



September 2023 Newsletter

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

The Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce has moved!!
Our new address is: 761 Prentice Street, Suite 5.



***Please change our new address in your records! Thank you!**
We will be having an Open House for our 65th Anniversary on Thursday, November 9th, 5:30-7pm at our new location!

BUSINESS *Over* BREAKFAST

Coffee- Contacts- Partnerships



CAIR (Community Artist In Residence) Ellen Ogden & Kyle Haugen, Community Touchpoint, CAIR Team
CAIR Overview & Upcoming Projects

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023

Doors open at 7:30 am. with light breakfast, and an 8 am. Program

Pioneer PBS Conference room

RSVP 320-321-3202 or

granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Chamber Business Members: Free, Individual Chamber

Members: \$5.00, Friends: \$10.00



Monthly Business Over Breakfast is sponsored by: Almich's Market, Citizen's Alliance Bank; Granite Falls, FM BANK; Granite Falls, Pioneer PBS, Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, and YME Schools.

Upcoming Member Events:

Every Evening – Fresh Hot Buttered Popcorn and 1919 Root Beer – Granite Falls Kiwanis Popcorn Stand.

Every Thursday- Knockout Tacos & \$1 off Margaritas- The Rock: Dining & Events

Every Thursday- Bingo 7 pm- American Legion

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Second Monday of the Month- Book Club 7 pm @ KCC



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

September

4th - Labor Day

5th - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL- YME

5th - City Council meeting 7 pm

5th - National Pizza Day

6th - Annual Customer Appreciation- Citizen's Alliance Bank

7th - Digital Marketing Trends, Hints, & Help- The YES! House 5:30-6:30pm

8-9th - Flea Market @Prairie Mercantile Antique Store

10th - Grandparent's Day

10th - World Suicide Prevention Day- Hotline #988

11th - 911 Remembrance/Patriot's Day

11th - EDA meeting 5:30pm

12th - Business Over Breakfast- CAIR team @ Pioneer PBS

14th - Roll in @ American Legion

14th - Ben Bailey @ Prairie's Edge Casino Resort

16th - Ribfest- American Legion

18th - City Council meeting 7pm

22nd - 31st Annual Caring & Sharing 9 Hole Scramble- Project

Turnabout

29th - Light Up the River- Meander 2023

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**



October

1st - Coffee Day

7th - Oktoberfest @ The Rock: Dining & Events

9th - Teddy Bear Day

10th - Business Over Breakfast- Flower's from the Heart @ Pioneer PBS

28th - Annual Trunk N Treat- GF Chamber 1-3 pm. 8th & Prentice St.

Save the Dates!

Saturday, October 28th, 2023



Sponsored by:

- GRANITE FALLS AREA CHAMBER of COMMERCE
- Kappa Kappa Kappa
- Casey's

Trunk N Treat

**LAST SATURDAY
IN OCTOBER
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Downtown
Granite Falls**

**DRAWINGS!
GAMES!
GIVEAWAYS!**

**Entrance to One-Way Trunk-N-Treating
on Prentice Street at 8th Avenue**

Need more information? Call 320-321-3202
www.granitefallschamber.com/trunk-or-treat.html • granitefallschamberofcommerce.com

Thursday, November 9th 5:30-7 pm



**Granite Falls Area
Chamber of Commerce**

**CELEBRATING
65 YEARS**

of Bridging Businesses & Community

Date: November 12, 2023
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Place: NEW CHAMBER LOCATION!!
761 Prentice Street, Suite 5
Prentice Place Commons Building



**Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce Mid-Winter
Celebration & Fundraiser is Saturday, January 27,
2024. "50's Sock Hop". Entertainment by Holy Rocka
Rollaz.**

First Dollar Presented to Granite Family Chiropractic Center



Pictured: Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Treasurer, Dr. Ann Eggebraaten, Carolyn Lindquist, Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much more, Chamber President, and Pam Rosenau, MVTW Wireless Internet, Chamber Secretary

Congratulations to Dr. Ann Eggebraaten for opening her business in Granite Falls. Granite Family Chiropractic Center is located at 868 Prentice Street. Dr. Ann Eggebraaten's hours are Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 9-5 pm., Wed. & Fri. 9-12pm.

