

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN HONORING THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Application Deadline November 1, 2026

Recipients will be celebrated at the Community Awards Gala on January 15, 2027

[CLICK HERE](#) TO NOMINATE!

Business of the Year



Nominee must be a Chamber member and a business operating in the Woodbury area for at least 5 years. The business should stand out as a leader in their industry and in the Woodbury community. *Chamber board members not eligible.*

Educator of the Year



Nominee must be a licensed Pre-K-12 grade teacher at a Woodbury area public or private school during 2025-2026 school year. Nominee should demonstrate commitment to student success and goes above and beyond to make a meaningful difference in the lives of students.

Everyday Hero



Nominee must be a Woodbury area resident who demonstrated outstanding service to the community or positively impacted someone's life through compassion, kindness or generosity in 2026. *Chamber board members not eligible.*

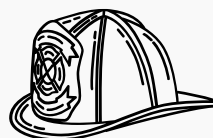
Nonprofit of the Year



Nominee must be an active 501-C3 Chamber member organization located or operating in the Woodbury area for a minimum of 5 years making a positive impact in the community.

Public Safety Worker of the Year

Nominee must be employed as a public safety worker with the Woodbury area. Recognizes an individual who demonstrated exceptional bravery, dedication, or service in protecting and supporting the community.



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Gain exposure through chamber website & personal business page
- Receive referrals from the Chamber and its members
- Connect with local business owners at networking events

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Laurie Staiger, IOM
Chamber President

Kickball. Just reading the name conjures images of childhood memories, playgrounds and fun. It turns out kickball can still bring plenty of fun, comradery and laughter when you're an adult. It may seem unusual for a chamber to organize a kickball tournament, however it does everything a chamber strives to do; bring people together, build relationships and foster a community of support.

Every year this event creates a buzz and gets our members working together (and strategizing against one another!) for a day on the playground. This year we had eleven teams, representing 30 businesses and the competition was fierce – not only on the field, but also for the costume contest!

Throughout the day, representatives from different organizations were cheering one another on. Honestly, I see this spirit happen off the fields, too.

We have a special community that wants each other to succeed. We have members who go out of their way to lend a hand, whether that means serving as a mentor, providing accountability, sharing a connection, or even getting in their car and looking for another member's lost dog. That is the WACC. We are a community that looks out for one another.

If you are looking to grow your network, build relationships and become more connected, I highly encourage you to lean in. We have two Connect groups, a book club and event committees forming now.

There is a place for you here. Join us – you'll be glad you did!



Mission: Connecting businesses to strengthen community

Vision: To serve as the catalyst for a thriving economy and be the essential resource for businesses in the community

Welcome Intern Aaliya



We are excited to have Aaliya Hassen, a senior at St. Catherine University, join our team as a fall intern. She will be working on projects for the Chamber and our Business Foundation.

Aaliya is pursuing a Data Science & Business Administration degree.

NETWORKING EVENTS



October Good Morning Woodbury

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

Thursday, October 1

Host & Location:

Board & Brush

2230 Eagle Creek Lane, Suite F
Woodbury

Chamber After Hours Mixer

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

Sponsor: Crossroads Properties

Location: Mana Brewing Co.

7600 2nd St. N, Unit C

Oakdale

FREE to attend for Woodbury
and Oakdale Chamber members

October Business After Hours

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

Tuesday, October 20

Host & Location: TopGolf

560 Bielenberg Drive

Woodbury

Please bring STEM toys to networking events and support American Legion Woodbury's Toys for Tots program, the Chamber's 2026 Charitable Partner.

2027 Networking Sponsorship Business After Hours

 **Third Tuesday •  4-6 PM**

Expand your reach, engage with local business professionals and promote your brand!

Sponsor selects Chamber member venue with cash bar availability and provides appetizers.

\$ \$225 + Appetizers

 **Email**

michele@woodburychamber.org to
reserve your 2027 BAH sponsorship.



**SIP & SHOP FUNDRAISER
MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE
OCTOBER 8, 2026**

5-8 PM

7774 HARGIS PARKWAY, WOODBURY

20% of your purchase will be
donated to benefit the Chamber's
Business Foundation!

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.



PLANET FITNESS

New Business

1505 Queens Drive, Suite 117
Woodbury



YOU'RE INVITED! OCTOBER RIBBON CUTTINGS

THE GODDARD SCHOOL

New Business-2nd Location

October 6, 2026

11:00 a.m.

645 Settlers Ridge Parkway
Woodbury

DOWNWARD DOGS PUPPY YOGA

New Business

October 8, 2026

3:00 p.m.

