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October 2021 Newsletter

**Chamber to begin 69th
Year at the
Annual Breakfast
Meeting on October 13th!**

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce will begin our 69th year of operation with our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 13th. The event will be held at Green Haven Golf & Banquet Center, 2800 Greenhaven Road in Anoka. Registration and a buffet breakfast is from 7:00 to 7:45 AM followed by the program from 7:45 to 9 AM.

We will be honoring retiring Board members and announcing the Business of the Year, Ambassador of the Year and President Award winners.



Our guest speaker will John Klick, a Professional EOS Implementer at EOS Worldwide. John will help you answer the question, "Are you running your business or is it running you?"

We're looking for table hosts for this event. You can buy a table of 8 for just \$175. Individual tickets are \$25. Call the Chamber to RSVP at 763-421-7130 or email to: mail@anokaareachamber.com.

We ask you to bring a "not yet" member of the Chamber Business to this event.

**THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
MEETING SPONSORS!**



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MEMBER DRIVE 2021!
You get \$50, Not Yet
Members Get 50% off!!
Your Help Needed !!!

"It's Time to Connect!" The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive is this September and October, and we need your help! The Anoka Area Chamber has a GREAT OFFER for not-yet-members and for you if you get someone to join!

Go to page 6 of this newsletter for full details and HELP THIS CHAMBER GROW!!

**There is still time for you to be
involved in the Anoka
Area Chamber
Golf Tournament !**

The 33rd Annual Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held at Green Haven Golf Course in Anoka on Monday, September 20th.

**THANK YOU to our Title Sponsor:
Killebrew Root Beer!!!**

How can you still help? There will be a Silent Auction and many other raffles so prize donations are needed!! It's another way for you to get your name out there in front of the over 200 businesspeople that will be in attendance.

Put an item into the Golfer Goodie Bag! Get us 150 items with your name on it and we'll get it into the bag!!

Many of you have already donated and we THANK YOU! If you'd like to donate something to the Silent Auction, contact the Chamber office at 763-421-7130 and let us know!



MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHAMBER COMES WITH BENEFITS!

This Anoka Area Chamber Member Benefit IS A BLAST!!!

This month's benefit is: The Email Blast List.

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce is a business organization made up of and ran by business people. Our goal is a simple one, do the best job to help promote and better our business members. There are many benefits of membership available only to members of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Each month we'll highlight one of the benefits. If you'd like to learn about all benefits available, attend a Member Orientation Meeting held each month on the 2nd Thursday from 8 to 9 AM at the Chamber office. The meeting is free. RSVP to 763.421.7130 or mail@anokaareachamber.com.

The Chamber has an email list of members that is available to any Anoka Area Chamber Member. The list is NOT given out to anyone else as it is a benefit of membership in the Chamber!!! The Email List will provide you with a great opportunity to network with the membership of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce about the products and services your business features. You can create your own email piece and get it out to fellow members as often as you like with just a click of a button! If you don't want your email included in the email blast list being offered to the membership, just call the Chamber office and we'll pull your name from the list. The Email List of members is yet another benefit of membership in the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Use your benefits to benefit your business! For more information about this benefit or any other benefits of membership in the Anoka Area Chamber, call 763.421.7130.

Chairperson's Letter

As the Chamber fiscal year and my term as Chairperson of the Board of Directors comes to a close, it's time to look back on the past year.

This year has been interesting to say the least. It has been one of the years that will be revisited in some future history class. And here I am attempting to put together some thoughts of what happened. I listened to many members of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce, and respectfully acknowledged how they perceived what happened. What people perceive is determined by their personal interest and desires.

To say there was no impact by the Pandemic, would not be true. The illness and death that occurred affected many. It affected some in very horrible ways and for others, hardly not at all. My family was hit by it and paid a hard price. And there are still family members that are in denial.

I guess the reality is that we are all dealing with life as we always do. Personally.

I watched businesses thrive and fail. So, I guess nothing changed. I appreciate all those that kept politics out of the scenario as much as they could.

I believe today, as I did at the beginning of my term as Chair, this coming year will be a challenge. Those that embrace challenge will survive and benefit.

I wish all of you a prosperous year. I hope you stay in good health and help those that need it.

