

Planning Committee

To help us provide you with the best possible experience, the Waite Park Chamber Planning Committee meets to discuss our meetings and events and how we can make them the best business meeting in town. Each summer we take applications for open positions on the Planning Committee.

If you are interested, contact any of our **2009-2010 Planning Committee members:**

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Meetings and Events Schedule

All meetings are from 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. unless indicated otherwise.

January 20, 2010

Sponsor: College of Saint Scholastica
Location: To be announced
Speaker: Sharon Sorenson, Heartland Organizing, "Time Management"

February 17, 2010

Sponsor: Verizon Wireless & GrandStay Residential Suites Hotels
Location: Waite Park City Hall*
Speaker: Jill Walker, Brian Klinefelter Memorial Foundation, "Creating a Family Friendly Workplace"

March 17, 2010

Sponsor: OPEN
Location: OPEN
Speaker: Jen Berger, United Way of Central Minnesota "Living United - How You Can Be Part Of Positive Change Locally"

April 21, 2010

Sponsor: OPEN
Location: OPEN
Speaker: Jodi Rohe, CentraCare Health Foundation, "Employee Engagement in Community Wellness"

April 22, 2010

Waite Park Chamber After Hours!

Sponsor: OPEN
Location: OPEN
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

May 19, 2010

Sponsor: Waite Park Chamber
Location: Waite Park City Hall*
Speaker: 2-Minute sponsored Announcements. To reserve your spot for a 2-minute announcement, call Julie Forsberg at (320) 230-8300 or email: jforsberg@fintegra.net.

June 16, 2010

Sponsor: McKay's Family Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge/Mitsubishi
Location: 2020 Frontage Road South, Waite Park
Speaker: Gary Berg, G.L. Berg Entertainment, "Simple Truths for Being Successful"

***The Waite Park City Hall is located at 19 - 13th Ave. N., Waite Park, MN 56387 (320) 252-6822**

Here's what our members have to say...

"The Waite Park Chamber is a great way to stay connected to the businesses and people who work in and are part of the Waite Park community. The monthly city updates and the Mayor's annual State of the City are also great ways to stay current on the issues that affect the community."

-David Eickhoff, Plaza Park Bank

"The Waite Park Chamber has been an excellent investment for our Forsberg Investments and Insurance LLC. My husband Mike & I have been members going on 3 years now! The networking is fantastic. There are numerous opportunities in various settings to talk with other chamber members about our business. The Waite Park Chamber is a win – win deal for me!"

-Julie Forsberg, Forsberg Investments & Insurance, LLC

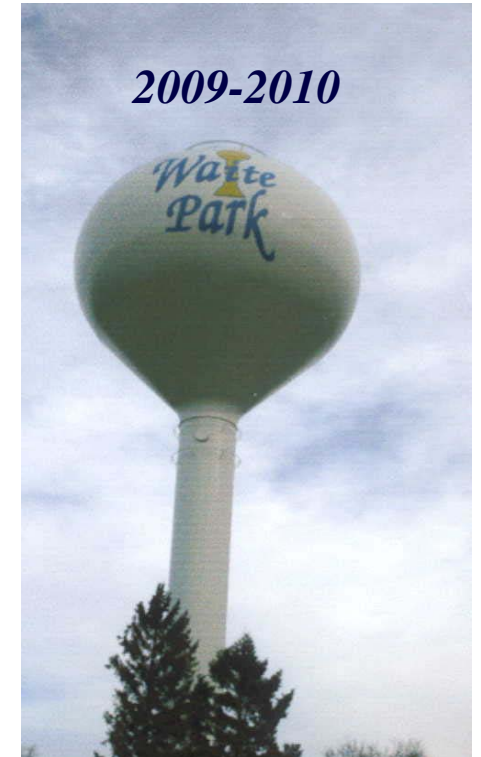
"Attending the monthly Waite Park Chamber lunch provides a great opportunity to meet other business professionals in the area. The speakers each month provide information on local events. I particularly enjoy the information shared by the staff of the City of Waite Park on their current and upcoming projects etc. Join us next month and fill your lunch hour with networking and information in a fun atmosphere."

-David Kahlhamer, Stearns Bank

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**Promoting a healthy business environment
in the Waite Park community
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Waite Park Chamber Mission

The Waite Park Chamber, a division of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, provides a place where business, education, and government can come together for the betterment of the Waite Park community.

