

November 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**

coffee - contacts – partnerships

Kyle Haugen, new EDA Director

Tuesday, November 8, 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.



Pioneer  **PBS**



Upcoming Member Events:

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday- Bingo- 7 pm- American Legion

Every Thursday- Knock-out Nachos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Saturday- The Rockin' Bloody Mary 11-2 pm @ The Rock: Dining & Events

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

November

5th- Meet Dinosaurs! Library @ 10 am

5th- Daylight Savings Time

8th-Business Over Breakfast- Kyle Haugen, EDA Director @ Pioneer PBS

8th- Election Day

10th -Business After Hours -Project Turnabout presents@ The Rock: Dining & Events 4:30-6pm

11th- Veteran's Day

11-12th- YME High School Musical- Anastasia @ 7 pm

13th- Building Bridges Choir Fall Concert- 2 pm- St. Paul Lutheran Church

14-18th- United Acts of Kindness Week

16th- Experiments & More @ Granite Falls Library

24th- Thanksgiving Day

26th- Small Business Saturday



Find it here. Buy it here. Keep us here.

December

7th- Pearl Harbor Day

7th- Experiments & More @ Granite Falls Library

10-11th- Shopping with Elves-El Nido Family Ministries

13th- Business Over Breakfast-Countryside Public Health @ Pioneer PBS

21st- Winter Solstice Celebration

25th- Christmas Day

31st- New Year's Eve



Business After Hours

***Hosted by: Project Turnabout
Thursday, November 10, 2022***



Time: 4:30- 6 pm.

Location: The Rock: Dining & Events

Meet & greet new faces, socialize, and network in a fun casual enviroment!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Business After Hours events are a casual, social Chamber functions provided for the enjoyment of its members and prospective members.

BAH allows Chamber members to meet one another, introduce new and prospective members, network, and promote businesses in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Please join in on the fun and swing in for a minute, or stay for fellowship, snacks, and network with fellow chamber members!



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 trophies will be awarded, one in each area.

“Support Your Local Chamber Day” was October 19th

at the Chamber office, 676 Prentice Street.

Cookies & apple cider were provided. Congratulations to our winners of the prizes: Lynette Ray & Jeremy Radtke



“Petal it Forward”



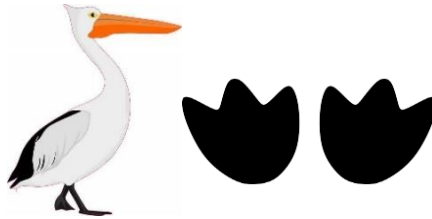
*Science has proven that flowers reduce stress and anxiety and make people happy!
Thank you, Flowers from the Heart*

Save the Date: Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser Saturday, January 28th, 2023, at The Rock: Dining & Events.



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



Pelican Maps are **HERE!**

Look for the Pelican Feet at participating businesses!



October Business Over Breakfast

We had coffee and a light breakfast with Flower's from the Heart, Carmen Haugen. Thank you, Carmen for coming and talking to us about the Flower's from the Heart floral & gift shop in Granite Falls and Montevideo.



Pioneer  **PBS**

 *Flowers
from the
Heart*

Thank you, Pioneer PBS, for use of your conference room and thank you, Kevin TeBeest for sponsoring the breakfast sandwiches from Hardees.



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 Falls Historical Society, Kilowatt Community Center, Mediacom, MN West, MVTW Wireless Internet, Pioneer PBS, Project Turnabout, Scenic Valley Real Estate, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, State Farm Insurance, and Thrivent Financial.



Welcome

To your new Home



[2023 Membership Campaign-](#)

Coming Soon! The Granite Falls Chamber will unveil its new membership structure. The Board has been working hard on this project, grouping things together in a tiered system. Watch for it!!



Update on October's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of October, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Trunk N Treat, Events, and Member Directory pages getting the most activity. On **Facebook**, we received over 2,700 page views for the Granite Falls Public Library event Meet Dinosaurs! for Saturday, November 5th. Betsy Lavin pictured with the Property Brothers received 1,550 views, and the Chamber's Trunk N Treat event received 1,300 views. We have 1,560 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

New signs going up as part of Hwy 67 rerouting project between Granite Falls and Echo

New roadway signs are being placed on Highway 67, Highway 274, and Yellow Medicine County Road 2 to reflect changes to names and roadway ownership resulting from the Highway 67 rerouting project.

A portion of Highway 67 between Granite Falls and Echo was closed in spring 2019 due to ground movement underneath the roadway. Following the assessment of potential solutions, close collaboration with Yellow Medicine County and other stakeholders, and gathering input from the surrounding community, the decision was made to reroute Highway 67 using Highway 274 and County Road 2.

New roadway designations

- Highway 274 from Highway 23 to existing County Road 2 (north end of Wood Lake) is now Highway 67
- County Road 6 will extend to new Hwy 67/old County Road 2
- County Road 2 from Wood Lake to Highway 67 is now Highway 67
- Highway 67 from Granite Falls to the impacted area (which remains closed) will become Highway 167
- Highway 67 from the impacted area to County Road 21 will become County Road A1
- County Road 21 will extend to new Highway 67/old County Road 2

Future projects in the area

As part of these changes, MnDOT will be completing additional projects in the area:

- Installing guardrail, rumble strips and striping on the new Highway 67/old County Road 2. Work is anticipated to be completed in 2024.
- A cul-de-sac will be constructed on existing Highway 67 near the entrance to the Upper Sioux Agency State Park. Work is anticipated to be completed in 2025.
- The Yellow Medicine Bridge is anticipated to be removed in 2026, or earlier if ground movement accelerates faster than projected.

Maps are available at the Chamber office of the Minnesota River Valley National Scenic Byway

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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