

Chamber News



January 2025



Following up from the Amazing Annual Report

Let's keep the momentum going. Why join the Chamber? It's as easy as **ABC**.

And don't forget about these benefits and information available to our members: Maps, Demographic Information, Community Brochures, Leadership Winchester, Relocation Information, Free Job Postings on Website.

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Advertise for Your Business

- Listing and Website Link on Chamber Website Business Directory
- Membership Directory
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- Sponsorship Opportunities at Chamber Events
- Brochure/Business Card Display and Enclosure in Relocation Packets
- Member Referrals

Belong to a Network of Businesspeople

- Business Referrals
- Networking Breakfasts
- Business After Hours Mixers
- New Member Luncheon
- Lunch-N-Learn Seminars
- Annual Membership Meeting
- Annual Golf Scramble
- Volunteer on one of our Committees

Community!

- Member – to – Member Referrals
- Recognizing Outstanding Members of the Community at the Annual Awards Banquet
- Partner with Other Community Groups
- Chamber Sponsored Scholarships for Deserving Students

The Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for our members to promote and enhance our community through business, social, cultural and educational programs.



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NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Heartstrings Songwriters Circle

Striving to educate, elevate, and celebrate the songwriter in the craft of songwriting and the art of performing original songs.

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Wink Design

Get noticed. Be remembered. Since 2017, I've helped businesses, communities, and individuals create eye-catching graphics and compelling experiences that connect with their audience. Whether it's designing visuals that leave a lasting impression or shaping interactions that bring people together, I focus on making every project meaningful and effective. In short, I turn ideas into action. If you need help turning your vision into reality, let's work together to make it happen.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5, Wednesday Breakfast

with Adecco
at 1930 Bypass Road, 8:00 - 9:30am

February 7, Friday Breakfast

with CRMC & BCTC
at 1919 Rolling Hills Lane, 8:00 - 9:30am

February 20, Thursday Leadership Winchster

with Mayor Reed as Day Chair
for State Government Day

February 24, Monday Board of Directors Meeting

at 61 S. Main Street

February 25, Tuesday Lunch - N - Learn

with Kentucky Riverkeepers, "All Things River"
at 61 S. Main Street, 11:30am - 1:00pm

February 27, Thursday Breakfast

with Clark County Public Schools
at 1600 West Lexington Avenue, 8:00 - 9:30am

2025 Schedule of Chamber Breakfasts & After Hours

UPDATED 2/6/2025
THERE'S STILL TIME TO SCHEDULE YOURS!

- February -

February 5, Wed: Breakfast / Adecco /1930 Bypass Road

February 7, Fri: Breakfast / BCTC & CRMC / 1919 Rolling Hills Lane

February 27, Thurs: Breakfast / Clark County Public Schools / 1600 West Lex Ave

- March -

March 19, Wed: Breakfast / Freedom Realty, Martin Appraisal & Citizens Bank /

624 West Lexington Avenue

March 26, Wed: Breakfast / Winchester Police / 16 South Maple Street

- April -

April 8, Tues: After Hours / Leeds Center for the Arts / 37 North Main Street

April 17, Thurs: After Hours / Halls on the River / 1225 Athens Boonesboro Road

April 23, Wed: Breakfast / Partners in Education / Baker Intermediate School / 1645 Martin Luther King Jr Drive

April 29, Tues: Breakfast / Legacy Greenscapes / 1107 Lexington Avenue

- May -

May 8, Thurs: Breakfast / Arts on Main / 31 North Main Street

May 13, Tues: Breakfast / BIGGBY Coffee / 200 Codella Drive

- August -

August 7, Thurs: Breakfast / Lady Veterans Connect / 11400 Irvine Road

August 13, Wed: Breakfast / Ale 8 Bottling Company / 25 Carol Road

- September -

Sept 4, Thurs: Breakfast / Rose Mary C. Brooks Place / 200 Rosemary Drive

Sept 15, Mon: Breakfast / Community First Insurance / 103 North Maple Street

- November -

Nov 6, Thurs: Breakfast / East Kentucky Power / 4775 Lexington Road

- December -

Dec 4, Thurs: Breakfast / Bluegrass Heritage Museum / 217 South Main Street

Dec 11, Thurs: After Hours / Burke and Herbert / 1705 Bypass Road 2/4/2025

Breakfasts 8:00am - 9:30am
After Hours 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Host a Chamber Event & Spotlight Your Business!



