



## Merrill Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

### Recent News and Events



**COOLEST  
THING  
MADE  
IN  
WISCONSIN**

#### Nominations are now being Accepted!

The Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin is back for the eighth straight year! WMC is partnering once again with Johnson Financial Group to highlight the manufacturing industry and ultimately determine what is the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.

You can participate in this contest right now by visiting [www.madeinwis.com](http://www.madeinwis.com) to nominate a company and product that's made in Wisconsin. The **nomination period ends on Sept. 8** and voting will begin Sept. 18.

### Grants Available!

#### \*\*\*DEADLINE QUICKLY APPROACHING!\*\*\*

Do you have a big idea that will help travelers discover the unexpected in Wisconsin and you just need financial assistance and expert guidance to make your dream come to life? Your wish is granted. You have until **September 1st** to apply to one of Wisconsin Department of Tourism grants. Visit their website to learn more and see if you're eligible to receive funding for your next project.

[Apply for Grant](#)

[Annual Christmas Card Art Contest](#)

We are looking for an artist for our 13th Annual Christmas Card. The winning artist will have their artwork featured and printed on the



"A Normal Christmas night in Merrill"

13th Annual Merrill Christmas Card and will be available for sale during the upcoming Christmas season. [Learn More](#)



## Applications Now Open!

Are you ready to improve your leadership skills and business practices and learn from the top leaders of Wisconsin's business community?

[Apply Now!](#)

The Wisconsin Leads Program is an exclusive leadership development fellowship opportunity for emerging executives to learn from other prominent executives and lawmakers about Wisconsin's economy and the foundational public policies that shape it.

We encourage all emerging executives to apply and gain valuable networking experience and business insight from the top business executives and lawmakers in the state.

## Banker's Square Concert Series

Grab your coworker, bring your lawn chairs and join us for **lunch** on **Wednesday, August 30th** at Banker's Square. Music from **11am-1pm** by David Michael Sargent. Get lunch to go when you get down there at Polka Dotted Pie or Auntie Ray's or bring whatever you choose and have a fun lunch!



Chamber of  
Commerce  
Month



## Calling all professionals and business owners!

Did you know September is Chamber of Commerce Month? September is the perfect time to engage with your local chamber of commerce and explore the range of events



and resources we can offer to support your growth and success. **Let us know if you'd like to participate in the fun!** We have a lot of fun ideas to get everyone involved!  
#WICHamberMonth

[Email Sarah](#)



## Fall Business After Hours Line Up Come Network with fellow Chamber Members!

### Upcoming Business After Hours

- **September 14th.** Sponsored by Strive 4 Life at their new location on 902 E 1st Street, Merrill.
- **September 21st.** Sponsored by Ed & Sharon's & SGS Environmental Contracting at Ed & Sharon's, N 1294 WI-64 & WI-107, Merrill.

Help us celebrate Chamber of Commerce Month at these wonderful events!

Please reach out if you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours. Business After Hours begin at 5pm and last about an hour or two. They are a great way to network with area businesses. Let us know if you have any questions about hosting!



### Share your County Fair Photos with us!

Share the gems of the Merrill Community. Help people discover what to do and learn what is great about your favorite businesses and attractions. Show us your favorite day trip, family fun entertainment, and favorite date night. By uploading your photos you're giving us permission to use your photos to promote our community, giving you photo credit of course!

[Upload to Shrpa Here!](#)

# NOMINATE



- Large Business of the Year •
- Mid-sized Business of the Year •
- Small Business of the Year •
- Hometown Business of the Year •
- Non-Profit of the Year •
- Board Member •

Nominate Businesses

Business List

Nominate someone for the Board

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## Now Hiring?

We're partnering with The City of Merrill to drive more traffic to our [Job Postings](#) page on our website. Did you know you have access to post your job listings/links to our website? Login to your Member Portal and get started!

## Upcoming Meetings, Events, & Holidays

August 24: Gazebo Nights  
August 25-27: LincCon  
August 26: Fill the Gazebo, Cross to Carry Concert  
August 27: Trinity Merrill's Block Party  
August 30: Banker's Square Concert\*  
August 31: Gazebo Nights  
September 2: Merrill Eagles Golf Outing  
September 4: Labor Day Car Show, Labor Day Parade  
September 9: Race to the Taps, City Wide Garage Sale, Flea Market/Craft Vendor Sale  
September 14: Chamber Business After Hours\*  
September 21: Chamber Business After Hours\*  
October 12: Chamber Annual Banquet\*

[Submit an Event](#)

\*Denotes Chamber function

Event Details

### Chamber Ambassadors:

- Allyson English
- Becky Roberts

- Jessica Gipp
- Konner Beyer

- Bill Weston
- Carri Kennedy-Harris
- Cheryl Fick
- Danielle Wilcenski
- Dawn Dunbar
- Dawn Smith
- Dennis Grefe
- Diane Goetsch
- Emily Gibson
- Jennifer Porath

- Korey Bloch
- Kevin Hill
- Len Kats
- Maria Schmelling
- Molly Lyon
- Rob Moore
- Sasha Everett
- Sue Kunkel
- Tim Dunbar

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