



At A Glance...

January 2025

Your Guide to events, programs and news from the Fife Lake Chamber of Commerce and its Members

Chamber News

Your 2025 Chamber Board:

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Join us in 2025!

It's a new membership year!
Become a Chamber Sponsor (\$250), Chamber Member (\$75), or Chamber Friend (\$35) and help us make a difference in our community. Membership forms are available to download from our website (fifelakechamber.org) or email us at fifelakechamberinfo@gmail.com with any questions about the membership levels or to request that a form be mailed to you. Be a part of making a positive impact!

2025 Chamber of Commerce Board meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00pm at the Village office, 616 Bates Street. Meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation! The meeting schedule is posted on our website (fifelakechamber.org) and any changes or special meetings will be posted there. Our first 2025 meeting will be **Thursday, January 9.**



Business and Community Leaders - Let's Connect!

One of our goals for 2025 is to continue to foster connection of the many businesses and organizations in the greater Fife Lake Area. Our next after-hours social gathering will be **Tuesday, January 28, at 5:30pm at The Upper Bar & Grill.** Meet some new people, renew friendships, share in refreshments and find out what everyone has planned for 2025. Please RSVP to abridson@forestarea.com or fifelakechamberinfo@gmail.com.

2025 Farm & Craft Market

In 2024 we changed the day/location of the market hoping to revitalize after slow business in 2023. The results were mixed, so we need to evaluate as we look forward to the 2025 season. If you are a business owner who specializes in handmade items, a crafter, a gardener, or a farmer who is interested in this market opportunity, please email debbie.fifelakechamber@gmail.com. We also need a market manager for 2025. We need to hear from you if the market is going to continue.

We will schedule a meeting in February for all those who are interested in speaking in to this decision.



Our 2025 Best 4th in the North Celebration will be July 4 - 6, 2025.

Committees are now being formed for the activities that make Fife Lake the place to be over the 4th! It takes a village of volunteers to make this happen each year, so please email us at fifelakechamberinfo@gmail.com to volunteer or to share your ideas to keep this the Best 4th in the North! We need you!

These first months of 2025 we will be focusing on our local governing groups so you can know who to contact with questions or concerns and when meetings are held.
This month we feature Springfield Township.

Focus on Springfield Township ...

Springfield Township manages activities within the township and also has the Springfield Park and Recreation Area (Carly's Hill).

The township offers a clean-up for township residents each Spring at the Road Commission Gravel Pit location on Lund Road, just East of the intersection of Lund and Creighton Roads.

This year it is scheduled for May 17th from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The township website with more information is: <http://www.springfieldtownship-kalkaskacounty.org>.

The park has its own facebook page at: Springfield Park & Recreation Area.

There is a newly renovated pavilion that can be rented at the park, a playground, bathrooms, a disc golf course, walking trails and a lookout Deck (Eagle View). There are also many events scheduled throughout the year for the community to enjoy.

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DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of every month (with exception of election dates, then one week later or as rescheduled) - 7:00 p.m. at the township hall at 5253 Ingersoll Road SW, Fife Lake

January 14, 2025

February 11, 2025

March 11, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 13, 2025

June 10, 2025

July 8, 2025

August 12, 2025

September 9, 2025

October 14, 2025

November 11, 2025

December 9, 2025



January 25, 2025

Springfield Park & Recreation Area
Corner of Lund Rd & Creighton Rd
in Fife Lake

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – approx 3:00 P.M.

Registration is 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

People's Choice Judging finalized by 12:30 p.m.

Distance Runs begin at 1:00 p.m.

Rule #1: It doesn't matter how young or old you are!
Rule #2: It must be constructed solely of cardboard, tape & glue. NO hardware is permitted (wood, plastic, metal, screws, piping).

String or rope is allowed for moving and steering the sled.

You can have up to a max of 3 people in the sled.

We will be using the middle run of Carly's Hill for the distance portion of the derby

Helmets are required – NO exceptions!

You can decorate your sled with paint, pictures, fabric, flags, etc. Costumes are allowed and greatly encouraged!

Warm Building - Hot Drinks – Lunch Provided - Warm Fire

Toddler Sledding Hill - Supervised Sledding

Free Family Fun for All Ages

WE HAVE AWESOME PRIZES AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!

Community Events

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Jan 7** Springfield Township Board Mtg - 7:00pm, Twp Hall, 5253 Ingersoll Rd SW
- Jan 8** Genealogy Group 10:00am at the Library
- Jan 8** Fife Lake Library Board Meeting - 6:00pm at the Fife Lake Public library
- Jan 9** American Legion E-Z Meal **Every Thursday** - 5:00pm until gone
- Jan 11** Friends of the Library meeting - 10:00am at the Library
- Jan 14** Fife Lake Area Planning Commission, - 6:30pm at the Township Offices
- Jan 20** Village Council Meeting - 6:30pm at the Village Office
- Jan 21** Fife Lake Village DDA Meeting - 6:30pm at the Village Office
- Jan 23** Fife Lake Township Board Meeting - 6:00pm at the Township Offices

If you have news or an event that you would like to appear in February's newsletter, please email us at fifelakechamberinfo@gmail.com. All information for the February newsletter must be received by Monday, January 27, for publication on February 1. To have this newsletter delivered to your email, notify us at fifelakechamberinfo@gmail.com.

Communicate
The Chamber offers information and educational opportunities to support local business. We are a critical communications link between our members and issues that impact the business environment, providing an opportunity to make informed and strategic decisions for the future.

Connect
In business, success is often determined by having the right connections. The Chamber provides opportunities for members to make those connections with each other and with resources that advance professional development, the bottom line and the overall community.

Influence
The Chamber takes action to advocate for a business friendly, positive environment. We advocate for issues that build our quality of life and promote economic development and we endorse and support elected officials who share those values.

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sunset at a time ...”***

