaning and dryer vent cleaning. Aerotek does maintenance, repair and installation of both residential and commercial equipment. Duct cleaning is one of the unique services we offer that other local companies do not. Our flat-rate duct cleaning price and bundle-pricing for maintenance work make it easy to see the value Aerotek offers for these services. We work closely with many local builders, contractors and sub-contractors. Aerotek is a proud member of the Chisago Lakes Chamber, Up North Contractors Network and we have an A+ rating with the BBB.

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- ♦ 'Night Moves' November 24 8pm
Late night session. Ski/ride until 1am-lift tickets \$20
- ♦ 'Thanksjibbing Rail Jam' November 25 12pm
15-20 minute jam sessions with 15 minute finals jam
\$5 entry fee - on hill registration only

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LIFE LINE SCREENING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Life Line Screening will be performing a day of preventive health screenings at Saint Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church on Friday, November 3, 2017. This collaboration helps bring important health tests to our community at an affordable price. The tests look for signs of disease that can lead to stroke, heart attack or bone fracture.

Life Line Screening scans for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta, the 13th leading cause of death in America; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

The cost for a Wellness Package is \$149.00. You must pre-register. Appointments are limited, so please sign up now by calling 1-800-690-0323 and receive a \$10 discount off the package or visit Life Line Screening's website at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to 797979.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY!

> **'The Great War'** Saturday, November 4 10:30am-Noon
Learn about 'The War to End All Wars' with popular historical presenter and re-enactor Arn Kind. His program commemorates the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into WW1.

> **'Teddy Bear Storytime'** Tuesday, November 7 6-7pm
Kids 10 and under are welcome to join us at Strom Hall at Ojiketa Regional Park. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and wear your PJ's for themed stories and hot cocoa. 27500 Kirby Ave, Chisago City

> **'Talking Technology with Your Kids'**
Thursday, November 9 6:30-7:30pm
Join the library for a webcast discussing tools for parents and caregivers on how to talk to their children and teens about using technology...to help and not hurt. Webcast presented by the Jacob Wetterling Foundation.

> **'Tween and Teen Book Club'** Monday, Nov 13 6-7pm
Come to talk about the book, *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio, before the movie adaptation hits theaters. Snacks provided. Copies of the book available for checkout at the library.

Chamber Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala

Thursday evening, December 14th!



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Vitalize! Wellness Centre

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Open Art Studio!

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5-7:30

\$5 if you use our supplies, Free if you bring your own!

Instructor Joy Tate will be there if you have any questions or need help with inspiration on your next project. No need to register; just stop in! Open studio through December.



Birch Tree Painting Class!

Thursday, November 2 6-8:30pm

Members \$15, Non Members \$20

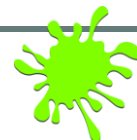
All skill levels welcome. You will walk out with your own 16" x 20" masterpiece. [Registration](#)

Minnesota Flannel Painting!

Thursday, November 9 5-7:30pm

Members \$15, Non Members \$20

Paint a MN Flannel scene! All skill levels welcome. We have a stencil for the MN outline. [Registration](#)



Snowman Painting Class!

Thursday, November 30 5:30-8pm

Members \$15, Non Members \$20

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October 4th Board Meeting Highlights

Secretary's Report:

September minutes reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report reviewed and accepted.

Committee Reports:

• **Triathlon**

Wrap-up and 2018 planning meeting set.

• **Fall Decorating**

Went well. Have received many compliments on the look of Main Street. November 17 is pick up day.

• **Trick or Treat on Main Street**

Many businesses already signed up.

• **Celebrate Chisago Lakes**

New committee members have joined us, ideas are in full swing with some new events and some staying the same. New logo coming.

• **Home & Business Expo**

November 1st meeting to begin event planning.

• **ABC**

Five small towns still working together to make our community great.

To Do's:

- Chamber Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated.
- Lodging Tax Meeting-October 23 for questions and answers with city officials. Will also be sharing all documents with each city.
- Chamber Board Members for 2018-2020 discussed
- Budget Meeting set for October 18th, 4pm

Director's Report:

- Fall decorating: 68 businesses - up from 58 in 2016
- Planning is underway for Celebrate Chisago Lakes-Winter Blast, Jan. 25-28, 2018. Includes Rotary Casino Night, Downtown Diva Night & Chili Cook Off.
- Attended an informational meeting about Chisago Lakes becoming a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community.
- Continue to meet as the ABC Leadership Team with the Initiative Foundation and move the ABC projects forward.
- Preparing for Trick or Treat on Main Street.



