

# Chamber Ribbon Cutting – Grand Openings

Thank you for your investment in the tri-county area community!

Celebrate your new business, new location or renovations by hosting a Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening –
a complimentary service of the TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce.

### The Chamber will supply for NON-Members

- Red ribbon and giant scissors.
- ✓ A Chamber representative will join your Ribbon Cutting event to help stage a photo of your ceremony.
- Framed photo commemorating your ribbon cutting delivered the week after event.
- Your event details can also be placed in the Community Calendar of Events on the Chamber website.

### The Chamber will supply for TIERS Members:

The Chamber will supply all of the above, PLUS...

- Celebrate it's a party! The Chamber will bring balloons, for a festive feel to the event.
- ✓ The Chamber can design a marketing piece for your event.
- ✓ The Chamber will post your event details on the Chamber's
- ✓ The Chamber will send a pre-event press release to local media.
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- ✓ The Chamber will provide light refreshments at your discretion. Some businesses only have time to cut the ribbon and then get back to business, while some provide refreshments for the event.
- ✓ The Chamber can Invite Local Elected Officials to your event, per your request.
- ✓ The Chamber can invite Local Media Reading Eagle and The Mercury, per your request.

# <u>Items to consider and ideas to improve your event:</u>

Ц	rour ribbon cutting will be the first time many people enter your business. Consider giving tours or demonstrations, discounts of products and services, hand out marketing materials including brochures, price lists and/or sample products that will encourage your guests to become customers.
	Your agenda should include: someone to welcome the attendees at your event, tell the story of your business, recognize your VIP guests, and thank them for attending. You may want to ask the VIP guests to make remarks.
	Invite anyone who may have been involved in the opening of your business (i.e. contractors, realtors, suppliers, vendors)
	Invite Customers, Clients, Staff, Neighbors, Family, and Friends.

(Please fill out the reverse side and submit to the Chamber)

- ✓ All items supplied to non–members, PLUS...
- Chamber Ambassadors (volunteers from Chamber Member businesses) invited to your special event to hold the ribbon and be included in the photo, at your request.
- ✓ The Membership can also be invited.
- ✓ The Chamber will share your Ribbon Cutting Photo on the Chamber's social media platforms.
- The Chamber will share your Ribbon Cutting Photo on its website.
- ✓ Your photo and business information will be included in the Chamber's monthly Membership email newsletter.
- ✓ The Chamber will write and send a news release to its media contacts after your celebration.
- ✓ The Chamber will do Saturday Ribbon Cuttings based on availability.

# Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

## Please fill out this form and return to the Chamber

Cor	mpany Name	
Pro	posed Date of Event Proposed Time of Event	
Mai	in Contact Name	
Pho	one Email	
Add	dress of Ribbon Cutting Location	
Tell	I us about your business (summary will be used in the event press release):	_
Add	ditional information for the Chamber to know: (who will be speaking at the event, will you have prizes, etc.)	_
	I would like a list of Chamber Member Caterers to help plan my event.	
<u>Ac</u>	Iditional questions to help the Chamber prepare:	
	Are you coordinating with another event (grand opening, open house, refreshments provided, etc.)? Do you have a agenda for the event to prepare our Ambassadors if they will need to budget time beyond just the ribbon cutting? (please share your plans with us)	in
	If you are a Chamber Member, do you want the Chamber to share the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony details with the etire Chamber Membership? If yes, do you have an invitation the Chamber should use	n-
	Would you like us to contact you regarding additional assistance you may need?	