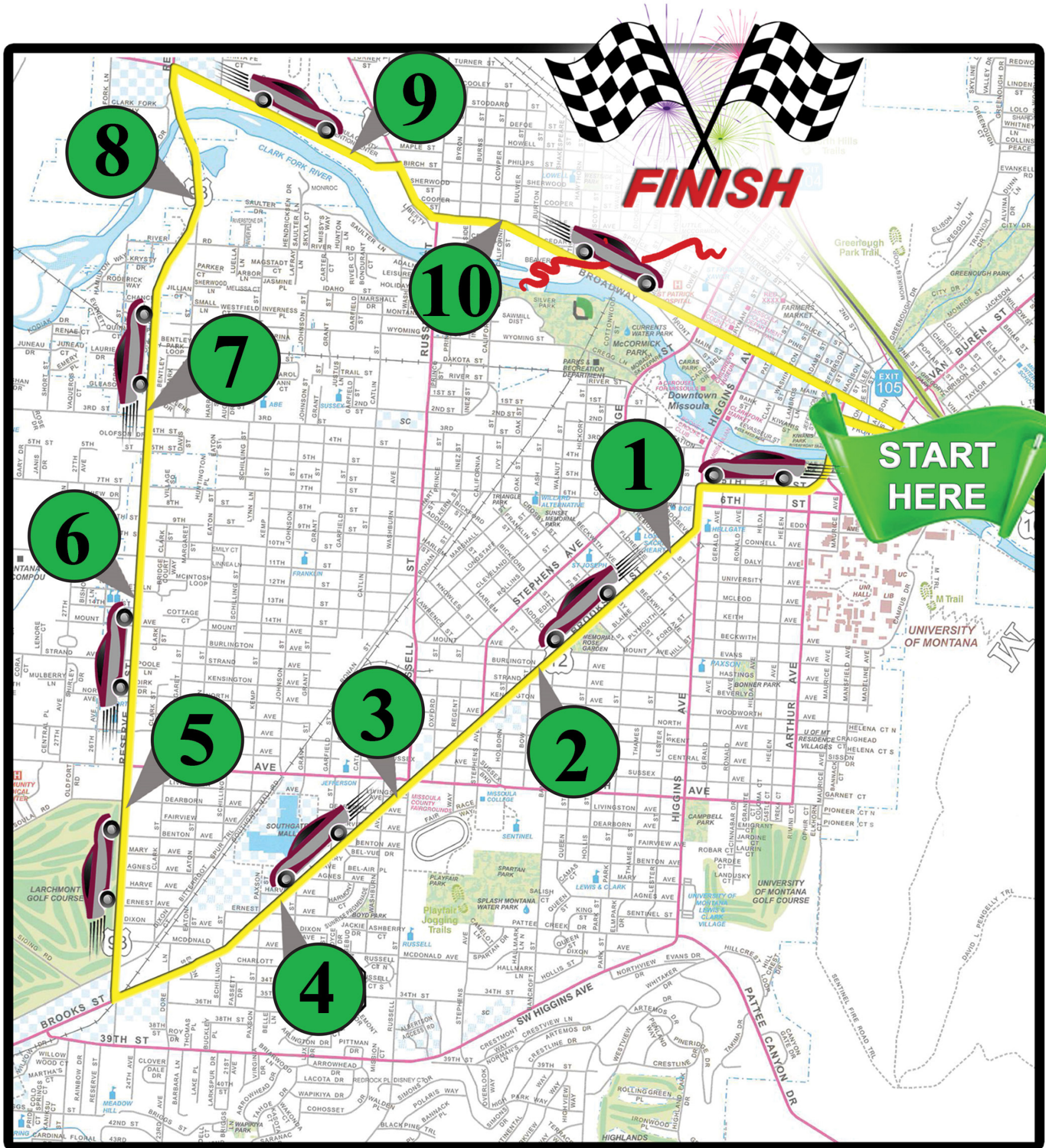




MISSOULA CHAMBER  
MISSOULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Engaging Business and Community

# Your Road Map to Chamber Membership Success



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## Congratulations! You are now a proud new member of the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce...now what?

This road map to Membership Success is for you. These steps will guide you for the first 90 days. If you follow them, you will have a better understanding of how to get set-up and start engaging with the Chamber. Don't let these steps scare you. They are not as time consuming as they may look. We are here to help you, so please feel free to call us at any time at (406) 543-6623.

### 1 Member Web Page set-up

- 1a. Prepare a brief 50 word introduction paragraph to inform potential customers about your business to be listed on your Chamber directory listing.
  - 1b. Create a list of key words that describe your products and services directing traffic to your business. This will help increase your search engine optimization (SEO) and create a more powerful online presence for your business listing.
  - 1c. Provide your business logo in jpeg or png format and photo for your directory listing.
  - 1d. Proudly display your membership decal in your business window.  
Chamber members support other Chamber members.
- Please email the above items to [Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com)

### 2 Social Media Connections

Connect your business to the Chamber through your website and all your social media. Immediately "Like" the Chamber's Facebook page and the Chamber will "Like" your business page. When the Chamber shares your posts, they can reach thousands more people in the community.

