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Revitalizing Downtown Winona ... One Grant at a Time

Christie Ransom, President & CEO
Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

Last year, the Winona Chamber of Commerce Foundation was awarded a Main Street Revitalization grant through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). This grant was a collaboration between the Chamber, the City of Winona, and the Winona Port Authority. It was such an honor to receive this for our community. These grants are leveraged grants for capital improvement projects in the downtown district. The grant application cycle was opened last fall and we saw 35 applications be submitted. Following an extensive review process at the local level and another review by DEED, we are

pleased to have awarded 22 applicants with a grant to be used toward their own investment in their project.

It was such a great project to work on and we are beyond excited for all of the projects that will soon be happening in our downtown. Some will provide store fronts for retail or office space, some will provide additional housing, some are new businesses entirely, and some are doing amazing façade improvements. All of these projects and the personal investments these businesses are making will bring energy and vitality to our already special downtown. With so many things happening, it is no wonder so many people want to live and work here!

We at the Chamber are honored to serve the businesses that make our community what it is and we can't wait for you to see these amazing projects come together!

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

- OUR MISSION -

To Serve Businesses How and When They Need Us

- OUR VISION -

Be the Foremost Resource and Advocate for Businesses in the Winona Area

Officers:

- Katrice Sisson – Chair
- Stan Breitlow – Chair Elect
- Andrew Puetz – Past Chair
- Amber Hamernik – Treasurer
- Andrea Northam - At Large

Retiring 2023:

- Andrea Northam
- Dave Pederson
- Kelly Pronschinske
- Andy Puetz
- Mike Dieter

Retiring 2024:

- Dr. Marsha Danielson
- Janneke Sobek
- Katrice Sisson
- Jared Literski
- Kendra Maggart

Retiring 2025:

- Stan Breitlow
- Amber Hamernik
- Jason Gamoke
- Kevin Ritz
- Mandy Hansel

Staff:

- Christie Ransom – President & CEO
- Kay Mathews – Vice President of Finance and Operations
- Emma Ebbinger – Director of Workforce and Business Development
- Kateri Petry – Director of Marketing and Communications
- Anna Sibenaller – Director of Main Street Programs



Wear It Wednesday

Emma Ebbinger, Director of Workforce and Business Development

As the Director of Workforce, I often see and hear about the current business workforce climate, and the struggle of workforce development. We got creative and thought of a fun way to promote different Winona area businesses that are hiring. With that being said, the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce presents... Wear It Wednesday! This is a workforce initiative where Chamber Members can put Christie and me to work in your business. We will create a video to advertise positions that you are hiring for and have some fun while promoting your business! The video will be posted in our e-news weekly member email, Chamber website, and on our social media pages.

If you are interested in putting Christie and Emma to work in your business, call 507.452.2272 or email Emma at eebbinger@winonachamber.com



WINONA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WEAR IT WEDNESDAY



Main Street Corner February 2023

Anna Sibenaller, Director of Main Street Programs

The beginning of the year is always a great time to recenter and refocus on your goals and values. So, I'd like to share the Winona Main Street Mission Statement as well as our Vision.

Winona Main Street Mission Statement: Guided by the Main Street 4 Point Approach, the Winona Main Street Program is committed to Historic Downtown Winona being the heart of our community and region, a vibrant hub of commerce, arts and culture, recreation, and residential life.

Winona Main Street Vision: To create a downtown where people want to be.

The Winona Main Street Program is a City and Chamber partnership, and has four volunteer committees that focus on each of the four points of community transformation: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization.

As we are now firmly in the new year, we hope all our volunteers, partners and supporters are feeling rested after a busy holiday season and ready to make 2023 a wonderful year.



CHAMBER CHAMPIONS

- VISIONARY -



- PREMIER -



- EXECUTIVE -



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BIZ BITES

Dermatologist Chad Weaver, MD, has joined Winona Health and is now available to see patients. He joins Erin Hanson, CNP, in the Dermatology Department on the clinic second floor at Winona Health, 855 Mankato Avenue in Winona.



The skin is the largest organ, and “it plays a major role in how people view themselves at all ages,” said Dr. Weaver. “I love the science behind skin care and helping people of all ages, whether it’s with a condition that affects their confidence or one that causes discomfort or concern. It’s rewarding to provide solutions and great outcomes.”

Dr. Weaver believes in always putting the needs of patients first and being warm and welcoming to everyone. He has earned several honors including a Compassionate Physician Award; a Top 1% Patient Satisfaction Award; and recognition as an Outstanding Educator. He has a passion for teaching and has enjoyed teaching residents and Physician Assistant students over the years.

Dr. Weaver is certified by the American Board of Dermatology. He earned his Medical Degree at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Weaver completed a Transitional Internship at the University of North Dakota in Fargo, North Dakota and his Dermatology residency at the Mayo School of Graduate Medicine Education in Rochester, Minnesota. He is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology; American Medical Association; American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery; Minnesota Medical Society; and Society for Pediatric Dermatology.

In his free time, he enjoys cooking, specifically gourmet cooking and delicious food, running, '80s music, and video games like Super Nintendo.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Weaver, call Winona Health Dermatology at 507.457.7674.

NEW MEMBERS



Big River Soft Wash is a soft washing company that uses a blend of biodegradable cleaners to attack and remove mold, mildew, and stains without damaging your home or business. Big River Soft Wash takes pride in the fact that their services are environmentally friendly and sustainable. Your home and business demand the care and cleaning power of professional soft washing services, which is why you can trust that owner John Henkes and his team of fully trained specialists will leave your house, driveway, playground, or business clean and sterilized. John and his team offer professional exterior house cleaning, roof cleaning, deck cleaning, and more for a thorough and eco-friendly finish. “Unlike power washing which just removes the surface layer of grime, our soft washing process is specifically designed to remove the cause of the buildup, leaving your home or business clean for up to a year or more.”

To learn more about Big River Soft Wash visit www.bigriversoftwash.com or call 507.459.2220



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
UPCOMING EVENTS

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AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

09
5-7PM



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ATHLETICS



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To learn more about Celanese visit www.celanese.com or call the Winona Branch at 507.457.4012



Wednesday, February 8

8-9am

Sugar Loaf Conference Room
at the Chamber

presented by Brian Semling of Brian's Toys
FREE and open to all
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WAPS REFERENDUM UPDATE

Friday, February 10

7:30-8:30am

Sugar Loaf Conference Room
at the Chamber

\$15/member; \$25/non-member

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STATE OF BUSINESS

Friday, February 24

7:30-8:30am

Sugar Loaf Conference Room
at the Chamber

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BE HEARD
BELONG
JOIN THE
CHAMBER!**

It's not just business as usual in Winona. The potential dividends from an investment in the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce are unlimited, because what develops at the Chamber is everyone's business.

If you are interested in leading the way with us, go to www.winonachamber.com and complete the online form.

To set up an appointment to explore the advantages of Chamber membership or to learn more about available resources at the Winona Chamber contact us at (507) 452-2272 or email info@winonachamber.com