Looking for a great way to showcase your business and connect with fellow Chamber members? Host a Breakfast, Lunch 'n' Learn, or After Hours event! These gatherings provide a fantastic opportunity to share what you do, build relationships, and engage with the local business community in a relaxed setting.

Whether you want to educate, network, or simply welcome people into your space, we'll help you make it a success. Ready to get on the calendar? Contact the Chamber today!

Please Join Winchester Chamber of Commerce Trip to Visit France

Oct 11 - 19, 2025

Paris & Nice

Very Special 9-DAY Package

Plus Normandy

USD\$4,099

PARIS NORMANDY GIVERNY BAYEUX NICE CANNES MONACO ANTIBES



Your Trip Including

- Roundtrip international airfare & Tax • 9-day deluxe tour package
- 4-star hotel accommodations, breakfast & lunch • Deluxe bus tours
- Fluent English-speaking tour guides • Entrance fees to attractions

Day 1 – Cincinnati (CVG)/Paris

Check in at Cincinnati (CVG) Airport for a connection flight for Paris. Overnight on the flight.

Day 2 & 3 – Paris

Change the connection flight and arrive at Paris, the City of Lights, and the capital of France. You will be met at the airport by your tour guide and start city tour to explore Paris, including a drive along the **Champs Elysees** to the **Arc de Triomphe**. View the **Eiffel Tower**, **Les Invalides**, the **Latin Quarter**, and **Opera District**, **Notre Dame** and **Place de la Concorde**. Afternoon visit **Louvre Museum**, originally built in 12 to 13 century. Bus excursion to Visit **Versailles**.

Day 4 & 5 – Paris/Normandy/Mont de St. Michel/Loire Valley/Bayeux/Giverny/Tapestry/Bayeux

Visit **St. Mere Eglise** on the **Cotentin Peninsula**, where the allied invasion began 75 years ago on June 6, 1944—**D-Day**. Visit **Utah Beach**, then make a stop at the **Ranger Memorial** at **Pointe de Hoe**. **Omaha Beach**, the site of **Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial**, which covers 172.5 acres and contains the graves of 9,387 American soldiers. Visit the former house of **Claude Monet** at **Giverny**. See the intricate **Bayeux Tapestry**. Visit **Utah Beach**.

Day 6 – Paris/Nice/Cannes

Train trip to Nice. City tour and sightseeing include the **Old Town of Nice**, the **Palace Massens**, the **Promenade des Anglais**, the **Bay of Angeles**, the **Cimiez Monastery**, the **Russian Orthodox Cathedral**, **Cannes** and view the **Palais des Festivals**.

Day 7 – Nice/Monaco/Monte Carlo/Nice

Bus follow the scenic **Moyenne Corniche**, bound for the **Principality of Monaco**. Visit **Medieval Eze**, **La Turbie**, the **Roman-Byzantine Monaco Cathedral**, the **Prince's Palace**, a 12th Century **Genoese Fortress**, the **Residence of the Rulling Grimaldi Prince of Monaco**. Drive to **Monte Carlo** to see the **Grand Casino** and **Monaco Grand Prix Race Track**.

Day 8- Nice/Antibes/Nice

Bus excursion along the **Mediterranean Coastline South** to **Antibes**. City tour and sightseeing include the **Old Town**, the **Museum of Picasso**, the **Fort Carre**, **Le Nomade**, the **Eglise Notre Dame de la Pinede**, and the **Cap d'Antibes**.

Day 9 – Nice/Cincinnati (CVG)

Take connection flight to Cincinnati (CVG) Airport, you arrive on same day.

*Price reflects double share occupancy
5-star service standard with low group travel rate
Add \$900 for single room supplement
Including post departure group travel protection
Valid passport required
Free shuttle bus on departure and return day
Accept credit card payment without handling charge
Including everything on itinerary and tax*

**A trip orientation meeting will be held
5:30 – 7:00 pm, Tuesday March 11, 2025
Winchester Clark Chamber-Commerce
61 South Main Street
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Call Cindy at Chamber for Details
859-744-5627 859-744-6420**

Plan now to join Winchester Chamber group for this France adventure. Please call Cindy 859-744-5627 for the trip details, email registration to cindybanks@winchesterkychamber.com Web site www.winchesterkychamber.com Tour Operator: Citslinc International, Inc. 1-844-262-1100 Email citslinc@aol.com Web site www.citslinc.us

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each person traveling.

