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Yours Truly,



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



"Downtown Lee's Summit will have the sights, sounds and tastes of Germany."

-Matt Baird, President,

Time to dig out your lederhosen or best Oktoberfest outfit and be a part of the Chamber's largest fundraiser of the year, Oktoberfest 2023, sponsored by Central Bank of the Midwest

That's right, my favorite time of the year is here which means fall weather, colorful leaves, pumpkin spice, football and Oktoberfest has finally arrived!

Chamber staff and our amazing Oktoberfest Committee, led this year by Krissie Hutchins and Mindy Hall, have put together a wonderful festival, guaranteed to be the best we've had.

With over 100 craft vendors, live entertainment at our Main Stage and Community Stage, a wagon parade, stein hoisting competition, home brew competition and lots of beer, brats, hotdogs and pretzels, downtown Lee's Summit will have the sights, sounds and tastes of Germany.

Not to mention the talented German dancers and authentic German meals served up by Chef Aristo's Curbside, Catering and Eatery to get you in the Oktoberfest mood.

Dollars raised through the festival allow the Chamber to coninue providing the businesses and community of Lee's Summit with events, educational opportunities, advocacy efforts, networking events

and training opportunities.

Thank you to all of our amazing sponsors! Without your support, the festival wouldn't be possible.

Because this is our largest event, it takes over 200 volunteers to make it happen. So yes — we need more volunteers and would love it if you could support the festival by volunteering a few hours in one of our brat tents, the Biergarten, the people's tent or within the set-up and clean-up crew.

We are so excited to offer this wonderful festival to the community and hope as a member of the Lee's Summit Chamber, you'll be able to participate and enjoy all that is Oktoberfest! Visit Isoktoberfest.com to learn more!

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Yours Truly,

Matt Baird | President Lee's Summit Chamber 816.524.2424 | mbaird@lschamber.com

WELCOME TO LSR-7!

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WITH STRANGE MUSIC OWNER TRAVIS O'GUIN

Join us for our annual Breakfast for Champions entrepreneurial event on Friday, Sept .15 at 7:30 a.m. at MCC Longview.

Attendees will hear from Travis O'Guin, Strange Music owner, as he shares his journey from owning furniture stores to now partnering with Tech N9NE and owning one of the top music labels in the hip-hop industry. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled monthly luncheon.

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Even before graduating high school from VanHorn of Kansas City, Mo. in 1988, Travis O'Guin was quite the entrepreneur. He spent the years after graduation running a furniture service business with 32 locations across the country, getting into real estate, and working with friends to help start an urban apparel business.

Working with Paradise Originals, the apparel brand, is how Travis first met up with Tech N9ne. Travis approached Tech to see if he would be interested in being a part of their fashion shows and having them design clothes for his own stage wear. This was the interaction between Travis and Tech N9ne that would eventually turn into their current working partnership.

In 1999, they had their first meeting so Travis could find out more about Tech's current status within the music business. They kept in touch and

about six months later, Tech shared his new song, "This Ring," with Travis. It was so powerful to Travis that he decided to discuss the possibility of getting into the music business.





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Your favorite fall festival is back! Presented by Central Bank of the Midwest, Oktoberfest runs from 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 and continues 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. The carnival remains open from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday for wristband day — all you can ride for just \$25! With free admission to the festival, there's no excuse not to enjoy the weekend, Oktoberfest style!

To kick off Saturday festivities, join us for a Umzag der Wagen (Parade of Wagons) at 10 a.m. *Sponsored by Dyer Oil Graphics*, this will be a small parade of decorated hand-pulled wagons through the heart of the festival.

Oktoberfest wouldn't be complete without the excitement and entertainment in the Volkerzelt (the People's Tent). The Volkerzelt is home to German music and dancing. Authentic German meals are seved by Chef Aristo's Curbside, Catering and Eatery on Friday and Saturday.

The Biergarten, *sponsored by Burn Theory Kitchen*, is home to one of our crowd favorite events: The People's Choice Home Brew Competition. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, guests can fill their tasting glasses with samples of home brewers' best creations and vote for their favorites!

Plus — new this year, we'll showcase local craft beer in the Biergarten! This includes selections from Diametric Brewing Co., Goat Brewing, Smoke Brewing Company, Grains and Tap and Fringe Beerworks! Special thanks to our *local craft beer sponsor Kelly Construction Group* for making that possible.

Be sure to stop by the Brat Tents, sponsored by Preferred Pediatrics and St. Luke's Surgicenter, for some brats, burgers and Bavarian pretzels with cheese! And sports fans will feel at home in the Sportzelt, sponsored by Lee's Summit Honda and Lee's Summit Subaru. Flat screens, beer and brats make for the perfect afternoon! Don't forget to check out our new Hometown Hero section just past the Sports Tent where we pay homage to our heroes who have bravely served our country.

Two stages of entertainment are ongoing throughout the festival: the Main Stage, sponsored by *McCarthy Chevrolet Lee's Summit and McCarthy Jeep Ram Chrysler Dodge Lee's Summit*, and the Community Stage, sponsored by *Aristocrat Motors Lee's Summit*. For a complete schedule, visit Isoktoberfest.com.

Bring your little ones on a stroll down *Kids Street, sponsored by Weichert Realtors* — *CJ Properties,* for crafts and games all geared for kids.

The juried Arts and Crafts Fair features more than 100 local and regional artists displaying unique handmade crafts, collectibles and original works of art. You're sure to find a souvenir to take home with you!

Lastly, we have the Stein Hoisting competition *presented by Dean's Trophies, T-Shirts & Awards!* Participants get very competitive as they try to see who can hold the stein (big glass mug) for the longest amount of time. We encourage you to try out your luck

So welcome one and all to the season of sizzling bratwursts and sounds of oom-pah! Visit Isoktoberfest.com to plan your weekend!



