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JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 15 1:00 P.M.	Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day



NEW YEAR CHAMBER MEETINGS

Just a reminder that there will be **NO CHAMBER MEETING UNTIL MARCH 10th, 2009**

As mentioned in last months newsletter the Board of Directors decided to hold quarterly chamber meetings in 2009.

Our first meeting will be a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 10th. (more info on the luncheon will be in the February Newsletter.)

The remainder of the year our meetings will be as follows:

May 12th breakfast meeting

September 11th luncheon meeting and 9/11 Memorial Service

December will be our holiday luncheon meeting. (no date at this time)

We are hoping that by only 4 general business meeting a year more chamber members will be able to attend.

CITY SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE



All City of Chicago businesses and commercial property owners are required, under Municiple Code, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property or business (Section 4-4-310 and 320). Business

owners should clear a path of at least 5 ft. in width. It is also important to remember that a sidewalk free from snow and ice is provision of your business license



Holiday Coloring Contest Winners (photo taken at Jefferson Park Fieldhouse)

Please note that the chamber office will be closed January 19th for Martin Luther King Day

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2009 Membership Drive

Membership Invoices have been mailed out for 2009 renewal. Your invoice includes your 2009 dues and/or directory ad/newsletter ad. **Deadline** for inclusion in the 2009-2010 Membership Directory and Community Guide is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2009.** If you have any questions regarding your invoice please do not hesitate to contact the chamber office.

NEWSLETTER BUSINESS CARD ADS

FOR 2009

We are taking either renewal or new business card size ads for 2009. The cost of having your business card in the newsletter for the whole year is \$100. We only have room for 18 cards so we will take your reservation on a first come first serve basis, so please act quickly to reserve a spot. Call the chamber office today at (773) 736-6697. A business card ad can be emailed in a pdf format to Carol whether it be a new ad or a change in your current ad.

If you currently paid for an ad for 2008, that ad will expire at the end of February, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call the chamber office.

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BEST WISHES TO MICHAEL J. SWINFORD

We would like to extend our best wishes to Michael J. Swinford of Parkway Bank & Trust Company who was transferred from Parkway's Jefferson Park Branch to the Cumberland Branch as their new Branch Manager. Michael served as Treasurer to the chamber for the past 2 years and has implemented many new things for this chamber including many new ways to run Jeff Fest, he started our Bingo Extravaganza (which was a big success), he has worked with Carol in the chamber office setting up Quick Books, he put together the new format for our monthly newsletter and actually did the newsletter for almost 2 years. He was also the recipient of the 2007 Business Leader of the Year Award and the 2008 Chamber Member of the Year Award. Thank you Michael for all you have done. Michael will be replaced by Milos J. Sekulic, which many of you know as he was a long time Board Member and Chamber Secretary. We welcome you and look forward to working with you. Congratulations to both of you!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our warmest congratulations to Patrick and Jeanine Levar on the birth of their daughter, Clare Marie Levar, born on December 8th. Our best wishes also to the proud grandparents Alderman Patrick and Mary Ann Levar.

Also our best wishes go to Mario and Tina DiLorenzo on the birth of their first child, Sofia DiLorenzo who was born on Monday, December 15th, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz and 19" long. Mom, Dad and baby Sofia are all doing just great. What a great Christmas gift for these families.

BUSINESS ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The chamber will put a full page, 8 1/2" x 11". flyer in our monthly newsletter. You design it and we will print it on white or colored paper to be included in the newsletter of your choice, so you will not have to fold, label or stamp, giving you more time to do more important things for your business while still getting the word out to other chamber members. The charge for this service is \$60/month (if you supply the insert the cost is \$50/month). Over 175 newsletters go out each month.



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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

If you didn't attend our Holiday Luncheon this year you missed a great time and great networking and super delicious food.

We want to thank the Copernicus Foundation for setting up and letting us hold our luncheon in their beautifully decorated lobby. We also want to thank the children's choir from St. Pascal's Grammar School and their director Ms. Sandy Lavarini who did a wonderful job in teaching the children all the holiday songs. Last but not least we want to thank Jill from Gale Street Inn for setting up all the food for us along with a special menu for the children. (by the way the food was fantastic!)

