

February 2017 Newsletter

Mission Statement

"Committed to the success of the Big Lake business community through information, communication, cooperation and support for all."

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> Office Hours Monday - Thursday: 9am - 3pm Friday: 9 am - 12pm

Become a Board Member Today!

Interested in becoming more involved in your local business community? There is one, two year, appointed term available now. Contact the Chamber Office or a current Board Member for more information on becoming a Board Member.





Big Lake Business Expo

Sunday, March 5th 11am - 2pm at the Big Lake High School. This is a great place to endorse your business and have fun while doing it! Registration for vendors is now open! Forms are on the Chamber Website. Register by February 3rd to receive a \$25 discount. Registration Deadline is February 17th.

February Membership Meeting

Join us February 28th at McPete's for a Presentation by Bruce Price of the Sherburne County Veterans Office. Registration is at 11:45am, lunch and presentation at 12pm. Cost is \$12 per person. RSVP by February 21st to reserve your spot!



Member News

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year! Don't forget to renew your Membership for 2017 with the forms on our website at www. biglakechamber.com.

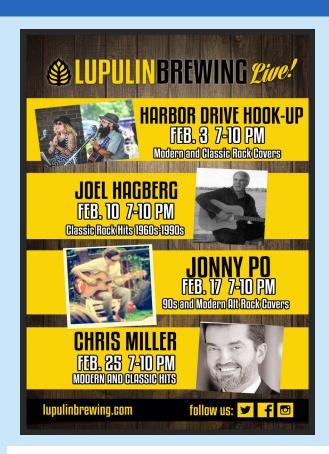
Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours will take place on February 16th at El Loro at 5pm. Come out for some drinks, appetizers, and after hours networking with business owners in your area!

I CAN Prevent Diabetes

CentraCare Monticello will offer diabetes prevention education and support for people with pre-diabetes. This series takes place every Wednesday from February 15 to May 31 from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Cost to attend this 16-week course is \$120. Contact 763-271-2388 or visit centracare.com for details.





FRIENDS OF SHERBURNE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE - SECOND ANNUAL

CRAFT BEER~WINE and CHEESE TASTING with Silent Auction



The Friendly Buffalo in Big Lake - Hwy 10 Feb. 17th 6:30-9pm Tickets \$26/\$30 at door

Tickets: Big Lake Liquors, Friendly Buffalo, Chamber Reps., Board Members, & http://www.friendlybuffalo.com/friends/ Come learn about Pollinators and the new Photo Club Proceeds go toward Environmental Education programs





Member News

Newsletter Tidbits

If your business has an ad, coupon or event information that you would like to include in the next Newsletter, please send it to the Chamber Office by February 27th. Small ads and tidbits are free, full page ads are \$25 for members.

Ambassador Meeting

Looking to become more involved in the Chamber? This committee is a great place to start! The next meeting is on February 8th at Trail's at Noon. Contact Tim Suchy at tim. suchy@edwardjones.com for details.

Free Yoga Class

Crossfit Confidence is offering a free yoga class at 10am on February 25th. Call 320-267-3807 for any questions.

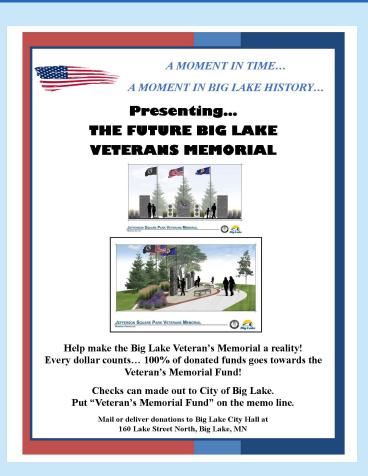


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a vendor at the Big Lake Farmer's Market in 2017.

For applications, go to www.biglakemn.org



Member News

2017 WINTER EVENTS Sherburne National



DECEMBER 2016

Saturday, December 17, 10 am to 12 pm Winter Bird Bonanza - Join us for fun-filled activities as we teach children about winter birding!

FEBRUARY 2017

Saturday, February 11, 7 pm to 9 pm Moonlight Ski - Bonfire, refreshments, and an exhilarating ski under a full moon! Bring your own ski

Saturday, February 18, 1 pm to 3 pm Snowshoe Hike - Come enjoy this refreshing outdoor winter activity. It's fun for all ages and abilities! Snowshoes provided.

All events are FREE and open to the public!



Oak Savanna Learning Center 16797 289th Ave, Zimmerman, MN

Pre-registration strongly encouraged due to weather-related cancellations: 763-389-3323 ext 118 or sherburne@fws.gov.





Friends of Sherburne NWR www.exploresherburne.org www.facebook.com/SherburneRefugeFans





Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge & Friends of Sherburne 17076 293rd Ave, Zimmerman, MN 55398

Big Lake Youth Apprenticeship Summit

Information Session

The Rules Have Changed!

- It's not as difficult as you think.
- Yes, youth under 18 CAN work in your shop.
- Learn how to approach your school.
- Schools, get connected with a manufacturer.

Panel to Include:

- · Big Lake High School
- City of Big Lake
- LISI MEDICAL Remmele
- Wright Technical Center

Agenda to Include:

- Implementing State Certified Youth Apprenticeships in Minnesota
- Who is doing this successfully now?
- How do they do it?
- What resources are available?
- Insurance and Safety Issues
- Review of required components
- "How To" Guidebook
- **Best Practices**
- Action steps for implementation THIS year!

Big Lake Schools







Thursday, February 23 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Big Lake**

17701 198th Ave

Who Should Attend?

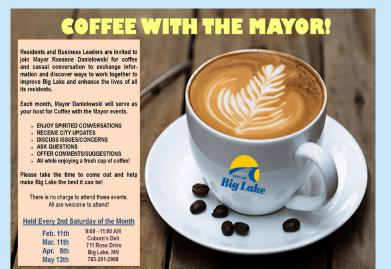
- Superintendents
- Guidance Counselors
- Manufacturers HR Professionals
- **Elected Officials**
- Economic Developers
- Post-secondary Educators
- Entities involved in workforce development

ALL are welcome, NO cost to attend Registration required - Space is limited!



RSVP by Friday, February 17th

Contact Hanna Klimmek at 763-251-2979 or hklimmek@biglakemn.org





February 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Newsletter	2	3 *Expo Early Bird Pricing Ends	4
5	6	7	8 Ambassador Meeting - Trail's 12pm	9	10	Coffee with the Mayor-Coborns Moonlight Ski-Oak Savanna 7p
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Board Meeting	15 'I Can Prevent Diabetes' series begins at CentraCare Health Monticello	16 Business After Hours- El Loro at 5pm	17 Wine Tasting at Friendly Buffalo 6:30pm - 9pm *Expo Registra- tion Due	18 Little Hole on Big Lake Ice Fishing 12pm Snowshow Hike Oak Savanna 1p
19	20 President's Day Office Closed	21 *Membership Meeting RSVPs Due	22	23 Youth Apprenticeship Summit- LISI Medical 8am	24 Pancakes & Politics - Friendly Buffalo 8:30am	25 Free Yoga Class at Crossfit Con- fidence 10am
26	27 *Member Tidbits Due	28 Membership Meeting: McPete's at 12pm				

Mark Your Calendar!

March 5th from 11am to 2pm, Big Lake Business Expo at the Big Lake High School March 31st from 7pm to 9pm, A Taste of the Red, White, and Brew at the Friendly Buffalo May 20th, Veterans Memorial Dedication at Jefferson Square Park