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March was certainly busy! The LS Chamber spent it advocating on behalf of members by hosting two candidate forums ahead of the vote on April 2, networking with new and familiar faces during Before Hours at OverBoard Coffee and After Hours at Chef Aristo's Curbside, Catering and Eatery and at several ribbon cutting cermonies, including Studio M3, pictured above. What a great month!

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



"I've been lucky enough to know **Cathy since** I first got involved with the LS Chamber in 2004."

-Matt Baird, President

If you didn't already know, our very own Cathy Young's last day with the Lee's Summit Chamber was April 10. 2024. April 9 was her 25th work anniversary with the Chamber, and oh what a ride it has been.

I've been lucky enough to know Cathy since I first got involved with the LS Chamber in 2004. We became colleagues when I was hired on staff in 2015 and have had a great working relationship with her ever since. I've even jokingly referred to her as my work wife.

She and I alone went through the change out of three presidents, new staff members, persevered through a worldwide pandemic, job changes, audits, enjoyed numerous homemade delicious RumChata treats and too many Chamber events to count. I can honestly say, I wouldn't change anything.

Cathy was a model employee — in the office before the sun came up, responding to emails 24-hours-a-day, a

perfectionist with almost everything she did, and an excellent Oktoberfest dishwasher.

Cathy also made me realize just how patient I am... and a good listener.

I'll miss her many visits to my office to ask me a question that she already knew the answer to, or to simply brag to me about her grandkids.

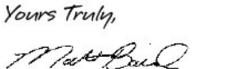
Yes, it's been a wonderful time being able to share the last nine years with her, but more importantly, getting to know her as a great friend over 20 years.

Cathy, congratulations and wonderful wishes on all the great things that lie ahead.



Matt Baird | President

816.524.2424 | mbaird@lschamber.com



Lee's Summit Chamber



CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC Spend the Day Volunteering on the Green

The Chamber Golf Classic might be sold out, but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved and bring more exposure to your business.

The Tournament will be hosted Thursday, May 9 at Creekmoor Golf Club.

The Chamber is seeking several volunteers for the tournament. Volunteer positions include assisting with registration, assisting golfers on the green, distributing food and drink, etc. You can sign up to serve by visiting Ischamberevents.com and clicking the 'Volunteer' button.

This year, we are offering a fun, unique experience for our golfers with a Hit It and Get It game. The rules are simple — putt the golf ball and whatever prize it hits, you get it!

To ensure this is a memorable event, we are asking for several fun item donations from members. Whether you have an exquisite bottle of wine on hand or a full size wine cooler, we welcome all!

For questions, contact Megan Gray, Director of Special Events, at mgray@lschamber.com or 816.524.2424.

Donations

Drop off at the Chamber office by Friday, May 3. Ideas include:

- Mini Coolers
- Kitchen Appliances
 - Gift Baskets
- Electronics (Speakers, Phones, Smart Home Supplies)
 - Tickets to Concerts, Sporting Events
 - Bottles of Wines & Bourbons





PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER EXPO 'The Chamber is a Tool in Your Toolbelt'



Chamber members are encouraged to invite a prospective new member to this fun and engaging expo-style networking event slated for 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at the Mid-Continent Public Library — Colbern Rd. Branch.

Guests will have the opportunity to learn about the benefits of belonging to the Lee's Summit Chamber and enter for the chance to win a drawing!

Joining your local Chamber of Commerce can be a strategic investment in the growth and success of your business, offering a range of tangible benefits and opportunities for professional and personal development.

Contact Lisa Frogge, Director of Membership, for more information (lfrogge@lschamber.com).

Special thanks to our sponsors, *Joey Zarrillo, ZTeam at RE/MAX Heritage and Door Systems, Inc.*





MEMBER NEWS ITEMS





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JOURNEY CHURCH TO HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Help send eager learners to the Journey Student Camp by registering for Journey's "The Journey Open" Golf Tournament Thursday, May 2. Several spots are still open, including sponsorships. The tournament will take place at Creekmoor Golf Club with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Scan the QR Code to register, sponsor or donate.

