

WELCOME!



★ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ★
PALESTINE
AREA
TEXAS ★ 1846

Thank you for considering membership with the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce. Joining the Chamber is a great business decision that will give you a competitive edge in the business community. We are working to promote a healthy and vibrant economy while protecting and advancing the interest of our members and the community.

In operation since 1930, the Chamber is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, independent of the City of Palestine. The organization operates on membership dues and funds generated from business-related events. The Chamber works in conjunction with citizens, businesses, educational and government partners and serves 400+ businesses, professionals, associations, organizations, and individuals that are dedicated to making our community a better place to live, work, and conduct business.

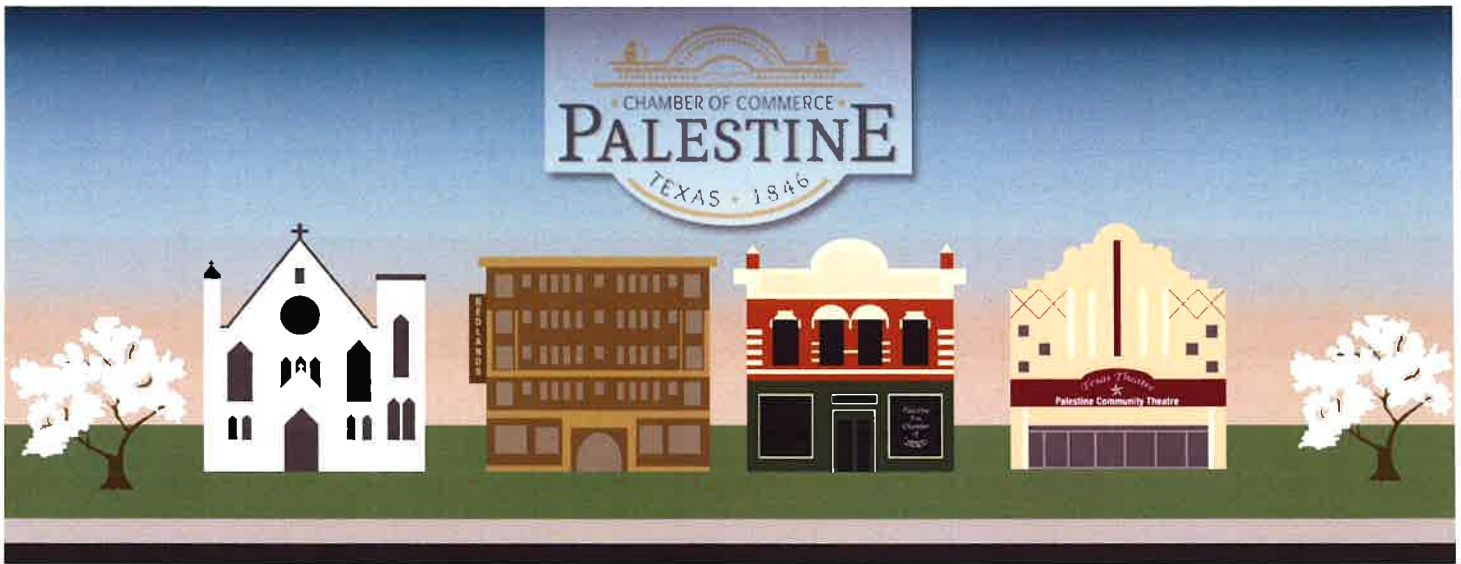
The Chamber is governed by a ten-member Board of Directors. Each director views the opportunities and challenges through the lens of their professional expertise. The Chamber Board represents your views as an investor and partner in our community.

We encourage you to visit our office, located in Historic Downtown Palestine, and meet our friendly, enthusiastic, and resourceful staff. We work diligently to provide a positive business environment and improve the quality of life in Palestine.

We wish you a warm welcome and hope you enjoy our community!

Best,

Michele Merryman Bell
Executive Director



YOU WANT YOUR BUSINESS TO THRIVE. SO DO WE.

Since 1930, members and partners of the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce have been shaping the future of Palestine. It's the community's leading resource for growth and success. Membership in the Chamber makes you part of more than 400 members who are committed to improving Palestine and its surrounding area.

CREDIBILITY
EDUCATION
VISIBILITY
NETWORK
GROWTH
VOICE

We help build your brand by offering numerous opportunities to enhance your business visibility. We advocate for you by providing a voice of business to the local and state government. We help build your business skills. We help build your social capital by connecting you to other businesses and community leaders.

The Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit, membership-driven organization comprised of business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions, and individuals. Its mission is to enhance the community by promoting business and commerce, supporting sustainable economic growth and advocating the interests of the community.

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TESTIMONIALS

Our members say it best!



"When CBTx purchased Elkhart State Bank the Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in helping me to find my niche. Bringing a new business into town is very stressful and time-consuming, and the Chamber helped me make the other business connections that I needed to be successful." - **Jessica Jones, Anderson County Branch Manager AVP at Commercial Bank of Texas**

"The Chamber of Commerce is a marvelous tool for any business, large or small as I am. We have only recently become members but I am extremely impressed by the amount of time they spend with your company. My time with the Chamber has only begun, and I look forward to the relationship I know will develop through the interaction they readily give." - **Jayne Prenoveau, Palestine Bowling Center**

"Initially, I was skeptical about how much value the chamber could add to my businesses. After opening Old Town Market with Larissa Loveless, we joined the chamber. My skepticism was quickly replaced with enthusiasm, and shortly thereafter I joined with My East Texas." - **Dana Goolsby, small-business owner**

"Joining the chamber provided important networking, which immediately translated to new clients for my new business. I highly recommend becoming a member of the Chamber and taking advantage of all the benefits they offer." - **Gerry Goodwin, Pine Curtain Concierge**

"Always deliver more than expected." - Larry Page, Co-Founder of Google

THE CHAMBER IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, MEMBERSHIP-DRIVEN ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF 400+ BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS. ITS MISSION IS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP THAT FACILITATES THE CREATION OF A PROSPEROUS REGIONAL ECONOMY AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY FOR OUR MEMBERS. INVESTING IN THE CHAMBER THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTS A PROGRAM OF WORK THAT INCLUDES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC POLICY, AS WELL AS BUSINESS ATTRACTION, RETENTION, AND EXPANSION.



