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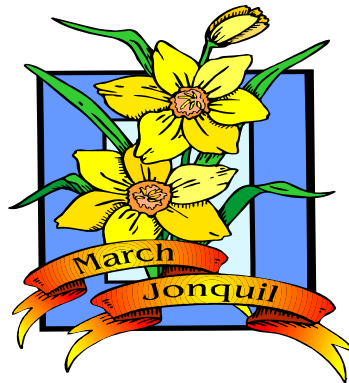
## IMPORTANT DATES

**Mar. 7th**—Change clocks  
before retiring

**Mar. 10th**—General Mem-  
bership Luncheon Meeting at  
**Gale Street Inn**

**Mar. 12th**—Board of Direc-  
tors Meeting

**Apr. 25th**—Bingo at Sokol  
Community Center



# JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

## MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING “LOOKING TO SPRING LUNCHEON”

Our first General Membership Meeting for 2009 will be a **“LOOKING TO SPRING LUNCHEON”** meeting

**When:** Tuesday, March 10th, 2009

**Where:** The Gale Street Inn, 4914 N Milwaukee Avenue

**Time:** 11:30 am to approximately 1/1:30 pm

**Cost:** \$15 per person—if prepaid (check or cash must be received in the chamber office by 3/9/09 OR \$20 if paid the day of or at the door. (we also take Visa or Master Card if you wish to pay ahead of time)

**(Reservations are needed. Remember if you make a luncheon reservation and do not attend you will be invoiced as we will be charged for your lunch)**

**Menu:** Salad, choice of Pan Roasted Tilapia or BBQ Chicken Breast, soft drinks, and ice cream

**Guest Speaker:** Our guest speaker for this meeting will be **Bridget Stalla from the City of Chicago** who will bring us up to date on the next step of the **Streetscape on Milwaukee Avenue**.

Please join us for this most informative meeting regarding how things will go from March through December with the Streetscape Program and ask first hand any questions you have regarding the program, parking, etc.

### **\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION PLEASE \*\*\*\*\***

As indicated in the January and February Newsletters our March Newsletter is being emailed to those members who have provided us with their email addresses.

We realize that not all chamber members have email but for those that do please forward it to:  
carol@jeffersonpark.net or give the chamber office a call.

If you do not have email you will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail.

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Mark your calendar now for our 1st FUNdraiser for 2009— BINGO— to be held on Saturday, March 25th, 2009 at the Sokol Community Center located at 4855 N. Elston Avenue. Doors will open at 12 Noon with Early Bird Bingo beginning at 12:30 and regular bingo at 1 PM. (all paper bingo sheets—no machines). Food and beverages are available for sale by Sokol.

We are still looking for sponsors for the Bingo Booklet that will be passed out to all attendees. Sponsorships are available from \$750, \$500 and \$100. For more info contact the chamber office.

In the meantime tell your family, friends, neighbors and your employees about this FUN event. Thank you!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be a Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, March 12th, at 1 PM at the Copernicus Foundation, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue, 2nd floor meeting room.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!!!

Mark your calendar now for the **NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN GOLF OUTING** to be held on **Wednesday, August 26th** at the **Glenview Golf Club**. The price remains the same as last year \$150 per person, which includes your 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, 2 hour open bar and dinner. Registration and lunch starting at 11 am and Shotgun Start at 12:00 Noon.

Watch your mail for more details!

**FROM THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT**

The City of Chicago is planning to launch a marketing campaign to help attract interest from developers and retailers to the eight vacant parcels on the south side of Lawrence Avenue, just to the east of Milwaukee Avenue.

At the urging of Alderman Levar, the Chicago Department of Community Development (formerly planning) will be seeking new proposals for the properties. Levar is requiring that the parcels be redeveloped under the area's existing zoning, which will allow for up to a five-story building, with both retail and residential uses.

Currently six of the parcels are privately owned, while the city owns the other two. Under an agreement with the Mega Group, the city will be allowed to market all of the properties and to negotiate a purchase price with Mega on behalf of another developer. The city has no plans to use its eminent domain authority to acquire any of the six parcels which it does not own. In addition, any proposed development would have to be constructed around the bike shop property, unless a developer were able to buy that site from its owner, as part of a private agreement that does not involve the city.

The Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce plans to assist with the marketing of the site by posting formation on our Web site ([www.jeffersonpark.net](http://www.jeffersonpark.net)) and in our newsletter and by working with the city in other ways to attract interest. The city could publish a request for proposals this spring, flowing a public hearing on the matter. While the current economic conditions will make it difficult to redevelop the parcels in the near future, let's hope that the city's latest efforts will provide the spark needed to revitalize Lawrence.

