



Save the Date

September 3:

Chamber Check-In
9:00 am
Zoom

September 10:

Mobile Mixer
5:00 pm
Zoom

September 17:

AM Networking - Because
Chamber Works - at Princeton
Community Ed - 8 am - Location
TBD

September 24:

Lunch & Learn at Noon via Zoom
- Topic: HR

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Chamber Sponsors:**

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It's a Busy Time at the Chamber

The Chamber continues to work hard on behalf of Princeton area businesses, from online and in-person networking, to business recognition and more. Here are just a few things we're working on:

Networking

We continue to offer weekly opportunities to network with other businesses (see sidebar) in different ways. In order to make it easy to remember, our networking meetings take place every Thursday. Our Chamber Check-In takes place the first Thursday of the month and offers a more casual way to network. There is no set topic, but you get an opportunity to talk about your business, let everyone know what's going on and ask for any advice you may need. Mornings too busy? Join us for our Mobile Mixer where we have lots of laughs and get to know one another on a more personal level. Our morning networking is a structured networking event where you get to share your tag line and then hear from our host. Each month, we bring a speaker to you through our Lunch & Learn. Grab some food from a local restaurant and join us!

Manufacturer's Month

Join us in October as we celebrate Manufacturer's Month! We have plans to bring speakers, highlight our local manufacturers and hear from some of them as well!

Holiday Celebration and Small Business Saturday

Plans are in the works to light up Princeton as a fun way to kick off the holiday season and celebrate Small Business Saturday, which takes place on November 28.



Host AM Networking

We are looking for hosts for our Morning Networking Meeting in 2021. This meeting is a fantastic way to promote your business. It is a structured format that begins with all attendees sharing their tag lines. Then we hear announcements from the Chamber, the City of Princeton and Princeton Public Schools. From there, the host gets “15 minutes of fame” where they talk about their business, often times in a really fun format. During the time of Covid, we have held these meetings online as well as outdoors in parks where we can social distance. The host provides a small “breakfast” of their choice, which can range from muffins/donuts and coffee, to breakfast burritos to fruit and yogurt. If we’re online, we ask everyone to grab some breakfast on their own and join us! Please contact Kim at kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org if you are interested in hosting in 2021!

Board Members Needed

We are seeking chamber members to serve on the chamber board of directors. There are three board members whose terms expire at the end of the year with only one seeking a seat. Board candidates must be active members of the chamber in good standing and agree to serve a three-year term on the board. The board meets once per month and duties include serving on 2-3 committees, including the Rum River Festival committee. If interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a board application and return to the chamber either through mail or scan it to Kim at kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org. New board members will be voted on at the November PACC Board of Directors meeting and new terms begin Jan. 1, 2021



Nominate Business/Nonprofit/Volunteer of the Year

The PACC Board of Directors is seeking nominations for Business, Nonprofit and Volunteer(s) of the Year. The criteria is listed on our website and includes being a current member of the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce, in business for at least three years, and providing exemplary support to the Princeton community among other items. Previous winners must wait 3 years before eligibility is restored.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about nominations as well as a form to complete. Nominations must be received no later than November 15 to be considered. Final decisions will be made by the PACC Board of Directors and announced at either the December Lunch & Learn or the Chamber Gala in January.

Got a Job Opening?

If you have a job opening you would like us to add to the Chamber website, we’re happy to do so! Just email Kim with the information, including a link to the job application. You can see the job openings listed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

AM Networking Dates

9/17: Princeton Public Schools
Community Education

10/15: ABRA Auto Body & Glass

11/19 Small Business Casual

12/17: Go Savvy Social

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pacc@princetonmnchamber.org if
you are interested in hosting.

Thank you, PACC Board

Tracy Bailey: Colonial Life Insurance

Carrie Vesel: ABRA Auto Body &
Glass

Michelle Czech: Princeton Public
Schools

Alisha Lueck: Marv's True Value

Amber Wilkinson: First Bank &
Trust

Dylan Donner: Princeton Wine &
Spirits

Martha Ahlschlager, Sterling Pointe
Senior Living

Mary Patnode: Innovative
Communication Strategies

Tim Siercks: Minuteman Press

Victoria Hallin: Civic Betterment
Club

Tracy Carlson: Edward Jones

Help welcome newcomers to Princeton

The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce provides Welcome Bags to Princeton Public Utilities to be given to their new customers. The bags include a Princeton Community Guide, a map of Princeton and lots of swag from our member businesses. These welcome bags are a great way to promote your business. We are currently running low on swag and are looking for additional items to include (although we're good on pens). If you are interested in donating to the Welcome Bags, please let us know by contacting us at pacc@princetonmnchamber.org and we'll stop by and pick up those items. Thanks!

Candidate Forum

The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a local Candidate Forum in October so that you are able to make an informed decision when going to the polls. The details are still being worked out, but please be on the lookout for marketing of the event coming in mid-September.



Do you employ high schoolers?

As we begin the new school year with a hybrid model at Princeton High School, some of your teenage employees may request hours during the school day when they are scheduled for distance learning. Just a friendly reminder to try and schedule high schoolers after the school day, which ends at 3:15 pm.