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# JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **NO JANUARY**

### **GENERAL**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

### **MEETING!!!!**

Thurs. Jan. 7th—3 pm  
Board Meeting

Tues. Feb. 9th—8:30  
am General Member-  
ship Meeting



The Officers and Directors of the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce wish you and yours a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



The chamber office will be moving effective February 1st, 2010. We're not going far—only up one floor—from Room 305 to Room 408B. We're not sure yet about whether we can keep our phone and fax number and will update you in the next newsletter. Therefore, effective February 1st, 2010 address any correspondence to: Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, 4849 N Milwaukee Avenue, Suite #408B, Chicago, IL 60630.



## **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our next General Membership Meeting will be a breakfast meeting at 8:30 am at the Copernicus Foundation, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue, in their first floor meeting room. We are waiting to get a final date from our guest speaker, Congressman Mike Quigley. Watch the February Newsletter and email blast for the correct date.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JANUARY, 2010**

Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce

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**Joseph Stanton, Retired**  
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Membership renewal invoices have been mailed for your 2010 Membership Dues and in some cases for directory ad renewal and newsletter ad renewal. New this year is an optional \$25 fee for you to have your business card posted on the chamber website with a link to you own company's website. (this will be an annual fee from now on).

If you have any questions regarding your invoice, please do not hesitate to contact the chamber office (773-736-6697).

When remitting your check and you want to take advantage of the new website linkage, don't forget to include your business card.

For your convenience you can charge your dues to either Visa, Master Charge or Discover cards.

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**SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE**

All Chicago businesses and commercial property owners are required, under Municipal Code, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property or businesses (Section 4-4-310 and 320). Business owners should clear a path at least 5 feet in width. It is important to remember that a sidewalk free of snow/ice is a provision of your business license (section 4-4-320 and 10-8-180). Due to the financial state of the city word has it that this will be fully implemented this year and you will be fined. So be kind to yourself and your customers and shovel.



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### **MAIL FRAUD**

Common forms of mail fraud include work-at-home offers and phony foreign lotteries, according to a U. S. Postal Service inspector who spoke at a recent crime prevention seminar for businesses at the 16th District Police Station. Inspector Mike Carroll said that classified ads which promise to pay money in exchange for mailing letters from one's home are often too good to be true. He said that victims are mailed a package with envelopes, letters and a check or money order which they are instructed to deposit in the bank account as long as they agree to wire a percentage of it to someone else.

Carroll said that by the time the victims learn that the check or money order was counterfeit, it is too late to retrieve the cash which was wire transferred. The amount on the check or money order is then deducted from the victim's bank account. Another common scam involves the mailing of letters and phony checks which tell recipients they have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes, according to Carroll. Victims are told to deposit the check, which covers only a portion on the winnings, and that they need to wire transfer funds for the taxes before the remainder of the winnings will be sent.

Fliers from the Illinois Department of Aging were distributed at the meeting encouraging banks to train their employees to recognize situations in which customers are withdrawing or transferring funds for unusual situations. The flier recommends that the teller ask the customer to talk to a bank security agent or a supervisor.

Also at the meeting, Jerry Dolan, a senior special agent with the National Insurance Crime Bureau warned businesses about con artists who make false claims of injury in order to collect from a store's liability insurance. Dolan said that in order to weed out the phony claims of injury from real ones, store managers should file an accident report with police and ask the injured person to wait until officers arrive.

Dolan said that if the injury is a fake, the con artist may leave before police arrive, possibly because he or she is using a false name.



### **CHAMBER MEMBER MARKETING OPPORTUNITY AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY OPEN HOUSE/BUSINESS EXPO**

Our Lady of Victory would like to invite local businesses to their Open House January 31st. We understand that it takes a community to build a strong school and we would like to reach out to our local businesses that have been supporting us throughout the years to make us strong. If you are interested in having a business table at OLV's January 31st Open House 10:30- 2:30 p.m, please contact Brian Nadig at [ads@nadignewspapers.com](mailto:ads@nadignewspapers.com) or Shanna Karamaniolas at [shanna\\_L78@yahoo.com](mailto:shanna_L78@yahoo.com) We are asking for a \$10 donation that will supply a breakfast buffet set for new comers to the school and towards any marketing.

This is a great networking/marketing event for your business. This will give you the chance to meet face-to-face with hundreds of prospective clients in an inviting atmosphere at Our Lady of Victory School. The school is located at 4434 N. Laramie Avenue.

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