



December 2022 Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter includes updates from the Board, recognizes renewing and new members, shares upcoming events, photo gallery and more.

BUSINESS *Over* **BREAKFAST**

MN Epidemic: Vaping in Youth presented by Ashlie Wubben, SHIP Coordinator for Countryside Public Health, and

New Edible Cannabis Legislation presented by Sarah Vonderharr, Partnership for Success Program Coordinator



Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Coffee, juice & light breakfast 7:30 am. Program @ 8 am.

Pioneer PBS conference room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or via email to: granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00 Pay at the Door. Walk-ins Welcome.



Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Sunday Brunch- American Legion 10- 1:30 pm



City Council Meetings 7 pm. Every First & Third Monday at the City Hall



EDA meetings 5:30 pm. Second Monday at the City Hall



YME School Board meetings 6 pm. Second Monday at YME Board Room

December

3rd - Annual Holiday Craft Show @ American Legion 9-2pm

3rd - Cowboy Christmas- Lee-Mar Equine Center 1pm.

5- 31st-Christmas Market with Local Artist- Granite Area Arts Council

7th - Pearl Harbor Day

7th - Experiments & More @ Granite Falls Library

10th - Shopping with Elves @El Nido Family Ministries

12th - Poinsettia Day

13th - Business Over Breakfast-Countryside Public Health/PACT for families @ Pioneer PBS

13th - American Legion Lutefisk & Lefse 5-8 pm.

16th - American Legion Customer Appreciation 5-8 pm Tom & Jerry;s/ Ugly Sweater

18th - Santa & His Reindeer- Historical Society/Volstead House

21st - Winter Solstice Celebration

25th - Christmas Day

27th - National Fruitcake Day

31st - New Year's Eve-Canyon Cowboys -American Legion 9 pm- 1 am

January

1st - New Year's Day

2-28th - Granite Area Arts Council- Maya Ulrich (Minneapolis) Paintings

4th - Trivia Day

10th - Business Over Breakfast- Living at Home: Bock Nurse Program

16th - Martin Luther King's Birthday

28th - Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser @ The Rock: Dining & Events 6-9 pm

30th - Ole & Lena Medallion Hunt begins- Granite Falls Chamber



Holiday Lights & Decorations Contest

WINNERS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2022

All Downtown & Highway 212 Businesses are encouraged to participate.

Show your community support and holiday flair by decorating your business.

Two traveling trophies will be awarded, one in each area.

Follow us on Facebook & vote for the winner!!

Reserve Your Spot in 2023!

Monthly Business Over Breakfast openings: 7:30-9 am.

Second Tuesday of the Month:

March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, and July 11th.

Quarterly Business After Hours openings: 5:30-7 pm.

May 11th, August 10th, and November 9th.



Granite Falls Area
Chamber of Commerce
Presents:

Mid-Winter Celebration Fundraiser
CARNIVAL
MARDI GRAS

Saturday, January 28, 2023



Social Hour - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 7:00 PM
Entertainment - 8:00 PM

Tickets -\$60 each,
Includes Dinner & Entertainment

The Rock: Dining & Events
Granite Falls, MN

Silent Auction, Heads or Tails
and a 50/50 Raffle

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT
THE GRANITE FALLS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
(320)321-3202**



Divas Through the Decades

A musical tribute to some of the most influential female vocalists in American pop music, featuring songs from the 40's, through today's current hits!

Wanted: Chamber Planning Committee Members

We are looking for members who would be interested in forming a short-term event planning committee for the Chamber's Mid-Winter Celebration in 2023.... Decorating, entertainment, planning.... Contact Bonnie for more information



November Business Over

Breakfast



We had coffee and a light breakfast with Kyle Haugen, the new EDA Director. Thank you, Kyle, for your incite on identifying needs, finding resources, and plans to move the community forward. Thank you, Kyle!



Pioneer  PBS

Thank you, Pioneer PBS, for use of your conference room.

November Business After Hours



Jeremy Radtke; Outreach Generalist, Marti Paulson; Executive Director/CEO, Megan Harms; Manager of External Relations, Carrie Hargrave; Director of Willmar Clinical Services, Jackie Thielen; Director or Finance, Jill Thompson; Administrative practices Coordinator.

Thank you, Project Turnabout for the wonderful gathering at The Rock: Dining & Events for the November Business After Hours.





Thank you for all who participated in the **Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce Annual**

Trunk N Treat

event! It was a wonderful day to have nearly 300 ghosts,

goblins, fairies and Disney costumes to visit trunks for tricks and treats. A huge thank you to Casey's and Kiwanis for sponsoring this year's Trunk N Treat event!



The Granite Falls Chamber has been working with its members to present new homeowners with a Welcome Package. I would like to thank every business who contributed to the Welcome Package so far... Advocate Tribune, Almich's, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home, Avera Granite Falls, Betsy Lavin Interior Design, Citizen's Alliance Bank, Country Financial, Dairy Queen, Falls Boutique, FM Bank, Flowers from the Heart Floral & Gift Shop, Forever in our Heart Pet Cremation, Granite Hardware, Granite Family Eyecare, Granite Falls Historical Society, Kilowatt Community Center, Mediacom, MN West, MVTV Wireless Internet, Pioneer PBS, Project Turnabout, Scenic Valley Real Estate, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, State Farm Insurance, and Thrivent Financial. Thank you.

2023 Membership Campaign-

Coming Soon! The Granite Falls Chamber is excited to be reintroducing a Membership Tiered Rate Structure. The Board has been working hard on this project, grouping things together in a tiered system. Watch for it!!



Update on November's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of November, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Events, Member Directory, Contact Us, and Newsletter pages getting the most activity. On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following posts: Business After Hours with host Project Turnabout, Small Business Saturday, and Betsy Lavin Interior Design exclusive E-magazine, Purposely Designed Home. We have 1,587 followers and Instagram 208. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.



Granite Falls Chamber baseball caps & T-shirts are for sale at the Chamber office & at Thrifty White Drug Store

Do you have an upcoming event that you would like listed in our monthly newsletter? Feel free to e-mail Bonnie at the Chamber

Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board

Acting President: Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & Sew Much More

Treasurer: Alicia Beck, Country Financial

Secretary: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet

Director: Kevin TeBeest, Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Director: Kelly Kruger, Scenic Valley Real Estate

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

Lobby Hours: Monday- Friday 9 am- 5:30 pm.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 am – 2pm.

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