HEALTHGRADES NAMES LEE'S SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER A 2024 PATIENT SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD™ RECIPIENT

Lee's Summit Medical Center — part of HCA Midwest Health. Kansas City's largest healthcare provider — has been recognized as a 2024 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ recipient by Healthgrades, the leading resource consumers use to find a hospital or doctor.

This achievement and Lee's Summit Medical Center's accomplishments as second in Missouri for Surgical Care and a Healthgrades Surgical Excellence Award recipient reflect the hospital's commitment to delivering safe, high-quality care.

MEGA KITE FESTIVAL AT MCC LONGVIEW

The kites of Great American Kites & Events will take flight once again over the lawn of the picturesque MCC-Longview campus in the heart of kite month, with awe-inspiring mega kites, power kites, stunt kites and more. You'll even see the world's largest windsock, which is three stories high and 200 feet long!

Bring the whole family, along with lawn chairs or blankets and a kite if you have one. (If not, kites will be sold on site while supplies last.) Numerous food trucks will be on hand to satisfy your food and beverage cravings-- something for everyone! For more information, please visit the website at www.mcckc.edu/kitefest.

MIZE CPAS INC. NAMED ONE OF THE **2024 TOP WORKPLACES USA**

Mize CPAs Inc. announces it has earned the 2024 Top Workplaces USA award issued by Energage. Mize is the only business headquartered in Kansas (150-499 employees) to earn this honor, and the Great Plains regional award.

"We are honored to be named one of the Top 200 Workplaces in the USA," said James Hilbert, CPA, managing shareholder at Mize CPAs Inc. "This recognition underscores our dedication to prioritizing the well-being and satisfaction of our team. We have continued to listen and respond to employee feedback, and we have adjusted our employment practices to better suit the needs of our team."

KC CRAWFISH FESTIVAL THIS MAY

FosterAdopt Connect is excited to once again partner with the Overland Park South Rotary Club as this year's recipient of the Kansas City Crawfish Festival!

The event will be hosted May 4, 2024, at the St. Pius X Church in Mission, Kansas. As partners, we are looking for lots of volunteers to help ensure that the event is a huge

If you are interested in volunteering (we especially need help with VIP table serving), please visit fosteradopt.org to sign up. Feel free to pass the link along to any of your friends, everyone (Volunteers must be 21) is welcome to volunteer!





This FREE event proudly hosted by:

RSVP required call Dawn 816-888-1203







CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Sock it to child abuse by donating new socks and underwear, the biggest needs for our clothing closet.

Help Foster Adopt Connect by donating new socks and underwear to help kids in the Kansas City community. You can drop off your donation, access our amazon wishlist, or support our mission by purchasing our National Child Abuse Awareness themed socks, pictured above. For more information, vsit fosteradopt.org/event/sock-undiedrive.



For four generations, our family

25 YEARS OF SERVICEChamber's Cathy Young Retires April 10



The Chamber's very own Cathy Young announced her retirement earlier this year. Her last day was officially Wednesday, April 10.

Her tenure at the Chamber included a variety of roles, events, volunteer hours, Oktoberfest dishwashing, and plenty of answered phone calls assisting our members and many of the general public.

The Chamber honored Cathy during a retirement reception Thursday, April 4. It was well attended, with more than 200 stopping by to sign her memory book, sing her a song or say a few kind words.

Thank you, Cathy, for your service to the Lee's Summit Chamber business community!





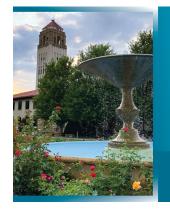












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EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS **AWARDS**

Join Us As We Celebrate **Our Award Recipients**

11:30 a.m. | Friday, April 19 | Historic Space at The Stanley

Join us as we honor our five inaugural Excellence in Business Award recipients at our upcoming Monthly Membership Luncheon Friday, April 19 at the Historic Space at The Stanley from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The five recipients (Beyond Wealth Advisors, Door Systems, Inc., Dyer Oil Graphics, Luminate Home Loans - Lauren Wittig Team and Spilker, McKeone & Nelson PC) will be honored amongst their peers and friends with special videos commemorating this momentous occasion.

