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JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 5	Presidential Primary Don't Forget To Vote!
Feb 12 8:30 AM	General Membership Business Meeting at Gale Street Inn
Feb 26 5:00 - 7:00 PM	After Hours "Jamaica Jam" Au- tumn Green at Wright Campus
Mar 7 8:00 AM	Breakfast with your Legislators Rusty Armadillo
Mar 11 11:30 AM—1 PM	St Patrick's Day Luncheon Gale Street Inn
Aug 20	Northwest Networking Open Golf Outing

AUGUST 20, 2008 NORTHWEST NET- WORK OPEN GOLF OUTING

Things are changing for our NWNO golf outing. The place and the time. This year we'll hold the event at the Glenview Park District Golf Course at 800 Shermer Road in Glenview. Registration and lunch will be from 11:00 am - 11:45 am with a shotgun start at 12:00 Noon. Following golf there will be a 2 hour open bar and dinner and, as usual, our fantastic raffle prizes. The cost is \$150.00 per person and we can only accept 120 golfers, so get your reservations in early. Watch the next newsletter and your mail for complete details, but in the meantime MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008!

Careers

By Brian Nadig, Chamber President

At a time when high schools are increasing their efforts on preparing children for college, the Chicago Public Schools' Education To Careers program is designed to ensure that students also have the skills needed to succeed in the workplace.

The program helps improve students' communication, computer and teamwork skills and offers them internship and job shadowing opportunities at businesses, said James Peterson, partnership development manager for the ETC program. Peterson discussed the program at the Jan. 8 meeting of the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce.

Those students who participate in the program usually show an improvement in both their attendance and grades and that "it's a win-win for the businesses you have a more qualified workforce," Peterson said. The program's curriculum is based in part on feedback which the school system has received from businesses and that the program is offered at several area high schools, including Taft and Schurz. The program also has a partnership with DeVry University which allows high school students to receive an associate degree in network systems administration.

Peterson said that one of the program's biggest success stories involved a bank in Lincoln Park which hired 12 students for full-time work after they participated in an internship program for the bank. The bank also conducted career-oriented workshops at the school.

Peterson said that the importance of preparing students for the workplace is illustrated by the fact that larger retailers such as Whole Foods and Best Buy have begun spending more money on employee training because it "adds to the bottom line."



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Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison, offers the following health programs. Registration required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

- Every Monday - Families anonymous (drug and alcohol abuse)
- Feb. 5 - Diabetes support group
- Feb. 5 and 19 - Addiction education program
- Feb. 8 - Healthy aging program
- Feb. 23 - HeartFest cardiac check-up
- Feb. 28 - Arthritis support group

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FEBRUARY "AFTER HOURS" HOSTED BY AUTUMN GREEN

Chamber Member Autumn Green at Wright Campus is hosting a multi-chamber after hours networking event on Tuesday, February 26 at Autumn Green at Wright Campus located at 4239 N Oak Park Avenue (corner of Oak Park & Forest Preserve Drive). The event will be held from 5-7 pm with great food, good fun and great way to beat the winter blues with other chamber members and a good way to see Chicago's newest choice in retirement living.

Participating chambers are: Jefferson Park, Gladstone Park, Portage Park, Edison and Belmont-Central. Other chambers also invited are: Edgebrook, Sauganash, Harwood Heights, Norwood Park and Norridge.

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1. Newsletter Sponsorship

Help out the chamber with the costs associated with producing the Newsletter. Choose a month and your business will be featured as our "Business of the Month". **Sponsorship is \$85.00/month**

2. Business Card Advertisements

Promote your business with your business card for an entire year (March 1st through

February 29th, 2008). That's 12 monthly issues of the chamber newsletter for a one time fee. Twelve times to have your business card visible to potential clients. Space is limited to 18 and will be on a first come first serve basis. **Sponsorship is \$100/12 issues**

3. Business Advertisements

A full page, 8 1/2" x 11", flyer will be included in the monthly newsletter. You design it and we will print it on white or colored paper to be included in the newsletter. With no label, postage or folding, you'll have more time to run your business while we get the word out for you. **Sponsorship is \$60/month (If you supply the insert the cost is \$50/month)**



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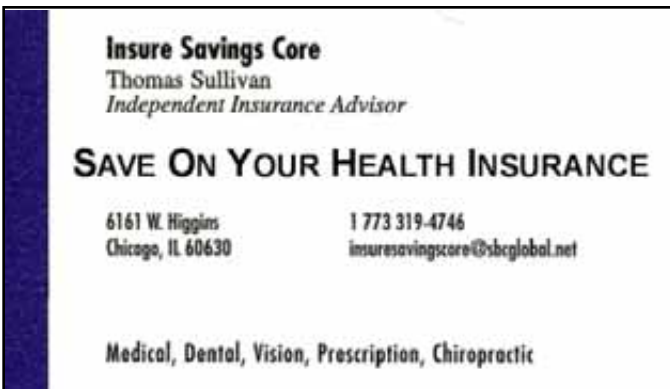


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BREAKFAST WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

Our State Representative Joseph M. Lyons has arranged with the Jefferson Park and Gladstone Park Chambers of Commerce a "Breakfast With Your Legislators" on Friday, March 7, 2008. The event will be held at 8:00 AM at the Rusty Armadillo located at 6154 N. Milwaukee Avenue. A nominal fee will be charged (more in the March Newsletter). The following Legislators are invited to speak at this breakfast:

Senator James DeLeo
Senator Ira Silverstein
State Representative Joseph M. Lyons
State Representative John D'Amico
Alderman Patrick J. Levar, 45th Ward and 45th Ward Committeeman
Alderman, Thomas Allen, 38th Ward
Alderman Brian Doherty, 42nd Ward
Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri

SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS

As you know, the Smoke Free Illinois law took effect January 1, 2008. Smoking in outdoor areas is not prohibited, however, the does prohibit smoking within 15 ft. of all entrances, windows, and ventilation intakes.

Signs clearly stating smoking is prohibited must be prominently displayed at all public and employee entrances. Signs must bear the international "No Smoking" symbol or the words "No Smoking", and be no smaller than 5'x7'. The sign should also bear the phone number and website for reporting violations. Letters, numbers, and symbols must be of sufficient size to be clearly legible to an individual of normal vision from a distance of 5 ft.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a window/door ding for your business. You may also download free signs at www.smoke-free.illinois.org. You can also learn more about the new law by contacting the Illinois Dept. of Public Health at 1-866-973-4646 or by visiting www.smoke-free.illinois.org.



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JEFFERSON PARK LIBRARY NEWS

The following are free programs presented by the Jefferson Park Public Library in February: Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10 am: The Talking Drums of Nigeria. Join in celebrating African American History Month with this family craft program presented by Julie Fair. Learn about the history of the "talking drum of Nigeria" and make a mock drum.

Call to register Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 pm: The Chicago Crime Scene, join as the Chicago author and historian Richard Lindberg talks about crime in Chicago, Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 pm: The Wednesday evening book discussion dub will feature "War of the Worlds" by H. G. Wells. Call to reserve a copy.

The Jefferson Park Chamber is planning a two-day Bingo Bonanza with you in




mind. Exciting cash jackpots and prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners. Watch for more information in upcoming News Letters. Business sponsorships are available for \$100, \$500 & 1,000 levels. Have your name in front of hundreds of participants and thousands of readers.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the following chamber members: Luanne Lally-Reid (MasterType and Print Company) on the loss of her father and to Charlie Mayer (Eight Winds Home Inspections) on the loss of his step-father. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

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