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JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARK

IMPORTANT DATES

August 2	Board of Directors Meeting at Copernicus 1:00 pm
August 14	General Membership Meeting Copernicus Foundation 8:30 am.
August 3	Small Business Expo
August 16	Northwest Network Open Golf Outing 10:00 am Start
September 5	Deadline:Luncheon Reservations
September 6	Board of Directors Meeting at Copernicus 1:00 pm
September 11	11:00 am Memorial Service at the Veteran's Memorial - Luncheon at Gale Street Inn follows
September 12	Business Seminar Wright College
September 17 - 21	Chamber Office Makeover
September 20	Ultimate Networking Event

August Meeting

Our August General Membership Business Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH**, at 8:30 am at the Copernicus Foundation, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue.

Our guest speaker for this meeting is 45th Ward Superintendent, Nick Slywczuk. He will talk about the responsibilities of business owners to keep their property clean and clear of debris and other 45th ward issues. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO - Don't forget the City Treasurer's Small Business Expo, A New Day for Chicago Small Business. "New This Year" supplier diversity Workshops and Exhibitors. The event will be held at McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, 2301 South Lake Shore Drive, on Friday, **August 3rd, 2007** from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30

NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN GOLF OUTING

The 7th Annual Northwest Network Open Golf Outing is just around the corner. Please complete your registration form so we may include you in this great event!



Please let us know as soon as possible so we can get our plans underway. If you have any questions, please contact e chamber office. All checks should be made payable to: NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN (Not to the Chamber).

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE 3RD ULTIMATE BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT!

Once again, over twenty Chambers of Commerce and Community Groups are hosting their 3rd Annual ULTIMATE NETWORKING EVENT on Thursday, September 20th from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Irish American Heritage Center located at 4626 N. Knox Avenue.

For a nominal fee of only \$15 admission fee, businesses will receive great exposure, unlimited networking with potential new clients and dine on a wide variety of delicious local food. There will be tables for businesses to display their promotional items.

More to come in the September Newsletter.

WANTED! A Set Of Matching Filing Cabinets!



We will be cleaning, filing and re-arranging the Chamber office in September and could use your help. We are in need of the following items:

- 4 - 4 or 5 drawer lateral filing cabinets
- 2 - 2 drawer lateral filing cabinets

The office will be closed on September 17-19, 2007 while the work is being done.

Thank you for your support!



August Library Schedule for Adults

Wed. Aug. 8 - 2 pm The Wednesday afternoon book discussion group will feature *Cereal Killer*, by G. A. McKeveit. Call to reserve a copy.

Wed. Aug. 8 - 3pm Chicago area mystery writer (*The Dark Backward*), Julia Buckley will discuss the art of mystery writing.

Wed. Aug. 15 - 7 pm The Wednesday evening book discussion will read *Master and Commander*, by Patrick O'Brian. Call to reserve a copy.

Sat. Aug. 18 - 12 noon Join us for an afternoon of celebrating Irish Heritage as Spiorad Damsha presents a program of Irish Dance.

Mon. Aug. 27 - 1:30-3:30 pm Illinois Secretary of State's Office will be conducting a review of *Rules of the Road*.

September Chamber Luncheon Meeting

Mark your calendar now for the September Luncheon Meeting which will be held at the Gale Street Inn on **Tuesday, September 11th** immediately following the 9/11 Ceremony at the Veteran's Monument at Milwaukee and Higgins Avenue which will begin at 11:00 a.m. (this should last approximately a half hour).

Our guest speakers at this meeting will be Alderman, Patrick J. Levar, State Representative Joseph M. Lyons, and William Sauter of Mega Realty, Inc. and a veteran of WWII. As many of you will recall it was at this very day at the Gale Street Inn during our monthly chamber meeting that we all heard the news of the planes crashing into the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon. This meeting will also be the kick-off for our 2008 Membership Drive. Letters will be going out to local businesses who are not chamber members inviting them to attend. A power point presentation on what the chamber has accomplished will be done by Chamber Treasurer, Michael Swinford of Parkway Bank and Trust Company. The cost for this luncheon will be \$15 per person with the deadline for reservations being Wednesday, September 5th. Look for additional information in the September Newsletter



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2007/2008 Membership Directory

Enclosed please find your copy of the new directory. If you would like some for your business please call the chamber office to make arrangements for pickup.



THE THREE SISTERS

The chamber is making arrangements with “The Gift Theatre” to see their next play “The Three Sisters” which will run from August 23rd through September 30th. Watch your mail for complete details.

BUSINESS SEMINAR

Save this date, **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007!** State's Attorney Richard A. Devine and the Cook County State's Attorney's Bad Check Restitution Program will host a **"FREE" Business Seminar on "Protecting your Business in Cook County"**. Don't be a victim of financial crimes. Financial Experts from the FBI, Secret Service, Chicago Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit, MasterCard, Secretary of State Police and the State's Attorney Bad Check Restitution Program will be the speakers.

WHERE: Wilbur Wright College
4300 N Narragansett
Chicago, IL 60634

TIME: 8:00 am to 10:30 am

A continental breakfast will be served starting at 8 am and the program will begin promptly at 8:30 am. For additional information or to R.S.V.P. call Gloria Jean Waber at: 866-581-7284 or email: gwaber@checkprogram.com This event is being sponsored by the following Chambers of Commerce: Belmont Central, Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park, North-Pulaski-Armitage and Portage Park.

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CONSUMER CORNER

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's recent "Consumer Corner" article offers parents an **Internet IQ Test** to determine what you know about online acronyms and shorthand methods of communicating a particular message without saying it in so many words. Good stuff to know in order to monitor your child's safety on and off line and learn a new language.

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BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, August 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation.



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TRAFFIC SAFETY MATTERS

Here are some scary statistics from the **Illinois Dept. of Transportation** about the use of safety belts. Over 1,200 vehicular occupants died of traffic accident in 2006 and 55% of those did not wear their safety belt. That means 660 people might have survived if they had been wearing their safety belts. Additionally, only 68% of rear seat occupants wore their belts as opposed to 82% of those in the front seats. So for **your safety,**

BUCKLE UP!

Wow!

What An Event . . . What A Year!



This was the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce's 7th Annual Jeff Fest. Three jammed packed days of FUN, FOOD and MUSIC! The festival was attended by our largest crowd to date with over 6,700 guests. Children and adults alike, enjoyed the children's activities sponsored by the Chicago Park District. The Masonic Temple provided parents with FREE Identification kits for their children in case they become lost or missing.

Festival guests enjoyed a long list of musical talent with our main headliner, 10,000 Maniacs performing Saturday night. Standing room only was the order of the evening and with the beautiful weather we enjoyed all weekend long, no one wanted to leave!

Our food vendors supplied many fine choices and no one went away hungry. If you didn't try the Butterfly Potato Fries, well you missed out on an unique homemade treat. Guests strolled along Higgins Road giving them an opportunity to visit all the merchants, arts & craft displays, and carnival games. It was nice to have the support from so many folks in the community.



THE CROWD WAS IN AWE AS THE FIREWORKS OVERHEAD LIGHT UP THE SKY. JEFFERSON PARK WAS PROUD TO CELEBRATE IN SUCH A PATRIOTIC WAY. MANY COLORS ABOVE INCLUDING THE BOLD RED, WHITE & BLUE! A GRAND FINALE TO A GREAT EVENT!

The Music



Rick "Elvis" Saucedo



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