Thursday, November 16, 2017

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GRAND PIANO FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 12th 3-5pm

An afternoon concert with a 'coffee house' atmosphere complete with couches, comfy chairs and coffee & goodies. Music provided by *Minnesota Blue* a Bluegrass, Gospel and Americana band. A free will offering will be taken for our Grand Piano fund.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 23rd 12:30-2pm



A tasty, homemade turkey dinner served to those seeking fellowship this Thanksgiving at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, Center City. The dinner is free but reservations are requested by November 20th at 651-257-6300.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 5th

Don't forget to set your clocks back.



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October Membership Luncheon



Co. Commissioner, George McMahon
Co. Engineer, Joe Triplett

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Deutschland Meats

The October luncheon was held at Chisago Lakes Library. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch catered by **Deutschland Meats** and coffee from **Northwoods Roasterie**. Thank you to **Grand Casino Hinckley** for raffle prizes.

Chamber announcements: Thank you to all the businesses who are participating in the **Fall Decorating Campaign**. We decorated 68 businesses with 75 bundles! Thank you to the committee that helped get this done. **Trick-or-Treat on Main Street** is Friday, October 27 4-7pm. The **Chisago Lakes Community Map** is being updated and we are working with John Hubbard of Town Square Publications. **Third Thursday Mentoring** will be next Thursday from 8-9am and will be facilitated by Kim Rathack of **Vitalize Wellness Center**. She will share ways to get up and move throughout your day instead of just sitting at your desk. November luncheon we will welcome **Senja Morque** who will share information about the **Blandin Community Leadership Training** program. A free **Tech Training on Copywrite and Fair Use of Images** will be at the North Branch Library on Tuesday, October 17. Save the date December 14 for the **Annual Meeting and Holiday Gala**.

Member announcements: **Gary Gerke, Chisago Lakes Lions** announced their upcoming Pancake Breakfast. **Kirsten Vaughan, ECRL** promoted upcoming library events. **Linda Barnes, Family Pathways Food Pantry** announced upcoming Bail or Jail Fundraising event coming up. **David Waldoch** explained Our Town-art displays at the Wyoming Art Center. **Don Turner, Frontier Communications** was excited to introduce 2 new products.

Susie Sandberg, Almelund Mercantile promoted the Almelund Sampler that will be October 15 3-7pm.

Deannah Muha, Norwex announced Norwex's fall specials and new products. **Eileen Carlson, Eichten's** shared their November 4 Wine Tasting Event. **John Hubbard, Town Square Publication** introduced himself as the sales rep for the new 2018 Community Map. **Megan Corradi, Stein Insurance** introduced herself as a new agent. **Judy Erickson, Pleasant Valley Orchard** invited everyone to visit the orchard for all their fall events.

Chisago County Commissioner George McMahon, serving District 3, and **Chisago County Engineer Joe Triplett** spoke with the Chisago Lakes Chamber Business community about projects in the county and along State Highway 8. The Commissioner has been in the elected position for nine years and has worked together with Mr. Triplett on numerous road safety projects in the county. The Commissioner is seeking support for Chisago County to serve as the agent for the State Hwy 8 projects yet to be tackled before the resurfacing of the roadway, which is planned for the early 2020's. The County is in close contact with the needs of the roadway for residents and travelers and would like to be in a position to oversee those safety needs of the projects yet to be done on the State Highway.

Pleasant Valley Orchard

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NOVEMBER BARN SALE
November 1-11 10am-5pm

The wood stove gently warms the Appleshed. Unique Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts are available along with all our fall favorites. This is the perfect time to stock up on apples and pies for Thanksgiving and the upcoming Holidays.



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coffee and cookies while they wait for

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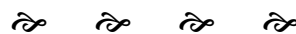
Hours: Mon.-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-3pm



**Meet Per, Lori, Anja &
Her Husky Puppies**

Saturday, November 4

1:30-3:30pm



GUSTAF'S ARTSY SATURDAYS!

November 4 1:30-3:30pm

'The Puppy's Wish' book signing

November 11 10am-4pm

'Scandinavian Ornament Sale'

November 25 1-2pm

Fused Glass 'Candle Curtains' by

Ronna Linroth & Mary Benhardus

CHISAGO COUNTY TECHNOLOGY TRAINING Opportunities for Business

SOCIAL MEDIA BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 29

Registration 7:30am Program 8-9am

North Branch Library 6355 379th Street

Learn how to use Social Media
to increase your company's business.
Breakfast provided. This is a free
Chisago County Technology Training!
These trainings are provided through
a grant from the Blandin Foundation.



Open to all Chisago County businesses. Registration
required. **RSVP** to Kris@northbranchchamber.com.

Watch upcoming newsflashes for more details.

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On behalf of the Chisago Lakes ABC team, we are pleased to announce that on October 17, 2017, the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota

Resources (LCCMR) recommended \$2.254 million for engineering, design and construction to complete the eastern segment of the trail through Interstate State Park into the city of Taylors Falls, approximately 1.8 miles.

