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JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 25th-11:30 am doors
Open for BINGO at Sokol

May 12th-8:30 am General
Membership Breakfast
Meeting/Scholarship Awards

May 20th- 10am-Noon
Constant Contact Workshop



COME ONE, COME ALL to our first FUNdraiser of the year, BINGO!

Our first **FUNdraiser** of the year will be **BINGO**, held on **Saturday, April 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 pm (**buy 2 Early Bird Bingo sheets and get 1 free**), with regular bingo beginning at 1:00 pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from Sokol. Please tell your employees, family, and friends about this fun event. Besides bingo there will be raffle tab games and free door prizes. There are no machines, all bingo games are played on paper bingo sheets.

At this time we would like to thank our \$750 Sponsors: Fischman Liquors, Parkway Bank & Trust Company and McDonald's.; our \$500 sponsor: Hoyne Savings Bank; and our \$250 sponsor: Community Savings Bank. Our \$200 sponsor is L & J Services, Shaklee Distributors; Our \$100 sponsors are: Pete's Automotive; Nadig Newspapers; Alderman Patrick J. Levar; State Farm Insurance, Scavo Agency; Show Place Realty of America; Pro-Mar Nail & Staple Company; Krakus Deli; Lucky Grill; Paterno's Pizza; Integrative Health & Wellness and State Representative Joseph M. Lyons. We thank all of you for your generous support for this event.

CHAMBER TO PROMOTE AREA VACANCIES

One of the chamber's longtime goals has always been to promote area vacancies. Given the apparent rise in empty storefront in the Jeff Park area due to these troubling economic times, the chamber plans to increase its efforts to publicize the area's commercial "for lease" opportunities. Info will be made available on the chamber's web site, in the media and in the chamber's monthly newsletters. If there are vacancies on the block where your business is located, please contact the chamber office with the address, a contact phone number, and if available, the sq. footage of the space. Carol can be reached at 773-736-6697 or carol@jeffersonpark.net. Hopefully by working together we can improve the "look" of our business district by reducing the number of vacancies.

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Mark your calendars now for our 9th Annual "Jeff Fest" . This year our event will be held in **July—Friday, July 10 from 5 pm to 11 pm and Saturday, July 11th from 12 noon to 3 pm** (for family time—free admission) continuing from **3 pm to 11 pm**. Gate donations remain at \$5 per person, children under 12 are free.

A few changes are taking place in the beer tent, draft beer will be \$3. We understand that these are tough times. If you are a chamber member and wish to have a "spot" at Jeff Fest, we have reduced the prices as follows:

Member Merchant	Member Beverage
10x10: \$50	10x10: \$200
10x20: \$100	10x20: \$400
Member Not-for-Profit	Member Food
10x10: \$25	10x20: \$750
10x20: \$50	10X30: \$1000

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NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN GOLF OUTING

By now you should have received your “Save the date” card for the Northwest Network Open Golf Outing to be held this year on **Wednesday, August 19th** at the Glenview Golf Club on Shermer Road in Glenview. Registration and lunch begins at 11 am with a shotgun start at 12 Noon (so you can still put in a couple of hours at the office. No cost increase over last year, it remains the same at \$150 pp and includes lunch with beverage, 18 holes of golf w/cart and dinner with a **2 hour PREMIUM open bar**.

Don't golf? Be sure to come for the networking with members from 5 chambers. The cost is \$50 pp and includes the **2 hour PREMIUM open bar and dinner**.

New this year is a chance to win \$20,000.00 for a “Hole in One” on the 9th hole.

Please remember that all proceeds goes to each chambers “scholarship fund”! Since the inception of the Northwest Network Open our chamber alone has given away \$24,000 in scholarships for children living in or going to school in the 60630.

Watch your mail for the official invitation with complete details and sponsorship opportunities!

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

For those of you who did not attend the March Luncheon meeting, our guest speaker was Bridget Stalla, Project Manager for the Milwaukee Avenue Streetscape Program. We had 37 people attending the luncheon and many with questions for Bridget regarding the program which started again March 16th and will continue through November, 2009. Enclosed on the next page of this newsletter is the flyer that Bridget passed out showing estimated start and completion dates of this project. If you should need to contact Bridget Stalla, her phone is: 312-742-1259.

WISE WORDS FROM THOMAS JEFFERSON

“It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.”

“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.”

“My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.”



