

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE AFFTON-LEMAY BUSINESS CONNECTION

APRIL 2024

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April 11 :: Thursday General Membership Meeting Scholarship Presentation LiUNA Event Center 11:15 am

April 15 :: Monday New Resident Mailing Inserts Due Affton-Lemay Chamber office 1:00 pm

April 18 :: Thursday BREW Women's Networking Group Sharpshooter Pit & Grill 9:00 am

April 18 :: Thursday Affton-Lemay Community Parade Affton-Lemay Chamber Office 4:00 pm

April 26 :: Friday Smartphone Scavenger Hunt Gethsemane Lutheran Church 6:30 pm

April 30 :: Tuesday Ambassador Committee Meeting location TBD 11:30 am

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION General Membership Meeting

The Confidence Formula Dallas Amsden

Scholarship Recipients:

Affton High School: Merisa Nesimovic Bayless High School: Ava Willey Cor Jesu Academy: Faith Rodriguez Hancock Place High School: Leila Catic Lutheran High School South: Logan Perez Mehlville High School: Lejla Sehic Notre Dame High School: Lindsey Struckel

Thursday, April 11 11:15 am Registration - 11:50 am Lunch

> LiUNA Event Center 4532 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 63127

\$20 members | **\$25 non-members** register at www.afftonlemaychamber.com by April 5



MISSION STATEMENT The Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce exists to serve businesses, enhance the community, and stimulate economic development in the Affton-Lemay area.



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LIFTING UP STL

Susan Wilson 8930 Gravois Road (63123) 314.833.5220 www.liftingupstl.org

Lifting Up STL was created to fill the needs of the St. Louis community. We saw how members of our community were struggling for a variety of reasons. Our goal was to create a nonprofit that gives a helping hand, not a handout. We want to help people create a better life for themselves which will help their families, friends, and community! When one member of our community is lifted up our whole community becomes stronger.

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As a member, YOU are our best salesperson because YOU know the value of membership! Recruit a new member & you can choose: Iunch at a member meeting or business card newsletter ad

Not sure of all the benefits of being a member? Visit the Join page at afftonlemaychamber.com or contact the Chamber office.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AFFTON-LEMAY Tuesday, June 4, 2024 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2:00-7:00 pm Affton Fire Station #1 BLOOD DRIVE 9282 Gravois Road Visit www.afftonlemaychamber.com for the direct link to register. in partnership with: TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 Nations SERVPRO Network Fire & Water - Cleanup & Restoration"



Thursday, April 18 @ 9:00 am Sharpshooter Pit & Grill

No RSVP needed, just show up! Join us at facebook.com/groups/brewafftonlemay

Show Me the Money!

Regina Crandall, Small Business & Employment Librarian, St. Louis County Library Regina is working to expand workforce and business development services within the library by creating a community hub that connects job seekers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and businesses with highimpact programming, relevant resources, and integral community referrals. She will showcase library resources that impact the bottom line, resources that not only save businesses money, but resources that

generate income. Join with other women from Affton & Lemay! Along with networking, the goal for this small group is to share, support, educate, and encourage fellow women in the Chamber. Each meeting will focus on topics and issues relevant to women in the workplace.

Our Condolences to

Lisa Rackley, Affton-Lemay Chamber; Amanda Willis, Willis Real Estate brokered by eXp Realty; and Jeremy Buie, Ferguson Reclaimed Woodworks on the passing of their mother/grandmother, Shirley.

AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Pantry Requests: **Entrees: Canned Meats & Beef Stew Meal Supplements: Dinner Helpers** Dry & Canned Beans | Chili Pasta Sauce or Canned Tomato Products Canned Fruit | Mac & Cheese | Hearty Soups Cereal | Personal Care Items

4960 Heege Road www.afftonchristianfoodpantry.com



Grab 3 of your friends or co-workers and join us for a scavenger hunt!

