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A Night With The Chamber

A closer look at our star-studded,
sold-out event

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Chamber members couldn't escape the paparazzi on the red carpet Saturday, Feb. 18 at our Annual Gala, A Night With The Chamber. More than 500 enjoyed live music, VIP treatment, silent and live auctions and a delicious meal — plus hilarious emcees!

Yours Truly,



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ADVOCACY AT THE FOREFRONT
Chamber Board announces endorsements, opposition

The Lee's Summit Chamber Board of Directors recently announced its positions on a few matters affecting the Lee's Summit business community.

The Board voted unanimously to oppose a proposed landfill in south Kansas City, citing serious concerns over potential detrimental effects the landfill could pose. The proposed site is bordered by 147th Street to the north, Horridge Road to the east, 155th Street to the south and Peterson Road to the west.

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— Matt Baird, President, LS Chamber

application for a landfill in this location that is so close to thousands of homes and multiple schools and businesses.”

The Board also announced its support for the LSR7 No-Tax-Increase Levy Transfer appearing on the April 4, 2023, ballot.

“This ballot initiative is extremely vital to the growth, development and future of Lee’s Summit,” Baird said. “The LSR7 School District is a key component to the success of the Lee’s Summit community and by approving this transfer we can enable salary increases for LSR7 employees to recruit and retain quality staff and ensure we are staying competitive in the hiring market of regional public school districts.”

Lastly, the Board announced its endorsement for the City of Lee's Summit's no-tax-increase bond projects ballot initiatives appearing on the April 4, 2023 ballot.

The bonds include a no-tax-increase public safety and emergency preparedness bond project and initiative totaling \$74 million; a no-tax-increase transportation bond project and initiative totaling \$98 million; and a no-tax-increase general municipal bond project and initiative totaling \$14 million.

“Part of the attraction for businesses to come to Lee’s Summit is all that the city offers — from public safety to our beautiful parks system, the development of our thriving downtown and the developments currently happening across our community” Baird said.

“The City will be able to ensure our city is a top attraction for business development and growth by capitalizing on this revenue. We encourage the citizens of Lee’s Summit and our business community to show their support by voting ‘yes’ on April 4.”

"Our members have invested considerable time, money and energy into choosing this area as a homebase for their businesses and we are committed to protecting their interests and creating an environment in which our business community can prosper," said Chamber President Matt Baird. “We are dedicated to enhancing and sustaining the economic vitality and quality of life in our community and will respectfully oppose any future

A NIGHT WITH THE CHAMBER
Members receive the celebrity treatment at Annual Gala Feb. 18



JOIN THE PACK AT THE KC ZOO
2023 EJC B.A.S.H. includes networking, vendor showcases and more

Things are about to get wild at the 2023 EJC B.A.S.H. on **April 6**. Join the pack of six area Chambers for the Eastern Jackson County Business Associates Social Hour as we kick off a fun-filled day of networking, vendor showcases, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and so much more.

Several sponsorship packages are available, including the \$300 Leader Of The Pack which includes a six-foot table, four reservations, your logo on the program, in-house video displays and recognition in all six Chamber newsletters.

The Expo Display sponsorship includes a six-foot table, two reservations and a listing on the in-house video display for \$175. Individual



registrations are accepted in advance for \$25 or \$35 at the door.

Register by Friday, March 17. For more information, contact Megan Gray at mgray@lschamber.com.

'GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND'

Chamber recognizes five outstanding members during Annual Gala

Each year, the Chamber recognizes five members who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make a difference, both at the Chamber and in the community at large.

These awards are presented in front of more than 500 members of the business community at the Chamber's Annual Gala.

The following five honorees not only donate their time and talents to better the Chamber's mission, they also remain tirelessly active in the Lee's Summit community to keep

it a quality city for residents and business owners alike to work, live and play. Many are longstanding members who volunteer in a variety of capacities throughout the year.