August Business Over Breakfast

Thank you, Cindy Miller, Celtic Cross Massage, for your educational, informative message.



August Business After Hours



Betsy Lavin Building, Home of: Betsy Lavin Interior Design, Advocate Tribune, Celtic Cross Massage & Restoring Wellness. Pizza & drinks were served. Thank you.

***** Looking for businesses to present for Business Over Breakfast in 2024.***

January 9th

February 13th

March 12th

April 9th

May 14th

Business Over Breakfast meets monthly to learn and mentor each other, grow businesses together & share business experiences. It has been proven to be the fastest way to market & grow businesses in a quick and extremely cost-effective way.

A light breakfast will be held from 7:30 am., program at 8 am at the Pioneer PBS conference room.

“Meet the New Chamber Board Member”

1. **Name:** Cindy Miller
2. **Chamber Member Business:** CelticCross Massage
3. **Something people might not know about your business:** I make and sell my own custom essential oil blends.



4. **Role/Title at the Business:** Owner/Massage Therapist
5. **Book or Podcast you would recommend:** I listen to a lot of different podcasts – from true crime to Celtic History. I tend to read or listen to a lot of self help books – the most interesting one I read in 2021 was “How to be an Antiracist” which I read after the George Floyd riots which hit all areas of the twin cities including my neighborhood.
6. **Career advice for a high school student:** Always have a plan B – you never know when you might need another stream of income.
7. **Favorite thing to do in the Granite Falls area:** Watching the pelicans.

Update on August’s website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of August, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with the Top 5 pages viewed being: Events, Contact Us, Trunk N Treat, Shopping, Member Directory, and Local Stories/guides tied for 5th place. The top referring site: Google.



On **Facebook**, we reached the most people with the following post on August 11th: “Congratulations Dr. Ann Eggebraaten for opening her business in Granite Falls! Granite Family Chiropractic Center is located at 868 Prentice Street, downtown Granite Falls. Dr. Ann’s hours are Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 9-5 pm, Wed. & Fri. 9-noon”, also, on August 23rd, “Meet the New Chamber Board Member: Cindy Miller” reached the second most people. We have 1,515 followers, with 26.7% male, and 73.3% female. Our audience is mostly Granite Falls, with Montevideo, and Marshall area in the running. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Thank you to all who donated to the Granite Falls Welcome Packages:

Advocate Tribune/CherryRoad Media

Almich's Market

Anderson-TeBeest Funeral Home

Avera Granite HealthCare

Celtic Cross Massage, Cindy Miller

Citizen's Alliance Bank, Granite Falls

Country Financial, Alicia Beck

Dairy Queen, Granite Falls

Down on the Korner

Falls Boutique

Flowers from the Heart

FM BANK, Granite Falls

Forever in our Hearts Pet Cremation

Granite Eye Care

Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program

Granite Falls Public Library

Granite Hardware

Heather's Book Nook & SEW Much More

Hughes Real Estate, Sherry Mathiowetz

Kilowatt Community Center

Kiwanis Popcorn Stand

Korthuis Jewelry

Kramer Law Office

Mediacom

Minnesota West Technical & Community College

MVTV Wireless Internet

Pioneer PBS

Project Turnabout

Restoring Wellness, Tami Gabrielson

Scenic Valley Real Estate

The Rock: Dining & Events

The Yes! House

Upgren State Farm Insurance

Women's Rural Advocacy Program

YME Schools





Thank you to all who donated to the "Stuff the Bus" campaign this year!!



New Pelican Granite Falls Chamber T-shirts are for sale at Thrifty White Drug Store

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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

Director: Cindy Miller, Celtic Cross Massage

Executive Director: Bonnie Vik

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

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