Maris Schilling
Chair of the Board of
Directors
Anoka Area Chamber of
Commerce



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Chairperson of the
Board of Directors

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Spotlight on: The City of Ramsey

The Ramsey Gateway Project – Vision Has Become Reality for Highway 10/169 in Ramsey

After a City-led, year-long planning process that created a unified vision, Anoka County now has stepped in as the lead agency for this project and is coordinating Right of Way acquisition, design and environmental processes. At the conclusion of the 2021 State of Minnesota legislative session, the project had secured the required funding for this \$138 million project. The City is beyond grateful to its funding partners - the US Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDot) and Metropolitan Council, Anoka County and legislators - for their commitment to this project. These funding sources will result in initial construction beginning at the end of 2023 with primary construction in 2024 and 2025. The City anticipates the Environmental Assessment Re-Evaluation document and MnDOT Approved Staff Layout to be substantially complete in 2021 to clear the way for final design in 2022 and 2023. For more information, please visit www.anokacountyramseygateway.com.

Expanding Economic Development and Employment Opportunities

Bunker Lake Business Park, the City's newest employment district, is open for business. This public/private partnership extended roads, city infrastructure and fiber on Bunker Lake Boulevard west of Armstrong Boulevard. The 125-acre business park is Minnesota Shovel Ready Certified and has nearly 25 acres available for development. Four buildings were constructed in the business park from 2017-2020, providing over 407,800 square feet for new manufacturing, industrial and indoor recreation businesses. A new 67,000 square foot industrial building is under construction and it is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2022. On August 24, 2021 the Ramsey City Council approved a two-phase, three building, 405,000 square foot industrial project by Oppidan. Preliminary grading is expected this fall with building construction to begin in Spring 2022. A 60,000 square foot manufacturing project has also received City Council approval to develop 10 acres south of Connexus Energy this fall. These new industrial buildings to be completed over the new two years are certain to provide quality employment opportunities, needed space for growing Ramsey businesses and the ability to recruit others to the Ramsey Business community. City and privately-owned sites are available for all sectors of development. If interested, please contact Economic Development Manager, Sean Sullivan at 763-433-9868 or ssullivan@cityoframsey.com.

Advancing the Vision for Downtown Ramsey

The Covid-19 Pandemic had severe impacts on the retail and service sectors. The Pandemic caused many projects to pause and re-evaluate their business models which impacted expected timing of projects. Gigi's Salon and Spa (9,000 SF) and an Auto Parts Retailer (7,000 SF) have received final City approvals and are at various stages of the building process. Both projects are expected to have building shells up this fall with completion in the Spring. The Storyteller Café (2-story, 12,000 SF retail/ residential mixed use) in scheduled to close on City land by the end of September 2021 and is a likely 2022 build. A goal of Ramsey's downtown is to provide a mix of uses and create a vibrant community. This area has a strong residential and employment base with a growing retail base. Its strong civic and public spaces help to fuel the momentum for more retail opportunity. Sapphire Apartments, a 117-unit market-rate apartment is fully leased out and Cottages at the COR, a 40-unit single-family housing project is over 80 percent built out.



A 15,000 square foot retail center at the SW corner of Sunwood and Armstrong Blvd NW is complete and Big Adventures Academy childcare is planning to open in October this year. The City continues to work with retail prospects to locate in the COR and other areas of the City.

For more information on new growth in Ramsey, please visit www.cityoframsey.com/development.



Ramsey Events and Celebrations Are Back

The year 2021 has seen an easing of restrictions relating to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As such, Community Events and EDA Business Events are back. On August 17, 2021 the Ramsey EDA held its Business Appreciation Day at the Links at Northfork. The event was full and we celebrated the 2021 Ramsey Business of the Year – Armstrong Kennels. Happy Days returns on September 11th with a full slate of activities. The Business Expo (October 16) and Business Network Meeting (Winter) also return. The Summer Concert series returned to “The Draw” in the COR and it was nice to see residents and businesses out again enjoying time together. Ramsey looks forward to coming out of the pandemic stronger than ever.

Abilities Ahead

Incorporating people with disabilities into the workforce

Partnering for State Fair Success

The Blue Barn, owned by Blue Plate Restaurant Company, was better prepared to serve Minnesota State Fair visitors thanks to a meaningful partnership with Opportunity Partners, a nonprofit offering employment services for people with disabilities. Opportunity Partners' team of dedicated and enthusiastic workers, who are also people with disabilities, eagerly took on the challenge of assembling nearly 100,000 food containers, lining the containers with branded Blue Barn paper and skillfully packing boxes ahead of the fair's opening day. It is a partnership that has existed since 2015.

Aisha Kaylor of Blue Plate Restaurant Company says working with nonprofit Opportunity Partners saves Blue Barn workers time so they can focus on preparing food and filling orders during the bustling 12 days of the fair. Kaylor expressed her gratitude for the time and talents of people served by Opportunity Partners, saying, "Thank you for being able to do this for us. Opportunity Partners always goes above and beyond!"