Award winners include: Maribeth Doss, 2022 Steve Gouldsmith New Member of the Year; Joan Vande Voort, 2022 Volunteer of The Year; John Beaudoin, 2022 Bob Glaser Ambassador of The Year; Emmanuel Ngomsi, 2022 Carl Chinnery Lifetime Member Award; Heritage Companies, 2022 Hall of Fame Inductee.



STEVE GOULDSMITH
**NEW MEMBER
OF THE YEAR 2022**

MARIBETH DOSS

FNBO Mortgage

Soon after joining the Chamber, Maribeth joined several committees including the Gala, Oktoberfest, Education, Scholarship Review and the Ambassador Committee. She's currently a member of the 2023 Leadership Lee's Summit Class and has even recruited a new member to the Chamber. She's truly done it all.



**VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR 2022**

JOAN VANDE VOORT

Bank Midwest

Joan is dependable, team-oriented, and always ready to lend a helping hand. As Chair of the 2022 Gala Task Force Committee, she spent countless hours planning, making and creating decorations, and even more time cleaning and wrapping up afterwards!



BOB GLASER
**AMBASSADOR
OF THE YEAR 2022**

JOHN BEAUDOIN

KC Communications & Media Matters

John's recruitment efforts resulted in nine new members to the Chamber in 2022. He's no stranger to the Chairman's Club for recruiters, having earned the award several times over the years. He currently serves on the Chamber Board and is active in Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street.



CARL CHINNERY
**LIFETIME MEMBER
AWARD 2022**

EMMANUEL NGOMSI

All World Languages & Cultures

From serving as a Chamber Board member to chairing Lee's Summit's human relations commission and being the lead advocate to establish the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, Emmanuel has played an integral role in what the community is today.



**HALL OF FAME
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Actively engaged in the Chamber since joining in 2006, Heritage Companies has contributed countless hours participating in major Chamber events, serving on committees and the Board of Directors as well as being a key sponsor for many events and programs.

FROM PROCESS TO RETAIL

Take a Business Field Trip with the Chamber to Kansas City Cannabis

With February being the opening month of recreational marijuana sales in the state of Missouri, the Lee's Summit Chamber invites members to learn more about the process from one of our member partners, Kansas City Cannabis, at **4 p.m. on Thursday, March 23.**

Be prepared to learn about the business, from process to retail, and hear how recreational sales have impacted their business.

This event is limited to the first 30 people to register due to space constraints at the facility.

For more information, or to register, visit lschamber.com/events.



ROADBLOCK WORKSHOP: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Bring your problems to our next Young Professionals Luncheon March 23!



Join Chamber Young Professionals for a collaborative workshop that will help you keep the roadways clear as you move forward on the highway to success!

This is the only event where we encourage you to bring your problems with you (rather than leaving them at the door!).

Together, we'll use our combined experience to solve stubborn and oftentimes costly problems.

Register online at lschamber.com/events. For more information, contact Denise Elam at delam@lschamber.com.

A NEW VISION FOR LEE'S SUMMIT

Chamber to host LSR7 School Board candidate forum March 22



--Anthony J. D'Angelo

William "Billy" Peterson
Regina Garrett
Erica Dolores Miller
Kamile Johnson
Stacy Cronhardt
David Grady
Kathryn "Kathy" Campbell

Learn where upcoming LSR7 School Board candidates stand on important issues facing the community at the **Chamber's Candidate Forum 6:30 p.m. on March 22 at the Missouri Innovation Campus.**

To ensure the community is fully engaged, this event will be recorded and shared on Facebook, Youtube and the Chamber's website. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Candidates include: William "Billy" Peterson, Regina Garrett, Erica Dolores Miller, Kamile Johnson, Stacy Cronhardt, David Grady and Kathryn "Kathy" Campbell.

