Summer Food Fest returns to Aquatore Park

Tue, July 24, 4:30 – 9 pm

Aquatore Park, Blaine

By popular demand, the Summer Food Fest will return to Aquatore Park in Blaine – just across from the chamber office, outside in the fresh air & summer sun. We’ll start at 4:30 pm with a variety of food samples from area restaurants, a cash bar, and activities. This year, we’ve added live entertainment to the mix. The popular local band Hitchville will perform from 6:30-9 pm. Come for the food, stay for the music! We’re excited for this addition to the evening and anticipate a huge turnout.

To maximize this large community event, drawing hundreds of Anoka County residents, consider a sponsorship. Over 10,000 flyers are distributed throughout the north metro and a heavy social media campaign is planned. Held in partnership with Toys for Joy, a local nonprofit ensuring north metro kids have presents at Christmas, your sponsorship will support two non-profits while promoting your business.

Building Business

It’s often said that Minnesota has two seasons: Winter and Road Construction. Well, you can probably add a third: Election Season. Candidates are filing for office as you read this, and soon you’ll see an abundance of campaigning around the state. While not everyone enjoys politics or advocacy, it fundamentally affects how you build your business – sometimes for the positive, sometimes not. Therefore, it is crucial that candidates understand the implications of issues before them – whether it is at the city hall, county board, or state legislature. The MetroNorth Chamber, through its Government Affairs programming and its Political Action Committee, will be providing relevant information throughout the summer and fall. We are proud to be the voice of business and take that role very seriously. As a reminder, if your business ever has a specific issue or concern, we encourage you to contact us.

Also – we plan to issue a special election issue of this newsletter in October. More information will be available soon on advertising opportunities for candidates.
Many people join the Chamber to build their professional connections and grow their business, and we are proud to offer many high-quality avenues in which to do so. Just in the past few weeks we offered a May Day Derby Day after-hours, information-packed Blaine & Coon Rapids Business Councils, Connecting 101, and a FULL house for our 30th annual Golf Tournament. Our Sunrise and Working with Women programs are experiencing record turnout. Whether you are a small or large business, looking for referrals or education… our calendar has something for everyone. Contact us to discuss the best fit for your business and goals.

And The Scholarship Goes To…

The MetroNorth Chamber Workforce Development Foundation provided a $500 scholarship to Blaine High School student Tim Mafe, a junior with a Finance focus after high school. Tim is a part of the Center for Engineering, Math, and Science (CEMS) as well as a two-year Business Professional of America (BPA) member. He is currently the Region 4 BPA President, as well as Blaine Chapter Vice President. Last year he was a BPA National Finalist with his Entrepreneurship plan. As a sophomore and making it to this level was a big accomplishment and showed his professionalism to present on a big stage. This year Tim qualified to compete with his team in Financial Analyst Team and placed 3rd in the national’s competition this May.

Tim is a well-respected student in and out of Blaine High School. He is in his third year with the high school football and boys track teams. We wish him well in all his current & future endeavors and are proud to have him part of the north metro!
Upcoming Events

Running Aces Chamber Night
Tuesday, June 26th
Meet business professionals from across the metro at the annual multi-chamber night at Running Aces Casino & Racetrack. Visit our website for more details.

8th Annual Summer Food Fest
Tuesday, July 24th • Aquatore Park
Be sure to participate in our annual Summer Food Fest. Hundreds of attendees, lots of food, cash bar, AND a band. You could make this an evening with co-workers, family, or friends. See the front page for sponsorship information.

Acapulco Fiesta!
Tuesday, August 7th • Acapulco – Ramsey
$44/$80 pair
Never one to disappoint, the Leon family is presenting us with a NEW experience for this annual event – a Fiesta! This will not be your typical sit-down event but will be your typical truly spectacular evening.

Boos & Brews Two
Tuesday, October 16th
Save the date! By popular demand we are bringing back Boos & Brews. New ghost stories included! No exorcism needed, although sponsorship wanted. Contact the chamber for more details.

Meat Raffle Returns
Tuesday, Sept 18th
We had such a blast at our 1st-ever meat raffle, we’re doing it again. Stay tuned for more details!

Legacy Gala
Thursday, December 6 • Infinite Campus
This year’s Gala will be like no other. We will celebrate 50 years of being incorporated as a chamber of commerce. 50 years of serving the business community. 50 years of building business, building relationships, and building community. More information will be shared throughout the year, but mark your calendar NOW.

Who says color doesn’t call attention to your advertisement?
It just did.

