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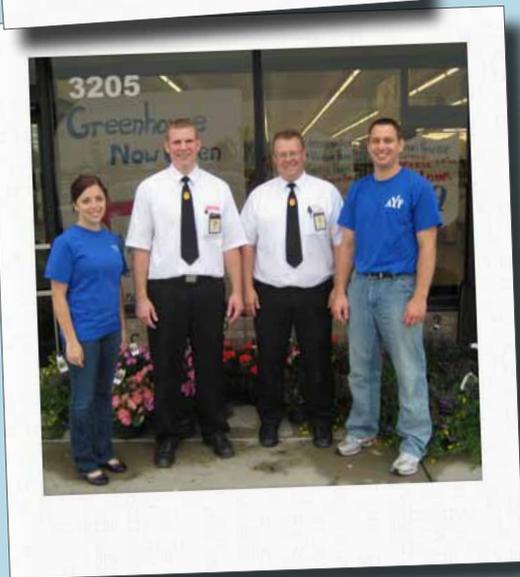
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Ankeny young professionals

Chamber Wide Golf Etiquette Social

June 4 @ 5 PM

Ankeny Country Club

Speakers: Chris Nichol & Gabe Glynn

Golf etiquette & using golf to grow your business

Lunch & Learn

June 9 @ Noon

Simpson College, Ankeny Location

Sponsored by Simpson College

Recreation opportunities around Ankeny

Ankeny Unplugged

June 12 & 26 from 5 - 8:30 PM

Ankeny Band Shell

feeling young?

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Ambassadors' Corner

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Ambassador of the Month

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Joe Miller

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

AMBASSADORS' EVENTS

Thur, June 4 @ 5 PM ~
Ambassador Social (Old Chicago)

Tue, June 23 @ 9 AM - 5 PM ~
Ambassador Blitz

Wed, June 24 @ 11 AM ~
Ambassador Committee Mtg

Wed, June 24 @ 11 AM ~
Chamber Orientation Reception

Wed, June 24 @ 1 PM - 5 PM ~
Ambassador Blitz

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.

CHAMBER CALENDAR

Thur, June 4

5 PM ~ AYP-Chamber Wide Golf Networking
(Ankeny Golf & Country Club)

Mon, June 8

Noon ~ Board of Directors Meeting

Tue, June 9

Noon ~ RC - Ankeny Animal & Avian
(742 S. Ankeny Blvd.)

Noon ~ AYP Lunch & Learn (Simpson College)

Wed, June 10

4:30 PM ~ RC - Briarwood Club of Ankeny
(3405 N.E. Trilein Dr.)

Thur, June 11

5 PM ~ BAH - Prairie Trail (1802 S.W. State St.)

Fri, June 12

5 PM ~ Ankeny Unplugged (Ankeny Bandshell)

Mon, June 15

Noon ~ Public Affairs Committee Meeting

Wed, June 17

CHAMBER GOLF OPEN (7:30 AM & 1:30 PM)

Thur, June 18

5 PM ~ Regional BAH - Johnston Commons
(6700 Merle Hay Rd.)

Tue, June 23

5:30 PM ~ SummerFest Committee Meeting

Wed, June 24

11 AM ~ Ambassador Committee Meeting
Noon ~ Chamber Orientation Reception

Fri, June 26

5 PM ~ Ankeny Unplugged (Ankeny Bandshell)

Mon, June 29

Noon ~ RC - AAA MN/IA
(1975 N. Ankeny Blvd., Suite 105)

Tue, June 30

Noon ~ RC - Handimark (Chamber Office)



June 11
5-7



**DRA Properties Hosts
Prairie Trail
Business After Hours**

Held at:
1802 S.W. State St.
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www.prairietrailankeny.com

We would like to invite all the Chamber members out to Prairie Trail on Thursday, June 11 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Prairie Trail is a 1,000 acre planned community built on the tradition of Iowa's great neighborhoods. The past year has been full of fantastic growth for the neighborhood, and we would love for you to stop out to our visitor center located at 1802 S.W. State St. to see all the development. Questions? Please call Ashley at 964-9444.



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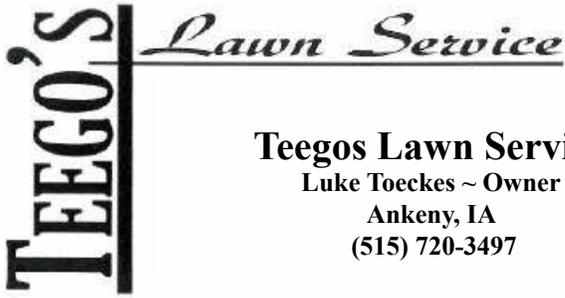
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New this year is the SummerFest guide book. Which will include Miss 16 contestants, event schedule, SummerFest information and sponsor recognition for this year's event. They will be distributed in the Ankeny Register/Press Citizen on July 7. Additional copies will be available at the SummerFest Information Booth and at the Chamber (210 S Ankeny Blvd.)

For complete SummerFest details, please visit www.ankenysummerfest.org

June 12, June 26 & August 7



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.

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