### 3 Meet Chamber Staff – Drop off cards and brochures for lobby

Come by the Chamber office, 825 E Front St (directly behind the Press Box) to meet the staff and let us get to know you so we can better refer you to other businesses. Drop off business cards and brochures to display in our lobby while you are here.

### 4 Share your membership news with staff and clients

You may be surprised how many businesses want to do business with Chamber members. Add the Chamber logo to your website and link us to your site. Let all your employees know that your business is now a Chamber member. Let everyone know you are now supporting the largest business organization in Missoula. Email Stephanie for a digital file of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce logo.

### 5 Chamber Website Resources

Visit to the Chamber website ([www.missoulachamber.com](http://www.missoulachamber.com)) and take a look at the variety of content found there including information on Chamber Advocacy efforts, resources for entrepreneurs and the Tools for Business Success website. Look through the site when you have free time. There are many ways to engage, educate and connect via the website. You can also learn more about the Chamber's many programs and events as well as how to get involved with a **Business Networking Group (BNG)**. Contact [Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com) for more information

### 6 Schedule a Ranger Ribbon Cutting

The Rangers are a group of volunteer professionals comprised of long-standing Chamber members and business owners. They will personally visit your business, perform a ribbon cutting with you and your staff and present a "first dollar of pure profit" on behalf of the Chamber. Photos from the event will be featured on the Chamber social media pages. To schedule a ribbon cutting, please email [Sharonm@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Sharonm@missoulachamber.com)

### 7 Complimentary Member to Member Certificates

Discounted advertising opportunities are available to new Chamber members through some of our media partners. We will send you the contact information for TownSquare Media, Cherry Creek Radio and the Missoulian, who have special advertising offers for new Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce members. Tier 3 and above.

### 8 Attend BAH and Missoula Young Professionals

Attend the next monthly "Business After Hours" (BAH), held on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. The average attendance is between 150 and 200 area professionals and the location varies to the sponsoring business. New members are formally introduced to the Chamber membership at BAH via a 30-second elevator speech, which you present. Remember to bring business cards with a goal of introducing yourself to other Chamber members. Contact Sharon Morren for more information: [Sharonm@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Sharonm@missoulachamber.com) or 406-543-6623

8a. The Missoula Young Professionals host a monthly networking event for ages 21 to "young at heart." These events focus on professional development, networking and civic participation/involvement. These events are held on the third Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. Please contact Sharon Morren at the Chamber: [Bobh@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Bobh@missoulachamber.com)

### 9 Connect through committee involvement

We encourage you to become involved in one of the Chamber's committees. Chamber committees are both fun and functional. You'll meet new people, participate in community events, and support our mission of making Missoula a great place to live, work and play. Our committees are an incredible resource and we are grateful for their hard work and insight. Additional resources and engagement opportunities are abundant. Please let us know if you would like more information about any of the following committees.

#### Agri-Business

Our goal is to provide leadership with agriculture operations and related or ancillary businesses while helping to maintain our local heritage in Western Montana. We aim to facilitate, promote and encourage healthy business trade, rural development and related issues based on mutual respect of business partners.

#### Forest Resource Committee

The Forest Resource Committee discusses the unique challenges and opportunities impacting the local timber industry. The committee also works to bring attention to the importance of this industry for the Missoula area. Staff contact: [Bobh@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Bobh@missoulachamber.com)

#### Red Coats

The Red Coats serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber in an effort to increase the Missoula Chamber's visibility at community events. They participate as hosts at Business After Hours, coordinate the annual Red Ripper Golf Tournament, and assist with the St. Patrick's Day and Homecoming Parades. Staff contact: [Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com](mailto:Stephanielh@missoulachamber.com)

### 10 Collaborate on Workforce Initiatives

The Chamber is currently focused on key initiatives for Missoula

- **Workforce**  
Accelerated Training, Workforce Connections website, Affordable Housing, Business recruitment
- **Advocacy**  
Voice for Business
- **Childcare**  
Associate Childcare Membership, Expand childcare in Missoula
- **University of Montana**  
Rapid Training program, promote our University

Add your own offer! If you would like to add your own business offering to new member packets, Contact Sharon to discuss options.

To learn more about the Chamber's initiatives, visit [www.MissoulaChamber.com](http://www.MissoulaChamber.com).

The Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1887. Since that time there have been many changes, both in Missoula and the world of business. Through all of these changes, there has been and will always be, one constant – your Chamber of Commerce is the heartbeat of local business. You are now part of the business lifeblood in Missoula. We welcome you and will do all we can to help you grow. Now you have a plan – a road map – that will help you engage, connect and prosper in the Chamber of Commerce.