



Princeton Area

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and Tourism

SPRING HAS ARRIVED—AT LEAST WE HOPE SO!

Each spring, after we make our way through winter, we like to open the windows, air out our homes and maybe even do a little spring cleaning. I've been doing that at the office by organizing things, dusting shelves and catching up on filing. We often tend to curl up and hibernate during the winter, and as warmer weather arrives, we might feel a little more like getting out.

As a chamber member, have you thought about trying something new? Maybe that means visiting a new restaurant or business in town. Or perhaps you want to network with other chamber members by attending a Lunch & Learn or Morning Networking for the first time! Are you a pretty active chamber member? Perhaps you know a business in town who isn't a part of the chamber. Invite them to one of our events and have them check it out!

Have you ever hosted a Morning Networking event? Maybe the time is now. You do not have to have a storefront to host Morning Networking. You can host it at the chamber office or the Civic Center or other locations. We'll work with you to find the best place to showcase your business. We only have a few openings left in 2024, so contact Kim to sign up for July, August or October Morning Networking.

If you are looking for something more casual to do with the chamber, you could attend an After Hours event. For our After Hours, we attend an event happening at a local chamber member business or organization. In April, we'll be headed to Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill for some DJ Trivia.

What else can you do to dust off the cobwebs as a chamber member? Check the online directory at www.princetonmnchamber.org/directory and make sure your listing is up to date. Maybe you're having a difficult finding your listing and you prefer to have it in a different category. Let us know!

Whatever it is, please reach out and take part in all we have to offer!

SAVE THE DATE

April 9

Lunch & Learn, Tik-Tok, Reels and More Social Media, Noon, Pizza Pub's Raven Room

April 16

After Hours, DJ Bingo, 6:30 pm, Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill

April 18

Leadership Series, 9 am-3 pm: Agriculture Day

April 24

Morning Networking, 8 am, The Bank of Elk River

Welcome to our
New Members!

Happy Productions Studios

Happy Productions is a 24/7 online radio stream consisting of creative and entertaining programming. Listeners tuning in will receive an amazing variety of music presented by real people, live interviews and music, specialty radio shows, and live arts and music from The Listening Room and alternative venues.

Alpha & Omega Farm

The farm boasts an outdoor dining experience featuring Neapolitan-style wood-fired pizzas. The pizzas are made with many locally sourced ingredients and feature garden fresh veggies and herbs during the summer.

Fabulous Finds Old & New

Fabulous Finds Old & New is a new variety retail store in Princeton featuring items from vintage antique to brand new items for all ages.



MARCH MORNING NETWORKING

Join us on **April 24th** as **The Bank of Elk River** hosts **Morning Networking**. We will be meeting at the Zimmerman location and are always greeted with fun games and great information from the crew at The Bank of Elk River. Networking starts at 7:45 am—Meeting begins at 8 am. There are three morning networking spots available for 2024: July, Aug, and Oct. Reach out to Kim if you want to grab a spot!

APRIL LUNCH & LEARN

We hope you'll be there on **Tuesday, April 9th** for our **April Lunch & Learn** as we get some tips and tricks about social media such as TikTok, Facebook Reels, Instagram and more! We will be hearing from Sonia of the Tattooed Lady who is an expert in social media. We will be meeting in the Raven Room at the Pizza Pub. Please arrive about 11:45 to get your lunch so that we may start promptly at noon. Watch your email, where you will be asked to RSVP. See you there!

AFTER HOURS

Get ready to yell (or should we say sing) BINGO as we join together for **After Hours on April 16th at 6:30 pm for DJ Bingo!** Order some food and drinks and have some fun with your chamber buddies as we play some DJ Bingo at **Fore Seasons Clubhouse Bar & Grill**. Please plan to arrive no later than 6 pm so that you may get a seat. Let Kim know if you plan to attend so that we can save enough spots. BINGO!

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 Dylan Donner. Dylan is a 2001 graduate of Princeton High School and currently works as the manager of Princeton Wine & Spirits. His said his work path to his current job wasn't a straight line as it includes being a teacher, a bartender, restaurant manager and working at a bank before starting his job at the liquor store.

He said the best thing about his current job is the people. "I have amazing coworkers, em-



ployees and customers." He said his favorite thing about Princeton is the "sense of community and how the people and businesses are always willing to lend a hand or work together on projects and events. " Dylan is a big part of that community bond as he is involved in the community through volunteerism as a board member on the chamber board (which requires swimming in the Rum River) and also volunteers on the Tiger Alumni Foundation Board of Directors.

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.

RUM RIVER FESTIVAL CHECKLIST

- Sign up for the Rum River Festival Parade [HERE](#).
- Join the “Duck”orating Contest by contacting Kim at kim.young@princetonmnchamber.org to get your rubber duck.
- Purchase Lucky Duck tickets at the Chamber office or let Kim know that you’re willing to sell them at your business.
- Sponsor the Rum River Festival 5K for only \$50 [HERE](#).
- Put together a team to run/walk the Rum River Festival 5K.
- Register for the Rum River Festival 5K [HERE](#).
- Volunteer to help out at the Rum River Festival [HERE](#). We’ve got many openings and need a lot of help.

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2024 PRINCETON SHOP LOCAL

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- * Twice New Clothing & Treasures

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The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism leads, promotes and advocates for our community partners to make Princeton a great destination city.