

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

Event Descriptions

Annual Gala

The Gala is held each year to revisit accomplishments from the previous year, review priorities for the current year, and to recognize exceptional volunteer leaders and the most recent Leadership Springfield graduates. Typically attended by approximately 700 people, it's a memorable evening that provides an opportunity to catch up with friends, business colleagues and key business leaders in the community.

Business After Hours

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 Lisa Schafer at (217) 525-1173 ext. 203 or lschafer@gsc.org.

Chamber Job Fair

The Job Fair draw 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.

Corporate Cup Challenge Golf Outing

The Challenge features Springfield area businesses competing against one another in a shotgun start scramble format. The outing includes 18 holes of golf with cart, refreshments on the course, lunch, reception, and awards. The top three teams in two different flights receive prizes, but only the best of the best earns the right to keep the Corporate Cup Challenge traveling trophy.

Economic Outlook Breakfast

Business leaders in Sangamon County gather at the Economic Outlook Breakfast to learn about the condition of our economy. A nationally recognized economist presents an overview of our national economy and how it will impact our local community.

Elected Officials Reception

This informal reception provides members with a valuable opportunity to interact face-to-face access with those who have been elected to serve our community and who work on issues that may have a great impact on local businesses.

Good Morning Springfield

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 Lisa Schafer at (217) 525-1173 ext. 203 or lschafer@gsc.org.

'Shoes, Brews & Biz

'Shoes, Brews & Biz is an event highlighting some of our area's local restaurants, breweries, wineries, and other small businesses. Attendees can taste a variety of craft beer, wine and horseshoes while perusing products and services offered by our Chamber members. This relaxed evening event provides an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, meet new people, and make valuable connections.

Small Business Awards

This annual event recognizes area small business owners and entrepreneurs for their outstanding achievements. Regular attendees include area business owners and leaders, local and state elected officials, and small business advocates and employees.

State of the City

Each year, the Springfield mayor presents a State of the City address that provides the administration's view of the state of the city, a review of accomplishments from the past year and a look at priorities over the next 12 months.