The partnership between Opportunity Partners and Blue Plate Restaurant Company isn't just about business or food — it's also an example of what can be accomplished when the abilities of people with disabilities are the focus.

Organizations like Opportunity Partners are right here in your community, ready to help people with disabilities find and succeed at jobs and to serve as a resource and disability expert for companies who need assistance finding dedicated employees. In addition to direct placements, Opportunity Partners can also provide supervised teams at your location and, in the case of the Blue Barn partnership, does contract packaging and assembly at our facilities. Contact us today for more information!

By Opportunity Partners, a nonprofit organization advancing the quality of life for people with disabilities. More at opportunities.org, partner@opportunities.org or 952-930-4201.



NETWORKING ALERT!!!!

The Anoka Area Chamber will feature some great networking events in the coming months. These events are designed to give you the opportunity to promote your products and services. See full details in articles within this newsletter or go to the Chamber web site at www.anokaareachamber.com. *All meetings will be held in person !*

Mark your calendar for these networking events:

9/20 Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Fundraiser

10/6 AM Connections Networking

10/20 AM Connections Networking

Will your next customer be at these meetings?



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Office**

for more information:
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Member News

Member News is a column that gives members a chance to introduce their business products and services to the membership of the Chamber. These articles are written by the businesses featured.

Rory Langbecker
Keller Williams
Classic Realty



I am a motivated, hard working, father of five and a real estate agent with Keller Williams Classic Realty, part of the Signed and Sold Home team, who will work fast and efficiently for my clients. I enjoy nothing more than spending



time with my family. If I am not working, cleaning or fixing something around the house, I prefer to spend my time playing board games or cards, uno is the current favorite, with my family and going on walks to the park, weather permitting. I also have two young pups named Sadie and Caesar, which take up a great deal of time as well. I enjoy playing and training the pups and look to one day start a kennel with an educational purpose, in hopes of providing training classes and a breeding program.

My areas of service include Anoka County MN and surrounding areas. I understand how important looking for your next place to call home is and how much your current home means to you. I promise I will do everything within my skill set to ensure you are happy with the results of your real estate transaction.

Please contact me at 612-310-9631 or email me at rory24abc@gmail.com



Help Spread the Word about Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During the pandemic's Stay at Home order in Minnesota, domestic violence-related 911 calls in Anoka County increased by 11.7%. Domestic violence thrives when we are silent; but if we take a stand and work together, we can end domestic violence in our communities. Businesses have an important role to play in raising awareness of domestic violence incidence and resources in Anoka County. This October, you can partner with Alexandra House and stand in solidarity with victims and survivors by:

- Lighting up your business with purple lights as part of Anoka County's Purple Lights Campaign
- Purchasing and displaying a Domestic Violence Awareness Month yard sign
- Downloading a Domestic Violence Awareness Month Zoom background
- Hosting trainings or an educational seminar for your employees on October 21st for #PurpleThursday
- Wearing purple to start conversations around ending domestic violence in Anoka County

For more information and to purchase purple lights and yard signs, visit <https://www.alexandrahouse.org/get-involved/events/domestic-violence-awareness-month/>. For additional questions, contact Tina Bronson at TBronson@alexandrahouse.org or Mary Sheie at mary.sheie@comcast.net.



Anoka Rotary Club to Host Leadership Development Event Featuring International Author and Speaker, Michael Angelo Caruso Attendance is open to the public

The Anoka Rotary Club is sponsoring a professional development event led by Michael Angelo Caruso, founder and president of Edison House LLC, an international consulting firm specializing in corporate and personal improvement. "Effective Leadership – Getting People to Do Stuff" event is scheduled for November 10, 2021 at Greenhaven Golf Course, 2800 Greenhaven Rd. in Anoka..

Specifically designed for supervisors, managers, team leaders, and upper level management, the event will offer motivation and reward techniques, strategies for overcoming negativity, and ways to deal with challenging personalities within the workplace. Here's a two-minute preview of Michael's speaking style: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zHpgCtx5m0>

Check in begins at 12:30 PM. The program runs from 1:00PM until 4:00PM followed by a Bonus Social Hour with appetizers and cash bar. The cost is \$75 per person or \$70 per person for groups of 5 or more. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/effective-leadership-or-getting-people-to-do-stuff-tickets-166505639851>

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Anoka Rotary Community Fund and their local projects including the Fitness and Wellness Center for Anoka-Champlin First Responders.

