

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce

2023 Events

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. The Gala is our largest event, hosting an average of 650 people each year. This memorable evening also provides attendees the opportunity to 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.

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

This annual event features a national economist provided by the Presenting Sponsor. The presentation includes an overview of our national economy and how it will impact our local community and business environment.

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.

The John Maxwell Company LIVE2LEAD Event

A leadership development rebroadcast featuring John C. Maxwell, #1 New York Times best-selling author, coach and speaker who has sold more than 26 million books in 50 languages. You'll breathe new life into your leadership during this information-packed half day event. Learn from world-class leadership experts in the morning and return to your office ready to implement your new action plan and lead with renewed passion and commitment. Maxwell was identified as the #1 leader in business by the American Management Association®. His organizations—The John Maxwell Company, The John Maxwell Team, and EQUIP—have trained more than 6 million leaders in every nation.

'Shoes, Brews & Biz

Craft Beer & Unique Horseshoes, Cool Cars & Motorcycles, and a Business Expo All Wrapped Into One! 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

Annual address from the Mayor of Springfield, and new in 2023, from the Sangamon County Board Chairman, with both providing a brief overview of their respective administrations. Following that, they will answer questions posed in advance by attendees, which include area business owners, local and state elected officials, and other community leaders.