“This is terrific news,” said Taylors Falls business owner, Wade Vitalis. Vitalis, along with Chisago Environmental Services Director, Kurt Schneider, presented the project to the Commission earlier this month. “It was a team effort, with support for the proposal coming from our county board, cities, businesses and trail advocates.”

“We appreciated the support of Senator Mark Koran and Rep. Anne Neu in working with their colleagues on the Commission to help us achieve this success,” Vitalis added. “This project has long been a priority for the residents of Chisago County and this segment with the State Park has been a challenging one to secure. The support of the DNR for the project was very helpful to achieving this outcome.”

Chisago County and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have negotiated a Joint Powers Agreement to guide the relationship within the state park. As such, the county submitted the LCCMR funding application and will take the lead and will take the lead on securing the funds for the development of the trail and ongoing maintenance within Interstate State Park. The DNR will provide land and in-kind support. The city of Taylors Falls has invested significant effort and resources anticipating the completion of the State Park portion of the trail.

Next steps in the LCCMR process include the development of work plans, finalization of bill language and the 2018 Legislature approving the recommendations and Governor Mark Dayton signing it into law, and funding will become available July 1, 2018.

“The hard part is over,” said Judy Erickson, project consultant. “You can be sure we will continue to monitor the legislative action over the next several months.”



Calling on artists to create works inspired by Lindstrom for the June 20-July 14 2018 “Our Town” art show at the Hallberg Center for the Arts in Wyoming, MN.

Artists do not need to be Lindstrom residents. For more information contact David Waldoch at 612-308-7669 but do not leave a message. Messages can be left at Lindstrom City Hall at 651-257-0620. Or visit the Hallberg Center for the Arts.



Bright Ideas for Home, Garden & Family!
March 3-4, 2018

You are invited to be an exhibitor at the 2018 Home & Business Expo. This event is a great way to reach new customers and is well promoted and advertised. Chamber members receive \$80 off of booth registration. Registration will be open soon to Chamber members.



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Thursday, November 9 3-6pm

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- ♦ Create your own Fondue Special
- ♦ Cheese & Specialty Food Sampling



FRANCONIA sculpture park

29836 St. Croix Trail, Franconia
651-257-6668 www.Franconia.org



PIE & WINE SOIREE

Saturday, November 25 11am-4pm

Join us for this Franconia tradition, as we toast our 21st Anniversary and this stellar year in honor of all our artists, friends, and supporters! Please bring a pie, a bottle of wine, or some cider. We'll supply a bonfire, coffee, and our world-famous turkey soup. Bring your family and invite your friends. Please RSVP by calling 651-257-6668, by emailing info@franconia.org or on our Facebook page.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION
13289 St. Croix Ave, Lindstrom
651-213-2600

> **Crayola Experience** - Wednesday, November 1, 10 am
Over 60,000 square feet of colorful fun awaits your child for a full day of creative play. See a live manufacturing demonstration of how crayons are made. See applied principles of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). Admission includes all day access to 25 hands-on attractions! [Information & Registration](#)

> **Parent University** - Monday, November 6, 6-8pm
Calling all parents! Join us for an informative and life changing event. Learn ways to communicate better with your children, young and old. Learn conflict reduction tactics and effective communication skills. Breakouts will be held that include "Drama Free Boundary Setting," "Love Languages For Kids," and "Return To Play Following A Concussion." FREE [Information Registration](#)

> **Family Game Night** - Thursday, November 9, 6-8pm
For young and old! Grab your family and join us for a fun-filled game night! You'll be playing new, old, and crazy fun games. We'll provide group games such as Pictionary, Jenga, and Bingo. Bring your favorite family board game too! [Information & Registration](#)

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NOVEMBER 4 & 5
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4

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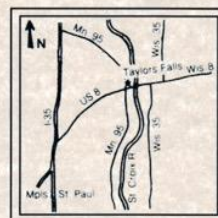
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November 16th
5-7 pm

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10020 Deer Garden Lane, Chisago City
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WINE & CHEESE PAIRING SHOWDOWN!

Saturday, November 11 2-4pm

Join us for Winehaven's first wine + cheese pairing seminar. Minnesota wine advocate, certified sommelier, national educator and owner of Twin Cities based wine consulting firm, Amusée, Sommelier Leslee Miller and her 'cultured' and long time friend, Katie Milliron, a Certified Cheese Professional® through the American Cheese Society pairs up with Winehaven. Get a ton of delicious pairing info as you savor a combination of Winehaven's portfolio paired to artisan cheeses from around the globe!

The cost is \$45.00 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. [Register Here](#)



PAINT & SIP AT WINEHAVEN!

Sunday, November 12 12-2pm

Join us for 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. No experience necessary! Cost: \$25/person and reservations required, call Linda at 651-343-9691.



