

Issue 31

Summer 2022



## WHAT A BUSY SUMMER!

My apologies for my lack of newsletters this summer. It's been a busy one! We had a great Rum River Festival in June with a fantastic parade, fun Lucky Duck Drop and a speedy Rum River Festival 5K. In July we hosted 23 teams at the Princeton Golf Course for our annual PACC Golf Tournament. Speaking of the Princeton Golf Course, their team won for the fourth time in a row! Congratulations to them!

As summer winds down, we are working on the second annual OctoberFEAST. This year we'll be hosting another fun Cornhole Tournament, will have food trucks, vendors, live music and even more for the kiddos!

Believe it or not, the planning for Light Up Princeton is already underway. We are looking forward to a fun, festive holiday season. And you can already start searching Pinterest for ideas because we have decided on a theme for this year's business decorating contest—Candyland!

Speaking of decorating, get out that orange and black and get your window decorated in support of **Princeton Homecoming**. You'll need to have your **window decorated no later than Monday, Sept. 26** to take part in the **Paint the Town** contest. More info to come.

We're also working on a fun **NEW** event that will take place during our online silent auction in February. The event is called Pizza, Puzzles and Pub and will take place at **Sunken Ship Brewing**. Teams of four will sign up to take part with the idea of being the first team to finish the 300-piece puzzle, eat a large pizza and drink 8 beers (must be 21 or older to participate). Stay tuned for more information on that fun event.

This is just a brief overview of all we have going on at the chamber right now. Check out the rest of the newsletter to see what else is happening!

## SAVE THE DATE

### September 14

Morning Networking at the Civic Center, hosted by **Mailbox Kindness**  
8:00 am

### September 15

Combined Lunch & Learn with the Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce, **Northern Lights Ballroom**  
12:00 pm

### September 22

Leadership Series begins—It's All About You!  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

### September 22

After Hours at **Elemet Group**  
4:30-6:00 pm

### September 23

Pizza Bowl, Milaca High School

### September 26

Deadline to paint windows for Paint the Town

### September 30

Princeton Homecoming

THANK YOU  
K-BOB CAFÉ!



It's hard to believe that after 61 years, we won't be able to meet friends for breakfast or lunch and a cup of coffee at K-Bob Café. Imagine all the pancakes and eggs cooked there over the years and all the great memories made in our community. When my son was little and we would make kebobs on the grill, he always called them K-Bobs—and now we do as well. Thank you so much, Tou Family, for all you have done for our community. Best wishes to you as you set off on your next adventure.



A graphic for PACC Morning Networking. It features a background of pink tulips, a camera, and office supplies. The text reads: "PACC Morning Networking Because Chamber Works with: Mailbox Kindness! Wednesday, Sept. 14 Princeton Civic Center Networking at 7:45 am Meeting begins at 8 am". There are two black circles: one on the left with the text "Network with other businesses!" and one on the right with the text "503 N 9th St Princeton, MN".

### SEPT. NETWORKING WITH MAILBOX KINDNESS

Join us on **September 14** for Morning Networking with Mary E. Anderson of **Mailbox Kindness**. We look forward to hearing about this great business and all it has to offer. You won't want to miss it! Networking begins at 7:45 am and the meeting starts at 8 am. Interested in hosting? We are filled for 2022 and are now booking into 2023. January is filled but the remaining months are currently open.

### WIN CASH AT SEPTEMBER AFTER HOURS!



We always have so much fun at After Hours, and we know that will continue in September as **Elemet Group** will be hosting for September!

Just a reminder that YOU can win cash just by attending After Hours. We have the names of every chamber member in a bucket and at some point during the evening,

we draw one name from the bucket. If someone from your business is present during the drawing, they win a minimum of \$75 cash! Unfortunately, Spire Credit Union and Small Business Casual were not present when their names were drawn the last couple of months. We'll be drawing for \$200 in September, so you won't want to miss it!

Please join us on **Thursday, September 22 between 4:30-6:00 pm** for After Hours at **Elemet Group**. See you there!

## Tiger Community Connections

Tiger Community Connections (formerly known as Learning & Living) is a collaboration between the chamber and **Princeton Public Schools**. The mission and purpose is investing in and empowering our youth to explore opportunities through authentic local business connections.

**The goals of TCC** is to 1)Build a community of mentors; 2)Match a professional mentor to a student within a specific pathway; 3)Connect students to real-life, authentic, in-the-field experiences and certification opportunities; and 4)Support the career readiness scope & sequence in grades 6-12.

