



# CHAMBER ACTION

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It's officially fall! The weather is finally reaching cooler temps and I've been enjoying football and all things fall with my family. I hope you have taken advantage of all the wonderful outdoor parks and trails available in the Ankeny area community to celebrate autumn!

As we reach the last quarter of 2020 at the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors is already looking ahead to 2021. This month we'll take nominations for leaders in the community to serve on the Chamber Board next year. We look forward to having new leaders join us! I also want to thank the Board members for their days, months, and years spent with the Chamber. It has been a challenging year and I'm grateful for their leadership and time they've given serving the Chamber and community.

I want to recap the events the Chamber hosted this fall and let you know of other events to attend. I took part in the Fall Ball Golf Outing in September. Our Chamber members love playing and making business connections in both the fall and spring outings. If you're interested in networking tee time, contact the Chamber about becoming a member and reserve your team for the spring! I also am excited for my Corks & Caps To-Go Box! I can't wait to taste tons of impressive beers, wine, and ciders, and other tasty dishes provided by our sponsors.

Finally, I'm looking forward to Discover Ankeny in November! This is a great way to experience what Ankeny has to offer – stay tuned for exciting announcements on how Discover Ankeny will look this year. Make sure to 'like' the Ankeny Area Chamber Facebook page to get event updates!

Even during these challenging times, there is always so much going on at the Ankeny Area Chamber and I invite you to take advantage of these opportunities to get to know your community better and expand your network, whether it's personally or professionally. I hope you get to take time to enjoy this beautiful Iowa autumn!

Patti Hood, 2020 Ankeny Area Chamber Chairman of the Board

# Chamber Calendar

## Business After Hours @ Hidalgo Mexican Grill

Thursday, October 1, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 1631 SW Main Street, Suite 100, Ankeny

## Ribbon Cutting - Riding on the Edge

Tuesday, October 6, 4:30 pm, 326 SW Maple Street, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Ribbon Cutting - Brown Dog Bakery

Friday, October 9, Noon, 2310 SE Delaware Avenue, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Ribbon Cutting - Dragonfly Salt Spa

Monday, October 12, 4:30 pm, 1802 SE Delaware Avenue, Suite 107, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Ribbon Cutting - All Joyful Lights

Tuesday, October 13, 4:30 pm, Chamber office, 1631 SW Main Street, Suite 204/205, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Ribbon Cutting - Your Care

Monday, October 19, 4:30 pm, 207 NE Delaware Avenue, Suite 20, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Ribbon Cutting - Ziggi's Coffee

Tuesday, October 20, 4:30 pm, 1606 NW Irvinedale Drive, Suite 102, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Public Forum - Iowa House of Representatives, District 37 & 38

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 - 7:15 pm, audience will be on virtual platform, register at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org)

## Ribbon Cutting - VaxiTaxi

Monday, October 26, Noon, Chamber office, 1631 SW Main Street, Suite 204/205, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!

## Business Illumination Series

Wednesday, October 28, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Uptown Garage Brewing Co., 305 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny, register at [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org)

## Ribbon Cutting - Ankeny Service Center

Friday, October 29, Noon, 1517 N Ankeny Boulevard, Suite B, Ankeny, join us virtually on the Chamber's Facebook!



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## Ambassador of the Month



Congratulations to the September Ambassador of the Month - **Alysia Webster with Iowa Living Magazines!** Thank you, Alysia, for your involvement!

# Business After Hours

Chamber Membership Event



**BUSINESS**  
*after hours*

THURSDAY,  
**OCT 1**  
4-6PM  
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**Business Illumination Series**

**October 28, 2020 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Uptown Garage Brewing Company**

*Ask the Hub: A panel consisting of Ankeny Hub committee experts will provide support to entrepreneurs, start-ups, and existing businesses looking to grow!*

# Welcome Our New Members



## Little Jungle Safari - Rhoda Harris

1606 NW Irvinedale Drive, Suite 101, Ankeny  
(515) 964-5330  
[www.littlejunglesafari.com](http://www.littlejunglesafari.com)

Little Jungle Safari, LLC is an expansion of My Learning Safari, LLC. Our goal is to separate the smallest children in our care including infants and young toddlers in order to provide premium, distinct care for them in an alternate setting that will better meet their unique needs. In doing so, this opens classroom space at My Learning Safari to allow increased enrollment of older, preschool aged children in an environment that will be exclusively designed to address their specific developmental needs. We believe that this will directly impact the quality of services currently offered by specializing environments to enhance the capacity of classroom teachers to better address the needs of children in their academic, social-emotional, and physical growth and provide the ideal growing and learning environment for our Ankeny littles. We look forward to serving the needs of infants/young toddlers in Ankeny!



