

January Newsletter



Quarry Days: June 27th-29th, 2025

Quarry Days, the annual Dell Rapids community celebration, will be held June 27th through 29th this year. Start making your plans for a fun-filled weekend in Dell Rapids!

The Chamber board is busy making plans for the celebration. The weekend will have familiar favorite activities such as the golf tournament, parade, vendor show in the park, street dance, park entertainment, and more. The event will end with a fireworks show on Sunday.

As planning continues over the next couple of months and more details are finalized, the Quarry Days webpage, <https://dellrapidschamber.com/quarry-days/>, will be updated with all the details of the events and activities.

One of the fun events is the Quarry Days Vendor Show in the park. Sign-ups are underway for vendors wanting to have a booth at this year's event. If you would like to have a vendor booth in the park, visit the Quarry Days event page listed above and click on the

Craft Vendor Sign-Up link.

This year's Quarry Days will have a theme along with some new events. More details will be shared soon about the theme and events.

Be on the lookout for some exciting news about our street dance this year for Quarry Days. We are excited about the news, and we'll be sharing it very soon

We'll be sharing more information over the coming months to keep you up-to-date on all the Quarry Days happenings.



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Christmas at the Dells Wrap

As we closed out the 2024 calendar year, we also wrapped up our "Christmas at the Dells" celebration. We had wonderful weather and turnout for our weekend celebration. We also want to thank all of the businesses that hosted an event or a Santa Sighting throughout the month. There were so many opportunities for fun in Dell Rapids during the holidays.

One of our month-long events was the Grinch Pin Scavenger Hunt. We hid 10 grinch pins throughout the community for about 10 days, and then we had a second round of new

locations for another 10-day search. Thank you to all the businesses that participated in having a Grinch pin! Delight H was our big winner of the \$150 gift card package to local businesses in town!

We also want to congratulate Bowling for Zander for the Best Representation of Lights at the parade; Orchard Hills for Best use of Lights at the parade; Anniah, Millie, Katelyn, and Paisley as our color contest winners; Jennifer as the Cookie Decorating winner; and Jeremy as the House Decorating contest winner!



Open Board Positions

The Dell Rapids Chamber of Commerce has 4 board positions up for vote this year at the Annual Banquet. If you would like to be a part of the board, you can submit your application at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/250124035040134>

Board member responsibilities include promoting local businesses, attending monthly meetings held on the evening on the second Tuesday of each month, participate in task committees, and assist with the planning and execution of community events.



Dell Rapids Scrooge

Marcy Stykel, owner of Dell Rapids Pizza Ranch, was the winner of our "Dell Rapids Scrooge" food drive during the month of December! Thank you to everyone who donated to this event.

The food drive collected 231 individual items as well as \$1,237.00. The items and monetary donations were divided between The Storehouse and The Daily Bread Food Pantry.

Marcy will be the Grand Marshal of the 2025 Christmas at the Dells Parade of Lights for having the most points in the contest!



Website Updates Coming

The Dell Rapids Chamber website, dellrapidschamber.com, will be undergoing some updates over the next few months.

In a way to help bring more benefits to our business members, the website will have a new Membership Directory. With the new directory, business members will get their own login that will allow them to update their own information as well as post any updates they would like to share. Visitors to the website will be able to send emails to the businesses directly from the Chamber website.

A second update that is in the planning stages is a new Business Resource section for the business members. Be on the look out for these new features coming soon.

A new feature to the website that is currently active is a link for business members and residents to submit events that are happening. We want to make sure that we get all the events in Dell Rapids shared, and this is another way that people can let us know about an event that we may be missing.



Annual Banquet

The Dell Rapids Chamber Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 9th at The Riverside event center from 5-7pm. Social hour begins at 5pm with dinner starting at 6pm. More information on how to purchase tickets will be coming soon!



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Future Planning Update

The Dell Rapids Chamber board is currently undergoing strategy sessions to help us better align our goals and plans to the needs of our community businesses. The first phase of the planning is complete, which was the business surveys. We want to thank everyone who took a moment to answer the survey questions and provide valuable feedback to us.

The group has gone through an initial look at the data and responses to the survey. The next step for us as a group is to have a strategy planning session. We will deep dive into the survey results and brainstorm ideas and goals that will meet

the asks and need of our local businesses.

Our goal is to share some of the ideas and goals that come from our planning session with the businesses and the community during our Annual Banquet. The Annual Banquet is set for Sunday, March 9th.

If you didn't get a chance to take the survey, but still want to share some thoughts, please email us at office@dellrapidschamber.com. We welcome any feedback on things that our businesses need to help them be as successful as they possibly can be!



A Few Notes To Remember



- Be sure to follow us on Facebook, @DellRapidsChamber, and check out the website regularly for a listing of local events
- Please let us know of any upcoming events/promotions that you'd like included in the future by emailing office@dellrapidschamber.com
- Chamber meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at 511 E 7th St, west entrance of River Community Church
- Remember we are made up of mostly volunteers, so please be kind!

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