

Our Mission: To aggressively promote the interests of the business community.

Business Perspectives

May/June 2009

SKB Environmental in the Spotlight

SKB Environmental, Inc. has been a leader in the solid waste industry for over 25 years. The company was formed in 1983 to provide demolition waste disposal services for its parent company, Carl Bolander & Sons, Inc. Over the years, SKB has grown and evolved, and today offers recycling, processing, transfer, and disposal services for a variety of solid wastes, including industrial, construction and demolition waste.

SKB is headquartered in St. Paul, and owns and operates facilities in Rosemount, Inver Grove Heights, Minneapolis, Blaine and Lansing Township. SKB's management is led by Rick O'Gara (Owner and President) and John Domke (Vice President). The company currently employs over 27 employees.

Environmental responsibility has always been a top priority for SKB. It is evident in their remarkable operating record. They have never received a violation, at any of their facilities in their entire operating history! In addition to operational excellence, SKB's commitment to environmental responsibility is apparent in their industry-leading position in waste recycling and reuse. SKB's Rosemount Industrial Waste Facility is a state-of-the-art landfill specializing in industrial waste, C&D and MSW incinerator ash recycling and disposal. Boasting a triple liner and dual leachate collection system, SKB Rosemount rivals the nation's most environmentally sound landfill designs. An on-site laboratory offers security unmatched nationwide for industrial waste.

Ultimately, it is SKB's commitment to community and environmental responsibility, in addition to their competitiveness in the industry, that has positioned the company as an industry leader today and for years to come.



SKB Environmental is the proud 2009 Golf Classic Tournament Sponsor for the River Heights Chamber on May 18th at Southview Country Club. SKB, along with our major sponsors Total Construction and Wal-Mart, encourage you to dust off your clubs and register to attend for a fun-filled day on the course! Registration deadline is May 8th, so call or log on to www.riverheights to register today!

Save the Date
for Community Night
at the Dome!

Tuesday, June 16th

Twins vs.
Pittsburgh Pirates

See flyer inside for details!

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 Dave Bartholomew &
 Andrew Wilkins
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 Inver Grove Heights
 651-451-6846



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 525 Southview Boulevard
 South St. Paul
 651-451-6437



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 3464 Washington Drive
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 651-261-8157



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 651-261-5379



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 Aimee Aldrich Agency
 Aimee Aldrich &
 Dody Sobaszkiwicz
 651-457-6008
 2898 Upper 55th Street
 Inver Grove Heights



Jerry Sakala, Principal
 Simley High School
 2920 80th Street East
 Inver Grove Heights
 651-306-7100



Jorgie's Deli & Sandwich Shoppe
 527 Southview Boulevard
 South St. Paul
 651-235-9791



Radiant Nails
 6555 Cahill Avenue East,
 Suite 101
 Inver Grove Heights
 651-453-1799



State Farm Kuchera Agency
 Doug Kuchera
 5778 Blackshire Path
 Inver Grove Heights
 651-457-2216



Step Ahead Pediatrics
 Julie Skokan
 5695 Blaine Avenue
 Inver Grove Heights
 651-554-9940



Sunlight Family Restaurant
 Cristina Lucero
 100 7th Avenue South
 South St. Paul
 651-455-2202

NEW MEMBERS

Step Ahead Pediatrics Rehab, Inc.
 5695 Blaine Avenue
 Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
 (651) 554-9940

Provides a comprehensive range of therapy and support services for children with special needs and their families.

Sunlight Restaurant
 100 7th Avenue South
 South St. Paul, MN 55075
 (651) 455-2202

A family restaurant with full menu, sit down and delivery for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Dakota Premium Foods, LLC

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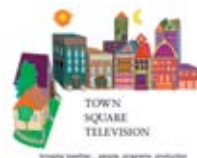
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Schaeffer Financial Services, Inc. Honored as the 2009 Small Business of the Year!

Special thanks to Baja Sol Restaurant Group and Town Square Television for sponsoring this event!



Two Cities Step Up to the Plate to Get and Keep Businesses

Elected officials and City staff in both Inver Grove Heights and South St. Paul have recently stepped up to the plate and scored to help keep a business and attract a new business to their communities.

In Inver Grove Heights, local entrepreneur Patrick Nickleson had identified a location for a new A&W restaurant in the Arbor Pointe retail area, but he needed help with financing. Inver Grove Heights City staff went to bat working with the City Council to create a package that may include such tools as a below-market loan and tax abatement. City Administrator, Joe Lynch, states that, "we wanted to help this business person who was willing to take a risk to create jobs in our community, especially when so few other businesses are looking to expand or relocate."

The game to help businesses in South St. Paul was on when T&T Galley owner, Jeff Johnson, learned he may have to make very costly upgrades to his restaurant. Mayor Beth Baumann called City staff together who hit a home run by coming up with creative ways to keep this important neighborhood restaurant open. Said Baumann, "the City wants to be a positive partner with our businesses and we want them to know we are here to help."

Both communities are working hard to help businesses during this trying economy. According to Dave Langer, Chairman of the Board of Progress Plus, the economic development partnership serving both communities, "the cities recognize that a thriving business sector is critical to their ongoing stability and they are cooperating with business to get things done that will help achieve this goal."



South St. Paul Mayor Beth Baumann and T&T Galley Owner Jeff Johnson



A&W Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 16th

OUR EVENTS



Chair Velita Frandrup and Guest Speaker Andrew Eklund @ the Small Business Award Luncheon & Trade Show



Business Card Exchange @ FASTSIGNS



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Business Card Exchange @ DARTS



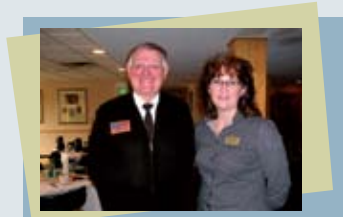
Ekcetera Productions @ the Heights Graduation Expo



Baja Sol Restaurant Group and DARTS @ the Small Business Award Luncheon & Trade Show



Dakota County Leadership Academy @ Business Day at the Capitol



Dakota County Sheriff Don Gudmundson and Chair Velita Frandrup @ the Membership Luncheon



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2009

Sponsor :

13	5 – 6:30 p.m. - Business Card Exchange and Member Social @ Microtel Inn & Suites, 5681 Bishop Ave., Inver Grove Heights	
18	11:30 a.m. - Annual Golf Classic Registration & Lunch 1 p.m. - Shot Gun Start; 5 p.m. - 19th Hole Social Buffet @ Southview Country Club, 239 E. Mendota Rd., West St. Paul	
21	4 p.m. - DCLA Graduation & Reception @TBD	
27	4 p.m. - Chamber 101 Orientation @ River Heights Chamber Office	

JUNE 2009

Sponsor :

2	7:30 a.m. – Legislative Wrap Up Meeting @TBD	
15	5 – 6:30 p.m. - Business Card Exchange and Member Social @ Outback Steakhouse, 5723 Bishop Avenue, IGH	
16	5 p.m. - Community Night at the Dome - Picnic and Game: Twins vs. Pittsburgh Pirates @ Metrodome, Mpls	
23	7:30 a.m. – Membership Breakfast with John Grant from the Dakota County Drug Task Force @ Southview Country Club, 239 E. Mendota Rd., West St. Paul	

For upcoming meetings and events visit www.riverheights.com