2017-2018 Chamber Member Benefits

Open doors of opportunity!

Let us introduce you to the community! We'll publish your new membership in the Chamber's e-newsletter, social media, and monthly postcard.

Cut the red ribbon! The Chamber will welcome you with this great ceremony and photo opportunity. Photos will be published online, and you'll meet our Chamber Ambassadors; a group of volunteers who can help you build your network.

Get Listed! Alphabetically and categorical listing with cross references on the Chamber's website, linked directly to your website.

Get educated! The Chamber offers seminars from professionals in marketing, social media, customer service, fraud protection, and more.

Allow us! We will distribute your printed materials and display your business card, promotional literature, coupons, etc., in the Chamber lobby.

We give referrals! We receive hundreds of inquiries about local businesses, but we only refer our members!

Membership comes with discounts! You'll receive a member card when you join, which includes discounts and value-added services from our participating members. Ask us how you can participate in our member-to-member discount program!

Get social after hours! After hours business mixers offer members the opportunity to network at a member hosted event. Contact us to host a mixer at your business!

Blast off with a boost from the Chamber! Access the Chamber's bulk email list of over 1,000 recipients for a fee of \$50 per e-blast.

See your name in print! Presenting Palestine Magazine is the Chamber membership directory and community guide. Your business will be listed in this award-winning publication, which is distributed to all chamber members and across the community throughout the year.

Get Connected! The Chamber offers networking opportunities to help you connect with the community. Join us for as many events as possible to get linked into Palestine.

Learn to lead! Leadership Palestine is a nine-month program that helps develop future community and volunteer leaders. The program introduces participants to city, county and state leaders, and how things are accomplished within a dynamic and growing community.

Take advantage! Utilize our boardroom or patio for your meetings and small business events. Complete with WiFi and conference phone, our boardroom is the perfect place for your presentation, and our patio allows members and their guests to think outside of the box.

We've got mail! Members have access to our bulk mailing permit, which grants access to a reduced rate with mailings of 200 or more identical pieces.

Labeled! For a fee of \$20, the Chamber will print membership mailing labels for you.

No charge! A printed listing of the Chamber's membership is available upon request at no charge.

We are here for our members!

VOLUNTEER

The Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce engages in many activities to promote Palestine throughout the year. We rely on volunteer assistance from our generous members and Board of Directors to help make the goals and dreams of the community a reality. We are always looking to expand our volunteer base with people who are committed to the community. Join us in our efforts to leave a living legacy for the future of Palestine and Anderson County by joining our talented team of volunteers.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Areas of Interest / Committees

- Ambassador
- Volunteer for Special Events (Festivals, Expos, etc.)
- Community Leadership & Innovation
- Economic Development / Retention
- Membership Committee / Membership Services
- Government Affairs
- Education
- Tourism

Do you currently do volunteer work? YES NO

If yes, please list organization or cause: _____

When would you like to volunteer? Anytime _____

Weekday Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

Weekend Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

Are you interested in:

An ongoing volunteer opportunity _____ One-time event _____ Particular Holiday Season _____

Would you like to be a volunteer project leader? YES NO



VISA, MasterCard and Discover Accepted

FOR OFFICE USE

Date Paid _____ by: Check # _____ Cash _____ CC _____

Member Discount Card given _____ Ribbon Cutting (y/n): _____

**PALESTINE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Today's Date _____

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Designated Contact: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ 2ND Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Website: _____

Facebook page name: _____

Twitter handle: _____

E-mail: _____

Date your business/organization was established: _____ Describe your business/organization:

Membership Categories

1st: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____

Would you like to appear on the Chamber Web Site? Yes: _____ No: _____ (Benefit)

Are you interested in a link from our website to yours? Yes _____ No : _____ (Benefit)

Fees

\$25.00 or \$50.00 one time application fee based on membership type

\$ _____ Annual membership dues

Total Included \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

For Invoicing please contact finance@palestinechamber.org (membership will not be active until dues are received)

CASH

CHECK # _____

DEBIT/CREDIT CARD - Visa MasterCard Discover

_____ Expiration _____ CVV Code _____ Zip _____

Authorization Signature _____

PALESTINE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL DUES

One time application fee of \$25.00 for individual or Non-Profit membership

Individual (not business related).....	\$ 100.00
Non-Profit.....	\$ 100.00

One time application fee of \$50.00 for any business memberships

1 – 5 Employees.....	\$ 200.00
6 – 9 Employees.....	\$ 234.00
10 – 20 Employees.....	\$ 258.00
21 – 30 Employees.....	\$ 330.00
31 – 40 Employees.....	\$ 393.00
41 – 50 Employees.....	\$ 464.00
51 – 60 Employees.....	\$ 499.00
61 – 70 Employees.....	\$ 534.00
71 – 80 Employees.....	\$ 567.00
81 – 90 Employees.....	\$ 601.00
91 – 100 Employees.....	\$ 627.00
Over 100 Employees.....	\$ 1.00 for each additional employee



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