



September 2022 Newsletter

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



What's Brewing?

Have coffee and a light breakfast with the City Council Candidates & School Board Candidates.



When: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Where: Pioneer PBS conference room

7:30 am Gathering time, Program at 8 am.

City Council Candidates- Incumbents: Brad Peterson, Steve Nordaune and DuWayne Galow

School Board Candidates- Incumbents: Ron Winter and Jeremy LeBlanc

Community Conversation - Questions & Issues

YME Superintendent Rich Schneider and Granite Falls City Administrator Crystal Johnson will be attending to answer any questions.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RSVP to the Chamber Office 320-321-3202 or granitefallschamberofcommerce@gmail.com to reserve your seat!



Upcoming Member Events:

Every Night- Kiwanis Popcorn Stand- 7-9:30pm.

Every Thursday- Burger Day- Granite Run Golf Course

Every Thursday American Legion-Bingo- 7 pm

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



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



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

September

2-4-International Glitch Artist Exhibit- Granite Area Arts Council

5th- Labor Day

6th- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

9th- Teddy Bear Day

9-11- Flea Market- Prairie Mercantile

10th- World Suicide Prevention Day- Hotline #988

11th- Patriot's Day/911 Remembrance

11th- Grandparent's Day

13th- Candidate Forum, City Council & School Board @Pioneer PBS

15th- Don't be a Target of Medicare & Consumer Fraud! @ Granite Falls Senior Center

16th- Caring & Sharing 9-Hole Golf Scramble- Granite Run Golf Course

17th- RibFest- American Legion Post #69

17th- SquidFest-Granite Area Arts Council

17th- Oktoberfest begins in Germany

23rd- Native American Day

29th- Coffee Day

30th- Light Up the River- Meander 2022



October

7th- World Smile Day

10-16- Local Business Appreciation Week

10th- Columbus Day/ Indigenous People Day

11th- Business Over Breakfast- Flowers From The Heart @ Pioneer PBS

12th- National Farmers Day

15th- Sweetest Day

17th- Bosses Day

22nd- Make a Difference Day

29th- Trunk N Treat -Granite Falls Chamber 1-3pm (8th Ave. & Prentice St.)

31st- Andrew Volstead Birthday @Volstead House

Save the Date: Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce Mid-Winter Celebration & Fundraiser Saturday, January 28th, 2023



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.... Contact Bonnie for more information

The Chamber of Commerce is constantly looking for ways to assist our members in presenting all the Granite Falls Area has to offer! Introducing a new, exciting, FREE membership benefit—

The Granite Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Welcome Package!

These Welcome Packages will introduce our valued members to new homeowners in the area! We are currently partnering with our local real estate agents and attorneys to present these Welcome Packages to new homeowners at their closing appointments to congratulate them on their investment in our beautiful community. Our goal is to include small gifts and tokens from you, our valued members, to help new residents feel welcome to the area.

To take full advantage of this amazing new benefit, please contact me by September 15, letting us know what you would like to include from your business.

Need ideas?

Retail businesses -Coupons/discounts on your valuable merchandise!

Food and beverage establishments-Gift certificates to introduce your refreshments, as well as a to-go menu for those busy first days in a new home!

Service and Professional businesses-provide pens or notepads with your logo and/or brochures that outline who you are and what you do to keep you top of mind as they transition to the area!

We always enjoy working with you to promote the area of Granite Falls to our new neighbors. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your membership and support!



Pelican Maps are coming soon!

Look for the Pelican Feet at participating businesses!



August Business Over Breakfast

August Business Over Breakfast guest speakers were Samantha Godfrey and Jessica Stolen-Jacobson from the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune. Their new office location is 665 Hwy. 212 W, Suite 4. Office hours are Mon-Thurs. 9 am-2 pm.



Thank you, Samantha & Jessica, for your informational presentation and Pioneer PBS for the use of their conference room and providing refreshments.



August Business After Hours

Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care



Thank you, Brian Burwell & staff for the informational tour, bars & refreshments. Homefront First/Rosewood Specialty Care is located at 224 N. 19th Street, Montevideo. An assisted living and memory care facility.

Welcome to our New Members- Granite Falls Arts Council, 807 Prentice Street & Down On The Korner, 1197 Granite Street

First Dollar Presented to Down On The Korner

Congratulations to **Down On The Korner** for opening their new business in Granite Falls!



Pictured: Pam Rosenau, MVTV Wireless Internet, Chamber Secretary, Kelly Roth, Owner, and Alicia Beck, Country Financial, Chamber Treasurer



Check out the Chamber's Pelican Photo-Op and put on Facebook. Located at the foot bridge.



Update on August's website analytics and Facebook information... In the month of August, our website, **Granitefallschamber.com** has had increased activity, with our Local Stories/guides page, Events page, Newsletter page and Member Directory pages getting the most activity. On Facebook, we received over 1,000 FB likes with our Shop Local post and we have 1,442 followers and Instagram 208. Follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

“Just what does a Chamber of Commerce

Do?”

The meaning of CHAMBER has changed.

C—H—A—M—B—E—R

C—CHANGE We'll continue to adapt. The Chamber's RESILIENCE, RESOLVE, RETURN & REIMAGINING.

H—HELP

A—ADVOCACY/VOICE WE identify Local, County, State & Federal Issues. We're "The Voice of Business." This year, it is our candidate forums keeping them accountable.

M—MEMBERSHIP/MONEY This is what keeps the Chamber alive.

B—BUSINESS/BENEFITING Take ACTION where needed, INFORM via NEWS, INTRODUCE for CONNECTIONS and IMPROVE via INFLUENCE.

E—ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Chambers take over for LIFE. Businesses can be born, but GROWTH is the key to success for the business and community.

R—RELEVANCE Chamber's RESILIENCE, RESOLVE, RETURN & REIMAGINING. All of those has made you, your local Chamber President more RELEVANT.

LONGEVITY comes from LISTENING to our members.

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