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**August  
2021**

## ***Luncheon***

**August 11th**

**Member Cost: \$15**

*Networking: 11:15 am  
Luncheon: 11:40 a.m.-1:00 pm  
RSVP by Tuesday, August 10th*

### **LOCATION**

**Mt. Zion High School  
Cafetorium**

### **SPEAKER & TOPIC**

**Mt. Zion Community  
School District 3 Update**

### **EXHIBITOR**

**HSMS Medical Group**



### ***Mark Your Calendar***

**Farm Progress  
August 31-Sept. 2, 2021**

**Luncheon  
September 8, 2021  
Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Picnic**

**Mt. Zion Expo & Taste  
September 11, 2021**

**Mt. Zion Community  
Prayer Breakfast  
October 20, 2021**

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce  
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549  
217-864-2526  
**Hours:** Working Remotely  
Make Appointment



## **August *NEWS* from Chamber President Dan McNeely**

Our First Annual Independence Day 50/50 drawing was a success with the winner being Trena Myers from Dimond Bros in Mt. Zion. We look forward to holding this every year in the future to help raise money for scholarships.

Our July 22<sup>nd</sup> Pork Chop fundraiser was a success serving over 215 meals to the community to help raise money for scholarships. We will do another one sometime in the near future.

The next luncheon is August 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Expo and Taste is coming up on September 11<sup>th</sup>; please send in your RSVP's for the luncheon and get your booths reserved for the Expo and Taste. See pages [5-7](#) for forms and details about the Expo & Taste.

Thank you. I am always here to help: [Dan.mcneely@dimondbros.com](mailto:Dan.mcneely@dimondbros.com) 217-827-1202.

Dan McNeely, President

## **Expo Booths Going Fast**

The Mt. Zion Expo & Taste is Saturday, September 11, 2021. The due date to get your spot reserved is **September 3rd**. The price per booth for members is now \$250; add another \$25 if you need electricity. The contract is in this newsletter or you can download the PDF of it at our website at [www.mtzionchamber.org](http://www.mtzionchamber.org). If you have any questions, call Linda Harper at 217-864-2526 or email her at [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com).

**Spaces fill up quickly so get your spot soon.**

**Visit our website:**  
**[www.mtzionchamber.org](http://www.mtzionchamber.org)**

# 2021 Calendar of Events

**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste - September 11, 2021**

**Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - October 21, 2021**

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## August Luncheon



Our luncheon is August 11, 2021 in the Cafetorium at Mt. Zion Jr.-Sr. High School; you enter in the back of the Jr. High School. Our luncheon costs \$15 unless you have a prepaid lunch. The luncheon starts at 11:40 a.m.; registration and networking is from 11:15 - 11:40 a.m.

Dr. Travis Roundcount, Superintendent of the Mt. Zion Community School District #3, will give us an update on what has happened since the end of last school year and what is planned for this school year.

Please send your RSVP's to [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, August 10th. You can also RSVP at [www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations](http://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations). This is the first luncheon for the new prepaid luncheons period. If you want to be set up for 12 prepaid luncheons for \$144 for August 2021-July 2022, let me know by Monday, August 9th and I will invoice you. Even if you have a prepaid luncheon, you need to RSVP for each month's luncheon so that we have an accurate count of members attending.

We will start a new Any Queens 50/50 Raffle at this luncheon.

## Welcome Our New Member!



Marlo Jackson is the owner of Vine + Grace Boutique. Their moto is "Women Lifting Women"; their goal is to put the "fun" in functional fashion. Vine + Grace Boutique knows that looking stylish can make your whole day better. They are committed to being your source for the newest trends. They also have Brighton Collectibles and Mud Pie home décor. Vine + Grace Boutique is located at 130 Casa Park Drive in Mt. Zion; their website is <https://vine-grace.square.site>.





## Member Spotlight



Addiction Medicine.  
Saving Lives.