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MEMBER NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI TO HOST JOB FAIR AND CAREER EXPO OCT. 5 AT LEE'S SUMMIT CAMPUS

Lookng for a new job or interested in scaling up your skills to launch a new career? Register today to attend UCM's 2023 Job Fair and Career Expo from 4-8 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Missouri Innovation Campus. Visit ucmo.edu for more information

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM AVAILABLE NOW

HabitNu and Wellness 4 Prevention are teaming up to offer Lee's Summit and Grandview residents a diabetes prevention program.

The DPP is a nationally recognized program, proven to reduce risk of type 2 diabetes. There are 26 sessions over 12 months. Fully covered program for Medicare and Medicaid patients. Self-pay of \$35/session.

Programs begin in October. Call 816-425-3220 to reserve your spot!



TRUMAN HERITAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO HOST HOLES FORE HOMES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is hosting a golf tournament Monday, Oct. 30 at Lakewood Oaks Golf Club in Lee's Summit. Cost is \$175 per golfer or \$600 per team. If you're interested in joining Truman Habitat's cause and bringing your golf skills to those in need, visit trumanhabitat. org for more information.

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CHAMBER AFTER HOURS: WINGS 4 WATER

5-8:30 p.m. | Sept. 14 | Paragon Star

Celebrate the start of football season at this food-filled event centered around supporting global clean water efforts and local relief initiatives.



OKTOBERFEST 2023

Friday, Sept. 22, 5-11 p.m. | Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. | Sunday, Sept. 24, noon to 4 p.m. (Carnival Only)

Come see Downtown Lee's Summit transformed into Munich, Germany at this family friendly fall festival! Volunteer spots are open! Sign up at Isoktoberfest.com.





BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS

7:30-9:30 a.m. | Sept. 15 | MCC Longview

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CHAMBER BEFORE HOURS: WHATABURGER

7:30 a.m. | Sept. 26 | 1450 NE Douglas St.

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Keynote Speakers



Dr. Michelle Robin

Founder of Small Changes, Big Shifts and Your Wellness Connection

Morning Keynote: Connection Matters – How Community Nourishes Your Wellbeing

For over thirty years, Dr. Michelle Robin has been guiding people on their wellness journeys. The CEO of Small Changes, Big Shifts, a wellness organization focused on whole-person health, Dr. Robin is passionate about seeing people come fully alive and live their best lives — at home, work and in the community.



Pamela Potts

Certified Coach, Speaker, Author and Facilitator

Afternoon Keynote: Elevate & Excel — Empowering Women Leaders & Their Teams to Thrive

Passionate about helping leaders be at their highest and best, Pamela specializes in executive coaching, facilitating group coaching and team development that results in developing effective leaders and high-performing teams. With 25+ years experience of high tech, large organization HR teams, and non-profit business success in the areas of strategy and talent development, she has coached and delivered programs to leaders in organizations across the globe.

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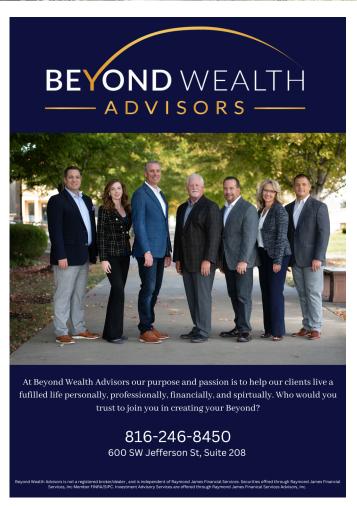
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September 5

- 8 a.m., Ambassador Committee, Chamber Office
- 9:15 a.m., New Member Orientation, Chamber Office

September 6

• 1 p.m., Ribbon Cutting: Overboard Coffee, 825 NE Lakewood Blvd.

September 7

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

September 12

- Noon, Networkers at Noon Leads Group, Johnny's Tavern
- 4 p.m., Recess for Success, Missouri Innovation Campus
- 5:30 p.m., Groundbreaking: Surgery Center of Lee's Summit, 1950 SE Blue Pkwy.

September 13

- 8 a.m., Business Development Council, Chamber Office
- 8:30 a.m., Education Committee Meeting, Brain Balance of Lee's Summit
- 4 p.m., Ribbon Cutting: Assisting Hands Home Care, 612 SW 3rd St. Ste B

September 14

- 8 a.m., Executive Committee Meeting, Chamber Office
- 5 p.m., Chamber After Hours: Wings 4 Water, Paragon Star

September 15

- 7:30 a.m., Breakfast For Champions, MCC Longview
- 11 a.m., Oktoberfest Volunteer Training Meeting, Connect CoWorking

September 18

• 3:30 p.m., Ribbon Cutting: The DRIPBaR, 930 NW Blue Pkwy Ste M

September 21

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

September 22

- 7:30 a.m., Governmental Relations Committee, Missouri Innovation Campus
 - 5 p.m., Oktoberfest, Downtown Lee's Summit

September 23

• 10 a.m., Oktoberfest, Downtown Lee's Summit

September 24

• Noon, Oktoberfest (Carnival Only), Downtown Lee's Summit

September 26

- 7:30 a.m., Chamber Before Hours, Whataburger
- 11 a.m., Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Connect Coworking, LLC
 - Noon, Networkers at Noon Leads Group, Johnny's Tavern

September 27

- 11 a.m., Chamber Young Professionals Committee, Chamber Office
 - Noon, Board of Directors Meeting, John Knox Village

September 28

• 2 p.m., Ribbon Cutting: KC Dumpster, 1280 SE Century Dr.

September 29

• 11 a.m., Ribbon Cutting: Signature at West Pryor/Vanguard Villas, 2100 NW Lowenstein



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