We will also be announcing the recipients of our Chamber Scholarships and our new Trades Scholarship.

This is going to be a wonderful afternoon that's sure to leave you feeling immensely proud of our business community in Lee's Summit.

To register, visit Ischamber.com/events or call our office at 816.524.2424.



PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK

Register online at Ischamber.com!



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4-5:15 p.m. | April 2 | Missouri Innovation Campus Are you ready to grow your business? Are you in need of HOT leads? Come prepared to learn how to take your business to the next level of success. Sponsored by UCM Lee's Summit.



CHAMBER AFTER HOURS Gameday Men's Health Lee's Summit

4:30 p.m. | April 11 | 200 NE Missouri Rd. #303 Please join us as we celebrate a joint After Hours and Ribbon Cutting event! Come for this joyous occasion and stay for the games, photo ops, adult beverages, light snacks and a raffle prize!



EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARDS CEREMONY Monthly Membership Luncheon

11:30 a.m to 1 p.m. | April 19 | The Stanley Come celebrate our five Excellence in Business Award recipients and our Chamber Scholarship recipients during this exciting luncheon. Sponsored by Baird Realty Group.



CHAMBER BEFORE HOURS **Spring into Action Service Project at** Hillcrest Transitional Housing

9-10:30 a.m. | Aprl 23 | 936 SE 3rd St.

We will be helping our friends at Hillcrest Transitional Housing prepare their thrift store for a busy spring season by cleaning and organizing as well as sorting merchandise, tagging items for sale and stocking shelves.



Friday, April 26th

8:30-10am

Bridge Space

210 SW Market St

Lee's Summit, MO

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Join us for free and RSVP at: leessummit.funfridaysnetworking.com Remember to forward this on to your 2 friends!

FUN FRIDAYS NETWORKING Grow Your Network!

8:30-10 a.m. | April 26 | Bridge Space Don't miss this exciting morning spent connecting with new and generous individuals! Engage in fun social interactions with the chance to win some great prizes.

FUN FRIDAYS NETWORKING APRIL 26 Time to Grow Your Network at This Fun Event!

Don't miss this exciting morning of connecting with new and generous individuals!

Engage in fun social interactions, games, and the chance to win prizes.

Through interactive exercises, we'll encourage introductions and meaningful connections among all attendees.

It's a fantastic opportunity to create lasting bonds and make new connections.

We're looking forward to having you with us!



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PRESENTING YOUR BEST SELF Chamber Young Professionals Luncheon

Join guest speaker Megan Mercer of Inszone Insurance Services and the improv comedy group Pretty. Funny to discover how to present your best, most genuine and confident self while speaking publicly.

This is an interactive discussion meant to spark confidence and inspire positive change to your everyday life, as public speaking transcends to almost every facet of your life.

The Young Professionals Committee provides networking opportunities for Chamber professionals between the ages of 21–35.

For more information, or to sign up a young professional in your company, contact Denise Elam at delam@ lschamber.com.



Presenting Your Best Self

Make Genuine Connections



11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.



Tuesday, April 16, 2024



Sunset Trails Stables

Guest Speaker Megan Mercer

Inszone Insurance Services and the improv comedy group Pretty.Funny!



IGNITING ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT Experience This Exciting Kickoff Event

Join us Thursday, April 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. at Bridge Space in Lee's Summit.

Are you driven by a passion to innovate and take risks? Are you already on your entrepreneurial journey and are ready to reignite your entrepreneurial spirit to grow or scale your business? If so, this event is for you. Don't miss this opportunity to fan the flame of entrepreneurship in our community by joining fellow risk-takers to set a framework for the future. This event is open to the public.



