



THE BRIDGE

Connecting Missoula Businesses

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CEO REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- **INITIATIVE: CHILD CARE** - The Missoula Chamber CEO will participate in a child care conference call on August 12th with the US Chamber Foundation Early Childcare and the MT DPHHS Early childhood advisory leadership. The US Chamber Foundation is contacting every state with check-in on needs, ideas, and opportunities to work together to find solutions for the child care hurdles.
- **Leadership Missoula 38** - LM 38 has officially launched with a full class. The retreat is set for September and a full year of monthly sessions. This year a couple of new additions to Leadership Missoula. The class will be provided Ipads and the Chamber will digitalize Leadership Missoula. In addition, Leadership Development training will be added to every session. Each month, a 90 minutes leadership development and training will be provided by Cascadia. Leadership development has been a long-time dream to add to our existing program and this is the year it begins.
- **FINANCIAL** - The Chamber budget has been set and approved by the Chamber Board for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. All programs and events are back on track for great networking and connections.
- **CHAMBER BOARD/OFFICERS** - New Board and officers have received their orientation and have begun meeting to ensure a successful year at the Chamber. The key initiatives for the Chamber have been identified and planning continues to enhance member connections and information.
- **70+ Chamber of Commerce, Montana** - The Missoula Chamber of Commerce CEO has the responsibility this fiscal year for contacts made to over 70 Chambers across MT. This ensures a strong collaborative partnership between Chambers, the state and connects business opportunities

FROM THE BOARDROOM

The Missoula Chamber Bylaw revisions have been scheduled for the August board meeting. Chamber members will be notified upon submission.

YOUR CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Executive Committee and Board

VOICE FOR BUSINESS How to Bring an Advocacy Issue Forward

INTERNAL REVIEW FORMAT: *Any Information and Position paper submitted to the Board of Directors, should meet the following Guidelines for Action:*

1. **Does the issue comply with the mission and values of the Chamber?**
2. **Is the issue business oriented, having an impact on the conduct of business in the Missoula area?**
The Missoula Chamber represents the general business community and not specific business or industry interests.
3. **Is involvement with the issue cost effective?**
The Missoula Chamber may act on an issue if required resources can be justified, and if an obtainable goal may be reasonably expected.

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INITIATIVES

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

GROWING THE CHAMBER

Provide leads to our Membership Director and receive additional benefits.

Email Sharon at the Chamber sharonm@missoulachamber.com

Member Benefits

MEMBERSHIP TIERS

Chamber members choose their level of investment and engagement in the Chamber. Do you understand all your benefits? Do you need more support?

Reach out to Stephanie at stephanielh@missoulachamber.com or Sharon at sharonm@missoulachamber.com.

Tier and Benefit Reminders:

BELONG	Tier 1
ENGAGE	Tier 2
BUILD	Tier 3
LEAD -	Tier 4
IMPACT	Tier 5
VISIONARY	Tier 6

MEMBERS REFERRING
NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

UPCOMING EVENTS



132nd Annual Banquet
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Title Sponsor: PayneWest INSURANCE

Featuring the 'Sentinel Project' a collaboration with MT Beer and Wine Association and The Lifeguard Group focused on bringing awareness to Human Trafficking.

- Live Entertainment
- Food Trucks

Only a few tables left!

Join us for the largest business networking event of the year



See you at Daily's on August 9th

Is your business looking for more exposure? Do you want to invest in Chamber programming?

Check out this *years sponsorship opportunities!

DOWNLOAD the
2022 Sponsorship Guide

*The Chamber's fiscal year runs July to June.

