



Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy New Year. We tried changing some of our events last year and we were happy with the success. Switching Cabin Fever to an adult entertainment night, moving the summer picnic downtown and giving Christmas in the Country a new look all were received very well. We are hoping to repeat these success and add more events to them.

Switching Christmas in the Country to a Friday evening to avoid competing with Gibbon and Arlington worked out very well. Our numbers were up both for Santa visits and the Craft Sales. Having a tree downtown, roaming carolers, fire pits and the horse drawn wagon rides all helped to create a holiday atmosphere. We thank the committee of Brenda Meyer, Sue Rickheim, Cindy Arhart, Donna Schiro, Diane Fredin and Karen Klenk for all their hard work. This year there were five Fridays in November with an early Thanksgiving, so the date was perfect, but next year there isn't a week following Thanksgiving. We are in the process of checking with Santa when he will be in the area.

Cherry Treat Day is fast approaching and will return to the Dairy Queen this year. The event will run from 1 to 3 on Monday, Feb. 18th. Cost for a cherry turnover, ice cream and coffee will be \$2.

Cabin Fever has been scheduled for Friday, March 15th with Jesters Comedy Improv set for your entertainment. The show will start at 7 pm at Hahn's with appetizers prior. Check the ad on the back page for more information.

After Hours. We like to have an After Hours Social in the Spring. If anyone is interesting in helping sponsor an event, please let a board director know.

Budget. We passed the spending guidelines at our December meeting and it is displayed at the right. Talking about the budget, our investment notices will be mailed out soon and the Board hopes it can again count on your support. We continue to try to create opportunities for all businesses and residents of this community.

This and That. Recently \$2,500 in scrip money was sold to try and promote shopping local. Dale and Cindy Jackson won the residential lighting contest with Cindy Arhart coming in second. The Ambulance 50th Anniversary is set for Feb. 2nd. The art show is set for Feb. 9th. The Winthrop Foundation and T-Bird Club are sponsoring entertainment on Sunday afternoon Feb. 10. The GFW Booster Club is sponsoring bowling Feb 10th also. There are probably many other events already scheduled.

Again we wish your a Happy New Year!

Ellen Anderson, President



2019 Chamber Budget

	Gen Acct	Fest Acct
Income		
Investments	6,000	
Farm City		7,700
Grackle Days		3,000
Annual Banquet	1,000	
Miscellaneous	1,000	
Total	8,000	10,700
Expenses		
Accounting	400	
Advertising	300	
After Hours	800	
Beautification		800
Christmas		2,000
Picnic		2,400
Cabin Fever		1,000
Donation	300	
Exec Sec	2,100	1,500
Garage Sales	600	
Membership Exp	100	
Miscellaneous	100	
Phone	400	
Postage	100	
Queen Expense	1,050	950
Seminars	0	
Supplies	50	
Storage		1,200
Meeting Expense	400	
Shredding Service	350	
Cherry Treat	300	
Music in the Park		300
Insurance	200	600
Total	8,000	10,700

CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Ellen Anderson, president
- Robin Kiel, vice president
- Doug Hanson, exec. secretary
- Jessi Jackson, treasurer
- Brenda Meyer, director
- Kellie Sloom, director
- Jenny Hazelton, director
- Dawn Fritz, director
- Cameron Ryan, director
- Cheryl Brugman director
- Brenda Meyer, immed. past pres.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month at Hahn's Dining at 6:45 a.m. Chamber members are welcome to attend.

Next meeting
Thursday, Feb. 13th

UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

- Cherry Treat Day Feb. 18
- Cabin Fever March 15
- After Hours Social March ?
- Grackle Days April 5-7
- Shredding Service April 5
- Citywide Garage Sales May 18
- Farm City Fun Fest July 12-14

Can we keep you better informed?

If you would like the minutes of our board meetings emailed to you, please let the secretary know.





JESTERS

comedy improv



Winthrop's Cabin Fever Reliever

Friday, March 15th

Inspired by hit television shows such as *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* **Jesters Comedy Improv** features a hilarious troupe of performers who will keep you laughing all-night long as they bounce from topic-to-topic with ease, doing and saying just about anything for a laugh. Every joke, every song, and every scene is made up on-the-spot based on audience suggestions and volunteers.

TICKETS: \$15 In Advance or \$20 at the Door

LOCATION: Hahn's Dining & Lounge • Winthrop

Social Hour: 6-7 pm (includes appetizers)

Comedy Show: 7 pm

Advanced tickets may be purchased at Winthrop City Hall, Winthrop Pharmacy Services, RS Fiber, Perennial Bank, MidCountry Bank.

This event is sponsored by the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is always looking at new ways to better serve our community and Chamber members!

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote the interest of the business community.

The Chamber will also support and encourage those cultural and civic events beneficial to the community and endorse those activities that will improve or expand the quality of life in Winthrop.