Welcome and Thank You to our 2020 Board of Directors!

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There is still time to be a Trustee Sponsor for this year! Contact our office today to get your business on our Trustee Banner and promoted on our website and Chamber communications!

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Mount Pleasant Chamber Members:

No Alive After Five for January!

Next Alive After Five is February 5th at US Bank.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Join Us For Our First Legislative Events for 2020

Each year, the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance works to keep our members informed about legislative issues and we strive to advocate for a pro-business climate at all levels of government.

In December, the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance Board of Directors accepted the recommendation from the Government Affairs committee to establish our 2020 State Legislative Agenda.

Please join us for the unveiling of this agenda on Tuesday, January 7 at 8:00am at Access Energy Conference Room. State Representative Joe Mitchell and Senator Rich Taylor will be joining us for this important breakfast.

Representative Mitchell and Senator Taylor will be back with us on Saturday, January 25 from 8:30am - 10:00am for our first Legislative Breakfast and Update from the Capitol. The open forum will be held at the Chadwick Library International Room. Coffee and sweet treats will be served for your enjoyment.

If you have any questions about the Chamber's Legislative efforts, please contact Kristi Ray at 319-385-3101 or email kristi@mpiowa.org.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Teacher's Get a Well-Deserved Night Out

We are halfway through the school year, so we believe our teachers deserve a night out! Teacher's Night Out will be held on Wednesday, January 15 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Airport Road Vineyard and we would love for your business to participate!

Come showcase what you do for our teachers from Mount Pleasant, New London, Waco, Winfield - Mt. Union, and Iowa Wesleyan University. There is no charge for you to put out a table. We just need you to bring giveaways for about 150 teachers. What should you bring? Things that teachers need in their classroom like tissues, wipes, anti-bacterial soaps, paper, pens and more. Be creative and put your name on it so the teachers will remember what you do when they are talking to their students.

Space is limited to just 20 tables, so please contact Kristi Ray at 319-385-3101 to reserve your space. A special thank you to Walmart Super Center for making this night possible!
Area Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce Enter into Arrangement with Avance USA

Thanks to a tip from State Representative Joe Mitchell, the Mount Pleasant Area Development Commission and the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce have entered into an agreement with Avance USA to help recruit new families from Puerto Rico!

Avance USA helps businesses that are struggling to recruit and retain workforce and they help community leaders drive population growth. We all know how difficult it is to gain momentum with historic low unemployment, underdeveloped infrastructure, housing and childcare shortages and a rapidly changing digital economy. Avance USA brings fresh ideas and a new perspective on how we address and overcome these barriers to economic success for all.

We have a key group of local businesses that have already begun the process of recruiting new workers from Puerto Rico with the help of Avance USA. If you would like to learn more, please contact Kristi Ray at kristi@mpiowa.org.

Chamber's Annual Meeting
This Month!

Tickets are now available for the 2020 Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting! There is a limited amount of seating, so sign up while you can. This year’s banquet will be held at Airport Road Vineyard at 2555 Lexington Avenue in Mount Pleasant. Come enjoy some wine, a meal and hear about all of the Chamber’s 2019 successes as well as celebrating all of our members. Tickets are $50 or $500 for a round table of ten. Please RSVP to Mikayla by calling 319-385-3101 or email info@mpiowa.org. RSVP’s are due back by January 15th.

A special thank you to this year’s 2020 Platinum Sponsor, Pilot Grove Savings Bank! Our Gold Sponsors: Two River’s Bank and Trust, Innovaire, 5 Star Community Credit Union, and Cornerstone Building Brands and our Silver Sponsors: Moutrie Trucking, Country Financial, and Hy-Vee Food Store.
Main Street by the Numbers
2002-2019

The Main Street District is the heart of Mount Pleasant, as well as home to over 130 businesses & organizations and a fast-growing number of residents.

**Main Street by the Numbers 2002-2019**

- **121** buildings rehab projects
- **58** new businesses
- **$21,056,850** total amount of private investment
- **51,278** volunteer hours
- **61** new housing units
- **607** employed in main street district
- **29** yearly events & promotions
- **5%** vacancy
- **$305,000** awarded exterior improvement grant

**Revitalization is Relevant**

To learn more about upcoming Main Street events, follow and like our page on Facebook and Instagram!

