# Worth HAPPENINGS

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Hayward Area

CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE



## Up North

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## Chamber Information Desk

In March and April, our Information Specialists helped 193 guests in person and 242 guests over the phone. 631 Hayward Lakes Vacation Guides have been mailed out to people inquiring about visiting the Hayward Area, an average of 18 per business day!

#### Social Media Statistics



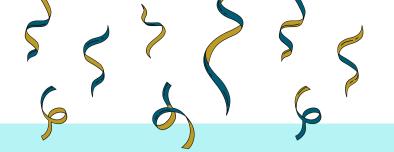
Since March 1st, the HACC has reached 207.5K people, with 754.8K content views and 11.6K interactions. In the last 28 days alone, we've welcomed 425 new followers! Your engagement helps us shine a spotlight on local businesses, events, and community initiatives—thank you for being part of our growing network. Let's keep the momentum going!



In the last 30 days, the HACC has been viewed 12.3K times, with 728 interactions! Thanks to your engagement, we're continuing to highlight the Hayward Area-keep following along for more!

#haywardwi #upnorth









The March and April Business After 5 events were outstanding celebrations of networking and connection with engaging tours of the host locations!

Special thanks go to the March host, <u>Hayward Sports Center</u>, led by Carrie Romsos, for creating a memorable evening that brought members together in a spirit of camaraderie. Gratitude also goes to the teams at <u>Hayward Community Food Shelf</u>, including all the volunteers that make their programs possible, and <u>Silver Star Market</u>, and owner Hannah Slater, whose dedication to serving our community is truly inspiring.



#### Join Us at an Upcoming **Business After 5 Event!**

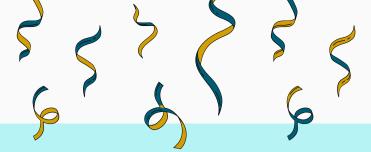
May 29th @ Timber Marine Services

June 26<sup>th</sup> @ Hayward Veteran's Center

July 31<sup>st</sup> Hayward Lions Club

@ Hayward Golf Course

Contact robyn@haywardareachamber.com if you would like to sign up to be a BA5 host in 2026!





We are excited to share and celebrate the achievements of our local businesses!

We recently held ribbon-cutting ceremonies for several members, including <u>Northern Roots</u>
<u>Septic Solutions</u>, welcoming owner Mark
Thompson to our chamber family.

We celebrated <u>Northern Lakes Cooperative</u> and their new <u>Northern Lakes Propane</u> location.

<u>Backroads Coffee & Tea</u> is brewing up fresh beginnings with new owners Chad and Alison Springer.

<u>Kozlowski Co. LLC</u>, owner Sarah Kozlowski, is marking the launch of their new website and membership.

Congratulations to <u>Ventures Unlimited Thrift</u> <u>Shoppe</u> on their new location.

We proudly celebrated the grand opening of <u>DH</u> <u>Docks & Tracks</u> as one of our newest members.

We're thrilled to see <u>New Life Resource Center</u> thriving in their new home on Dyno Drive.

Together, we're building a stronger, more connected Hayward area—thank you for being an essential part of this vibrant community!

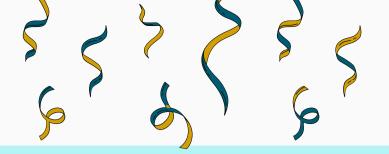






held a DNR Hunter Education course at the Hayward Middle School. The program featured skilled instructors from SCOPE, who provided practical lessons on firearm safety using state-approved guidelines. Alongside emphasizing safe gun handling, the course highlighted respect for fellow hunters and the importance of caution in outdoor and range settings. Youth participants who completed the course were presented with a blaze-orange hunting vest, a gift from <u>SCOPE!</u>

We're thrilled to celebrate the success of Hayward's own Deanna Persson, who was recently awarded 3rd place in an art show in Punta Gorda, Florida, competing against over 200 talented entrants. Deanna, the owner of <u>Art Beat in Hayward</u>, continues to exemplify creativity and excellence, bringing recognition not just to herself but to our community as a whole. Congratulations, Deanna, on this outstanding achievement!







Our beloved downtown restaurant, The Social Kitchen & Cocktails, owned by Monica Johnson, recently received a well-deserved shoutout from @rcamposduffy on Fox & Friends. Since opening, The Social has proudly embraced healthier cooking practices by using beef tallow instead of seed oils in their fryers, delivering cleaner, more flavorful food while supporting the #MakeAmericaHealthyAgain movement.



The Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe University has launched its Elementary/Middle School Education Program, an initiative poised to make a lasting impact on Northern Wisconsin. By preparing teacher candidates who embrace Indigenous knowledge systems, this program addresses critical needs in rural and underserved areas. With a focus on culturally responsive schooling, Ojibwe immersion, and social justice education, LCOOU is helping shape a brighter future for both educators and Native communities in our region.

Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center recently earned the Frontline Award from the Wisconsin Stroke Coalition for its outstanding improvements in stroke care in 2024. By streamlining emergency response processes, including faster triaging and quicker access to CT scans and medication, the team achieved a remarkable 47% improvement in treatment times. This milestone not only sets a new benchmark for rural healthcare but also underscores their commitment to exceptional patient care. Congratulations to the entire team for this well-deserved recognition!









Congratulations to <u>Hayward Mercantile LLC</u> on celebrating 25 incredible years of serving our community! Your dedication and impact have been a cornerstone of downtown Hayward—here's to many more successful years ahead!



Norvado is commemorating 75 remarkable years of service to the Northwoods region in 2025. This milestone highlights their enduring commitment to connecting communities and driving innovation in the area.



Welcome!

#### OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Please click on the business name to visit their website or social media.

DH Docks & Tracks Hayward

Precise Exteriors, LLC

Padua Exterior, Inc.

Greater Hayward House of Hope

Hawksford Dental Care

Weber's Northwoods Tavern

Rural Mutual Insurance - Joshua Huray Agency

**R&M** Dock and Lift

<u>Timber Bay - Hayward</u>

Northwoods Tennis Club

AOG Construction and Landscaping

<sup>\*\*</sup>Pictures and information were provided on business or organization Facebook/web pages.

#### Chamber Board & Stafff



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Do you have some exciting news to share or a remarkable event you've noticed in the community? We would love to hear about it!

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