Anoka Rotary Club



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**AUTUMN
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Senior Living

You are invited to Autumn Glen Senior Living for a Memory Care Open House on Tuesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 19 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. When someone you know is experiencing memory loss, we're here with Pearls of Life® memory care. Pearls of Life recognizes the value of each individual and helps residents live dignified, well-rounded lives, discovering the treasures, or pearls, within.

Pearls of Life memory care offers Montessori Inspired Lifestyle®, a positive approach to providing care for adults living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. This approach of care is based on the methods of Maria Montessori, as adapted for adults by Dr. Cameron Camp, founder of the Center for Applied Research in Dementia. This approach allows residents to focus on their individual strengths and engage in meaningful activities.

The open house will include light appetizers, refreshments, a tour of Autumn Glen Senior Living and a chance to learn more about Montessori Inspired Lifestyle. Each guest will leave with a signature summer sangria basket that includes a summer drink, house-made salsa and chips prepared by Chef Craig. Please RSVP to Megan at 763-772-4492 by Friday, August 13. We'd love to show you around our community!



Join the Anoka County Violence Prevention Roundtable!

Have you heard? Anoka County is leading the way in violence prevention efforts in Minnesota. The focus of the Anoka County Violence Prevention Roundtable is to prevent relationship violence in Anoka County by increasing knowledge, making connections, identifying gaps, and creating solutions.

The Roundtable is made up of elected officials, public health and medical professionals, public safety personnel, social workers, and community leaders across sectors. **New members to this group are welcome and encouraged!**

Anoka County business leaders have an important role to play in ending violence in our community through fostering safe environments, hosting employee trainings on relationship violence, and continuing these critical conversations with your staff, customers, family, and others in your network.

For more information about the Roundtable and to join the email list and attend future meetings, contact Justin Navratil, Anoka County Public Health and Environmental Services health program planner/policy analyst, at justin.navratil@co.anoka.mn.us or 763-324-4336.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ✓

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

You get some cash and we grow the Chamber!!

The 2021 Anoka Area Chamber Member Drive is underway! Now through the month of October the Chamber is offering some great incentives for you to help us get some not yet member businesses to join the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

Here's how you can help— You make a contact to a not yet member of the Chamber business. This could be your neighbor business or someone you do business with. Let them know that if they join before the end of October they will get 50% off their first year membership dues!!!! That in it self is a great deal but to make it better, **you'll get \$50 if they join!** Win for them, win for you, **BIG WIN FOR THE CHAMBER!**

When you are talking to that not yet member business, have them contact the Chamber at 763-421-7130 and we'll take it from there. Just have them mention your name when they join and we'll get you that \$50 check!

Help the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce grow during this year's Membership Drive!

Have some questions? Contact Peter Turok at the Chamber office at 763-421-7130 or email him at pete@anokaareachamber.com.



WE WANT YOU!

Welcome New Members

The Board of Directors of the Chamber would like to welcome the following New Members to this business organization!

We urge the membership to use the goods and services of other Chamber members. This is what the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce is all about. Promoting business between local partners interested in the future of the area!

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Ribbon Cuttings

AMP Athletics

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The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors and City of Coon Rapids officials held a ribbon cutting at AMP Athletics. Cutting the ribbon are Heaven Clausen and Kolleen Raymond.

Jenny Rae Imagines

2006 1st Ave. North, #210, Anoka



The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors and City of Anoka officials held a ribbon cutting at Jenny Rae Imagines in Anoka. Cutting the ribbon is owner Jenny Rae.

Bliss Nutrition

440 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Anoka



The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors and City of Anoka officials held a ribbon cutting at Bliss Nutrition in Anoka. Cutting the ribbon is owner Britt Roen.

The nMotion Center for Performing Arts

440 Bunker Lake Blvd. NW, Anoka



The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at nMotion Center for Performing Arts in Anoka. Cutting the ribbon is owner Sarah Goar.

Ribbon Cuttings

Vision 11 Dance

14007 St. Francis Blvd., Ramsey



The Anoka Area Chamber Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting at Vision 11 Dance in Anoka.

Cutting the ribbon are owners Andrew & Megan Heidemann.

August Chamber Member BBQ!



The Anoka Area Chamber held it's annual Chamber Member BBQ/Open House at the Chamber offices on August 10th! Above (L to R) Chamber Board Members Andy Meyer, Liz Koch, Michelle Hudak and Don Rumreich were on hand to feed the many members that attended!

