

# The Biz Buzz

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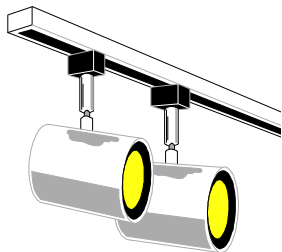
## Business News Brief

Shakopee Valley RV Park located at 1245 Bluff Avenue East in Shakopee, is now owned by Dave and Dar Rose.

## Member Announcements

- Discover the holiday traditions of 19<sup>th</sup> century Minnesotans at Folkways of the Holidays, weekends in December at **The Landing – MN River Heritage Park** on Saturdays from 10am – 4pm and Sundays from 11am to 4pm. This is a fun holiday event and the perfect way to start your own holiday tradition. For more information, please visit <http://www.threeriversparks.org/>!
- **Raceway Park** will be hosting World Championship Snowmobile Racing on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 3:30pm each day. Gate fees are \$20 per day or \$30 for the weekend. For more information, please visit [www.pro-ice.com/](http://www.pro-ice.com/)!
- **Kubes Realty Inc.** invites KIDS and PETS to get their pictures taken with SANTA outdoors on Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm at their office in New Prague at 115 1st Ave. East and Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2pm at their office in Shakopee at 1221 East 4th Ave. There will be coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to share! Everyone is welcome! They will also be accepting donations for the local food shelf.

## Business in the Spotlight



### Underwater Adventures

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Underwater Adventures Aquarium is filled with 1.2 million gallons of water and is home to 5,000 sea creatures. With a tunnel the length of a football field, you will see freshwater fish from Minnesota lakes and rivers, Amazon River fish like stingrays, saltwater fish from all over the world like sea turtles, eels, octopus and sharks all swimming over your head! We also do educational programs both on-site and off-site, overnight programs, birthday parties, behind the scene tours, group packages and you can also immerse yourself into the tanks when you try out our scuba diving and snorkel programs.

Some awards that we are proud to have won are "Worlds Best Shark Encounter" from the Discovery Channel, "Cleanest Kitchen" from the Bloomington CVB and "Worlds Largest Underground Aquarium".

Making a difference in our community through educational programs, donations and business development is important to Underwater Adventures. We introduce school kids from all over Minnesota to marine life both in their schools and at the aquarium. The MN Children's Museum, school students, animal shelters and small charities are only a few of the groups that Underwater Adventures donates to annually. With the networking opportunities that the Chamber creates and the partnerships that Underwater Adventures creates together, we believe we can build our business.

Please check out the following events at Underwater Adventures:

*Food Drive* – Now

*Scuba Santa*: Select Saturday s and Sundays, November 28<sup>th</sup> thru December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Toys for Tots* – Now thru December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*New Years Eve Overnight* – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009

*Tunnel of Love; Celebrate Valentines Day* – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*Metro Dive Show; Experience everything marine and dive related!* – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*Mothers Day Event* – Date TBD in May – Looking for exhibitors to be a part of this big event!

## Committee Members Wanted!



The Shakopee Chamber is looking for Committee members for our upcoming events like Kids Expo and Ladies Day Out. In particular, the **Kids Expo** committee needs your help and volunteer time since this is the first event of its' kind. Kids Expo is a primary expo for kid's products from newborns to teens. If you have any questions about this committee or any others or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Emily at 952-445-1660 or email [estrom@shakopee.org](mailto:estrom@shakopee.org). Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the Chamber and meet others! We would really appreciate your help and input on this great event that is expected to be one of our biggest events of the year!

## Upcoming Chamber Events



### Holiday Food Drive Challenge

The Holiday Food Drive is in full swing! The pounds have been rolling in already this week. Stay tuned next week for a more detailed listing of businesses in the lead! Be sure to drop off receipts at the Chamber office so that we can record your pounds and announce weekly updates in the Biz Buzz. Remember, collection dates are now through December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you have questions, or would like to donate a prize for a winner in a category, please call 952-445-1660. Promote your business while helping people in need during this holiday season.

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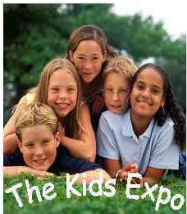
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### Holiday Mixer



The Chamber will be hosting a Holiday Mixer on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at The Wilds Golf Club in Prior Lake. The cost to attend is \$20. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other chamber members while getting into the holiday spirit! **Holiday Carolers** will be in attendance to spread some Holiday cheer. We will also be holding drawings for **door prizes**. *Sponsorship opportunities are available!* To find out how to have your own commercial during this fun networking event please contact Carol Anderson at [canderson@shakopee.org](mailto:canderson@shakopee.org)! For any other questions or to RSVP, please contact Emily at [estrom@shakopee.org](mailto:estrom@shakopee.org).

### Kids Expo



The Kids Expo Committee is hard at work planning for the 2010 expo that will take place at Canterbury Park. This will be a one day event held on a Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm. Kids Expo is a primary expo for children's products from newborn to teens. If you would like to help plan this event, have interest in participating, providing entertainment or have any other questions, please contact Emily at [estrom@shakopee.org](mailto:estrom@shakopee.org). Sponsorship opportunities are available! Call 952-445-1660 for more information.

For more information or to register for Chamber events, please visit our website at <http://shakopee.org/chamber-of-commerce/events>.

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2009 Annual Food Drive Challenge Winners

