



Princeton Area

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and Tourism

RUM RIVER FESTIVAL PLANNING UNDERWAY

The warm weather has us thinking spring—and summer—and we are well underway with the planning of the 2024 Rum River Festival. We have many things planned and several new additions this year. Additions to this year's festival include:

The World's Largest Rubber Duck

This may be the only chance to see the Big Duck here in Princeton, so you don't want to miss out on this HUGE event. Thank you to **Bremer Bank** for allowing us to use their parking lot to display the duck for the Rum River Festival. Mama Duck, as she is affectionally called, will be on display June 7-8 from 10 am—6 pm and June 9 from 11 am—5 pm.

Entertainment

The Unicycling Unicorn will not only be a part of the Rum River Festival Parade but will also be putting on two FREE shows near the Big Duck in the south mall parking lot on Friday and Saturday. The unicyclist is trying to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the tallest unicycle ride at 50 feet! He is currently having one built at 35 feet, and it will be fun to see him entertain us!

On Saturday, the Dance Caravan, made up of dancers from our area, will also be performing near the Big Duck in the south mall parking lot. This performance will also be FREE. Both the Dance Caravan and the Unicycling Unicorn are grateful for your donations.

Sand Volleyball Tournament

This event is still in the works for Saturday of the Rum River Festival, but Princeton Community Education is hard at work, figuring out all the details with a plan to have a kids tournament during the day and an adult tournament closer to the evening.

Be sure to check the chamber website often as we add more fun events!

SAVE THE DATE

March 8

Rum River Festival designs due for contest

March 12

Lunch & Learn, Fraud Prevention & Workplace Safety Noon, Public Safety Building

March 21

Leadership Series, 9 am—3 pm: Education & the Arts

March 27

Morning Networking, 8 am, M Health Fair-view, Location TBD

Welcome to our
New Members!

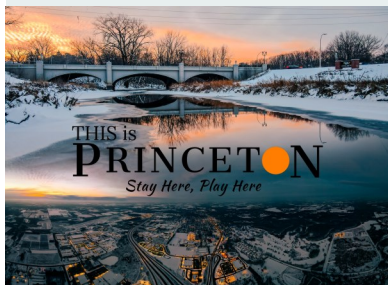
Wheeler Auto Repair

Wheeler Auto Repair is a family-owned business that provides affordable, quality auto repair services to its customers.

Elite Autocare of Princeton

Elite Autocare of Princeton is a trusted local center for comprehensive auto repair in Princeton, dedicated to offering exceptional service and expertise.

Puzzle, Pizza and Pub
Night Puzzle



MORNING NETWORKING

MARCH 27
LOCATION: TBD



Networking: 7:45, Meeting: 8 am



MARCH MORNING NETWORKING

Join us on **March 27th** as **M Health Fairview** hosts **Morning Networking**. We are fortunate to have such a comprehensive healthcare system right here in Princeton, and we are excited to hear from them. Networking starts at 7:45 am—Meeting begins at 8 am. Watch your email for more information, including location. There are three morning networking spots available for 2024: July, Aug, and Oct. Reach out to Kim if you want to grab a spot!

MARCH LUNCH & LEARN

We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, March 12th for our March Lunch & Learn at noon at the Public Safety Building (Police and Fire Station)**. We will be hearing from Police Chief Todd Frederick as he talks to us about fraud prevention as well as some general workplace safety tips. Please arrive about 11:45 to get your lunch, catered by Erbert and Gerberts so that we may start promptly at noon. Watch your email, where you will be asked to RSVP. See you there!

AFTER HOURS

We have been having a great time with our new After Hours format, where we visit businesses and participate in fun activities in our community. So far we have attended a Princeton High School Volleyball game, played trivia at Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill (where we won!) and played Bingo at Sunken Ship Brewing Company, where we had at least two winners! Last month we invited everyone to stop by Sunken Ship Brewing Company to cheer on the teams taking part in our Puzzle, Pizza and Pub Night event. Stay tuned for more information on our next After Hours outing!

TIGER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Get Involved!

There are several ways to partner with students and **Princeton Public Schools**. Here are just a few!

Habits of a Tiger

Hang the 5 Habits of a Tiger poster up at your business to show you support these critical skills.

Job Postings

Advertise your open jobs for students ages 14-18 on the PHS Job Opportunities board.

Hot Jobs/Cool Careers

Complete a simple form to have your business/industry featured on the District website.

Workforce Panel

Take part in a workforce panel for PHS and/or Middle School students and talk about your industry & business.

Just Desserts

Take part in this chamber event where you'll give PHS students some practice talking to a business professional.

Tiger Community Connections

Join the TCC Advisory Group!

TIGER CAREER ACADEMIES

Do you remember your answer as a child to the common question: What do you want to be when you grow up? No matter what students from Princeton Public Schools plan for life after graduation, the Tiger Career Academies are designed to support every student's future. Through the academies, students can freely explore college and career options before racking up any student debt. The goal is for every student to graduate with an industry credential, certification, workplace experience, college credit, internship or mentorship. Connecting their learning to outside experiences, students apply new skills with meaning and relevance to the field.

PHS GRAD SPOTLIGHT— LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE, WORK HERE



This month's Learn Here, Live Here, Work Here, PHS Grad Spotlight is Dana Ackerson. Dana is the General Manager at Coffee Corner, which has locations in Princeton, Milaca and at the Anoka Ramsey Community College campus in Cambridge. She graduated from college in 2000 and was in the healthcare field for 20 years, where her main focus was pediatrics. She said her family wanted to open a Coffee Corner location in Zim-

merman, so she went casual status at the clinic to run the family business. Dana said that she has a fun job and she "loves working with all sorts of people. Seeing everyone in the community on a regular basis has been great!" Dana has contributed to the Princeton community in many ways over the years, being extensively involved in Girl Scouts, a leader, cookie manager and being the Service Unit Manager for Princeton, Milaca and Foley for several years. "I have also done some work with the Rum River Business Builders who graciously donate to local nonprofits each year."



JOIN US AT TIGER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Tiger Community Connections is a group that brings our local businesses together with Princeton Public Schools. We partner on all of the things you see on this page, and we couldn't do one without the other. Our next meeting will take place on **April 25 at 7:30 am at the City Hall/District Office Board Room**. We have a **Zoom** option as well. Please contact Kim if you are interested in attending.



\$3000
 Same as \$1,000 sponsor plus named as sponsor on all 1000 Lucky Duck raffle tickets. ONE sponsor available.

\$1000
 Name & logo on banner, 10x10 booth on site, social media shoutouts, free parade entry and placed toward the front.

\$500
 Name on banner, 10x10 booth on site, social media shoutouts.

COMING TO THE RUM RIVER FESTIVAL: JUNE 7-9

- OVER 6 STORIES TALL!
- 64 FEET WIDE & 75 FEET LONG
- SPREADING HAPPINESS & LOVE WHEREVER SHE GOES

Thank you to our 2024 Sponsors!

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2024 PRINCETON SHOP LOCAL

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