

Return On Your Investment!

The progress of our area is directly reflected in greater prosperity and opportunity for all types of businesses. The cost of membership is small when compared to the returns made possible by aggressive united action through the **Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce**. You are not asked to make a donation, but to make an investment in the future of your business and the community in which it is located. Your return is continued growth. *How can you afford NOT to belong?*

Why Join?

If you do business in the Forest Lake area and unite with other business and professional people, under the auspices of the **Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce**, your voice will be heard. Have you ever said, "Why don't they do something about...?" Then, you are a logical candidate for Chamber membership.

It's Up To You...The Time To Join Is Now!!

Communities are what we make of them. The **Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce** serves as the clearinghouse for activity that will develop a better business climate and a healthy community for each business and its employees. Your business is a part of this community. Make it your business to be involved.

Your Time is Valuable, Let Us Work For You!!

The **Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce** can be:

- A front office for business
- Another pair of eyes to monitor changes that affect business
- Another voice to speak up for business and its needs
- Another pair of hands
- A new business partner
- An additional sales office
- The Chamber is dependent on both financial and volunteer support. If you are unable to participate on Chamber committees or in activities, your financial support will allow for the continued operation of projects manned by people who do have the time to work for the good of the total community.

No Business is Too Small

Businesses hope to grow. Business is built on contacts, and the **Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce** offers opportunities for association with other business and civic leaders. Contacts give you the opportunity to meet, share business concerns and increase awareness of the products and/or services of your business. Most successful small business people participate in chamber programs.

A Chance To Be Heard

The Chamber welcomes the diverse opinions of its members. Chamber members understand the organization's actions and are a part of the decision-making process. Change comes from within.

2007-2008

Membership Investment Schedule

Municipalities, Governmental Entities, Public Institutions:

☐ \$420.00

Associate Members:

1. **Independent Contractor-under a Corporate Membership, i.e. Real Estate Company**
2. **Non-profit Organizations *without* a facility, i.e. Civic Organizations**

☐ \$130.00

Churches, Non-profit Organizations *with* facilities:

☐ Less than 50 employees \$290.00

☐ 51+ employees \$770.00

General Business & Services:

* <u># of Employees</u>	<u>Investment</u>
1-2	\$220.00
3-5	\$280.00
6-10	\$330.00
11-15	\$380.00
16-25	\$460.00
26-50	\$585.00
51-75	\$755.00
76-100	\$920.00
101+	\$1065.00

Administrative Fee (One-time)

☐ \$35.00

*Membership is based on the number of full-time employees. (Two part-time equals one full-time)
Investment in the Chamber of Commerce is 95% deductible as an ordinary business expense. The Chamber is not a charity, but an advocate for area business.

(As of July 2007)

Membership Application

Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Year business established _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

E-mail address _____

Web Address _____

Company Rep #1 _____ Title _____

Company Rep #2 _____ Title _____

Type of Business _____

Yellow Pages Classifications _____

of Employees Full-time _____ Part-time _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce:

Membership fee \$ _____

Administrative fee (one time) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Check enclosed or charge to my Master or Visa Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Print name exactly as shown on card _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

How the Chamber Works For You

Increased Business Contacts

- Design activities to stimulate business contacts.
- Include members in Community Guide, 14,000 copies distributed.

Legislative Clout:

- Represent business on local, state and federal issues.
- Respond to government leaders seeking our opinion on issues that affect local business.
- Provide opportunities to interact with local, state, and federal legislative leaders.
- Monitor issues, which affect our members.

Information:

- Provide information to those interested in our area as a place to live, work and visit.
- Maintain demographic information needed for economic development.
- Offer opportunities for education and training.

Referrals:

- Refer local Chamber members to all customer inquiries.

Participation:

- Offer opportunities to participate in Chamber committees and task forces-- be involved in many local issues and Chamber activities by joining one.

Community Involvement:

- Involved in a variety of community projects and brings awareness of community programs to our members.

Membership Investment:

- Investing in the Chamber of Commerce is 95% tax deductible as a business expense.

Chamber Mission Statement

The Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization representing business and industry, working together to advance the economic well being of its members and the community.

Together We Can Make It Happen

Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce



Where Business and Success Meet

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