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ABC NEWSPAPERS
Anoka County Union • Blaine/Spring Lake Park Life • Coon Rapids Herald
Contact your sales rep or call 763.712.3520
Synergy Home Integrators LLC: New Member!
You don’t have to be tech savvy, Synergy Home Integrators will configure your house into a smart home to work for you, providing you peace of mind while saving you money at the same time. 3027 Aspen Lake Drive, Blaine 55449, 763.355.7864. synergyhomeintegrators.com

ChiroWay of Blaine - Lance Baumgard, DC: 5 Year Anniversary!
ADJUST.CONNECT.ENHANCE.
Keeping you at your best. Helping to improve quality of life, one adjustment at a time. Seeing patients from infancy and childhood, through adulthood. 1572 125th Avenue NE, Blaine 55449, 763.432.9078. nevalia.com

Cedar Insurance Agency: New Member!
We offer a full range of insurance products and companies to make sure you get the best value. A sister company to Cedar Management, Inc. that handles over 160 properties. 7260 University Avenue NE, Suite 220, Fridley 55432, 612.208.1936. cedarinsure.com

Nevalia LLC: New Member!
Committed to helping kids love to learn, Nevalia offers books, gifts, play, celebrations, and learning opportunities for children. 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive NE, Suite 502, Blaine 55449, 763.432.9078. nevalia.com

Twin Cities Harley-Davidson Blaine: Grand Opening!
Not just proud Harley-Davidson® dealers, they’re also riders. As part of Defcon Powersports, they offer the Twin Cities area a huge selection of Harley-Davidson® motorcycles, clothing and accessories. 1441 85th Avenue NE, Blaine 55449, 763.786.9079. tcharley.com

Bank of Elk River: New Member!
The Bank of Elk River is a community bank that has been family-owned and operated since 1885. As one of the larger community banks in the state of MN with $400+ million dollars in assets, they are committed to providing the best products and services to meet business and customer needs. 630 Main St., Elk River, 55330, 763.441.1000. thebankofelkriver.com

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**March and April New Members: Welcome!**

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March and April Renewals: Thanks for Your Continued Support!

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Bethesda Lutheran Communities-Coon Rapids
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Center of Diagnostic Imaging-Coon Rapids
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Choice Cremation
City of Andover
City of Blaine
Concierge Title, Inc.
Counselor Realty
Custom Business Forms
Debbie's Tax Facts
Desired Health Chiropractic
Device Pitstop of Maple Grove
Disabled American Veterans-Anoka #39
E & K Convenience-Neighborhood Stop 101
E & K Convenience-Neighborhood Stop 102
E & K Convenience-Neighborhood Stop 104
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Financial One Credit Union-Blaine
Financial One Credit Union-Columbia Heights
Financial One Credit Union-Coon Rapids
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30th Annual
Golf Tournament A Success

THANK YOU to our 200+ golfers, 50+ sponsors, and countless volunteers, committee members and supporters for a fantastic tournament at Majestic Oaks. It was a wonderful day. The weather could not have been more ideal, either! Special shout-out to those who participated in our 80’s theme. Very impressive! Be sure to view all of the photos on our Facebook page.
COMMITTEES/GROUPS: JUNE / JULY

- **Ambassadors**: Jun 12 & Jul 10 - Chamber 4 pm
- **Board**: Jun 13 - Chamber 7:30 am
- **Executive**: Jun 5 - Chamber 3 pm
- **Gala**: Jun 29 & Jul 27 - Chamber, 9:30 am
- **Golf**: Jun 11 - Chamber 4 pm
- **Hops & Vines**: Jun 6 & Jul 6 - TBD 4:44 pm
- **Sunrise - 1st Friday**: Jun 1 & Jul 6 - Tavern Grill-Blaine, 7:30 am
- **Sunrise - 3rd Friday**: Jun 15 & Jul 20 - Sticks & Stones, 7:30 am
- **Sunrise - 5th Friday**: Jun 29 - Lyric Arts, 7:30 am
- **Workforce Development**: Jun 25 & Jul 23 - Chamber, 12:00 pm
- **Working with Women**: Jun 27 & Jul 25 - Rasmussen College-Blaine; 9:15 am

SPECIAL EVENTS: JUNE / JULY

- **Marketing 201**: Jun 21 - Rasmussen College, Blaine 8:15 am
- **New Member Welcome Reception**: Jul 17 - Route 47, Fridley 4:30 pm
- **Connecting 101**: Jul 19 - Chamber 8:15 am
- **Summer Food Fest**: Jul 24 - Aquatore Park, Blaine 4:30 pm
- **Blaine Business Council**: Jul 26 - TPC Twin Cities, Blaine 7:30 am

Your hard working, but always smiling, Ambassadors and Working with Women committee members!

New Member Referral Program Winners

March
Bob Hylland
Financial One Credit Union

April
Dick Fisher
e-Merge Online Marketing

Bob & Dick won $100 in MetroNorth Money for referring a new member!

The Ambassador of the Month

March/ April
Christine Kusch
The Mermaid
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