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MEMBER RENEWALS

The following are this month's renewals and the number of years they've been members:

Chinnery Evans & Nail, P.C.	49	Summit Crossing Apartments and Townhomes	7
Shelter Insurance-Veasman	49	Faulkner's Ranch	6
Lee's Summit Fire Fighters Local 2195	35	LifeGoals Strategies Group - Stephen Rodewald	6
Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street	33	Select Physical Therapy - EPIC Sports Lodge	6
Adams Toyota - Lee's Summit	24	Stone AMP SEO	6
Newmark Zimmer	23	Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Drew Reynolds	5
B & L Plumbing Service, Inc.	20	Integrity Group Real Estate - Pam Hatcher	5
Beyond Wealth Advisors	20	Texas Roadhouse	4
Julia E. Hampton, CPA, PC	20	Checklist media	3
Langsford Development Co.	20	Drake Development, LLC	3
Show-Me Live Event Production	19	Flavor & The Downtown Deli	3
Jefferson Health Care	17	Lone Summit Ranch Events, LLC	3
American Waste Systems, Inc.	15	Meals on Wheels of Lee's Summit	3
Nadlers Meats & Catering LLC	14	Symtech Corporation	3
State Senator Mike Cierpiot	13	Edward Jones - Financial Advisor: Lauren Berry	2
Truman Heartland Community Foundation	13	Mathnasium of Lee's Summit LLC	2
Kansas City Zoo	11	Sharp-Long 72 Degrees Air Conditioning and Heating	2
One Stop Decorating	10	Storage Sense	2
Dana R. Arth CPA, LLC	9	291 Nutrition & Energy	1
Frontier Justice	9	Ad Trends Advertising, Inc.	1
KnowledgeWorks Global Ltd.	8	Globe Life - DiFilippo Agency	1
Charlie's Car Wash	8	Kimley-Horn and Associates	1
Inspired Homes	8	Millennium International LLC	1
Kansas City Bone & Joint Clinic, Division of Signature	8	New Century Ledger LLC	1
Select Physical Therapy - Douglas St	8	Paragon Star	1
Select Physical Therapy - Melody Lane	8	Taco-Holics Club	1
Integrity Consulting Solutions, LLC	7		
Jan Sumner	7		
Midwest Property Resources	7		

MEMBER NEWS

Lee's Summit
Rotary
Sunrise Sunset



The Lee's Summit Rotary Sunrise Sunset is hosting a Community Blood Center Blood Drive from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 14** at the Lee's Summit Firefighters Union Hall at 322 SE Douglas St.

Book your appointment today at savelifenow.org/group. Walk-ins are also welcome. For additional information, contact Frank Blanch at 816.916.4035.



Sano Orthopedics is hosting a blood drive on **Wed., March 22**. This blood drive will take place in the main lobby of Sano Orthopedics Lee's Summit building. The American Red Cross supports the blood drive. Appointments are encouraged; please register to reserve your spot.

Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others.

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

Celebrating Member Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

The Chamber celebrated a ribbon cutting at The Historic Browning **Wed., Feb. 22.**

Owners Kevin and Cynthia Samsel first set foot in a bed and breakfast some 33 years ago while celebrating their honeymoon on the Oregon Coast. They enjoyed it so much, they made it a tradition to visit

other inns for their anniversaries and dreamed of operating a B&B themselves someday.

"I was the one dreaming — someday we're going to have one," Cynthia said, noting that her husband was supportive of the idea. Everything fell into place

when the two relocated to Lee's Summit from California in 2017.

"I love Lee's Summit and the community here, so I'm really happy to be a part of the Chamber as well as Downtown Main Street. This was just a dream come true for me," Cynthia said.

Kevin joked that he didn't see it coming.

"I really am happy for my wife that she finally gets to put everything together that she's had in her mind for as long as I've known her," he said.

Cynthia is a chef who has worked in restaurants, taught cooking classes, and owned Classic Catering in Northern California. With a fine arts degree, Cynthia has blended her talents for creating visual and edible art. Many of her paintings line the walls at The Historic Browning.

