

## Annual Events

### West Metro Home Improvement & Landscaping EXPO

Billed as "the largest show of its kind in the western suburbs. (Date and site for 2010 to be determined).

### Chaska Area Taste – May

Area food and related beverage businesses showcase their products along with a business EXPO portion of the event.

Staff Contact: Kristie Mitchell

### SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic – June

Annual golf event featuring participants from the SouthWest Metro business community.

Staff Contact: Kristie Mitchell

### July 3<sup>rd</sup> Trade EXPO – July

A community event where area businesses are invited to participate to promote products and services.

Staff Contact: Kristie Mitchell

### River City Days Business and Health EXPO July 25, 2009

A community event where area businesses are invited to participate to promote products and services.

Staff Contact: Kristie Mitchell

### Victoria Volksfest August 29, 2009

A community festival of fun, food and entertainment. Also showcases area business services and products.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Chamber Gala – Fall of 2009

Date and site to be determined.



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## Committees

### Ambassadors

The Ambassador committee is the hospitality arm of the chamber. The committee hosts ribbon cuttings, grand openings, business after hours and welcomes new businesses and members each month. The Ambassadors meet the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Public Policy

The Public Policy committee advocates for a healthy business environment and works to influence local and regional policy. The Public Policy Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Staff Contact: Deb McMillan

### Economic Development

The Economic Development Committee advocates, assists and measures economic development activities in the SouthWest Metro Region and manages the SouthWest Metro Chamber's Grow Minnesota! initiative. The ED committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Staff Contact: Deb McMillan

### Business Councils

Each City represented by the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce has a business council that meets monthly on issues specific to each community.

Carver : First Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Chanhassen: Third Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Chaska: Fourth Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Victoria: Third Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Education Grant Committee

Operating under the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce Foundation, this dedicated group of volunteers focuses on raising money and awarding scholarships for post secondary education to deserving high school seniors. Any student living in the SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce service area is eligible.

Staff Contact: Deb McMillan

## Networking

### SouthWest Metro Chamber of Commerce Member Luncheon

A luncheon meeting of the general membership for the purpose of networking and to hear interesting and informative speakers. Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Location varies. Call the Chamber office at: (952) 448-5000 for more information.

### Breakfast Networking

A breakfast marketing opportunity. Meets at the Summerwood Deli, Chanhassen, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Business After Hours

A free networking event for members and non-members featuring a new location each month with appetizers, beverages and a tour. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Women's BIZ

A great opportunity to promote your business to a dynamic group of women. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m., location varies.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Lunchtime Networking

Kicking off in the Fall of 2009, this networking group includes an educational component designed to help you make the most of networking opportunities and improve your networking skills. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., location varies.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway

### Member Orientation

An opportunity for current and prospective members to learn more about the Chamber's products and services. Meets the second Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., location varies.

Staff Contact: Mary Hadaway