8401 Seasons Parkway
Woodbury

THE EXERCISE COACH

New Business

October 13, 2026

11:00 a.m.

8425 Seasons Parkway, Suite 104B
Woodbury

ALL WORLD PICKLEBALL

New Business

October 22, 2026

3:00 p.m.

11650 Hudson Road, Suite 200
Woodbury

POT MAMA'S

New Business

October 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

6445 Lake Road Terrace, Suite 100
Woodbury

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESS BOOST
OCTOBER 7, 2026
TOPGOLF WOODBURY

1:00 - 4:00pm: Program
4:00 - 5:30pm: Happy Hour – Cash Bar, Golf Bays & Appetizers
FREE TO ATTEND
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

HOSTED BY



REGISTER TODAY

Step away from the office and invest an afternoon in bringing your business to the next level, developing skills for communication across generations, funding opportunities, and students in the future workforce.

Presentations:

Washington County CDA Overview--Chris Eng
Bringing Your Business to the Next Level--Tyler Hilsabeck
Bridging the Gap; Communication Across Generations--Stephanie Elliston
Students in the Workforce to Thrive--Sarah Shanley & Ryan Selock

SPONSORS:



Chamber Education: Why We're Divided And How We Can Move Forward

OCTOBER 22, 2026 Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Woodbury Chamber, 700 Commerce Drive
Conference Room 145, Woodbury

REGISTER TODAY

FREE TO ATTEND. LIMITED SEATING

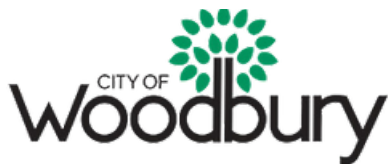
This session will explore the human and structural forces driving political polarization and challenges the idea that division is inevitable. Drawing on her experience in politics and civic engagement, speaker Shannon Watson explains why our brains, media environment, and political incentives pull us apart, while offering practical, hopeful steps individuals can take to bridge divides in their own communities. The program reframes polarization not as a moral failure, but as a solvable civic problem — and invites audiences to become part of the solution.



Shannon Watson is the founder and executive director of Majority in the Middle. She has also worked in policy and public affairs roles in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. She has 20+ years of experience in electoral politics, advising candidates and working on campaigns on both sides of the aisle in Kansas, Colorado, and Minnesota.

Shannon is a frequent op-ed writer and speaker. She is also a graduate of Leadership St Paul, a member of the twin cities MYALP cohort, and a Humphrey Policy Fellow.

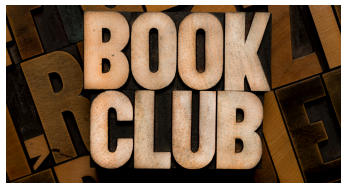
MEMBER NEWS



Moe's Southwest Grill recently opened at 6671 Valley Creek Road, next to Dunkin' Donuts. This is their first location in Minnesota, and their menu features a variety of Tex Mex options.

City Walk Café and Bar is a new, locally owned restaurant that opens soon at 10060 City Walk Drive in the former Dino's Gyros location.

Anytime Fitness has opened a second Woodbury location along City Centre Drive. The new facility is the first to feature the company's new corporate branding and gym layout, offering machines, free weights, open floor space, small-group training, and personal training.



CHAMBER BOOK BANTER

The Let Them Theory--November 11, 2026
Never Split the Difference--January 20, 2027
The Anxious Generation--March 31, 2027

3:00-5:00 P.M.

700 Commerce Drive, Conference Room 145

\$60 for all 3 or \$25/session

[Sign Up](#)

Gather with fellow members for engaging conversations, diverse perspectives, and maybe a little friendly debate around three thought-provoking books. We'll have light (and occasionally deeper!) conversations about each book, exploring the ideas that made us think, challenged us, or made us say, "Wait... I've never thought about it that way."

Rather than simply reading a book on your own, we'll talk through the ideas and connect the concepts to our professional and personal lives, making the lessons more memorable.



Book Club facilitator **Stephanie Elliston**, coach and founder of The Steady Elevation, helps organizations develop leaders who can do more than manage the work; they can lead the people doing it. Through The Steady Elevation, Stephanie partners with organizations to strengthen leadership, improve communication, and build cultures where different work styles, generations, and perspectives can thrive.

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RENEWING MEMBERS

We thank the following members for renewing their membership and for their continued support of the chamber.