We also gave awards to the Jefferson Park Fire Department and the chamber's 2008 Beautification Award was presented to the Gale Street Inn for their beautiful summer flower display which covers the entire front of the restaurant. Congratulations George (and Jill who makes sure all those flowers are watered daily).

We also want to give thanks to all of you who brought hats, gloves, scarves, etc. which we dropped off at the 16th District Police Station for their Battered Women and Children Program. They give their thanks also.

Lastly we want to thank George Bousies for playing Santa Claus at the park on December 17th. Good job George!

A Message from the President

As we prepare to celebrate the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce's 75th Anniversary at our Oct. 25 gala, I've had the pleasure of going through the chamber's archives. Here are a few tidbits of information which I learned about the area's history and the chamber itself.

1. The area's first schoolhouse was built at what is now Lawrence and Keeler in 1834. The first teacher, Reese Eaton, was paid \$11 a month.
2. The first house in Jefferson Park was built in the early 1830s at a cost of \$75 and was owned by Major Mark Noble.
3. In 1976, there was one crime for every 34.6 residents in Jefferson Park. That figure is now at one crime for every 50 residents.
4. In 1893 in Jefferson Park, there was one telephone for its 1,000 residents. It was installed at a saloon at Milwaukee and Ainslie. The community managed the cost of the phone by charging subscribers a \$5 annual fee, plus 25 cents for each call.
5. And finally, in the chamber's August 1965 newsletter, then-chamber president Jewel Fifielski pleaded with members to become more active: "Members, this is your organization and we need your attendance, and we would appreciate your cooperation and support." Unfortunately, the same could be written today. While the chamber has a small, but strong core of active volunteers, we could always use more help. In the next year, please consider joining a committee. We can use help planning social and networking events, our bingo fundraiser and, of course, JEFF FEST. Please call our Executive Director Carol Gawron at 773-736-3697 or me at 773-286-6100 if you would like more information on joining a committee.

I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Sincerely,

Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers



In honor of the chamber's **75th Anniversary**, we will be showing glimpses of our history in each newsletter this year. This picture was taken almost 30 years ago at a City Hall event in which Jefferson Park Chamber members met former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne (third from right). The picture includes representatives of Annes Department Store and Nadig Newspapers.

The chamber's **75th Anniversary Gala** is slated for **Sunday, October 25th, 2009 at Café LaCave.**

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Institute for Integrative Health & Wellness Supports Our Troops

From now until mid January our chamber members, The Institute for Integrative Health & Wellness, will be collecting requested supplies to send over to the American men & women serving in a local troop in Iraq or Afghanistan. Items can be dropped off at at the Institute located at 4920 N. Central Ave. (773-427-0820).

For all who donate, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a gift basket full of health & wellness products. Supplies needed are:

Mouthwash-toothbrushes-floss-snack bars-beef jerky-granola bars-tuna kits-baby wipes-nose spray-eye drops-deodorant-foot powder-hair brushes-hand lotions-hand sanitizers-nail clippers-Qtips-razors-shampoo-sunscreen-tissue-body wash-plastic spoons-zip lock baggies-batteries-duct tape-disposable cameras-mini/mag lite,extra bulbs, batteries-fly strips-fly swatters-cushion shoe insoles-socks-candy-throat lozenges-books-newspapers-sugar packs-Gatorade-powdered drinks-tea mixers-kool-aid-magazines-handmade cards from kids-American Flags-Pre-paid phone cards.

U. S. Postal Service Updates

Beginning January 18, 2009, all domestic and international package service rates (Priority/Express Mail and International Parcel) will increase by 5 percent. Also, there will be a first-class postage increase of at least 2 cents in May, 2009. UPS - beginning January, 2009, ground package services will increase 6 percent and Express Services will have a 5 percent increase. FedEx - beginning January, 2009, all express services will increase 7 percent. DHL - beginning January, 2009, will discontinue all shipping services in the United States but will continue international shipping operations.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Chicago Public Library will be closed on Thursday, January 1st, New Year's Day, Friday, January 2nd, and on Monday, January 19th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Library provides free access to the Internet in all of its locations, including WiFi access, and offers a rich resource of books, DVD's, videos and more. See their site at chicagopubliclibrary.org.

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