

Event List for The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Annual Gala

The Chamber's Annual Gala is held each year to recognize exceptional volunteer leaders, share accomplishments from the prior year and provide the Chamber's vision and priorities for the year ahead. Ambassadors, Leadership Springfield graduates, and Small Business Award Recipients are also honored. This prestigious dinner is attended by over 700 people each year. It's a memorable evening that provides attendees the opportunity to gather and connect with colleagues and key business leaders from the community.

Chamber Job Fairs

The Chamber Job Fairs are held in the Spring and Fall, drawing prospective employees from all over Sangamon County and Central Illinois. Attendees include professionals seeking a change, newcomers to the area, college and high school students. The Spring Job Fair also features a Youth Fair to help connect businesses with high school and college students seeking summer employment or internships.

Chamber on Tap

The Chamber's monthly evening network building event. A Chamber member sponsor hosts the event at their facility providing them an opportunity to showcase their firm and provide food, drink, and an atmosphere conducive for networking with other members. To be added to the sponsor waiting list, please contact Melissa Horn at (217) 525-1173 ext. 216 or mhorn@gsc.org.

Coffee & Connections

The Chamber's morning network building event held six times throughout the year. A Chamber member sponsor hosts the event at their facility providing them an opportunity to showcase their firm and provide a light breakfast and an atmosphere conducive for networking with other members. To be added to the sponsor waiting list, please contact Melissa Horn at (217) 525-1173 ext. 216 or mhorn@gsc.org.

Corporate Cup Challenge Golf Outing

The Chamber's Corporate Cup Challenge Golf Outing features Springfield area businesses competing against one another in a shotgun, scramble format. The outing is divided into two flights, with the top three teams in each flight walking away with fantastic prizes and only the "best of the best" winning the right to keep the Corporate Cup Challenge traveling trophy. An industry competition with banks and credit unions is also offered.

Economic Outlook Breakfast

Business leaders in Sangamon County gather at the Economic Outlook Breakfast which features a nationally known economist who provides local business leaders with the condition of our national economy and how it impacts our local community and business environment. Global issues that drive U.S. economics and an outlook for investment markets are also reviewed.

Elected Officials Reception

This informal reception provides unique access to our elected officials where Chamber members can interact face-to-face with those who work on issues and policies impacting local businesses, economic opportunity, and the quality of life in Sangamon County.

'Shoes, Brews & Biz

This event features some of the Springfield area's famous Horseshoes (open faced sandwich), local breweries and wineries, and a mini business expo. For one ticket price, attendees can sample unique horseshoes, craft beers, browse products & services offered by local Chamber members, tour Richard Levi's auto collection, and purchase a chance to win \$1,000!

Small Business Awards

Annual event recognizing area small business people for their outstanding achievement in four different business categories: Not-For-Profit Director; Emerging Business Owner; Small Business Owner; and Lifetime Achievement. Attendees include area business owners and leaders, local and state elected officials, and small business advocates and employees.

State of Greater Springfield

An annual gathering of area business owners, local and state elected officials, and other community leaders that features an annual address from both the Mayor of Springfield and the Sangamon County Board Chairman. Each provides an overview of the current status, achievements, challenges, and future directions of the city and county, respectively. Following those, they answer questions posed in advance by attendees.