CHEESE & CHOCOLATE WEEKEND

Saturday, November 18 10am-5pm

Sunday, November 19 11am-5pm

Are you attending or hosting a get together this holiday season? Let us help you out! Guests at this special event can experience Winehaven's unique specialty wines paired with local cheeses and chocolates.



20880 Olinda Trail, Scandia

www.GammelGardenMuseum.org 651-433-5053

LUTFISK DINNER

Thursday, November 16

Serving Times: 11:30am, 1pm, 4pm & 5:30pm

Enjoy the annual meal of lutfisk and meatballs. This traditional feast also includes potatoes, red cabbage, rutabagas, Swedish brown beans, rye bread, lefse, dessert and coffee. Advanced tickets (\$20) are available at Scandia Butik or by calling 651-433-5053. Be sure to stop in the Butik and enjoy 15% off on ALL items.

Elim Lutheran Church

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CHISAGO LAKES

Home Energy Audits
available at reduced costs
until the end of November.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Home owners in Chisago County's Xcel Energy service area may take advantage of special pricing for a home energy efficiency assessment. The assessment is provided through a partnership with the Home Energy Squad and includes an evaluation of your home's energy savings opportunities. The squad will perform a whole house air leakage test and an infrared camera inspection to pinpoint areas that need sealing or insulation. Also included in the service are installations of energy saving measures and devices, including: *door weather stripping, programmable thermostat, water heater blanket, CFL energy efficient lighting, high-efficiency shower head, and faucet aerator.*

Only 12 specially priced audits remain. Sign up through November 30 to take advantage of this reduced cost energy assessment. Through donations from generous Chisago Lakes community members, the \$120 assessment is lowered to just \$50. Sign up online at [Chisago Clean Energy Hub](#)



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TURKEY BINGO

Friday, November 10 7-9pm

Center City Fire Department



TURKEY BINGO

Saturday, November 18 7-9pm

Chisago City Community Center

American Legion Annual Turkey Bingo!

Purchase Bingo Cards 1/25¢ or 3/50¢

Happy
Thanksgiving

The Chamber office will be closed
Thursday November 23 & Friday, November 24

MN Chamber Update

MN Job Match – a new kind of dating service

By Doug Loon

Workforce needs easily rank as the No. 1 concerns facing MN employers. Hiring the right people is more critical than ever for companies of all sizes and types across the state.

Finding the right fit can be equally frustrating for the job-seekers.

Enter MN Job Match – a new online system for connecting employers and candidates. Launched earlier this year, this service is a joint effort by the Minnesota Chamber and Real-time Talent. Our local chamber partners are integral to spreading the word by either hosting a job matching site themselves or linking to [MN Job Match](#).

Job listing services are not new. MN Job Match, however, uses a distinctive system to match employers and potential employees.

Traditional recruiting methods often require employers to sort through stacks of resumes or settle for less than ideal candidates. The process can be costly and time consuming, often without the payoff of an excellent hire.

MN Job Match revolutionizes the recruiting process, connecting employers with quality candidates distinctively matched to the role being filled. Its data-driven technology sorts and stack-ranks matched candidates based on alignment with job characteristics, not on how many times a keyword appears in a resume.

The platform works similar to an online dating service. And, an important point, businesses and candidates enter information on a secure https site.

Candidates set up their own accounts. They create profiles, fill out drop-down files with the basics such as name, location and contact information. They can upload resumes, post their work and education history, and select the jobs or internships that align best with their skills. They have an opportunity to answer questions about their preferences, interests and desired work environment. Each job title asks a different set of questions.

Profiles can be set up quickly. Candidates are ready to start their search and apply for jobs with the touch of a button.

Employers set up individual accounts, too, and answer correlated questions about available positions. Posting a job costs just \$39 for 30 days of scoring, screening and stack-ranking candidates.

The exchange is real time and current. Applicants are matched with new opportunities as they are posted. Positions are listed for only 30 days to ensure candidates are connected only with employers who are actively looking to hire.

The old-school job exchanges simply upload applicants' resumes. Search engines filtered the candidates for employers on the basis of keywords and filters. Such processes focus on select elements in a resume and don't give employers a broader understanding of candidates.

MN Job Match is different and distinctive. The platform factors out some of the assumptions inherent in that process. Those kinds of arbitrary things that might prevent a candidate from moving on in the hiring process get de-emphasized. They still might be considered, but later in the process. Candidates are evaluated on skills and interests rather than just the words on their resume.

Finding the right employees is at the foundation of growing a successful business. Yet employers typically view resumes in a whirlwind of time. MN Job Match goes beyond the basic resume, and increases the likelihood of a strong match. That's a win-win for employers and employees alike.

MN Job Match is not your average job board, and for good reason. Our blind-match technology prescreens candidates to find companies the right fit – faster. We invite readers to visit the site to post a job or complete an applicant profile, and let the job matching begin.

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



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