Teams will earn points by completing challenges of different point values at locations around Affton & Lemay and submitting photos. You must provide your own vehicle, a "designated-driver," and a smartphone (duh!) to submit photos.

Friday, April 26 @ 6:30 pm Gethsemane Lutheran Church

765 Lemay Ferry Road (63125)

Afterparty @ 9:00 pm

Includes Beer & Soda. Pizza provided by Imo's Pizza-Lemay. You can bring your own food & beverages, too!

\$140 per Team includes 4 team t-shirts (4 players, aged 21 and up)

Sponsorships Available:

\$350 Team Sponsor (includes a team of 4) \$250 Beverage Sponsor \$250 Poker Hand Sponsor \$100 T-Shirt Sponsor



http://tinyurl.com/ALCCspsh2024



State Farm, Bloomington, IL 1211999



New Resident Mailing



The New Resident Mailing is sent quarterly to new homeowners in 63123 & 63125 welcoming them to our area. It's a great way to put YOUR BUSINESS in THEIR HOME!

> You provide **300 half-page inserts & \$40** & we do the rest! Drop off 300 half-page* inserts & \$40 by **1 pm on Monday, April 15**.

*Want to insert a full sheet? Simply double the price (\$80) and fold the sheets (in half or tri-fold)!

Has designing and printing an insert been the reason you haven't participated in the New Resident Mailing? We'll design your insert and print it!

For an additional \$15, we will use your guidance to design & print a one-sided, half-page, color insert on white paper with your logo, services, discounts, contact

information, etc. *A proof will be provided for your approval.* **Deadline for this service is Monday, April 8.**

Member NEWS

If you have hired someone, received an award, or added to your family, send it to mandy@afftonlemaychamber.com by the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's newsletter.



service to the district.

Congratulations to Jim Eye, Indox Services and Emily Grozdanic, Affton Schools Parents Club for being nominated for the Affton School District's SOAR Awards! This award is bestowed upon individuals who show excellence of character, performance, leadership, and



Congratulations to **EHPN Technology Partners** on being voted one of the Best Cyber Security Firms in the St. Louis Small Business Monthly.





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Home for Life Panel Q&A Saturday, April 27 10:00-11:00 am



Affton White-Rodgers Community Center (9801 Mackenzie Road, 63123) Worried your home won't accommodate your needs as you age? Learn about the Home for Life Program, where you have access to practical solutions to help you live comfortably in your home for years to come. Whether you need a complete renovation, or just to add a main-level laundry room, our expert panel will guide you through options. You'll get valuable insights on financing, future resale value, and the scope of construction. Join Jess & her team for coffee and donuts, and come with questions! Please RSVP to Jess at 314-606-5036 to help your host plan.

SUBMIT <u>YOUR</u> EVENT TO OUR CALENDAR!

If it is posted by the 15th of the month, it will be published in the next month's newsletter. **Did you know the Calendar is one of the most visited pages on our website?** Need help posting? Contact mandy@afftonlemaychamber.com. Manna March Walk Against Hunger Sunday, April 21 12:00-3:00 pm



Jefferson Barracks Park @ Gold Star Pavilion (345 North Road, 63125) Walker registration is \$30 and includes t-shirt, brats, snacks, and soft drinks. Sponsorship opportunities available. To register, visit www.feed-my-people.org.

National Junior Ranger Day Saturday, April 27 11:00 am-3:00 pm Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (7400 Grant Road, 63123)



No matter your age, you are invited to explore, learn, and protect on National Junior Ranger Day. Join us for this one-day celebration, part of the annual National Park Week. This program is free and reservations are not required.





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We asked our newest Ambassador to answer a few questions so we can get to know him better.

Photo provided by Cindy's Photo.