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CDOT PROJECT B-8-215-1
MILWAUKEE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS
MONTROSE AVENUE TO GALE STREET

CDOT will be restarting work the Milwaukee Avenue Improvement project on March 16, 2009. Completion of work anticipated November 2009.

For your information, we are providing estimated start and completion dates.

Location Proposed Schedule

Milwaukee – Montrose to Giddings, W. Side* Landscaping April – June 2009

* Work completed except for landscaping and final paving.

Milwaukee – Giddings** to Gale, W. Side March 16, 2009 to Late June 2009

** Work between Giddings & Lawrence will start April 13, 2009.

Milwaukee – Montrose to Laramie, E. Side Mid-May through July 2009

Milwaukee – Laramie to Gale, E. Side End of June through September 2009

Landscaping, Final Asphalt September to November 2009

Traffic impacts:

During construction, one lane in each direction will be maintained on Milwaukee.

Left turns may be prohibited at Milwaukee and Higgins. Westbound traffic from Milwaukee and southbound traffic from Higgins may be detoured to Gale St. to/from Higgins to accommodate improvements at this intersection.

Parking will be prohibited on both sides of street within the work area.

Project Improvements: Milwaukee Ave. will be resurfaced and all sidewalks will be replaced. All sewer is being rehabilitated or replaced. Streetscape amenities include decorative street lights, trees in decorative grates, trash cans, bike racks, benches, stamped asphalt crosswalks at main intersections, and work at the Higgins Memorial triangle. All traffic signals will be upgraded. Note that "Businesses Open During Construction" signage will be installed and maintained throughout remainder of project.

U. S. POSTAGE

INCREASE

Effective Monday, May 11th the U. S. Postal Service will increase the cost of a 1 oz.



First class envelope from \$.42 to \$.44. The cost of a postcard will increase from \$.26 to \$.28 (if you purchase pre-stamped postcards the cost is \$.31 ea). For a complete list of prices for other mailing go to: www.usps.com



CHICAGO WHITE SOX OUTING

The chamber is planning a fun networking outing to a Chicago White Sox game on Monday, June 8th. Game time starts at 7:11 pm at Cellular Field, lower box seating. We are approximating the cost at \$25 per ticket (cost of ticket plus extra fees) plus whatever the cost for a bus to and/from the park (we do not have that info at this time.)

If you want to attend this event, you need to contact the chamber office and let us know so we can order tickets and make arrangements for the bus. Call (773) 736-6697 by May 1st to make your reservation.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to William Bickel and family on the passing of Marilyn Bickel, former Chief of Staff to Alderman Patrick J. Levar and great friend of the chamber. Marilyn came and supported many of our events, even after her retirement both Bill and .

Marilyn worked the gates at Jeff Fest, came to many of our luncheons and also attended the after hours at the Northwest Network Open. Marilyn always had a smile on her face and at the same time always called a spade a spade, she said it like it was. She was a very special person who touched many of our lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.



75th ANNIVERSARY INSTALLATION

DINNER AND SHOW

By now you all should have received your "Save the Date" magnet for our upcoming 75th Anniversary Installation Dinner and Show at the beautiful "Café La Cave" in Rosemont, Illinois.

We are pleased to announce that we have engaged the



Vito Zatto Show for our entertainment for the evening. Vito is a singer and entertainer who has earned a reputation for delivering quick-witted, spontaneous and high-energy entertainment. Vito knows how to get a party going...and keep it going. You'll feel like you're in a Vegas nightclub where a fun filled time is in store for you with his stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, incredible singing, audience participation and lot's of good times. Vito will be with us from the beginning of the evening till the end.

Watch the newsletter for more info about our dinner as we get closer to the event, but in the mean time, put that magnet up and mark your calendar for a great evening of fun and entertainment.

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CONSTANT CONTACT WORKSHOP

The Jefferson Park, West Ridge and Gladstone Park Chambers are co-hosting a “Constant Contact Workshop” on Wednesday, May 20th, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the Chicago Public Library located at the Northtown Branch, 6345 N. California Ave. More than 20,000 businesses, including the West Ridge Chamber, use Constant Contact to help grow their repeat and referral business. “Getting Started” will help you create and enhance your first email marketing campaigns—we’ll provide tips, techniques and guide you through the tools and features in the Constant Contact system. This product demo will walk you through the Constant Contact Email Marketing System. You’ll learn to set up your account options; build and manage your contacts; create great looking emails; work with images, and to analyze reports to maximize results. Please RSVP to Carol (either by phone or email) by May 15th. Space is limited. This is a great workshop you won’t want to miss.



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