

# BEL AIRE

Area Chamber  
of Commerce

Linking Community & Business

*Know the facts*

*before joining...*

## FACT SHEET

### **About the Chamber**

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce was formed in 2008 to promote local business interests and civic engagement with the greater community. A small dedicated membership base has worked hard to build and strengthen the organization. The all-volunteer Board of Directors is dedicated to the success of this organization and its committed to pursuing membership growth

### **Mission Statement:**

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce has been established to foster a medium for enriching the lives of the citizens and businesses of Bel Aire, fostering communication between government and business, promote business and community growth, interact within the community utilizing civic, social and cultural activities and other purposes.

### **Chamber Goals:**

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce has established general goals. In the coming years, the Chamber will work to accomplish the following goals and meet other challenges that may occur:

- The Chamber will continue to focus on retaining and expanding businesses as well as recruitment of new members. The Chamber will work with employers to develop strategies to bring more potential employees to the community.
- The Chamber will seek new avenues to inform members and public about business developments, programs and services, including the development of an online database of area businesses.
- The vitality of the community depends upon the quality of leadership. The Chamber will continue to sponsor leadership events and training to develop and encourage leaders who will be willing and able to successfully guide community organizations and activities.

### **Meetings:**

The Chamber meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Unless otherwise announced, the meetings take place in the Community Room at City Hall in Bel Aire, Kansas. They start off with a short business meeting followed by lunch and a guest speaker.

### **Board of Directors:**

Lauren Thiessen with Scott Rice Office Interiors, *Chair Person*

Ty Lasher with the City of Bel Aire, *Past Chair Person*

Tom Church with Catholic Care Center, *Secretary*

Brad Edwards with Chisholm Trail State Bank, *Treasurer*

*Questions?*

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## BENEFITS

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce has many benefits to offer your business. We are also a new and growing organization open to change and incorporating new ideas into our services offered.

### **Networking Opportunities**

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce provides a great opportunity to meet other area business leaders and build mutually beneficial relationships. Business referrals from the Chamber and it's members can dramatically increase business.

### **Business Directory**

All members of the Chamber will be included in the Bel Aire Area Business Directory. The online directory allows potential customers to quickly find your business and contact information.

### **Sponsorship & Advertising**

Chamber members have the opportunity to give back by sponsoring community-wide events such as Bel Aire Day or the Holiday Open House. Sponsorship is an easy way to support the local community and raise awareness of your business.

### **Access to Government Officials**

Get the inside scoop on government programs and policies that could effect your business as officials from all levels of government provide insight into what changes your business might face.

### **Recognition & Awards**

All members of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce receive a certificate of membership that shows your business supports the Bel Aire community. The Chamber staff is always working to find awards and opportunities for our members to gain recognition. We recently nominated members for the Kansas Business Award. The Chamber searches for these opportunities so you don't have to.

### **Guest Speakers**

Each month members have access to industry leaders through our guest speaker/lecturing series. The Chamber brings in relevant helpful speakers to address issues currently facing our members.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### becoming a Member

Membership is open to any organization, business or individual who supports the goals and mission of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce. Membership dues are due when an individual or organization joins the Chamber, and they will be good for the remainder of the calendar year. Each January member organizations pay their dues for the year based on the number of employees of the organization.

### Membership Fees

Annual Dues are payable when an organization joins, and they are paid annually in January of each year based on the number of employees in an organization. Dues are not prorated by date of membership application.

#### 2010-211 Fee Schedule

\$25.00 / yr.	0-4 Employees
\$50.00 / yr.	5-9 Employees
\$75.00 / yr.	10-20 Employees
\$100.00 / yr.	21-49 Employees
\$150.00 / yr.	50+ Employees

### How to Apply

Included in this packet is a membership form. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce, please fill out the form and submit to the address below with the appropriate dues amount. Applications can also be submitted online at our website [www.belaireks.gov/chamberofcommerce.cfm](http://www.belaireks.gov/chamberofcommerce.cfm)

Please send membership form and payment to:  
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