Kevin is retired from his 20-year career as a public employee. He started his handyman business after relocating to Missouri and enjoys doing projects for others.

To book a room, visit thebrowningls.com.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LEE'S SUMMIT

Spring volunteer opportunities abound

The following volunteer opportunities are available for all who wish to make a difference and do their part in

our community. For more information, reach out to the respective organizations.

SUMMIT ECO WARRIORS HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP
April 15

BIRDHOUSE BUILDING WITH LSR7 STUDENTS
Dates Available April-May

PRO DEO TRIVIA NIGHT VOLUNTEERS
March 10

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Register online at lschamber.com!



CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

4:30 p.m. | March 9
Embrace the Grape Beverage Catering
301 NW Central St.

Enjoy networking and great conversation at Embrace The Grape Beverage Catering during Chamber After Hours March 9.



RECESS FOR SUCCESS

New Year's Resolutions with Jeff Driskill
4 p.m. | March 7
Missouri Innovation Campus

Jeff Driskill with Sandler Training, Kansas City will discuss how we can get ourselves back on track to making the changes we desired on January 1. *Sponsored by Hillcrest Ministries.*

LEADS GROUPS OPEN HOUSE

Choose the time slot that works best for you!
March 13 & 14

Open House sessions will take place March 13 from 8-9 a.m. at Station 7; March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnny's Tavern; and 4:30-6 p.m. at Bridge Space. All Chamber members are welcome to attend.

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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

11:30 a.m. | March 17
Faulkner's Ranch
10600 Raytown Rd.

Join us for a delicious lunch and plenty of networking at Faulkner's Ranch March 17. Cost for members is \$25. *Sponsored by Baird Realty Group.*



CHAMBER BEFORE HOURS

7:30 a.m. | March 28
Jason's Deli
632 NE 291 Hwy.

Early risers will be at home during our Chamber Before Hours March 28 at Jason's Deli. Make new connections while enjoying tasty food and networking.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

Please note: All events are subject to change. Please visit LSchamber.com for the most up-to-date information.

March 1

- 3:30 p.m., Chamber 101: Get Plugged In, Connect Coworking

March 2

- 8 a.m., Health & Human Services Committee Meeting, Lee's Summit Medical Center

March 7

- 4 p.m., Recess for Success, Missouri Innovation Campus

March 8

- 8 a.m., Business Development Council, Chamber Office
 - 3 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, Life Unlimited

March 9

- 4:30, Chamber After Hours, Embrace The Grape

March 13

- 8 a.m., Leads Groups Open House, Station 7

March 14

- 8 a.m., Ambassador Committee Meeting, Chamber Office
- 11 a.m., Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting, Connect Coworking
 - 11:30 a.m., Leads Groups Open House, Johnny's Tavern
 - 4:30 p.m., Leads Groups Open House, Bridge Space

March 15

- 8:30 a.m., Education Committee Meeting, Coldwater
- 12 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber Office

March 16

- 3:30 p.m., Military Affairs Committee Meeting, American Legion Building

March 17

- 11:30 a.m., Monthly Membership Luncheon, Faulkner's Ranch

March 20

- 2:30 p.m., Ribbon Cutting, CareNow

March 21

- 9 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, Truman Heritage Habitat For Humanity

March 22

- 11 a.m., Young Professionals Committee Meeting, Chamber Office

March 23

- 11:30 a.m., Young Professionals Luncheon
- 4 p.m., Business Field Trip, Kansas City Cannabis

March 24

- 7:30 a.m., Governmental Relations Committee Meeting, Missouri Innovation Campus
 - 11 a.m., Ribon Cutting, KM Tactical, LLC

March 28

- 7:30 a.m., Chamber Before Hours, Jason's Deli

March 31

- 8:30 a.m., Fun Friday Networking: Batter Up!, Bridge Space



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