Help Us Welcome Airmen to Lee's Summit

As the gateway to Kansas City, Lee's Summit is the home to more than 15% of airmen who serve at Whiteman Air Force Base. The Chamber's Military Affairs Committee is preparing 25-50 welcome bags showcasing Lee's Summit businesses for airmen at Whiteman Air Force Base. Chamber members are invited to donate helpful items from their businesses like gift cards and coupons that can assist the airmen in becoming acquainted with the new area they will call home. For more information, contact Matt Baird at mbaird@lschamber.com.



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March 1-31

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Transformations Wellness Spa	
Law Offices of Venessa Maxwell-Lopez, LLC	
Major Saver	
Precision Marketing	
Wellness 4 Prevention	
OverBoard Coffee	
Donaldson Heating & Air Conditioning	
Mindy's Dance Center	
Fully Promoted Independence/Lee's Summit	
Community Lending of America	
Millers Gourmet Popcorn LLC	
Summit Flight Academy	
Copy-Rite Printing	
Post Coffee Company	
Advantage Tech	
Pappos Pizzeria & Pub	
GettingUp.Org, Inc	
Reece Nichols Ruth Miressi Team	
Noggins Men's Shop	
Farmers Insurance - Storm Martin Agency	
Sean Smith	. 2
Magical Moments Vacations with Lara Ashbaugh	. 2
Bill Fry The Plumbing Guy	. 2
Wolkoff Dentistry LLC	. 2
Kansas City Cannabis Co	. 2
Lee's Summit Lifestyle Magazine	. 2
FiredUP Consulting Group	. 2
Flat Branch Home Loans - Beth Langston	. 3
Big Green Turf Management	. 3
Marina 27 Steak & Seafood	. 3
First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit	. 3
Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Inc	. 3
Monster Tree Service of Lee's Summit	. 4
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EVENTS THIS Please note: All events are subject to change. Please visit LSchamber.com

for the most up-to-date information.

April 2

- 8 a.m., Ambassador Committee, Chamber Office
- 9:30 a.m., New Member Orientation, Chamber Office
- 4 p.m., Recess for Success, Missouri Innovation Campus

April 4

- 8 a.m., Health & Human Services Committee, Lee's Summit Medical Center- Arbor Room
- 4:30 p.m., Retirement Reception for Cathy Young, The Fillmore Cafe

April 9

- 8 a.m., Legislative Day in Jefferson City, Missouri State Capitol
 - 4 p.m., Annual Golf Task Force, Chamber Office

April 10

• 8 a.m., Business Development Council, Chamber Office

April 11

- 8 a.m., Executive Committee, Chamber Office
- 10 a.m., Groundbreaking: Ellis Glen LLC, 110 SW Market St.
- 4:30 p.m., Chamber After Hours & Ribbon Cutting: Gameday Men's Health Lee's Summit, 200 NE Missouri Rd. #303

April 15

• 8:45 a.m., Chamber Young Professionals Build Zone Service Project, Sunset Valley Elementary

April 16

- 11 a.m., Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Bridge Space
- 11:30 a.m., Chamber Young Professionals Luncheon, Sunset Trails Stables

April 17

- 8:30 a.m., Education Committee, Summit Technology Academy
 - Noon, Board of Directors Meeting, TBD

April 18

- 3:30 p.m., Military Affairs Committee, American Legion
- 4:30 p.m., Igniting Entrepreneurial Excellence Kickoff Event, Bridge Space

April 19

• 11:30 a.m., Monthly Membership Luncheon: Excellence in Business Awards, Historic Space at The Stanley

April 23

- 7:30 a.m., Chamber Before Hours Volunteer Event: Hillcrest Transitional Housing
 - 4 p.m., Annual Golf Task Force, Chamber Office

April 24

- 11 a.m., Young Professionals Committee, Chamber Office
- 3:30 p.m., Military Affairs Committee, American Legion

April 26

- 7:30 a.m., Governmental Relations Committee, Missouri Innovation Campus
 - 8:30 a.m., Fun Fridays Networking Event, Bridge Space

April 30

• 9:30 a.m., Ribbon Cutting: First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit, 2 NE Douglas St.



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