1-5 Year Members

Acurate Accounting & Tax Services, PLLC
Member Since 2025

Beyond the Pines Tax and Accounting LLC
Member Since 2025

Sip. Dirty Soda
Member Since 2025

360 Security Services
Member Since 2024

We Rock the Spectrum Woodbury
Member Since 2024

ABRA Auto Body and Collision
Member Since 2022

Hazelwood Food and Drink Woodbury
Member Since 2022

Great Plains Windows & Doors
Member Since 2021

ISD 622
Member Since 2021

Resilient PT and Performance
Member Since 2021

6-10 Year Members

Learning RX
Member Since 2020

Alma Flor Ada
Member Since 2019

American Family-Craig Huerta & Associates
Member Since 2019

Artis Senior Living
Member Since 2019

Premier Hometown Senior Living
Member Since 2018

Premier Banks Woodbury
Member Since 2017

11-20 Year Members

Hudson Ford
Member Since 2015

Kowalski's Markets
Member Since 2014

Image360
Member Since 2013

11-20 Year Members

Legacy Wealth
Member Since 2013

Genesis Financial and Tax Solutions
Member Since 2011

Mathnasium of Woodbury
Member Since 2010

Paul Davis Restoration
Member Since 2010

Woodbury Cafe
Member Since 2009

Sheraton St. Paul/Woodbury Hotel
Member Since 2008

Woodbury Business Plaza
Member Since 2008

20+ Year Members

Ideal Credit Union
Member Since 2001

Afton House Inn & St. Croix River Cruises
Member Since 2000

Prestwick
Member Since 2000

Pioneer Press/TwinCities.com
Member Since 1998

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce.

ASHBYANA INC.
dba SPECIAL STRONG
specialstrongtwincitieseastmetro.com

BIG BLUE THEATRE
1750 Weir Drive, Suite 6A, Woodbury
bigbluetheatre.org

BMO BANK
9935 Hudson Place, Woodbury
bmo.com

DERRICK COMPANIES
1505 Hwy 65, New Richmond
derrickcustomhomes.com

KWIK TRIP #248
9955 Hudson Blvd., Lake Elmo
kwiktrip.com

KWIK TRIP #408
8477 City Centre Drive, Woodbury
kwiktrip.com

KWIK TRIP #1078
8513 5th St. N, Lake Elmo
kwiktrip.com

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT RECAP

September 11, 2026



2026 TOURNAMENT WINNER
VALLEY CREEK PAINTERS
TEAM



BEST DRESSED TEAM
FARRELL'S EXTREME BODYSHAPING



TOURNAMENT REFS

**JOIN US NEXT
YEAR!**

**SEPTEMBER
17
2027**

Thank You Committee

Chair Pat Fritz, Kimberly Alwin,
Jared Beaulieu, Amber Bisek,
Joseph Dokken, Jillian Faber,
Franz Harris, Craig Huerta



2ND PLACE
YMCA TEAM



THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Home Run

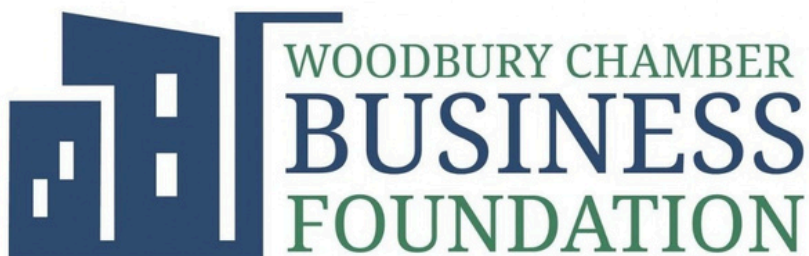
SUMMIT ORTHOPEDICS

Big Frog Custom T-Shirts
Board & Brush Creative Studio
Engraved Connections
Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center
Jeff Wegge Photography

Impression Signs & Graphics
Luminate Bank
Northern Lights
Seasons Market Holiday
Timothy Brewington for Woodbury City Council

BUSINESS FOUNDATION

New Chamber Initiative!



Make an Impact. Invest in Leaders. Strengthen Community.

Your investment helps build a stronger Woodbury by supporting leadership development, workforce readiness, educational partnerships, and opportunities that prepare current and future leaders for success.

Together, we are creating a community where businesses thrive, educators are connected to industry, and students are equipped to become next generation leaders.

The Foundation Pillars

Business

Develop today's leaders.

Support leadership development, mentorship and professional growth.

Your investment:

- Leadership programs
- Mentorship opportunities
- Business collaboration

Educators

Connect classrooms and careers.

Build partnerships between educators and local businesses.

Your investment:

- Business-education partnerships
- Career exploration
- Educator engagement

Students

Prepare tomorrow's workforce.

Provide scholarships, mentoring, leadership experiences and workforce opportunities.

Your investment:

- Scholarships
- Leadership development
- Workforce experiences

Make Your Investment

Donate today and invest in the people, partnerships, and future of our community.

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