**Want to know how to get involved?** There are several ways your business can get connected to the schools. It can be as simple as showing your support by posting the 5 Habits of a Tiger (Critical Thinking, Positive Leadership, Effective Communication, Self-Awareness and Empathetic Citizenship) poster in your place of business, listing your job posting with the school district, taking part in Mock Interviews and/or Just Desserts OR you can take a deeper dive by becoming a business mentor, joining the TCC Committee or eventually providing a paid on-the-job work experience for a high school student.

Learn more by contacting Kim at [kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org](mailto:kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org) or 763-389-1764.

### Thank you to our 2022 Sponsors!

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2nd Annual  
**OctoberFEAST**  
Saturday, Oct. 15  
11 am - 3 pm  
**Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds**  
FREE WILL OFFERING

Food Trucks  
Vendors  
Cornhole Tournament  
Alpacas  
Beer Shack  
Live Music

Face Painting  
Pumpkin decorating  
Bouncy Houses  
Demonstrations by:  
Beyond Sport Taekwondo  
Just for Kix



 **Princeton**  
Area Chamber of Commerce

THIS is **PRINCETON**  
Live Here, Work Here, Play Here

## OctoberFEAST 2022

We are excited to host the second annual OctoberFEAST at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 11 am—3 pm. While there, you'll find great food trucks, lots of vendors, live music, a Cornhole Tournament, and more!

We have **ONE** remaining Cornhole Board sponsorship. Boards are made and donated by **Crystal Cabinets** and **Steinbrecher Painting** donates the painting of the boards. They are wrapped by **Minuteman Press** with your logo. For \$250, we use the boards in the Cornhole Tournament, and then you get to keep the boards and the bags when we're done! **Email** Kim at [kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org](mailto:kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org) if you are interested.

We also have Cornhole Tourney Scoreboard sponsorships available for just \$60/each. [CLICK HERE](#)

### SHOP EAT SUPPORT LOCAL

Please support the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce's Shop Local participants:



[www.princetonmnchamber.org](http://www.princetonmnchamber.org)  
Facebook: @PrincetonShopLocalPacc

if you are interested in being a scoreboard sponsor.

Get your team together and watch for the tournament registration coming soon!

## MINI DAZZLE/TINSEL, TWINKLE, TRUNK OR TREAT

### New Members

#### [Princeton Ambassador Program](#)

The Princeton Ambassador Program is a nonprofit organization and scholarship program committed to the professional growth and development of young women.

#### [Glasswing Counseling](#)

Glasswing Counseling offers a caring, empathetic, and safe environment for you to begin your journey to a better life and happier you.

#### [Sunken Ship Brewing](#)

A fun and relaxing atmosphere with great people, fun times and great tasting craft beer.

#### [Cedar Point Bookkeeping](#)

Cedar Point Bookkeeping offers a number of services including Quick Books Online, Quick Books training, monthly balancing and more!

#### [The Briggs Companies](#)

Are you looking for rental property in Princeton? Check out The Briggs Companies.

#### [Minnco Credit Union](#)

Minnco Credit Union will be opening in Princeton in 2023. Stay tuned!

It's hard to believe, but it's already time to start talking about **Light Up Princeton**, the **Mini Dazzle parade**, and NEW this year—the **Tinsel, Twinkle, Trunk or Treat!** For the safety of spectators, we are unable to allow candy to be thrown from floats during the Mini Dazzle parade,



however, once floats make their way through the parade, they'll turn into the north mall parking lot where they can park (if they so choose) to take part in Tinsel, Twinkle, Trunk or Treat. This will allow children to be able to visit you while parked, to trunk or treat safely through the parking lot. Don't want to take part in the parade but would love to light up your vehicle for Trunk or Treat? No problem! We'll have spaces reserved for you too. All the fun will take place on **Small Business Saturday, Nov. 26**, beginning at 6 pm and will include the official start of Light Up Princeton. So, get your tinsel out and your twinkle ready—the season is almost upon us! More information to come.

### PACC PROMOS

For only \$20/each, you can include your promotion in a bi-weekly email that will be sent to over 300 members in a PACC email blast. PACC Promos will be sent on the second

and fourth Friday of each month. It will also be posted on the chamber Facebook page, which currently has nearly 2,500 followers and will run on the Chamber TV facing First Street for two weeks. You provide the copy, and we'll provide the ad. No ad design necessary. Deadline for information is NOON on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

When submitting a PACC Promo, you may also include a web link or email address that we will hyperlink to the promotion. In addition, you can include your business logo or a photo to go along with it. The copy should be limited to no more than 175 words. Invoices will be sent once per month.

The next PACC Promos will run on **Sept. 9** and **Sept. 23** will be DUE no later than Sept. 6 and Sept. 19. [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your PACC Promo today!