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@mainstreetmountpleasant
February 13: Wine About Winter
March 13: Saving of the Green Beer Walk
April 4: Easter Egg Hunt
May 26: Wings in the Spring
June 5: Music on Main - Agriculture
June 19: Music on Main
July 10: Music on Main - Car Cruz
July 17-18: Sidewalk Sales
September 11: Burgers and Bikes
September 15: Pizza Wars
October TBD: Pints in the Park
October 22: Witch Way to Main
November 12: Friendsgiving
November 19: Jingle, Jingle, Mix and Mingle
November 28: Small Business Saturday
December 3: Holiday on Main
CHAMBER DATES

January 7: Legislative Kick-Off
January 15: Teacher Appreciation Night
January 25: Legislative Breakfast
January 30: Annual Banquet
February 5: Alive After Five with US BANK
February 12 & 13: Southeast Iowa Days
February 22: Legislative Breakfast
March 6: Dueling Pianos
March 11: Alive After Five with MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS
March 28: Legislative Breakfast
April 1: Alive After Five with Business and Professional Women
May 6: Alive After Five with MCCOY PLUMBING AND HEATING
May 4-8: Small Business Week
May 12: Legislative Wrap-Up
May 13: Henry County Leadership Graduation
June 3: Alive After Five with CAPSTONE PHARMACY
June 12: Chamber Olympics
July 1: Alive After Five with NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE REPERTOIRE THEATRE
August 5: Alive After Five with ATHLETICO
August 7: Fun Day Golf Outing
September 3-6: Crafts in the Park
September 9: Alive After Five with SUNNYBROOK ASSISTED LIVING
October 5-9: Manufacturing Week
October 7: Alive After Five with ON HIS PATH
November 4: Alive After Five with THE REC CENTER
December 2: Alive After Five with INNOVIRRE
December 3: Holiday Parade

For complete information, check out our website at www.mpiowa.org

When you join the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, you are investing in Mount Pleasant and Henry County’s future. Through the Chamber, you can broaden your business contacts and referrals, enhance your leadership and professional skills and participate in projects that make a difference in our community. If you are interested in getting involved, please review these committee opportunities and let us know how you would like to get involved. To sign up or learn more about what these committees do, contact info@mpiowa.org.

- Ambassadors
- Chamber Olympics
- FAN Club
- Fun Day Golf Outing
- Government Affairs Committee
- Human Resources Committee
- Organizational Quality
- Young Professionals
Brown Bear's Basket Antique Mall presently has 40 dealers with over 30,000 items to choose from. With antique furniture, collectible toys, greeting cards, cast iron cooking pieces, Fenton glassware, china pieces, collectible dolls, books and far more. Open 7 days a week!

On His Path partners with organizations around the world to bring healing to broken children and adults through 4 areas of focus: medical, education, ministry, and greatest need.

At H&R Block, we provide help and inspire confidence in our clients and communities everywhere. With locations nationwide, H&R Block can help you in preparing your taxes, give audit & tax notice support, give you a peace of mind at tax time and much more!

Have you turned in your 2020 membership renewal yet? Deadline for renewals is March 1, 2020! Contact the Chamber if you have questions at 319.385.3101.
Upcoming Events

January 7
Legislative Kick-Off
Access Energy Cooperative, 1800 West Washington Street
8:00am

January 15
Teacher’s Night Out
Airport Road Vineyard, 2555 Lexington Avenue
4:00pm - 6:00pm

January 25
Legislative Breakfast
Chadwick Library at Iowa Wesleyan University
8:30am - 10:00am

January 30
Mount Pleasant Area Chamber Annual Banquet
Airport Road Vineyard, 2555 Lexington Avenue
6:00pm - 9:00pm

February 5
Alive After Five
US Bank, 301 East Washington Street
5:00pm - 7:00pm

February 12 & 13
Southeast Iowa Days
Des Moines, Iowa

February 22
Legislative Breakfast
Chadwick Library at Iowa Wesleyan University
8:30am - 10:00am