## All Joyful Lights - AJ Gumino

Ankeny  
(515) 518-0280  
[www.alljoyfullights.com](http://www.alljoyfullights.com)

At All Joyful Lights our goal is to make your holidays brighter! We provide residential and

commercial lighting for the holidays. Everything is done for you. During the holidays you shouldn't have to worry about decorating your outside property. After purchasing your lights, we provide installation, repairs, removal/takedown, and store them for the next season. Don't have a ladder or are you afraid of heights? Lighten Up with All Joyful Lights!



## Ziggi's Coffee - Rhoda Harris

1606 NW Irvinedale Drive, Suite 102,  
Ankeny  
[www.ziggiscoffee.com](http://www.ziggiscoffee.com)

Ziggi's operates specialty coffee shops and began their franchise in Colorado. This will be the first Ziggi's Coffee franchise in Iowa! Ziggi's

Coffee works with local sources to acquire food options that appeal to local clientele as well as food options from Colorado. Ziggi's Coffee is a business that fully supports the community. Along with the support of local businesses through creative partnerships, Ziggi's franchisees are asked to be active community members that support local agencies such as the police and fire department as well as local artists by proudly displaying local art products. Ziggi's Coffee has a standardized drink and food menu along with exciting specialized and seasonal drinks which offer a wide variety of flavor options. We are excited to open the first Ziggi's Coffee in Ankeny and look forward to an exciting relationship with the community!



## Riding on the Edge - Jerry Turnbull

326 SW Maple Street, Ankeny  
(515) 865-5147  
[www.ridingontheedgeco.com](http://www.ridingontheedgeco.com)

Riding on the Edge is your source for extreme fun! We offer biking and adventure-sports equipment, supplies and service to our friends all over the Midwest! We will not sell an item we do not personally enjoy using. We carefully select the brands and products we carry for quality and value and stand 100% behind what we sell. We cannot wait to have you visit our store in beautiful uptown Ankeny, Iowa where we encourage you to inspect, touch and test ride before you buy! We are one block from the High Trestle Trail, and we are the Midwestern headquarters for adventure sports fun and boredom busting! Come see us!

# Ribbon Cuttings



**Compass Radon Testing**  
Jacob Morrissey  
(515) 822-4504  
[www.iacompass.com](http://www.iacompass.com)



**Even Connection**  
Lisa Even  
(515) 423-0371  
[www.evenconnection.com](http://www.evenconnection.com)



**Balance Chiropractic & Wellness**  
Dr. Jennifer Thompson  
102 SE 30th Street, Suite 3, Ankeny | (515) 321-4524  
[www.balancechiroandwellness.com](http://www.balancechiroandwellness.com)



**Natural Health Chiropractic and Acupuncture**  
Jennifer Knobble-Bloodworth  
3405 N. Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny | (515) 964-5404  
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**Midwest Eco Systems**  
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**Legacy Fitness Ankeny**  
Chris Richter  
1450 SW Vintage Parkway, Suite 100, Ankeny | (515) 289-9110  
[www.legacyfitnessankeny.com](http://www.legacyfitnessankeny.com)

# 2020 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Nominations are being accepted for the Small Business / Small Business Person of the Year Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the achievements of our community's businesses.

This award is to recognize a business person making a significant contribution in business and community involvement.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- A Chamber Member with at least 20 percent ownership in the business and an active involvement in the management of the business.
- Demonstrated an active involvement in community betterment.

# 2020 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nominations are being accepted for the 2020 Outstanding Citizen Award presented by the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce. This award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the entire community outside his/her chosen trade or profession.

Ankeny's Outstanding Citizen is selected by a Chamber committee consisting of representatives from the Chamber and previous award recipients.

Both awards will be presented at the Ankeny Area Chamber's Annual Dinner.

Go to [www.ankeny.org](http://www.ankeny.org) to fill out a nomination form.

**Submit nomination to the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce,**

PO Box 488, Ankeny, IA 50021, fax to 964-0487, or email Julie Todtz at [jctodtz@ankeny.org](mailto:jctodtz@ankeny.org)

## NOMINATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 21, 2020