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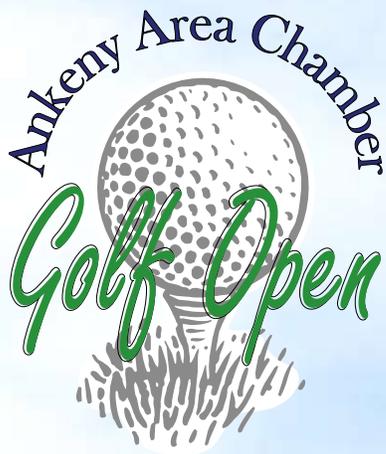


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Iowa Wage Law Change: Mailing Paychecks



There will be a change in Iowa's Wage Payment Collection Law effective July 1, 2008, related to the mailing of paychecks. The amended law requires that an employer have a written request from an employee before wages can be sent to an employee by mail. The amended law only applies to the mailing of actual paychecks. It does not apply to the mailing of pay stub information. It does not affect the previously passed direct deposit law.

The purpose of the revised law, passed by the Iowa Legislature this spring and signed by Governor Culver, is to ensure that employees receive wages in a timely fashion. The law also makes an employer liable for any bank overdraft charges assessed an employee if the employer fails to pay an employee's wages on or by a regularly scheduled payday. Visit the Iowa Workforce Development's Division of Labor Wage web page for more information on the paycheck mailing law.

www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/wage.htm

ankeny young professionals

breakfast & learn

sponsored by RDG Planning & Design

July 8 @ 7:30 am

Goodwill Building

4900 NE 22nd, Des Moines

Speaker Rodney Tomlinson

chamber night @ iowa cubs

July 31

Tailgate @ 5:30 pm

Game @ 7:05 pm

Principal Park

tickets \$3 purchase at Chamber

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Ambassadors' Corner

Ambassador of the Month



Tijana Memic

Tijana Memic is the branch manager for both Liberty Bank locations in Ankeny. Tijana also serves on the board of the Ankeny Jaycees and is a member of the Ankeny Young Professionals. Contact Tijana at 515-473-7011 or visit Liberty Bank's website at www.libertybankiowa.com.

To learn more about our ambassadors go to www.ankeny.org
Explore Our Committees

The mission of the Ambassadors is to be the welcoming arm of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. Ambassadors are appreciated as they mentor, welcome, guide and enhance the membership opportunities of fellow business managers and owners.

Presented by



AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

- July 7 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Cl!X Portrait Studio (2310 SE Delaware Ave, Ste M)
- July 9 @ Noon ~ RC – Jones Lighting & Design (121 SE Shurfine Ste 1)
- July 16 @ Noon ~ New Member Reception (Chamber)
- July 23 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Wig & Pen (2005 S. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 300)
- July 28 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Hobbytown (306 S Ankeny Blvd Lower level)
- July 31 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – R&T Performance Glass (706 N. Ankeny Blvd)
- August 1 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC - Visual Eyes (324 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1 @ 7 am ~ Executive Board Meeting
July 7 @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Meeting
July 7 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Clix Portrait Studio
(2310 SE Delaware Ave, Ste M)
July 8 @ 7 am ~ Board of Directors Meeting
July 8 @ 7:30 am ~ AYP Breakfast & Learn
(Goodwill 4900 NE 22nd St, Des Moines)
July 9 @ Noon ~ RC – Jones Lighting & Design
(121 SE Shurfine Ste 1)
July 10 - 13 ~ Ankeny SummerFest
July 13 @ 6 pm ~ AYP Potluck Picnic (SummerFest Grounds)
July 16 @ Noon ~ New Member Reception (Chamber)
July 17 @ 5 pm ~ BAH – Accel Fitness (110 N. Ankeny Blvd.)
July 23 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Wig & Pen
(2005 S. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 300)

July 25 @ Noon ~ Connect Lunch (Location TBA)
July 28 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – Hobbytown
(306 S Ankeny Blvd Lower level)
July 31 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC – R&T Performance Glass
(706 N. Ankeny Blvd)
July 31 @ 5:30 pm ~ Tailgate -Chamber Night
@ Iowa Cubs (Principal Park)
July 31 @ 7 pm ~ Chamber Night @ Iowa Cubs
(Principal Park)
August 1 @ Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Meeting
(Chamber)
August 1 @ 4:30 pm ~ RC - Visual Eyes (324 S. Ankeny Blvd.)
August 2 @ 8 am ~ Executive Board Meeting (Chamber)
August 8 @ 5 pm ~ Ankeny Unplugged (Bandshell)



The Program is YOU!

Friday, July 25, at Noodle Zoo
11:30 AM ~ registration/lunch
11:45 AM ~ program

The program is YOU as each attendee will have the opportunity to introduce him/herself and business to the group.

Cost is \$14

Space is limited and fills up quickly. Call the Chamber @ 964-0685.

Advance payment by check, cash or credit card is requested.

FYI: The August Membership Luncheon, sponsored by Embria Health Sciences, is Wednesday, August 27, at Ankeny Golf and Country Club. Dr. Matthew Wendt, superintendent of the Ankeny Community Schools, will present the "State of Education in Ankeny." Look for more information in the August CHAMBERAction and on the Chamber website

www.ankeny.org.

Business
Spotlight

Graham Tire &
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Palmer Boyle is a certified clinical hypnotherapist trained by American Pacific University and The Empowerment Partnership and holds an MBA from Drake University. He combines extensive training in the areas of hypnosis and neuro-linguistic programming to provide a complete range of empowering offerings to his clients. Actualizing Performance Hypnotherapy is located at 501 NW Waterview Ct. in Ankeny. Phone: 515-321-8151, email: info@actualizingperformance.com, web: www.actualizingperformance.com.

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August 8



Ankeny Unplugged is a collaborative effort between the Ankeny Parks and Recreation Department, the Ankeny Jaycees and the Ankeny Young Professionals. Each event is held at the band shell from 5-8:30 PM.

August 8 - Standing Hampton

Thank you to our SummerFest Sponsors!

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The Smokefree Air Act outlines areas where smoking is prohibited, areas where smoking is not regulated, enforcement details, and scheduled penalties for persons and businesses that violate the law.

(For more details, see www.iowasmokefreeair.gov)

In order to comply with this new law, it is required for all Iowa businesses to post "No Smoking" signs at their entrances. The law also provides owners and managers with legal recourse for those who violate including refusing of service followed by request to leave the property.

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Chamber now has available the required stickers. If you require multiple stickers due to multiple public entry points, please call 964-0685, and we will prepare a bundle for you to pick up. Thank you to the American Lung Association for providing the stickers to Iowa businesses.



**"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"
Chamber Night at Principal Park
(Sec Taylor Field)**

Iowa Cubs vs. Colorado Springs Sky Sox

Thursday July 31, 2008

Ticket Price: \$3

Includes Tailgate at 5:30 PM and game at 7:05 PM

You are invited to attend the free tailgate party in the Principal Park parking lot! there will be brats, hot dogs, chips, ice cream and soda! All on a first come, first serve basis!

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