

# Meeting Calendar

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

**Jan. 9, 2019: Session Priorities  
Dinner—** Saint Paul RiverCentre

**Jan. 11, 2019:** Monthly meeting

**Feb. 8, 2019:** Monthly meeting

**February 13, 2019: St. Cloud Area  
Evening at the Capitol,** Best Western  
Plus Capitol Ridge, St. Paul

**February 27, 2019: Business Day at  
the Capitol –**St. Paul

**March 8, 2019:** Monthly Meeting

**April 12, 2019:** Monthly Meeting

**April 1-4, 2019: St. Cloud Area Goes  
to Washington, D.C.**

**May 10, 2019:** Monthly Meeting

**June 14, 2019: Legislative  
Connection: Session Wrap-up,**  
hosted at Automotive Parts Headquarters

**July, 2019: No Meeting**

**August 9, 2019:** Monthly Meeting

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

## Events Calendar

**Legislative Connection:  
Session Preview—December 14, 2018  
Session Wrap-up—June 14, 2019**

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:  
January 9, 2019**

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:  
February 13, 2019**

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 Capitol. 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: February 27, 2019**

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 1-4, 2019**

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](mailto: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.

## 2019 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 2019 Minnesota Chamber Federation Legislative Priorities include:

- Tax Competitiveness
- Controlling Health Care Costs
- Preserving Private Sector Employers' Benefits
- Full Dedication of Transportation Related Revenues
- Workforce Solutions

More detailed information about these policies may be viewed at our website, [StCloudAreaChamber.com](http://StCloudAreaChamber.com).

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# Government Affairs Programming