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight. Gateway Foundation is the largest non-profit, co-occurring substance use treatment agency in Illinois. They have over 17 locations and over 650 treatment beds to help those who suffer from substance-use disorders, co-occurring mental health, and gambling disorders. They use evidence-based practices and physician-guided detox to help individuals achieve and sustain life-long recovery from their chronic illness. Call 217-685-4197.



**Expo and Taste**  
**September 11, 2021**

**Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due August 2, 2021**  
**Early Bird Booth Payment Due July 16, 2021**

	<b>Gold Sponsorship \$600</b>	<b>Silver Sponsorship \$350</b>	<b>Booth Space \$250/Early \$200 <i>Non Member: \$400/Early \$350</i></b>
<b>Booth space</b>	Double (8X16) booth Electricity included	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25
<b>Sponsor Promotion</b>	Designated as Gold Sponsor at Event	Designated as Silver Sponsor at Event	
<b>Sponsor publicity</b>	Sponsor name announced at Event	Sponsor name announced at Event	
<b>Sponsor Inclusion</b>	Sponsor name and logo on all Expo communications and large banner.	Sponsor name and logo on Expo communications and large banner.	
<b>Sponsor inclusion in Pre-Expo event advertisement</b>	Sponsor logo on Expo flyer & newspaper ad. Sponsor logo on all Expo email and social media messages.	Sponsor name on Expo flyer	
<b>Early Bird Pricing</b>			If registered and paid before July 16, 2021

Business Name & Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gold: \_\_\_\_\_ Silver: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Booths: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com)

Mail Payment to: P.O. 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549



## Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2021 EXPO Contract

Show Date: Sept. 11, 2021 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Mt. Zion Convention Center

Set Up Date: Sept. 10, 2021 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Booth Space: 8' x 8'

**Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or Early Bird Member \$200 per booth space, if registered by July 16, 2021.**

**After July 16, 2021 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at**

**Non-Member Price of \$400 or Member Price \$250 Registration Form & Payment Due by September 3, 2021.**

1. All booth contracts and checks must be received by July 16, 2021 to retain a discounted booth space.
2. All exhibitors must restrict their exhibit to the business registered with the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. All multiple businesses that are Chamber members, must register each business they wish to exhibit.
3. Doors will be open Friday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for set up.  
**All exhibitors are to be set up by 5:00 p.m.**
4. Exhibitors will unload in the front and park to the immediate north & east of the Convention Center on September 10th & 11th.
5. Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday September 11th.
6. Exhibitors will **NOT** sell any illegal items.
7. Exhibitors will remove all trash, paper, boxes, tape, etc. from their space.
8. Exhibitors will cooperate with all requests of show personnel.
9. Exhibitors **MUST** keep display within confines of their space and not go into the aisles.
10. The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce or the Mt. Zion Convention Center will not be held liable for any losses, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors in any manner whatsoever.
11. No refunds or credits for cancellations for any reason after September 3, 2021.
12. Exhibitors will be supplied (1) table, (2) chairs, table cloth, pipe and drape on three sides.  
You must supply extension cords and display accessories. Wall booth spaces are for booths that need electrical outlets.  
**Electrical Booth space will be available to those who pay the \$25.00 fee.**
13. Door prizes can be announced during the Expo. It is suggested that you arrange for door prize and sign-ups and/or drawings at your booth.
14. All Chamber exhibitors must be a member in good standing at the time of the Expo.
15. For questions or special requests, please call the Chamber at 217-864-2526.
16. Make checks payable to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. Mail to: P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

## Return The Bottom Half With Your Payment

Business Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (110v)

Note: **There is an added \$25 charge for booth electricity. (\$25.00)**

Booth: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Taste \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or \$200 Member per booth price.

After July 16, 2021, price for Non-Member \$400 or Member \$250 per booth.

