

Welcome and thank you for considering membership in the Vienna Chamber of Commerce!

The mission of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce is to support our small businesses and entrepreneurs, to foster economic development, and to improve our community by making it a hospitable place for business and tourism.

Events: Special events are held to promote Vienna and draw visitors to the community. 2022 was a great improvement over the last couple of challenging years for the Vienna Chamber. In 2022: we held events throughout the year including the Annual Awards Banquet, the 1st annual Vienna Wine and Sausage Festival, we helped with the Maries County Fair, hosted the Trunk or Treat around the courthouse square, and organized the Christmas Around the Square. You can remain updated on our events through our calendar located on our website and this link: <https://teamup.com/ks1a8d59315755e953> Feel free to submit your events [here](#).

Ribbon cuttings: The COC welcomes all new businesses in the Vienna Community by doing ribbon cuttings at the new business location to generate awareness in the community of the new businesses in town. We continue to hold numerous ribbon cuttings for new businesses to help them jump-start their industry.

Welcome Center: We have created a welcome center so visitors may grab a business brochure or city map depicting markers of VCOG business members and points of interest. You can find the Welcome Center in the center office of the United Country Results Realty & Auction building located on the corner at Hwy 63 South and 4th Street. Feel free to drop off your brochures and business cards! We also have a TV inside the welcome center that will scroll notices, business, events, etc. across the screen. If you have anything you wish to include on this presentation, please email us at viennamococ@gmail.com.

Planters: One of our goals was to beautify our county square by building planters and watching the beautiful flowers grow throughout the summer. We collaborated with the VHS VoAg department who built the large planters and got them ready by planting and keeping the flowers alive during the unusually dry summer.

Missouri Main Street Connection – Community Empowerment Grant: One thing we are very proud of is the Community Empowerment Grant we were awarded from Missouri Main Street Connection. This grant comes from economic development and will help us revitalize our town square and other places of interest in our area by helping us find grants to promote tourism and to suit the needs of our community. Most recently, we were awarded a grant we received focused on tourism. We had professional photos taken and video created specifically on the places in Vienna where visitors may eat, shop, stay, and play. You can find our video on our website and Facebook page. Brochures have been distributed throughout the city. We look forward to promoting other areas of Vienna businesses and organizations in future grants. Thanks to our Missouri Main Street Connection, we will have the opportunity to receive many more grants. We continue to promote our community businesses through our website, social media, and local newspaper.

Website: www.viennamococ.com. All Chamber members are listed on the Chamber website under the business directory. Anyone can find a plethora of resources on this site.

Meetings: Every month on the last Thursday at 5:30pm to be held at various locations. Check the calendar here: <https://teamup.com/ks1a8d59315755e953>. You can also find this calendar on our website home page “Events Calendar.”

BOM: The Chamber features one COC business a month by doing a Business of the Month article in the Maries County Advocate. The Chamber also showcases them on the VCOG website and social media.

Medical Insurance for your Business: One opportunity our members have is to provide health care to their employees through our Chamber Health Benefit Program for small businesses. The Chamber Benefit Plan is available to small group employers in Missouri who have 2 to 50 employees. To qualify, your business must also be a member of a Chamber of Commerce. Advantages to this program are: shared overall claims risk across a large pool, competitive rates, fixed monthly payments, a variety of plans, Anthem's Blue Access, Blue Access Choice and Blue Preferred networks, coverage for claims run-out/terminal liability coverage, and simple, streamlined administration. Contact us to learn more.

This year, we would like to implement workshops throughout the year to help our members thrive in today's markets. Some ideas we've considered are: social media marketing, branding your business, etc. If you have any ideas for resources and potential workshops, please let us know!

Whether you are an individual, retiree, a student, or a business, we invite you to join us in 2023 as we work together to promote our community and the surrounding areas! For more information on becoming a Chamber member, please feel free to: contact Kelly – phone: 573-422-3612 or email - email kelly@barnhartdental.com or Lisa - phone 573-422-9866 or email garrolisa@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining the Chamber, please complete the following questionnaire so that our records are accurate and therefore better able to serve you. The preferred method of communication is by email. Please provide a valid email address to receive Chamber updates. After joining the COC, your business will receive a Chamber of Commerce Member certificate.

Please consider membership with the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. If you sign up now, your membership will begin (or continue for current members without any gaps) through the end of 2023 calendar year. For only \$1 – students, \$15 – retirees and individuals, and \$30 for current businesses, you can be reassured to receive the best bang for your buck!

Lisa Garro – President – Heartland Regional Library
Cole Higbee – Vice President – Individual
Treasurer – Tania Lambert – Phelps Health
Kelly Barnhart – Secretary – Barnhart Dental

Sincerely,

Lisa Garro, President of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce
www.viennamococ.com

VIENNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ENROLLMENT FORM
2023 BUSINESS

VCOC Contact Information

Business/Individual Name _____

Year you opened for business _____ What year did you become a VCOC member _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Membership Classification:

Class 1 - Business or Organization \$30

Class 2 - Individual \$15

Class 3 - Student \$1

Class 4 - Retired Member \$15

VCOC Website Information (show on website?) **Yes or No**

Business Name _____

Business Physical Address _____

Business Mailing Address _____

Owner Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Website URL _____

** Preferred method of communication with Chamber members is by email please provide a valid email address. After joining receive emails with updates on Chamber information & events!

Mail this form and a check to: Vienna Chamber of Commerce
PO BOX 672
Vienna MO 65582

For Chamber completion only:

Dues paid ___Y ___N

Paid by Ck# _____ Cash _____

Email Group _____ Certificate _____ Excel Group _____

Chamber Member Signature: _____ Date: _____