

# Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

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*The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.*

Meeting date: **Thursday, July 19th, 2018 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM**

Location: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

Purpose: Regularly Scheduled Meeting

## **Agenda:**

- 1. Chamber Business** **5 mins**  
1.1. Roll Call & Introductions

Jeff Guengerich, Sabina Strauss, Trina Smith, Anna Holloway, Edwin Johnson, Neli Karamfilova, Mike Keller, Jim Stark  
Absent: Kristin Nunn

- 1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes**  
Minutes from June 2018

- 2. Prospera Presentaiton** **15 mins**  
*Paul Reichert & Alex Evans*

Prospera programs include opportunities for business training classes, revolving loan funds, business grant assistance, economic research, no cost business referrals and professional referrals. Prospera works with businesses in Gallatin and Park County and has been involved in such Gardiner projects as the Gardiner Gateway Project. For a full list of services and contact person see attachment.

Edwin asked if they ever do programs with the school. Prospera does offer a personal finance course and the idea was brought up of having them come out to do workshops in Gardiner and offering a quick course to students as well.

A hardcopy of the 2018 Economic Profile is on public display at the Gardiner Chamber and is also available on the Prospera website to download.

### **3. Northern Plains Resource Council- MT Local Food Challenge** **10 mins**

*Makenna Sellers*

NRPC is a member led and driven non-profit whose local branch is known in Gardiner as the Bear Creek Council. This year they will be hosting three events in Gardiner the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, the Jardine Ski Run and the Local Food Challenge. The Local Food Challenge is a statewide initiative that takes place for thru the month of August encouraging participants to eat local or MT grown foods. They offer online tracking for prizes at the end of the month. Several Gardiner businesses are participating and there will be a wrap up party and potluck TBA on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Yellowstone Basin Inn, time TBA. The Chamber will be assisting in the marketing of all three event through the newsletter, and social media channels.

### **4. Committee Updates** **25mins**

#### **4.1 Yellowstone National Park**

*Jon Nicholson- Mammoth Subdistrict Ranger*

Three Ongoing Pilot Projects

- Boiling River Limited Roadside Parking
- Tower junction turn new three way stop
- Norris junction will change turning lane into parking lane with utility walking corridors

Mt. Washburn will be closed for the rest of the summer while the improve telecommunications line and do maintenance on the Chittenden trail. Suggested alternative hikes include Bunsen Peak, Purple Mountain, and Avalanche Peak.

Superintendent position will transition sometime between August-October, but no official date *has been set.*

#### **4.2 CVB/Marketing**

Neala Fugere

See Attached Report

#### **4.3 Directors Report**

Loren Barrett

VIC & NPS Numbers- Has been a noted softening of travel in the region for July. Early speculation that visitors are shifting to later in the season to avoid the crowds.

New Members: Sage Lodge

#### **4.5 Properties and Facilities**

Big thank you to properties and facilities committee for assisting with hallway lighting, water fountain, and flagpoles.

### **5. Public Comment** **5mins**

### **6. Date of Next Meeting** **August 16th, 2018**