



### Save the Date

**April 9:**

Mobile Mixer  
5:00 pm

**April 16:**

PACC Networking - Because Chamber Works at SendOut Cards by Mary E. Anderson  
7:45 am - 9:05 am

**April 23:**

Zoom in for lunch  
Noon

**April 30:**

Nonprofit Networking  
10 am

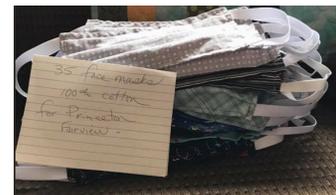
All networking events will be online via Zoom. You will receive the link to each event through email, the week of the event.



The Pharmacy staff at M Health Fairview receiving teas from Northern Nutrition. Keeping our front lines healthy!

### Princeton - Stronger Together

It's truly difficult to know what to say during these unprecedented times. One thing I know for sure, is that this community is coming together in wonderful ways, and we truly are stronger together. Everyone is stepping up to help each other, whether that be through information sharing or offering their services in a new and different way.



It is hard to believe that we have only been living this new way for only a few weeks, but during that short time, more than 500 masks have been made and have been given to **Elim Care and Rehab, Princeton Fire and Police Departments, and Freedom Center**. Community members are currently working on making over 1000 more masks to be delivered to **M Health Fairview** and **Princeton Public Schools**.

**Northern Nutrition** has started the Pay it Forward Project where you can nominate a business to receive teas and then pay it forward with your purchase. They have delivered over 200 teas and counting! And speaking of delivering meals, the **Pizza Barn** has been delivering in a big way, offering free chicken dinners to homebound seniors in our community. These are just a few ways in which our community is coming together, and we couldn't be more proud.





## March Networking

We had a great time at our After Hours Networking in March at **Tapped Bar and Grill/Princeton Lanes** in March. We miss seeing all of our members in person and hope you will consider joining us for some of our networking events online.

We will send out the Zoom link and information each week through email and we invite you to join if you are available.

Our next online After Hours, temporarily called “Mobile Mixer,” will take place on Thursday, April 9 at 5 pm. Grab a beverage of your choice and join us!

Then join us on April 16 as Mary E. Anderson of SendOut Cards hosts our online morning networking group - Because Chamber Works at SendOut Cards! See you at 7:45 am!

## BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

PACC Board Member Tim Sierks of **Minuteman Press**, is in his eighth year serving as a member of the PACC Board of Directors. Tim said he first joined the chamber board in order to be more involved in the community, and he is certainly involved as he has continued to serve for many years. He said his favorite thing about the community is the fairgrounds, and I would bet the reason for that is because of the race track. Tim has been an avid racer and fan his whole life and the love of racing continues through his family, his wife Mindi and two daughters. We thank Tim for his continued involvement and support in our community.



## Property Tax Payment

The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce is working with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce to provide relief options for our businesses given the economic hardship created by the COVID-19 crisis. For many, short-term survival is critical, but long-term recovery is also an essential consideration. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, along with its local chamber partners across the state (including the PACC), Hospitality Minnesota, MFIB, The Minnesota Retailers, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Association are advocating for a 60-day extension for May 15 business property tax payment. The Minnesota Chamber will be reaching out directly to the Governor’s office on behalf of the coalition noted above. The recommendation is for this to be implemented at the state level so there is uniformity statewide and the letter will request the Governor to take action on this request. It may also need codification by the Legislature. Counties also have this authority under current law to abate penalties and interest for property taxes as well as to abate property taxes. The ask is for a 60-day extension for the payment. The PACC has also emailed a letter to Mille Lacs County Administrator Pat Oman as well as to other business leaders to ask for their support.

### AM Networking Dates

- 4/16: SendOut Cards via Zoom
- 5/21: Crystal Cabinet Works (Training Center)
- 6/18: City of Princeton
- 7/16: Edward Jones (loc. TBD)
- 8/20: Zimmerman Physical Therapy
- 9/17: First Bank & Trust
- 10/15: ABRA Auto Body & Glass

### After Hours Dates

- 4/9: Mobile Mixer online
- 5/7: Pizza Barn

### Nonprofit Networking

- 3/30: Via Zoom

### Welcome New Members!

We ate a delicious lunch provided by the **K-Bob Cafe** at our March Luncheon and listened to a fantastic presentation by Marc Van Herr of The Beautiful Mind Project. We also recognized our newest members: **Princeton Lanes/Tapped Bar & Grill**, **Samantha Severson - JP Willman Realty, Hansen Power & Lighting** and **Merlin's Family Restaurant**.

We are so excited to have these businesses join our chamber! Welcome!



### Rum River Festival Parade Update

After much discussion, the PACC Board made the very difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Rum River Festival Parade. Right now, the board, along with the Rum River Festival Committee is exploring the possibility of moving some of the other events to the weekend of the Chili Fest, on October 10. Please be sure to watch the Chamber Facebook page as well as the website for the most updated information.

### Thinking Outside the Box

We are so impressed with our local businesses as they think outside the box with their businesses. From curbside pickup, to deliveries to online auctions, our businesses are finding new and creative ways to do business during this uncertain time. Do you have an idea for a way we can help promote local business? We'd love to hear from you! We are going to get through this, and we'll do it together! #princetonstrongertogether

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