

CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

- Annual Meeting:
- Houston Area Cancer Auction Saturday February 3rd.
- International Owl Fest March 1st – 3rd.
- Root River Triathlon Saturday May 18th.
- Valley View Foundation Auction Saturday June 22nd.
- 50th Houston Hoedown July 26th – 28th.



CHAMBER NEWS:

The Houston Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses and individuals working together to enhance the wellbeing of the Houston area community. Our focuses are community support, business development and economic wellbeing, and tourism.

Annual Chamber Meeting will be on Sunday January at 6:00 p.m. at the Houston Legion back room. Financial reports and annual report update electing of Officers. We will be providing appetizers, desserts.

Membership drive will start in January I will be sending out emails again with a recap of events that have happened in 2023 plus the membership paperwork.



DECEMBER EVENTS:

School News: Holiday concerts were held, and students are now on Christmas break. Winter sports have begun. National Honor Society held a toy drive. Houston Elementary P.E. Department is doing a kid's shoe collection, if you're able to pass the word on with your employers the school would appreciate. The Girls Basketball will be having Canes Care on January 30th. Reminder if you

Library News: Weekly Storytime on Saturdays, they have started a builders block every other Monday evening right after school for Elementary students. They will be hosting Ho-Chunk Basketry on Thursday January 18th. They are also having a Toy swap on Saturday January 20th. Book club for Middle Grade on Tuesday January 23rd. Book club for grownups starting on Monday January 29th. Kids winter Coat drive is being held at the library if you have any hats, gloves, boots, or coats you have around please drop off at the library. Please refer to website for more events: Houston.lib.mn.us

International Owl Center will be hosting Minnesota Neighbor Weekend January 6th and 7th. Wisconsin Neighbor Weekend will be February 3rd – 4th. They are also having Owl Prowls in the month of January, visit their website for more information internationalowlcenter.org.

Holidazzle and the Light up the Park was a great success. We had beautiful weather and a great crowd. The park is beautiful with all the trees that are decorated. The events at the school were a success. The favorite spot at the school is the elf store. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and volunteer to make this a great community event. The Chamber also incorporated a lighting contest for businesses and residential. The business winners were: Timeless Creations, Baristas. Mound Prairie. Residential winners were the following: Kilborn street, Jackson Street, Grant Drive. It was great to see all the businesses and residential homes all decorated for the season.

Timeless Creations held a Holiday Vendor Market the same weekend as Holidazzle, the chamber sold raffle tickets for our first raffle basket, and we also sold walking tacos. The Holiday Vendor Market was a terrific addition to Holidazzle. I heard lots a great comment about the Market.

The Chamber held its first Holiday basket raffle, many comments on all the great items that we had in the basket. We sold 511 tickets. We sold 132 tickets at the Vendor Market, which gives you an idea of the people that attended the event.

RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER



BUSINESS WINNERS:

