

Working for the Business Community



A quarterly report of our accomplishments and a look at what's ahead

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VISION

We are the unifying business force dedicated to community vitality and economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley.

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UPCOMING:

Apr. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Business Connections Lunch

'Kaiser & the Trentwood Transformation'

Speaker: Scott Endres, VP Rolled Products, Kaiser Aluminum

May 12, 1-6 p.m.

The Business Showcase

B2B Expo | Free workshops

Fireside Chat speaker | Door prizes

No charge for admission or parking

June 17, 7-9 a.m.

Business Connections Breakfast

Speaker: Shann Ray Ferch, author & Professor of Leadership Studies, Gonzaga University

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Accomplishments this Quarter

Promoting Economic Development & Advocacy

- Joint Chambers trip to Olympia included 80 delegates from all three local Chambers, bringing a unified voice from the east side of the state.
- Partner in monthly economic development meeting with City of Spokane Valley.
- Tourism workshop with partners in our region to retain, grow, expand, and invest to further serve the growing opportunities for tourism locally.
- Recruited champions for The BIG 5 initiatives which are gaining momentum.
- Strategic alliance with the Cities of Liberty Lake and Spokane Valley continue with generous grants for economic development activities.

Dedicated to Education

- Support of the East Valley Maintenance & Operations Levy. Strong graduation rates are tied directly to levy funding.
- Supported the delay of the "levy cliff" to secure a strong transition for funding education for our school districts.
- Vocational scholarships were added to the programs supported through Spokane Valley Chamber Foundation.

Building Member Value

- Recognition & celebration of Citizen of the Year, Chuck Hafner, and other awards recipients at the Annual Gem of the Valley Gala.
- Exclusive local partner with Google Street View Indoors team to bring the popular Google Maps "Street View" technology INSIDE businesses.
- Business Connections programs highly rated among attendees and continue to grow in attendance.
- Expanded educational networking opportunities with Let's Talk Shop workshops.

What's Ahead

- The Business Showcase expanded to Spokane County Fair & Expo Center. Our new location and floor plan features more exhibit spaces and improved attendee flow for networking and making new business connections.



A quarterly report of our progress on The BIG 5 initiatives and our strategic plan

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The BIG 5 gains momentum



Greater Outdoors

- Research from City of Spokane Valley demonstrates early reports of needs/opportunities for outdoor sports-plexes in the Valley.
- Study to be conducted in partnership with Cities, County, and CVSD to identify supporting needs in an outdoor sports-plex project.
- Stakeholders identify needs with the County for upgrades to parks and Plantes Ferry.
- Discussions with champions from the outdoors for our rivers and trails continue to identify means by which we can promote and protect existing efforts and collaborate.

Greater Goods

- Official announcement made for the Chamber to produce the rebranded "Manufacturing Matters EXPO" to be held at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, September 2016.
- Efforts underway to bring together studies from our partners in the region to identify next steps for economic growth, expansion and support for manufacturing in our Valley continues.

Greater Learning

- Meetings with Superintendents to identify needs and opportunities to forge a deep collaborative effort with our business community in a strategic step forward.
- Discussions of quarterly engagements to span the market over a possible 2-year period to build out not merely a strong workforce, but illumine and inspire pathways for our youth.

Greater Cures

- Middle to Med school pipeline discussion to expand and touch all aspects of the medical field and provide inspiration to the opportunities found in the medical community offering 20% of the jobs in the national GDP.

Greater Vision

- Retail research by City of Spokane Valley
- Restaurant Roadmap
- Economic Forecast inspired by the BIG 5 for our Valley by Steve Scranton, Chief Investment Officer for Washington Trust Bank

VISION

Focused on the core values and attributes that draw business and industry to our region, the BIG 5 serves as both the beacon and the compass for economic prosperity and community vitality for the Greater Spokane Valley region.

ABOUT THE BIG 5:

The Greater Spokane Valley Chamber is dedicated to building and promoting collaborative partnerships that stimulate economic prosperity and serve the common good.

The BIG 5 is a community engagement effort, launched by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce to identify and drive community-wide initiatives that stimulate community vitality and nurture economic prosperity for the Greater Spokane Valley region.

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Learn more under The BIG 5 tab at spokanevalleychamber.org. If you'd like to get involved in The BIG 5, answer the 3 questions link easily found on any of the BIG 5 pages, or call our office at 509-924-4994.