

# MISSION & goals

THE PARIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS COMMITTED TO HELPING PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY PROSPER AND GROW. LOCATED IN PARIS, IL THE COUNTY SEAT OF EDGAR COUNTY, WE STRIVE TO CONTINUE THE RAPID GROWTH WE HAVE SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE RECENT YEARS.

## MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE PARIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY. BY PROMOTING PARIS AREA BUSINESSES. AS WELL AS BEING THE INFORMATION CENTER FOR TOURISM.

## GOALS

- PROMOTE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS
- ENCOURAGE NEW INDUSTRY AND SMALL BUSINESS IN OUR AREA
- SUPPLY LOCAL INFORMATION TO ALL INQUIRIES
- TO ALWAYS PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESSES BY SHOPPING PARIS FIRST
- PROMOTE AND RETAIN MEMBERSHIP
- FULFILL OUR MEMBERSHIP NEEDS
- WORK WITH THE CITY, COUNTY, LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE PARIS AND EDGAR COUNTY AS A "GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME".

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# CHAMBER EVENTS & SERVICES

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FOR THE LOVE OF SHOPPING SMALL-FEBRUARY

TBA -MARCH 2025

CHAMBER CELEBRATION-APRIL

SPRING GOLF OUTING-MAY

SUMMER GARDEN WALK-JUNE

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY-JULY

JOB FAIR EXPO-AUGUST

POTTERFEST-AUGUST 2025

HONEYBEE GOLF OUTING-SEPTEMBER

SCARE ON THE SQUARE-OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS IN PARIS-NOVEMBER

CHAMBER CRAWL-DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS WALK-DECEMBER

RIBBON CUTTINGS

GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

LOOKING FOR LINCOLN

TOURISM GRANT

WINTER/SPRING MAGAZINE-2025

SUMMER/FALL MAGAZINE-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

FUTURE LEADERS CLASS

IN HOUSE ADVERTISING

SCHOLARSHIPS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY PODCAST-TBA

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

WE CARRY CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE MAPS. WE ALSO HAVE MULTIPLE BROCHURES AVAILABLE OF PARIS AREA BUSINESSES. WE CAN SHOW YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON BUSINESS LISTINGS IN THE AREA, NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS, WE ALSO HAVE FREE PHONEBOOKS AVAILABLE.

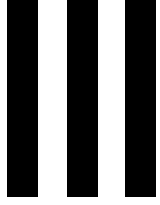


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# BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER

Whether you are a established business or a new business, an organization or an individual, we welcome the opportunity to serve you at the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. The chamber is an “information center” and we serve as the ambassador of our community to promote it as a great place to live, work, and play!


- Business referrals- we refer our Chamber Members for all inquiries
- Membership Directory- a list of all Chamber Members will be published on our website with contact info
- Our Home Business Directory- the chamber publishes all of our Members to all local businesses and members of the community.
- Monthly Newsletter- this email is used as a means of getting information to our members and the community it contains a member spotlight, events, and flyers from members
- Grand-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies- this is for all new businesses in the community, including promotion of event and media attendance.
- Gain a Voice in Government
- Member information displayed in the Chamber office as in brochures
- Use of the Chamber Foyer and Board Room
- Business Contacts and Community Involvement- involvement in social events, local committee meetings, special projects, and several other opportunities to meet and create beneficial business with other members



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# MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Associate** **\$105**  
 Civic, Fraternal, Religious, Organizations

**Government** **\$105**  
 Elected or Appointed

**Insurance** **\$195**  
 Plus \$50 Per each additional agent

**Realtors** **\$195**  
 or \$278 If mor than 3 Realtors

**Hotels/Motels** **\$220**

**Nursing Homes** **\$220**

**Utility Companies** **\$1076**

**Financial Institutions** **\$195**  
 Plus \$10 per million in assets

**Professionals** **\$222**  
 Accountants, Physicians, Dentists, Engineers, Veterinarians,  
 Investors, Chiropractors, Attorneys, Pharmacists, Funeral  
 Directors.

**Individual Member** **\$33**  
 Single Person

**Couple Member** **\$50**

**Industrial**

1-10 Employees	\$228
11-50	\$386
51-99	\$654
100-199	\$863
200+	\$1045

**Service, Retail,  
 Wholesale**

Printers, Credit & Lending, Title Companies,  
 Movers, Waste Disposal, Radio, News, Cable,  
 Exterminators, General Contractors, Refrigeration,  
 Electrician, Heating & Air Conditioning, Hospitals,  
 Restaurants, etc.

1-10 Employees	\$206
11-20	\$370
21-50	\$562
50+	\$695

**Home/  
 Mobile Business** **\$100**  
 Food truck, Home Baker, Web  
 Designer, Jewelry Crafter, etc.

All membership dues are to be paid in full yearly. If you need a payment schedule, please contact the Chamber office. The Chamber's Board of Directors determines the dues schedule. Dues schedule is based upon anticipated annual cost of the Chambers activities, programs and operational expenses. Membership assessments in the Chamber of Commerce may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Dues paid to the Chamber are not a charitable tax deduction for federal income tax purposes.





## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership \_\_\_ Personal \_\_\_ Business

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### *Business Clarification*

\_\_\_ Professional

Annual Dues \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Industry

One Time Web Link Fee \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Organization, Church, Individual,  
Government

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Retail

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Service/Wholesale

Other Person(s) in your business whom you wish to add to the Chamber Mailing List

\_\_\_\_\_

How could the Chamber help promote your business?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time of the year to promote your business?

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Short biography of your business.

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Please send the completed form along with your membership dues to  
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