Mail to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 84

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



## 2021 TASTE Contract

Do not miss this opportunity to serve one of your delicious entrees to the crowd of local residents attending the EXPO & TASTE on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Setup is Saturday, September 11th from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

- NO CHARGE for Taste Booth – size 8x8
- Serve time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Each booth provides a minimum of 200 single food servings for one ticket
- Each booth provides necessary serving items (extension cords, napkins, plates, forks, etc.)
- 3,000 food tickets will be for sale day of the event
- Tickets will be sold at the Mt. Zion Chamber Booth only in packs of 5 tickets for \$7
- **Vendors will be reimbursed \$.75 for each ticket turned in by 2:30 p.m. that day**

If you would like to be part of the TASTE, please complete the attached reservation and return by mail: PO BOX 84, Mt. Zion, IL or email: [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) by **August 27, 2021.**

### BOOTH RESERVATION

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

## Annual Prayer Breakfast

### October 20, 2021

**Sponsorship Due Date: September 10, 2021**

	<b>Gold Sponsorship \$2,000</b>	<b>Silver Sponsorship \$1,000</b>	<b>Bronze Sponsorship \$500</b>
<b>Tickets to Prayer Breakfast</b>	Two Tables of 5 with name Prominently placed as Gold Sponsor	One Table of 5 with name Prominently placed as Silver Sponsor	3 Tickets
<b>Sponsor Promotion at Prayer Breakfast</b>	Time for your Representative to Speak during program  Promotional display table at event prior to and following event  Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast
<b>Sponsor Inclusion in Prayer Breakfast Program</b>	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name listed on program
<b>Sponsor Inclusion in Pre-Event Advertising</b>	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers and banners  Sponsor mention in all radio spots  Sponsor and logo on Prayer Breakfast Facebook boost	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers  Sponsor logo on Prayer Breakfast banners	
<b>Sponsor Inclusion in Chamber Media</b>	Sponsor name and logo in Chamber newsletter and website  Free business/organization ad in Chamber newsletter the month of Prayer Breakfast  Free e-mail blast of business/organization ad the month of Prayer Breakfast	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter and website	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter



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### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
2290 S Esther Ave	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 2 bdr/1 bth/ 1 acre lot/Mt Zion schools/1 car garage	Mid \$40's	6214501
569 S Monroe	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 2 bdr/1.5 bth/Ranch/Gas fireplace/12x20 patio	Lower \$70's	6214482
730 E Cerro Gordo St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> RETAIL/APARTMENTS/3 floors/11,140 sq feet	Upper \$70's	6209788
7 Meadow Terrace Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/Ranch/Wood Fireplace/Replacement windows	Upper \$70's	6214487
147 Wisconsin Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/ Ranch/22x12 detached garage	Upper \$80's	6214489
305 W South St (Bethany)	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/4 car garage/Okaw Valley Schools/.35 acres	Upper \$90's	6214455
1760 Moundford Ct	3 bdr/1full,2-1/2bths/1152 sq ft man cave/fenced yard	Lower \$130's	6206899
770 E Eldorado St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
858 W Green St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> - Biggen's Bar & Billards/Pool Tables/Open Bar	Upper \$250's	6190609
260 E Wood St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
1625 Hunters Pt Ct Mt Zion	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 4 bdr/3 bth/built in 2020/finished basement/Mt Zion schools	Upper \$350's	6214614
35 Lake Pointe	3bdr/1.5 bth/RANCH/Lake Decatur views/2 Lots-1.15 acres	Upper \$370's	6209801
4045 Meadow Park Dr	<b>NEW PRICE!</b> 6bdr/7 bth/in ground pool/pool house/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$590's	6210002
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920

### Active/Under Contract Listings

720 S Stone St	<b>Contract within 9 days!</b>	Upper \$30's	6214325
1563 E Barrington	<b>Contract within 7 days!</b>	Lower \$90's	6214495
2141 S Richmond Rd	3bdr/2 bth/ RANCH/Completely Remodeled/New Roof	Upper \$90's	6207585

### Pending Listings

3718 Sand Creek (LOT)	5 acres/Mt Zion School District/All utilities hooked up	Upper \$30's	6212471
917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
159 W Karen Dr	<b>Contract within 14 days!</b>	Upper \$140's	6212727
5 Eastmoreland Pl	<b>Contract within 2 days!</b>	Mid \$160's	6212495
2126 Allen Lane	<b>Contract within 9 days!</b>	Lower \$190's	6212733



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