The Waite Park Chamber

- ◆ Provides a valuable and fun networking opportunity for all members of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, and specifically for those businesses located or doing business in Waite Park.
- ◆ Introduces non-members to one of the benefits/programs of the Chamber.
- ◆ Recruits new members to the Chamber.

Since its creation in March 2004, the Waite Park Chamber continues to grow thanks to the dedicated volunteers and businesses that take part.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Waite Park Chamber are held on the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings are sponsored by local businesses and are hosted at the sponsoring business' facility or another location such as the Waite Park City Hall. All St. Cloud Area Chamber members and their guests are invited to attend the monthly meetings. An email notice is sent out one week prior to the meeting to those who have asked to be on the reminder list.

What To Expect

Usually 60-80 people attend a Waite Park Chamber meeting. Everyone who attends has the opportunity to do an introduction at the beginning of the meeting. Then we take two minutes so you can meet someone new or connect with a business associate.

Once everyone is settled back into their chairs, we hear a 10-15 minute presentation from our host. This is usually information about their product or service presented in an interesting and educational manner.

Following the host we have a second speaker. This speaker is educational and topics vary widely from Waite Park economic development to easy tips for saving money to services provided to the community through local non-profit agencies.

To meet our mission of bringing business, education and government together, each meeting includes brief updates from the City of Waite Park, School District 742, and the Chamber of Commerce. There is also time at the end of each meeting for announcements and testimonials from those in attendance.

Registration

Because our meetings are sponsored by a local business, there is no cost to attend. However, we do require advance registration so we can ensure that there is plenty of seating and food available for everyone. For those who do not register in advance there is a \$5 charge at the door.

Registration is easy! You can register by

- ◆ Calling our automated reservation line, 251-2940, ext. 126.
- ◆ Emailing registrations@StCloudAreaChamber.com
- ◆ Online at www.WaiteParkChamber.com

Who Can Host?

The opportunity to host a Waite Park Chamber meeting is reserved for members only. The business sponsor provides lunch for the meeting participants and sends an invitation to area businesses for the meeting. The Chamber will provide the hosting business with mailing labels. By hosting a Waite Park meeting you will also receive the following publicity:

- ◆ An announcement in Chamber publications, such as *Business Central* or *Bottom Line*.
- ◆ A news release to local media

To host or speak at a Chamber meeting, or for assistance with locations, contact Julie Forsberg, Forsberg Investments & Insurance, LLC., Chamber Vice Chairperson, (320) 230-8300, jforsberg@fintegra.net

Meeting Locations

If you have space for 70 people you are welcome to host the Waite Park Chamber meeting on location. If you need space, the following rooms are available, some for a small fee, to Chamber members:

Waite Park City Hall, 19 13th Avenue North, Waite Park, (320) 252-6822; **DanTree Court**, 310 4th Ave NE, Waite Park. To reserve DanTree Court contact Russ at Gruber's Quilt Shop, (320) 259-4360.

If you have another space in mind, please feel free to use it. Remember, this is a Chamber meeting – please patronize Chamber members when making space and meal arrangements. For a current list of Chamber members visit www.WaiteParkChamber.com and click on “Business Directory” or call 320-251-2940, ext. 0 for assistance.

Many thanks to **Bernick's - Beverages & Vending for supplying beverages at all Waite Park Chamber meetings.**



Networking!

Chamber meetings are all about networking! Each year one meeting is focused on what we are calling two minute sponsored announcements. For only \$25 any Chamber member can reserve a spot to make a two-minute business announcement or presentation. We take reservations and the presentations are timed. There is only room for 14 so reserve your spot early!

Waite Park State of the City Address

The annual *Waite Park State of the City Address* is made possible by the Waite Park Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the City of Waite Park. As part of the Chamber's mission to bring business and government together, the Waite Park Chamber hosts this update for business representatives and citizens to share the latest news and information about the City of Waite Park. Topics generally include commercial, regional, and community development. A variety of maps, such as land use, transportation, and future development, are on display and city staff and elected officials participate to answer questions and contribute to the discussion. The event is free and generally occurs in late January or early February.

WaiteParkChamber.com

Everything you want to know about the Waite Park Chamber is at www.WaiteParkChamber.com.

Here you'll find:

- ◆ An up-to-date calendar under “Meeting Schedule”
- ◆ On-line meeting registration
- ◆ Business and sponsor spotlights
- ◆ Minutes from previous Chamber meetings
- ◆ Waite Park Community Profile
- ◆ Searchable business directory
- ◆ And much more