

Meeting Calendar

General monthly meetings: 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. second Friday of the month at Chamber office, 1411 West Saint Germain Street, Saint Cloud

Jan. 12, 2018: Legislative Connections: Session Preview, hosted at the Sauk Rapids Government Center

Feb. 9, 2018: Monthly meeting

Feb. 20, 2018: Session Priorities Dinner— Minneapolis Convention Center

March 9, 2018: Monthly Meeting

March 21, 2018: St. Cloud Area Evening at the Capitol, Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge, St. Paul

April 13, 2018: Monthly Meeting

April 24-27, 2018: St. Cloud Area Goes to Washington, D.C.

April 18, 2018: Business Day at the Capitol –St. Paul

May 11, 2018: Monthly Meeting

June 8, 2018: Legislative Connections: Session Wrap-up, hosted at the Sauk Rapids Government Center

July, 2018: No Meeting

August 10, 2018: Monthly Meeting

Special meetings are held with our Congressional delegation as opportunities arise. These meetings may be on short notice.

Events Calendar

Legislative Connections:

Session Preview—January 12, 2018

Session Wrap-up—June 8, 2018

Before the legislative session begins and again after it closes, the Chamber hosts a forum for our members to voice their concerns, hear plans and results of the session, and meet with area elected officials.

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Session Priorities Dinner:

February 20, 2018

An annual kickoff to Minnesota's legislative session organized by the Minnesota Chamber and held in the Twin Cities. Chamber members from around the state gather for dinner and discussion with Minnesota's Governor, Senate and House leadership.

St. Cloud Area Evening at the Capitol: March 21, 2018

The St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce showcases St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, Waite Park, St. Joseph and St. Augusta to all of our Minnesota Senators and Representatives every year at the St. Cloud Area Evening at the Capital. The goal is to help our elected representatives become acquainted with you and your organization in an informational and fun setting.

NOTE - Event information is subject to change. For more information or to register for events, call 251-2940, ext. 126.

Minnesota Business Day at the Capitol: April 18, 2018

This annual statewide event unites the chambers of Minnesota to lobby on business legislation and issues. Hundreds of business leaders from across the state use the day to speak out on issues critical to Minnesota's competitive business environment. Join us to make your voice heard.

St. Cloud Area Goes to Washington D.C.: April 24-27, 2018

Each spring Chamber members travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with all ten members of Minnesota's congressional delegation. These trips are an excellent opportunity to speak with federal officials and the U.S. Chamber staff about issues affecting business in Central Minnesota.

Candidate Forums

Hosted by the St. Cloud Area Chamber, these forums provide the opportunity to meet with candidates and to understand the issues that affect business policy. Forums are organized for federal and state candidates, as well as some city councils, mayors, and school officials. Dates are set in late summer and fall in preparation for November elections.

CALL TO ACTION!

- To receive updates on the latest legislative and Congressional activities;
- To join our email distribution list; or,
- To receive meeting notices, contact **Kellie at (320) 656-3824 or klibert@StCloudAreaChamber.com**

What is the Chamber's Government Affairs Division?

The Government Affairs Division of the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce is comprised of volunteers who have passion for activities at all levels of government. Locally, statewide, and nationally, they serve as advocates for all Chamber members.

The Chamber has had influence on a variety of issues, including:

- Tax Reform
- Transportation Improvements
- Local School Levy Referendums
- Regional Community Infrastructure
- Higher Education Facility Funding
- River's Edge Convention Center

As part of the Chamber's Government Affairs Division, you have direct access to current issues in the legislature. Meet directly with local, state, and federal business and government leaders to ask questions and find out how legislation will affect you individually and professionally. Hear comments from legislative leaders right here at the St. Cloud Area Chamber office.

The Chamber provides you with ways to respond to business issues, including opportunities to meet and interact with our elected officials. Attend one of our annual events, or join us at our regular meetings on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber office. Any Chamber member with interest in government is welcome to attend. No advance registration is necessary for the regular Friday meetings.

2018 Legislative Priorities

The St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce is a Minnesota Chamber Federation Partner. Partnership requirements include being a member of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, representing private sector business on public policy issues, & participating in grassroots events and outreach, being an active Grow Minnesota! partner, and reviewing & adopting the annual Federation Legislative Priorities.

The 2018 Minnesota Chamber Federation Legislative Priorities include:

- Dedication of Transportation Revenues
- Strengthen Medical Procedure Price Transparency Laws
- Increase Tax Competitiveness
- Support Consistent Statewide Laws

More detailed information about these policies may be viewed at our website, StCloudAreaChamber.com.

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Government Affairs Programming