Mike Lahm

View My Space

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Hey! I'm Mike Lahm. I grew up and graduated from Mehlville in 2010. My wife, Bri, and I have been together for over a decade and married for 2 years in July. We purchased our first home in 2015 in the heart of Lemay. I say it's our house but our 3 cats, Juniper, Aspen and Willow, truly run the show around here. Launching the VMS STL office at the beginning of 2023, we're dedicated to offering an immersive experience that allows individuals to accurately explore places without the constraints of in-person visits. Whether you are looking to advertise your business, a property to sell or want to create interactive virtual walkthrough, we've got you covered!

FAVORITE HOBBIES/PASTIMES

Bri and I are big campers and love the outdoors. So far, we've visited 36 of 63 national parks. I love playing my upright bass and bass guitar. You can also find me throwing frisbees out on the disc golf course or hitting balls on a regular golf course.

FAVORITE QUOTE

"The world seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before." - Neil Gaiman **FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATION**

Oh man, I'd have to say the 3 weeks in Alaska for our honeymoon but driving the Golden Road in Iceland was right there!

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO BE AN AMBASSADOR?

The opportunity to step up as an ambassador, become more involved with events and grow myself, my business and the community, drove me to join this wonderful group.

WHAT IS A GOAL YOU'D LIKE TO HELP THE CHAMBER ACCOMPLISH

As a Lemolian, I'd love to help the Chamber grow the Lemay/Affton areas and create a welcome place for new business and residents alike.



PARTNERS Diamond...Affton School District, Affton Veterinary Clinic, J & J Construction & Remodeling, MBhealth Insurance Agency, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Glenn Eckert-State Farm Agent

March Membership Meeting

March 14, 2024

Thanks...

- Orlando's Event Center for the delicious lunch
- Anne Gerding, Safeguard for greeting and selling 50/50 tickets
- Sponsor Jess Lepage, Nations Network-Keller Williams Realty
- Speaker Brian Hoelscher, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District





New Member Brendan Smith ABS Home Services



New Member Steve Meier *Jefferson Barracks Preservation Foundation*



New Member Susan Wilson *Lifting Up STL*



New Member Dinko Bosnic *Paychex*









The 50/50 was won by **Rob Smith, Gapsch Carstar** Collision Center.

Thanks to our prize donors: Jess Lepage, Nations Network-Keller Williams Realty; Royale Orleans Banquet Center; Servpro; Unique Journeys

Congratulations to our prize winners: **Cijo Mathews, Garner's Market; Dennis Harris, Heartland Industries Inc.; Amira Kujundzic, State Bank; Chuck Schoene, 9 Mile Garden; Brendan Smith, ABS Home Services.**

Want to see your name mentioned here? Attend a meeting, buy 50/50 tickets & win <u>OR</u> donate an item for the drawing.

PARTNERS *Platinum...* Affton Christian Food Pantry, First Missouri Credit Union, Great Southern Bank, Dane Huxel-State Farm Agent, Tammy Luechtefeld-State Farm Agent

Ribbon Cutting @ St. Louis County Police-Affton Southwest Precinct

March 15, 2024



OR ON SATURDAYS FROM 1PM-4PM. 314-487-7006

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AFFTON-LEMAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



SATURDAY, MAY 11 10:30AM - 5:30PM

(or until food runs out) Located at Cotton's Ace Hardware Parking Lot 10042 Gravois Road

CARRYOUT ONLY DINNERS: \$12.00 INCLUDES (2) SIDES

PORK STEAKS | HALF CHICKEN 1/3 SLAB RIBS | (2) BRATWURSTS

Sandwiches Also Available: Hamburgers, Brats & Hot Dogs Selection of Soda and Chips

Volunteers Needed

Two-Hour Shifts Wear Your Company Attire Network with Other Workers Contact the office or visit the website for shift availability and to sign-up!

PARTNERS Bronze...Cindy's Photo, Commerce Bank, Feed My People, PMR Law, Syberg's: An Eating & Drinking Company, Unique Journeys, Amanda Willis-Willis Real Estate brokered by eXp Realty

Welcome



Across the Board 9300 Watson Industrial Park, 63126

Thanks to Ambassador Cindy Tiefenbrunn, Cindy's Photo for delivering their plaque!