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PROGRAM WORKS Leadership Missoula

Leadership Missoula 38 Class

Aaron	Atkinson	Missoula Developmental Service Corp
Brandi	Baker	Winds of Change
Annie	Bokma	Doubletree by Hilton-Edgewater
Jill	Bonny	Poverello Center
Ken	Bumke	Winds of Change
Thomas	Ciprari	KTMF TV ABC/Fox Montana SNX
Jesse	Corbett	PayneWest Insurance
Katie	Cowart	First Interstate Bank
Amy	Cristaldi	Anderson ZurMuehlen & CO PC
Robbi	Croyle	Mission Ridge Church
Annie	Darby	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown
Dr. Austin	Davis	Life Chiropractic
Benjamin	Davis	Friends of the Children
Jennifer	Dillard	University of Montana
Debbie	Erbacher	Missoula Chamber of Commerce
Dan	Fultz	IMEG
Derek	Goble	NewFields
Kevin	Harding	UM conference & Events Services
Terran	Hillesland	First Interstate Bank
Tyler	Kirk	Jackson Contractor Group Inc
Rance	Krech	Temp Right
Stephanie	Lanza-Harvey	Missoula Chamber of Commerce
John	Lavey	Morrison-Maierle
Anjelika	Layton	First Security Bank
Lyndayle	Mattis	YWCA Missoula
F Keegan	McIntire	First Security Bank
Justin	Meidinger	Boyle, Deveny & Meyer
Eric	Midtlyng	Blackfoot Communications
Otis	Mitchell	Stockman Bank
Jordan	Parker	Jones Brothers Trucking
Nancy	Pickhardt	Partners Hope Foundation
Emily	Rolston	Destination Missoula
Amy	Schaer	Youth Homes
Michael	Sherwood	Milodragovich/Dale/Steinbrenner
Jeannette	Smith	Missoula County Sherrif
Joe	Smith	Missoula Electric Coop
Kimber	Smith	Glacier Counseling & Animal Assisted Therapy
Lesley	Templeton	Roseburg Forest Products
Patrick	Trottier	Opportunity Bank
Dave	Tschan	Trailwest Bank

Leadership Team

Jeffrey Kuchel, Chair LM 38
Krista Clawson, Chair Elect, LM 39

Staff Contacts

Kim Latrielle, Missoula Chamber
 CEO/President
Bob Homer, Missoula Chamber
 Community Outreach &
 Public Relations

Retreat Facilitator

Steve McArthur,
 McArthur Consulting
John Kappes,
 Western Excavating

Board Liaison

Julie Maloney

Leadership Development

Cascadia Management Group

Thank you to LM 38 Sponsors

CASCADIA
 MANAGEMENT GROUP

Leadership Development & Training Sponsor

iPads for ALL LM 38 Class members Co-Sponsored by:



Benefit Reminder

Did you know

MEMBERS CAN POST JOB OPENINGS ON
 THE MISSOULA CHAMBER'S JOB BANK
 FROM THEIR PROFILE



INFO@MISSOULACHAMBER.COM

The Job Board is a benefit of membership!

Thank you to our Visionary Members



STAFF MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION

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How to Bring an Advocacy Issue Forward, cont.

4. Is involvement with the issue a duplication of effort?

The Missoula Chamber may act on an issue individually or in cooperation with other organizations if it may be demonstrated that its participation will enhance the efforts but should avoid being duplicative of other organizations or individuals

Advocacy Consideration Timeline:

Government Affairs Committee reviews requests, discusses and makes recommendations for the board of directors **monthly**. Board of directors discuss at regular meeting and take action if desired. With appropriate time to consider the issue, representatives from both sides of the issue may be invited to attend the board meeting and share with the board.

Send time sensitive advocacy consideration requests to Bob Homer at bobh@missoulachamber.com

Government Affairs Committee

Chad Bauer, Republic Services
Steve Clawson, Northwestern Energy
Bob Homer, Missoula Chamber

ADVOCACY

[Missoula City Council Meeting Schedule](#)

[Missoula County Commissioner's Meeting Schedule](#)

Thank you for supporting our Government Affairs activity through your voluntary assessment

LOOKING FOR FUTURE WORKFORCE

The Job Board is a member benefit!

Check it out!

The Missoula Chamber has upgraded its Job Board

New Features include:

- Social media posting of each new opening
- Latest job posting widget listing new openings
- Post openings by Industry type
- Resume bank
- Non-Members can post for a fee based on duration (30, 60 or 90 days)

Be the first to reach individuals relocating to Missoula!