In other development news, a banquet hall has opened in the basement of a building at 4803 N. Milwaukee Ave., and the Zoning Board of Appeals has approved a plan to construct a new McDonald's at 4946 N. Milwaukee Ave., replacing the existing one. Also, don't forget that businesses located in the Jefferson Park Tax Incre-



**CITY SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE**

Please remember: all businesses and commercial property owners must, under Municipal Code (section 4-4-310/320) remove snow and ice from sidewalks and parking lots. A path of at least 5 feet wide must be cleared. Ignoring this requirement can result in jeopardizing your business license or...a lawsuit by an injured customer. So please remove the snow and ice from your sidewalks and parking lots! **Before long, spring will be here!**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 8th, 2009.

Don't forget to move your clocks one hour AHEAD before retiring on Saturday.



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## JEFF PARK MC DONALD'S TO RECEIVE THE RAY KROC AWARD

### CHICAGO McDONALD'S<sup>a</sup> RESTAURANT MANAGER HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL McDONALD'S AWARD *Claudia Hernandez to receive 2008 Ray Kroc Award*

**CHICAGO** – Chicago is home to one of the nation's top McDonald's restaurant managers. Claudia Hernandez is set to receive the Ray Kroc Award, an annual performance-based award that recognizes the top performing McDonald's restaurant managers in the country. Named after McDonald's corporate founder Ray Kroc, the award was established ten years ago in 1999 to honor hardworking restaurant managers – those who make Ray Kroc's vision of excellence come to life in restaurants and for customers each day.

A select 139 managers were chosen this year to receive the Ray Kroc Award, an honor that comes with a cash award, a Ray Kroc award trophy and pin and a trip to Chicago for an awards gala on March 3 hosted by McDonald's USA President, Don Thompson and Chief Operating Officer, Jan Fields. The banquet will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Hotel & Towers.

"I am truly honored to be a recipient of the Ray Kroc Award," said Claudia Hernandez. "McDonald's means so much to me and it's a terrific feeling to be recognized as a top restaurant manager."

Ray Kroc built the McDonald's business on the belief that greatness can only be achieved through the dedication and support of a Company's people. The award was named after him based on his commitment to people and recognizing their contributions to the organization he helped establish. Each year, this prestigious award is given to the top 1 percent of McDonald's<sup>®</sup> U.S. restaurant managers to recognize their superior performance and achievement.

"Claudia's unwavering commitment to customer service and excellence shines through in the work that she does each and everyday," said McDonald's owner/operator Jim Korus. "We are so proud to have Claudia as part of our McDonald's family and commend her on this truly amazing honor."

Hernandez, a single mom and Carol Stream resident, started out as a crewperson at the Franklin Park McDonald's, and after five years transferred to the location at 4946 N. Milwaukee where she has been a valued manager for the past eight years. Friendly, fast service is her mantra and her upbeat personality rubs off on fellow employees and customers – most of whom she knows and greets by name when they come into her McDonald's. Hernandez makes an effort to ensure her employees are always happy and rewarded for their hard work by teaching them to respect each other and having in-store parties to celebrate their positive work attitudes .



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We welcome you to our chamber family!

**OLD INSTALLATION DINNER PHOTO**



We cannot identify the year and we have 5 out of the 6 people pictured: front row, from left to right: Florence Cirzan, Chamber Executive Secretary, Mel Cieslik of Mel's Men's Shop, 16th District Police Commander Maurice K. Begner. Top row left to right: unknown, Glenn Nadig, Nadig Newspapers, and Dr. Joseph Bux, a chiropractic physician. Commander Begner died in 1969 in a plane crash, and, in his memory the Jefferson Park Chamber and the Jefferson Park Lions Club had a plaque installed at the entrance of the CTA Terminal, which still exists today.

Mark your calendar for our 75th Anniversary Installation Dinner, October 25th, at Café LaCave.

**MULTI CHAMBER BANK SEMINAR/SBIF PRESENTATION** - The Jefferson Park, Portage Park, Belmont-Central and Albany Park Chambers are sponsoring a Bank Seminar at the Bank of America second floor theater at 4901 W. Irving Pk. Rd. on Thursday, March 19th at 8:00 am. Presenters will be: Representative from Bank of America; John Paulun and Derek Walvoord from SomerCor 504 who will speak about the SBIF Program (of which Jefferson Park businesses can take advantage of also) and Mina Radia, Director of ITN Chicago, an initiative of the Chicago Dept. of Senior Services. This seminar is free of charge and refreshments will be served.



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