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2024 For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week, which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners, and officially recognizes their hard work, ingenuity, and dedication, including their contributions to the economy.

The SBA and SCORE, mentors to America's small businesses, will host the 2024 National Small Business Week Virtual Summit April 30-May 1. This FREE Summit will feature educational workshops presented by event cosponsors, access to federal resources, and networking opportunities. Learn more and register at www.sba.gov/nsbw





Prime Home Care 9700 Mackenzie Rd, Suite 116B, 63123 Thanks to Ambassador Amira Jahic, AJ Wellness Pharmacy for delivering their plaque!



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Thanks to the following businesses and organizations for renewing their memberships. Year joined is in parentheses. Listed renewals are February 22-March 20.

> Alonzo Agency Inc. (2023) Bayless School District (1995) Borgmeyer Dental (2020) Bourgeois Door Company, Inc. (2023) Carondelet Park Rec Plex YMCA (2008) domash DESIGNSOURCE L.L.C. (2022) Ellie Mental Health Concord (2023) Full Service Automotive (2021) Gapsch Carstar Collision Center (1991) Gateway Title Research, Inc (2021) M Ehrlich, LLC (2019) Mack's Auto Parts (2021) Mid America Arms (2001) Moll Builders (2022) Neighborhood Renewal (2021) Rosen Optometry (2021) Saint Louis Carpenters J.A.P. (2003) Saint Louis County Police - Affton (1979) Scott Credit Union (2020) Toscano & Wilson Law LLC (2021) Walbrandt Electric & Technologies (2022) Will Electronics, Inc. (2004)

Save*i*date

AFFTON-LEMAY COMMUNITY PARADE

Saturday, September 21 @ 10 am 2024 Theme: Going for the Gold Online Registration Available Soon!

Presenting Sponsor

School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province



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F2 Garage Door Solutions—Free safety inspection for garage door and garage door opener!

Gateway Alarm, Inc.—Receive 3 months free monitoring with a new system.

Gateway Tree Care—10% off services.

Insite Advice—Free Extended Internet Marketing Analysis (\$300 value)

MBhealth Insurance Agency—\$50 discount on Business Consultations

The Accel Group—Free marketing review for any current chamber member. No strings attached!



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YOUR CHAMBER

FEBRUARY 2024

- New Members: ABS Home Services, Al's Wydown Cleaners & Laundry Inc., Paychex, Ramblewood Plumbing Company
- Held February Membership Meeting
- Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
- Monthly BREW Networking Group
- Committee Meetings: Ambassadors, Annual Awards & Dinner Auction Gala, Smartphone Scavenger Hunt
- Member Communication: 5 E-Blasts (14 members)
- Website: 1,542 page views (780 unique visits); top visited pages: History of Lemay, Member Directory, Calendar; 7,936 impressions of banner ads on website & member's area with 36 click-thrus

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jake Baretich

<u>Officers</u> President

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> Executive Director Office Assistant

Free to all Attendees, Vendors, and Presenters



Mehlville School District

AFFTON

1st Annual CONNECTIONS SUMMIT

Providing families with resources, learning opportunities and networking.



College Fair Job Fair Vendor Booths MOCHIP Concessions

SATURDAY **Breakout Sessions** APRIL 20,2024 NANCIAL SERVICES & MANAGEMENT **PARENTING & COMMUNITY SUPPORT** 9:30 AM - 1:00PM MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE 9101 SOUTH BROADWAY, 63125 FAFSA ASSISTANCE HANCOCK PLACE ELEMENTARY **MANY MORE** PARENTS SUICIDE **BUDGETING** AS PREVENTION TEACHERS FIRST FOOD RESPONDERS SUPPORT PANTRIES

< SCHEDULE >

- Check In 8:30 am
- Shotgun Start 10:00am
- Lunch included
- Buffet Dinner Immediately Following Conclusion of Golf Rounds
- Presentation of Awards

THANK YOU CURRENT SPONSORS!