Contact Information

Full name (by Capital Letters), please attach with your passport name page:

First Middle Last

Your Chamber name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail (by Capital Letters): _____

Who you are sharing a room with: _____

Who you would like to travel with: _____

Type of Room (please check one): 1 King Bed 2 Queen Beds Triple Beds

** When making your reservation, **IF YOU DO NOT PAY THE SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** you will be paired with another passenger of same gender who is also traveling alone, that has the same itinerary .

Deposit Information

A non-refundable registration fee of USD\$400 per person is due with your registration and is included in your total tour fare. The balance is due on or before June 30, 2025.

Check Enclosed (Payable to Chamber) Check # _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____ Name on Card _____

A valid passport is on passengers' responsibility. Please attached the jpeg copy of your passport information page.

Signature _____ Please mail registration to chamber. Tour Operator: Citslinc International, Inc. 108 N. Ynez Ave., # 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754 ♦ Toll Free (844) 262-1100, Email: citslinc@aol.com Web site: www.citslinc.us Cell for text message: Leo (949) 637-6688 leo@citslinc.us Katie (626) 716-0886 citslinc3288@gmail.com office@citslinc.us

A non-refundable registration fee of USD\$400 per person is required and due at the time you register. This will be deducted from your total tour fare, the balance of which will be due by June 30, 2025. If you need to cancel the trip for any reason after June 30, 2025 you will be at a loss of USD\$800 on top of the USD\$400 registration fee, otherwise you will receive a full refund (minus the USD\$400 non-refundable registration fee).

Securing or updating a passport is your responsibility. Passports must be valid 6 months past travel date. The U.S. and Canadian residents do not need for any visa application.

There will be a valuable pre-tour briefing for all participants; date, time and location will be announced. We will answer all of your questions and familiarize you with details you will need to know. Citslinc International Inc. has 38 years of experience in the travel industry and we are confident we can respond to your inquiries to your satisfaction.

Please check all that apply:

- I will attend Oct 11 - 19, 2025 trip
- I wish to upgrade my airfare to Int'l Business Class - USD\$9,000
- Please upgrade me to a single room for an additional USD\$900 (Accommodations are based on double-share)
- I will pay for deposit \$400 by my credit card
- I pay for deposit \$400 by check enclosed

HAPPENINGS

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Chamber Boot Camp



KCCE welcomed 24 local chamber professionals representing 15 chambers from across Kentucky this week for KCCE Boot Camp! The group learned about managing chamber operations and finances, sharing policy and advocacy best practices, membership engagement, board member onboarding, and more.

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Leadership Winchester Economic Development Day

Hosted by Brad Sowden, Executive Director of Winchester Industrial Development Authority



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Envision AI Solution Lunch-n-Learn

The Envision AI Solutions Lunch-n-Learn provided a fascinating overview of how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming industries and reshaping business operations. Attendees learned about the role of AI in streamlining processes, enhancing customer experiences, and optimizing tools like CRM systems. It was an eye-opening session that highlighted both the opportunities and challenges of integrating AI into business strategies.

This blurb was written by ChatGPT!

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Breakfast with McDonald's



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Ribbon Cutting for Heartstrings Songwriters Circle



Trish Torline cuts the ribbon celebrating Heartstrings Songwriters Circle membership into the Winchester-Clark County Chamber of Commerce. Heartstrings Songwriters Circle Showcase located at The Hall Coffee and Social Club is a live music event that celebrates the craft of songwriting and the story trees that connect us through music. The showcase happens on the 4th Thursday of the month 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

For more information call (859) 556-0653

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Board Member Leslie Aitken Retires



The Chamber is proud to congratulate Leslie Aitken on her retirement from the Clark County Health Department! Leslie's years of service have made a lasting impact on our community, and we are grateful for her dedication and leadership. While she's retiring from her role at the Health Department, we're thrilled that she will continue to serve on the Chamber Board. We look forward to her ongoing contributions and wish her all the best in this new chapter!

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Police Chief James Hall Retires



Police Chief James Hall has served the Winchester PD for 25 years, and in those years, remained dedicated to serving and protecting his neighbors. He leaves a legacy through the men and women he helped train up in the department, especially in his many years in the Criminal Investigations Division. We appreciate his leadership and commitment.

We wish him the very best in his retirement and thank him for dedicating his entire law enforcement career to the City of Winchester.

On February 1, Sgt. Travis Thompson officially stepped into the role of Chief. Thompson.

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