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Save the Date

October 1:

Chamber Check-In 9:00 am on Zoom

October 6:

Manufacturing webinar 12-1 pm on Zoom

October 7:

Candidate Forum: City Council and Mayor 6-8 pm Trinity Crossing, Princeton & Facebook Live

October 8:

AM Networking - Because Chamber Works - at ABRA Auto Body & Glass - 8 am at ABRA Auto

October 13:

Candidate Forum: County Commissioners and State Legislators 6-8 pm, City Hall & Facebook Live

October 14:

Workforce Development Panel 1-2 pm on Zoom

October 22:

Lunch & Learn, Noon on Zoom

October 27:

Manufacturer Highlight: Crystal Cabinet Works, 10-12 on Zoom

Mark your Calendars!

Take a look at the long list to the left and be sure to get these dates on your calendars. October is a busy month!

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We will be celebrating our local manufacturers during the month of October with some educational events as well has member manufacturer highlights. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and website with more information. All are invited to attend the manufacturing events.

Our Morning Networking group will be in person this month! Please join us at ABRA Auto Body & Glass at 32018 125th Street, Princeton, to learn more about this fantastic business. They promise us it will be a real "blast!"

On October 22, we will be hosting our monthly Lunch & Learn. This month, you'll learn about the membership rates and packages for 2021 and how you can expect your chamber to continue to work on your behalf in 2021.

Join us on Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 as we hear from our local candidates. Due to COVID restrictions, we have to limit the number of in-person spectators. Plan to join us online as the event will be broadcast live on the Chamber's Facebook page. Visit our website for more information and to submit questions to the candidates.

Thank you to our 2020 Chamber Sponsors:

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Host AM Networking

We are looking for hosts for our Morning Networking Meeting in 2021. This meeting is a fantastic way to promote your business. It is a structured format that begins with all attendees sharing their tag lines. Then we hear announcements from the Chamber, the City of Princeton and Princeton Public Schools. From there, the host gets "15 minutes of fame" where they talk about their business, often times in a really fun format. During the time of Covid, we have held these meetings online as well as outdoors in parks where we can social distance. The host provides a small "breakfast" of their choice, which can range from muffins/donuts and coffee, to breakfast burritos to fruit and yogurt. If we're online, we ask everyone to grab some breakfast on their own and join us! Please contact Kim at kim.young@princetonmnchamb er.org if you are interested in hosting in 2021!

Restaurants - Beware of Scam

Be on the lookout for potential scammers targeting restaurants

and bars claiming
establishments owe a fine
for masking violations. The
MN Dept of Health has
become aware that
restaurants are receiving
calls indicating that their
business was part of a
scheduled compliance
check, and that they owe a
fine for masking violations.



To protect your business

from this scam, be aware that MDH or local public health agencies will work with you over a series of inspections to gain compliance before a fine may become necessary. Inspectors are emphasizing education and awareness, and MDH will not issue a fine on an initial inspection. If you or someone you know has incurred financial loss due to a scam or fraud, please contact your local law enforcement. If you have concerns or believe you are a victim of a scam, contact the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison by calling 1-800-657-3787, or submit a Consumer Assistance Request Form or Fraud Report Form.

Seeking Nominations & Applications

Just a reminder that there is still time for nominations for Business, Nonprofit and Volunteer of the Year.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more about nominations as well as a form to complete. Nominations must be received no later than November 15 to be considered. Final decisions will be made by the PACC Board of Directors and announced at either the December Lunch & Learn or the Chamber Gala in January.

The board is also seeking applications to sit on the PACC Board of Directors. There are three board members whose terms are expiring at the end of the year. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information and an application.

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AM Networking Dates

10/8: ABRA Auto Body & Glass

11/19 Small Business Casual

12/17: Go Savvy Social

Please contact us at pacc@princetonmnchamber.org if you are interested in hosting.

Thank you, PACC Board

Tracy Bailey: Colonial Life Insurance

Carrie Vesel: ABRA Auto Body &

Glass

Michelle Czech: Princeton Public

Schools

Alisha Lueck: Marv's True Value

Amber Wilkinson: First Bank &

Trust

Dylan Donner: Princeton Wine &

Spirits

Martha Ahlschlager, Sterling Pointe

Senior Living

Mary Patnode: Innovative

Communication Strategies

Tim Siercks: Minuteman Press

Victoria Hallin: Civic Betterment

Club

Tracy Carlson: Edward Jones

It's a Wooville/Grinch kind of Christmas!

We invite all of you to join with us in celebrating Small Business Saturday by going all out and decorating your businesses in the theme of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Can you think of a more fitting theme for 2020? It's been a tough second half of 2020. Let's not let the Grinch Steal our Christmas by having some fun decorating our storefronts and celebrating the season. November 28 is Small Business Saturday, and we are collaborating with the **City of Princeton** to decorate Rum River Drive, create a lighted drive through of Riverside Park, and are holding a contest for the best decorated business with the theme of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. You can choose to decorate like Wooville or the Grinch. It's up to you!

If your business would like to participate, please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to complete a short form with your contact information. The form should be completed no later than November. 1st. Let's have fun!

"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand." — Dr. Suess

Worker Protection Videos

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has created a <u>video</u> that reviews worker protections during the COVID-19 pandemic. <u>Shorter versions</u> of the video are also available that review workplace safety and health, labor laws and workers' compensation. DLI aims to support and educate businesses in the state of Minnesota.