- Affton Christian Food Pantry Affton School District Affton Veterinary Clinic AJ Wellness Pharmacy Bommarito South CNB St. Louis Bank Dane Huxel, State Farm Agency First Missouri Credit Union Fran Ann Engraving Great Southern Bank
- Hancock Place School District Hoeing Law Firm J&J Construction & Remodeling Tammy Luechtefeld, State Farm Agency
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AFFTON-LEMAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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TOURNAN

Tuesday, July 9th

at Tapawingo National

Golf Club

Shotgun Start @ 10:00am

Rain or Shine

FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE

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< SPONSORSHIP >

MASTERS SPONSOR-.....\$10,000

Includes: (2) golf foursomes, full page back cover program ad and company logo on all promotional materials, large banner (sponsor provides) displayed at check-in area.

US OPEN SPONSOR-.....\$2500 Includes: (2) golf foursomes, full page inside back cover program ad and company logo on all promotional materials, large banner (sponsor provides) displayed at check-in area .

PGA SPONSOR\$1000

Includes: (1) golf foursome, full page program ad and company logo on all promotional materials, large banner (sponsor provides) displayed at check-in area .

SCORECARD SPONSOR......\$300

Includes: company name/logo on all scorecards.

GOLF BALL SPONSOR\$250 Sponsor provides golf balls and has opportunity to hand out golf balls to player registration. Includes: quarter page program ad, newsletter listing and website listing.

SPECIALTY SPONSORS\$200

Opportunity to staff hole, provide your company swag and interactive experience with golfers with game, raffle or food – great networking opportunity. **Sponsor provides prize for winner, minimum value \$50.** Includes: quarter page program ad, newsletter listing and website listing

____ Closest to the Pin SOLD

_____ Longest Drive (Men) SOLD

____ Longest Drive (Ladies)

Includes: an 18" x 24" sign at sponsored hole, includ business card program ad

BEVERAGE TENT SPONSOR \$250

Opportunity to staff tent, provide your company swag and interactive experience with golfers with game, raffle or food – great networking opportunity. Includes: quarter page program ad, newsletter listing and website listing

LUNCH/DINNER SPONSOR......\$150

Quarter page ad in Golf Program, Recognition at Lunch. Recognition in Chamber Newsletter and Website. *(unlimited availability)*

□ IN KIND DONATION SPONSORS

- Soda/Water Drink Sponsor
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- Signage Sponsor-Printing
 Program Sponsor-Printing

< ADVERTISING >

□ FULL PAGE (4.5w x 7.5h)	\$75
HALF PAGE (4.5w x 3.75h)	\$50
QUARTER PAGE (4.5w x 2h)	\$25

➤ All ads will appear in black & white

 Please email ad in a .jpeg or image file to the Chamber

< PARTICIPATION >

- GOLF FOURSOME.....\$500
- GOLF FOURSOME PLUS......\$600
- □INDIVIDUAL ENTRY\$125

Participation fee includes:

Lunch • Dinner • Golf Cart • Beverages

Support For YOUR Business Community!

< REGISTRATION >

Complete and Mail Registration or Register Online at www.afftonlemaychamber.com Name: Company: ____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: Phone: ()_____ E-mail: _____ PLAYER #1 Name: Company: E-mail:_____ PLAYER #2 Name: _____ Company: _____ E-mail: PLAYER #3 Name: ______ Company: _____ E-mail: PLAYER #4 Name: _____ Company: _____ E-mail: PAYMENT TOTAL: Check □ VISA/MC/DISCOVER/AMEX □ Invoice Me Card No. _____ Expiration Security Code Checks payable to: Affton-Lemay Chamber of Commerce