

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kevin Lynch, Woodbury Fire Marshal

Public Safety Worker of the Year

Basic Needs

Nonprofit of the Year

Sandy Peterson

Everyday Hero

The HOW Companies, Inc.

Business of the Year

Logan Carstensen, Lake Middle School

Educator of the Year



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Summit Orthopedics

Silver

Lake Elmo Inn

Machete Cocina Mexicana

Wellington Management

Woodbury Magazine

Woodbury Community Foundation

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Book Club
- Connect Groups
- Discounted EXPO Booth

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Laurie Staiger, IOM
Chamber President

As we settle into February, I'm reminded how fortunate we are to be part of such a strong and engaged business community here in Woodbury. With nearly 500 members, our Chamber continues to be a place where connections are made, ideas are shared, and local businesses support one another in meaningful ways.

The year is already off to a great start, and we're looking forward to more opportunities to learn, network, and grow together in the months ahead. Whether you're attending an event, welcoming a new member, or collaborating with a fellow business owner, your involvement is what makes this Chamber thrive.

Be sure to either exhibit or attend the Woodbury Community EXPO on March 28th. It is the place to be to connect business and commerce.

Thank you for being part of our community and for everything you do to make Woodbury a great place to do business and build your professional network.

New Year! New Opportunity! Join a Connect Group!

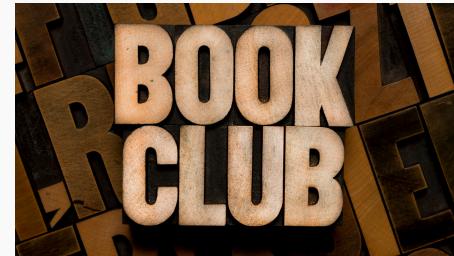
Connect is a dynamic networking program designed to foster meaningful, professional relationships with non-competing business leaders in our community. Expand your network, gain new perspectives, deepen your engagement with local professionals! Groups average 12 members, meet twice a month for six months, and include facilitated discussion.

The following Connect groups are launching:

- General
- Young Professionals
- Women In Business

Email laurie@woodburychamber.org for application. Deadline is February 6 for groups starting later this month.

NETWORKING EVENTS



February Good Morning Woodbury

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Free to attend

Thursday, February 5

MN Spine & Sport

8360 City Centre Drive, Suite 100
Woodbury

February Business After Hours

4:00-6:00 p.m. - Free to attend

Tuesday, February 17

Sponsor: Eric Rislove, Edward
Jones Investments

Location: Lakewood Tavern
9939 Hudson Blvd.
Lake Elmo

Chamber Leadership Book Club

"The Five Dysfunctions of a Team"

3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

Facilitator: Stephanie Elliston

Location: Woodbury Chamber
700 Commerce Drive
Conference Room 145

[Register Here](#)



SIP & SHOP FUNDRAISER!

MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

5-8 PM

7774 HARGIS PARKWAY, WOODBURY

Stop by Mainstream Boutique for a Sip & Shop event to benefit the Woodbury Chamber Business Foundation! 15% of your purchase will be donated to benefit the Chamber's Leadership programs.

A new Chamber initiative, the business foundation is committed to building strong leaders and offering programs that enrich and energize our business community, including:

- Providing leadership programming
- Supporting educators
- Creating career pathways for students

Ensure your listing is accurate!
View your listing online and
make any updates now!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COURAGE TO FAIL

FEBRUARY 19, 2026 Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Woodbury Chamber Conference Room 145
700 Commerce Drive, Woodbury

Event is Sold Out!

Get on the waitlist by emailing
michele@woodburychamber.org

The fear of failure can be paralyzing but embracing it as a valuable opportunity for growth can lead to increased confidence and a deeper understanding of one's abilities. Walk away with solutions for how you can build a healthier mindset when failure shows up; specifically:

- Solutions to help navigate feelings of failure.
- Ways to build resilience.
- How to reframe failure.
- Practical mind-body application for handling the stress response cycle while incorporating play into your day



Pete K. Wong is the founder and creator of Courage in Chaos, a resilience & self-mastery coaching, facilitation, and speaking service. Pete has over 20 years of experience blending movement, play, and evidence-based strategies to empower participants to reframe negative thoughts, manage stress, and advocate for themselves with renewed confidence.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION: HOW TO TALK TO THE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

REGISTER TODAY

MARCH 18, 2026 Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Woodbury Chamber Conference Room 145
700 Commerce Drive, Woodbury

FREE TO ATTEND. LIMITED SEATING

This presentation from Citizens Against Sex Trafficking (C.A.S.T.) will discuss human trafficking and exploitation, the reality of this issue in the Twin Cities, what C.A.S.T. is doing to prevent exploitation, as well as ways community members can end exploitation before it begins.

Be informed about the threats today's youth are facing. Hear how we can strengthen our community against predators and learn language for talking to the kids in your life.



Ashley Moore, Executive Director of C.A.S.T., has served in anti-human trafficking for almost 10 years, working with survivors of sex trafficking in Austria, England, and the US, partnering with law enforcement, and now works in human trafficking prevention. Ashley was born and raised in Washington County and is eager to use her education and experience to empower the community with the knowledge they need to end exploitation before it begins.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber provides ribbon cuttings for new businesses in the community who join the chamber as well as for members celebrating a 10+ year milestone business anniversary, moved to a new business location or completed major renovation.



