

January 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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Holiday Social Highlights

The snow couldn't keep our members from kicking off the holidays right! In case you missed it, here are some highlights from the 2016 Holiday Social. The BLCC would like to give a huge thank you to all of the members who volunteered and donated. You helped make this event possible!





Meet Your 2017 Board

January marks the end of Gina Wolbeck and Michelle Backlund's time on the BLCC Board. Their impact on the Chamber was a great one, but luckily there are two new members who are certain to fill their shoes. Welcome Hanna Klimmek from the City of Big Lake and Steve Westerberg of Big Lake Public Schools!





Business Expo

Sunday, March 5th 11am - 2pm at the Big Lake High School. Registration is now open! Forms are on the Chamber Website. Register by February 3rd to receive a \$25 discount.



Member News

Membership Renewal

Don't let this newsletter be your last! Renew your Membership for 2017 with the forms on our website at www. biglakechamber.com.

Pancakes & Politics With Tom Emmer

February 24th at the Friendly Buffalo from 8:30am to 9:30am. Join us for a warm breakfast and an update from Washington DC as we host Representative Tom Emmer. This informal Q&A session will include a full breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage. RSVP by Thursday, February 16th.

Membership Meeting

Join us January 31st for City, School and Township updates at Township Hall. Registration at 11:45am, lunch and presentation at 12pm. Catering by Chin Yuen. Cost is \$12 per person. RSVP by January 24th to reserve your spot!





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 January 27th. **Small ads and tidbits are free, full page ads are \$25 for members.**

Business After Hours

The next Business After Hours will take place on January 19th at Lupulin Brewery at 5pm. Come out for some drinks, appetizers, and after hours networking!

Ambassador Meeting

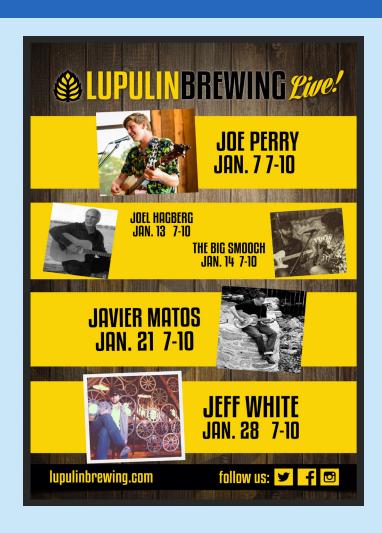
Looking to become more involved in the Chamber? This committee is a great place to start! The next meeting is on January 11th at Russell's at Noon. Contact Tim Suchy at tim.suchy@edwardjones.com for details.

Moonlight Ski

February 11th from 7pm to 9pm at the Oak Savanna Learning Center. Bonfire, refreshments, and an exhilarating skii under a full moon! Bring your own ski e-quipment. Open and free to public!

Snowshoe Hike

February 18th from 1pm to 3pm at Oak Savanna Learning Center. It's fun for all ages and abilities! Snowshoes provided.







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Wanna Come Out and Play: A Bounce Back Project Event

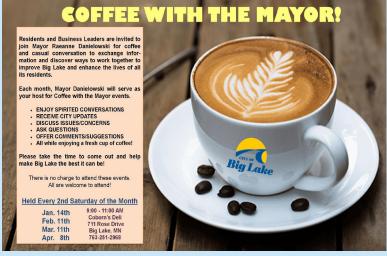
Featuring the comedy of The Peabody Players, on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 8pm at River City Extreme in Monticello. "Wanna Come Out and Play provides a fun night for our community to come together and feel good through laughter and a comedic performance from the Peabody Players." For more information, or to register to attend, visit centracare. com and search for Bounce Back in classes and events. The cost to attend is \$10 in advance and \$12 cash only at the door. Light refreshments will be served.

Little Hole on Big Lake Ice Fishing Tournament

Join us on the ice for a day of fun, fishing, and over \$10,000 in prizes at the 12th Annual Little Hole on Big Lake Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, February 18, 2017!









January 2017 Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Office Closed | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Newsletter | 10 Board Meeting | Ambassador Meeting- Russell's at Noon | 12 | 13 | Coffee with the Mayor-Coborn's 9am - |
| 15 | 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed | 17 | 18 | 19 Business After Hours- Lupulin at 5pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Membership Meeting RSVPs Due | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Member Tidbits Due for Feb. Newsletter | 31 Membership Meeting: Township Hall at 12pm | | | | |

Mark Your Calendar!

February 8th 12pm, Chamber Ambassador Meeting at Trail's

February 17th 6:30pm to 9:00pm, Wine Tasting at Friendly Buffalo

February 17th, Business Expo Registration Due

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