Mission Statement of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce

**Creating
Opportunities For
Business
and
Community
To Thrive**

Vision Statement of the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce

**The AACC will be known as the
predominant regional
leader, providing member
businesses with
opportunities and resources to
help them thrive while
advocating with government,
education, and citizens
to help create a better business
environment and a stronger
community.**

Announcing the "Anoka Area Chamber Ambassador of the Month" *Jessi Gurr, Iceberg Web Design*



Jessi is the owner (Master Penguin) of Iceberg Web Design, a website development and hosting agency in Anoka. She has been active with the Chamber for many years, through the AM Connections group and as a board member. Jessi is passionate about helping small businesses navigate growth, and her team at Iceberg aims to provide the best possible customer service as "website developers who answer the phone!" You can learn more about Jessi and Iceberg at their website, icebergwebdesign.com, or by calling 763-350-8762.

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From the Desk of: Peter Turok



Peter Turok
President

“It’s CAKE TIME!!

It’s time to light the candles (adding the 69th one) and celebrate a birthday at the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce! That’s right, it’s the Chamber’s Birthday on October 1st!

The Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce started operations on October 1, 1952! That makes this Chamber one of the oldest Cham-

bers in the State of Minnesota. We are also one of the largest Chambers in the State as well. More on that a bit later as we need your help!

The Chamber will kick off that new year with our Annual Meeting Breakfast on Wednesday, October 13th at Green Haven in Anoka. This is an opportunity to join us to celebrate all that is the Chamber. We’ll be giving away some hardware as we’ll announce our Business of the Year winners, President’s Award for Volunteerism and Ambassador of the Year. We’ll introduce the Board of Directors that are in place for this year and thank the 5 people that have just finished up their terms on the Board. There will be a guest speaker that will inspire those in attendance. All of this happening at the Annual Meeting Breakfast. Reservations are now being taken. Cost to attend the breakfast is \$25 per person or you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$175. Contact the Chamber office to RSVP.

THANK YOU to our Annual Meeting Sponsors, First Bank Elk River, Iceberg Web Design, Inky Elf & Darlene & Bruce Sogn from Oakwood Insurance

Agency! Want to get a \$50 Check from the Chamber?

I know, that is rare. Usually it’s the Chamber getting checks from you! The Annual Membership Drive is underway now through the end of October. Here’s where you can help the Chamber grow and check a \$50 check at the same time!

The Chamber’s Board of Directors have put in play a couple of great incentives for the Membership Drive. For those not yet member businesses, we are offering them 50% off their first year dues!!! That is a great deal and not one offered very often at the Chamber.

Now your part and how you get that \$50 check. The Chamber will cut you a check if you make a contact to a not yet member business. Tell them about the Chamber and why you are a member and why they should join now with that great discount offered. If they join, you get a \$50 check for each one that says you made that first contact! Talk to a neighbor business or anyone you know in business and you get paid!



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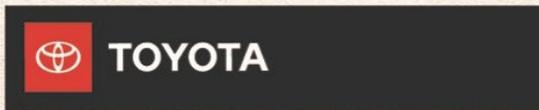
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Chamber Web Site Sponsorship's available!

The Chamber gets tons of hits per day as both the public and business people go to the web site. Get your logo and a link on the Chamber Web Site and be seen! Limited opportunities exist!

Contact Pete Turok at the Chamber office for details.

Calendar of Events

September

20-Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Green Haven Golf Course, Anoka
Registration begins at 8:30 AM
Tee-Off is at 10 AM
Dinner & Program starts at 3:30 PM
Call the Chamber offices at 763-421-7130 to sign up to play, sponsor or donate!

21-Chamber Board of Directors Planning Meeting
Chamber Office
Meeting held via ZOOM and/or in person at the Chamber offices
11 AM

October

6-Chamber A.M. Connections Networking Group
Meeting held in person at the Chamber offices
7:45 to 9 AM
FREE to Attend and NO RSVP NEEDED!

13-The Chamber Annual Meeting Breakfast
Meeting held at Green Haven in Anoka
7:00 to 7:45 AM-Breakfast
7:45 to 9:00 AM-Program and Awards

19-Chamber Board of Directors Meeting
Chamber Office
Meeting held via ZOOM and/or in person at the Chamber offices
7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

20-Chamber A.M. Connections Networking Group
Meeting held in person at the Chamber offices
7:45 to 9 AM
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21-Taping of The Chamber Report TV Show
QCTV Studios in Champlin
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Halloween, Anoka, the Halloween Capital of the World Style!

Go to www.anokahalloween.com for details about all the events planned for the month of October.

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