HARMONY WHEELS TRANSPORTATION

New Business
.724 Bielenberg Drive, Suite 28, Woodbury



KIDDIE ACADEMY OF WOODBURY

New Business
805 Stephens Way, Woodbury



THE PART BARN

New Business
8511 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo



YOU'RE INVITED! UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTINGS

SLICK CITY WOODBURY

New Business
February 24, 2026
3:00 p.m.
587 Settlers Ridge Parkway
Woodbury

Saint Therese of Woodbury

10 Year Anniversary
March 3, 2026
3:00 p.m.
7555 Bailey Road
Woodbury

2026 COMMUNITY EXPO



Join us as we celebrate our 17th Woodbury Community EXPO! Don't miss this opportunity to get in front of potential customers--booths are selling strong as we approach this year's event! A member business booth is \$450 and non-profit member booth rate is \$350.

[Click Here to register for a booth!](#)

The EXPO offers entertainment and activities for the whole family. Experience the excitement on the main stage with high energy martial arts demonstration from Master Kim's Tae Kwon Do, high stepping O'Shea Irish dance performance, spectacular showcases by Aspire Music Academy's Momentum performance group and much more! Other activities include kid's area, outdoor vehicle fair, food booths and entertainment from local performance groups on the community stage.



**M HEALTH FAIRVIEW SPORTS CENTER
4125 RADIO DRIVE**

Saturday, March 28, 2026 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Summit Orthopedics**

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Kid's Area

Kiddie Academy of Woodbury

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Woodbury Leadership Academy

Community Stage

Primrose School of Woodbury

Show Floor

Beyond the Pines Tax & Accounting

Great Plains Windows & Doors

Vehicle Fair

Russell Room Remodelers

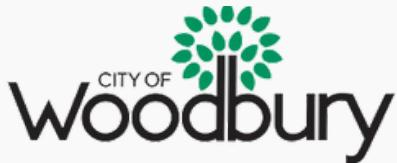
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Sponsorships Still Available!

A variety of sponsorships are available ranging from \$1,000 - \$3,000 and some include a booth.
[SIGN UP](#)

MEMBER NEWS



New businesses opening in Woodbury::

Kiddie Academy

805 Stephens Way

Listo! Fresh Mexican Grill:

1960 Donegal Drive
Suite #15

Bevvie Soda Café

2190 Eagle Creek Lane
Suite B

Slick City Woodbury

587 Settlers Ridge Parkway
Suite 300



Over \$15,000 Donated through CorTrust Cares 2025 Jeans Day Program



CorTrust Bank is using "casual Fridays" to give back to local community causes. Through the CorTrust Cares Jeans Day program, employees can wear jeans on Fridays in exchange for a financial gift. This charitable giving initiative offers a centralized way for each CorTrust market to uplift worthwhile causes.

In 2025, the program donated \$15,851.67 to local nonprofits in the areas they serve. These funds helped over 30 organizations,



Support the Online Student Council



The Online Student Council hosts monthly media center activities for online students across all three district high schools. With candy prizes and open participation, these events create a fun way for online teachers and 2500 students to connect in person.

Please contact Business Teacher Linda Pederson if you would like to make a donation to help purchase candy for the monthly events. lpeders2@sowashco.org. 651-425-7327



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RENEWING MEMBERS

1-5 Year Members

Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
Member Since 2025

**Goosehead Insurance-
Tony Muckala Agency**
Member Since 2025

Bernicke Wealth Management
Member Since 2024

Blaze Credit Union
Member Since 2024

Tyler Martin - Engel & Völkers
Member Since 2024

Burn Boot Camp Woodbury
Member Since 2023

Squeaky Services
Member Since 2023

Thrivent Financial - Ross Hillukka
Member Since 2023

Hero Training Center
Member Since 2022

1-5 Year Members

Sextant Advisors, LLC
Member Since 2021

6-10 Year Members

**Christie Denson
Communications**
Member Since 2020

Mindset Chiropractic
Member Since 2020

All Family Dental
Member Since 2019

Salvo Soccer Club
Member Since 2019

Culver's of Woodbury
Member Since 2016

Nothing Bundt Cakes
Member Since 2019

11-20 Year Members

Ze's Diner
Member Since 2015

**St. Paul Development
Corporation**
Member Since 2014

Woodbury Lions Club
Member Since 2014

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce.

AA Garage Door LLC
aagaragedoor.com/

Jeff Wegge Photography, LLC
jeffweggephotography.com

Service Restoration Inc.
servicerestoration.com/

AB CAM Services
abcamservices.com/

Luminate Bank
nicole.drummond@goluminate.com

Slick City Woodbury
slickcity.com/mn-woodbury/

A Place of Hope MN
placeofhopemn@gmail.com

**Mississippi River Valley Beyond the
Yellow Ribbon**
bttyr@cottagegrovemn.gov

St. Paul Saints
milb.com/st-paul

Backyard Birdies
backyardbirdiesmn.com

Nordic Renewal Co.
nordicrenewalmn.com

Woodbury King Fu
woodburykungfu.com

Frios Gourmet Pops (Woodbury)
friospops.com/woodbury

North Star Vending & Amenities
northstar-vending.com

Zippy Photo Booth Rental
ZippyPhotobooth.com

2026 WOODBURY CHAMBER GALA HOLLYWOOD GLAM HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You Gala Committee!

Committee Chair Amber Bisek, Crystal Bakker, Elizabeth Kriel, Jillian Faber, Kim Quigley, Lisa Boe, Mandana Okpor-Company; Meggan Kerkenbush, Tricia Schweitz



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