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CHAMBER OF  
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**IMPORTANT**

**DATES**

**Fri., Sept. 11**— 11 am  
9/11 Memorial at  
Veteran’s Memorial at  
Higgins & Milwaukee

**Fri., Sept. 11**—12:00  
Noon Luncheon at  
Gale Street Inn

**Sat., Sept. 26**—BINGO  
at Sokol Community  
Center

**Sun. Oct. 25**—75th  
Anniversary Installa-  
tion Dinner at Café La-  
Cave



**9/11 MEMORIAL  
SERVICE AND  
GENERAL MEM-  
BERSHIP MEET-  
ING**

Please join us on **Friday, September 11th** as we hold our annual 9/11 Memorial Service at the Veteran’s War Memorial at Higgins and Milwaukee Avenue. We will meet at the War Memorial at 11 am to begin the service. Invited guests are 16th District Fire and Police Departments, the U. S. Army, Alderman Patrick J. Levar, State Representative Joseph M. Lyons and some students from Palmer School.

Immediately following the service we will walk over to the Gale Street Inn for lunch. Our featured speaker will be State Representative Joseph M. Lyons. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person, if paid in advance, or \$22 at the door. Reservations are required (and no shows will be billed). Our menu will include the following:

- House Salad
- Chicken Vesuvio
- Lime Crusted Tilapia
- Mashed Potatoes
- Grilled Vegetables
- Cookies and Fruit
- Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 9th!

Please note the chamber office will be closed from September 21st through September 25th!

# Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce

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## NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN UPDATE

We would like to thank the following chamber members who were sponsors for the Northwest Network Open golf outing: Alderman, Patrick J. Levar, Flag Sponsor; Birdie Sponsors Joseph M. Lyons, Hoyne Savings Bank, Nadig Newspapers and Park National Bank.

This was by far the best golf outing yet. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the raffle prizes were fantastic (we thought they'd never end). Thanks also to all who golfed, had a hole sign, and came for the networking to make the event so special.

## Jeff Park Post Office Station at Risk!

A recent article in Nadig Newspapers indicate the Chicago U.S. Postal Service is studying the possibility of closing 24 retail sites, including Jefferson Park Station, 5401 W Lawrence. We believe the residents & businesses will be severely impacted should it close. Every Jeff Park resident and business must be heard from on this matter. We encourage you to voice your deep concerns.

**Write to:** Gloria Tyson, District Manager, U.S. Postal Service, 433 W Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60699-9992 **or call** the Supervisor at the Jefferson Park Postal Station at 773-736-0759.

# BINGO

Don't forget to mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 26th**, when we'll hold our last **BINGO SESSION** for this year. Doors open at 12 Noon, with Early Bird Bingo starting at 12:30 (buy 2 sheets get 1 free) and regular bingo at 1 pm.

Tell your grandma, aunt, uncle, employees, whomever, to come and join us for a fun afternoon. We are usually done by 4 pm. Please place the enclosed poster in your window or make copies and hand them out to your customers. We thank you in advance! Proceeds will help our Scholarship Program.

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## Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce

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### **SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2009 AND 2010**

The Nominating Committee has met and the following is the slated of Officers and Directors for 2009 and 2010 and will be installed at the October 25th 75th Anniversary Installation Dinner.

#### **Officers:**

President, Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers  
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**CHAMBER RECEIVES A 75TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD FROM CITY TREASURER,  
MARIA PAPPAS**



Pictured from left to right: Board Member, Dr. Cesar Lau, City Treasurer, Maria Pappas, and Chamber President, Brian Nadig.

**MAKE SURE YOUR CALENDAR IS MARKED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH,  
FOR OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY INSTALLATION DINNER AND SHOW**

Make sure your calendar is marked for our upcoming 75th Anniversary Installation Dinner at Café LaCave . Watch your mail the week of September 28th for your formal invitation.

This will be a great evening of just relaxing and listening to our great entertainer, Vito Zatto (we will be, obviously, having the installation of Officers and Directors and a few awards, but other than that just sit back, have a drink, enjoy good conversation and great food and wonderful entertainment).

A little bit of info on our entertainer. Vito has earned a reputation for delivering quick-witted, spontaneous and high-energy entertainment to private parties, corporate parties, restaurant audiences, charity functions and more. Vito knows how to get a party going, and keep it going. You'll feel like you're in a Las Vegas nightclub where a fun-filled time is in store for you when this highly acclaimed, Vegas-style singer and entertainer bring you a lounge show full of hilarious stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, incredible singing, audience participation and lot's of good times. His audiences can be guaranteed one things.....they will somehow be part of the show. Because Vito is spontaneous and "plays" off his audience, you can be assured that each of his shows are unique.

So watch for you invitation and please join us for this special occasion celebrating the chambers 75 years in Jefferson Park.

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Watch the October Newsletter for a **General Membership Meeting to be held in October** (date to be determined at this mailing). There will be no November General Membership Meeting and in December we will hold our annual Holiday Luncheon.

## Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce

### **BUSINESS COMMUNITY URGED TO ATTEND MEETING SET ON JEFF PARK FUTURE**

Community input on a study of the Jefferson Park commercial district will be sought at a meeting held by the city Department of Zoning and Lane Use Planning at **6 p.m. Tuesday, September 8th at the Copernicus Foundation, 5216 W Lawrence Avenue (3rd floor).**

The land-use study, which was funded through the Jefferson Park TIF, concludes that the construction of 1,600 new apartments and condominiums, mostly near the Jefferson Park CTA Terminal, 4917 N Milwaukee Avenue, would help revitalize the area. The study recommends several zoning changes to accommodate the new development.

The planning firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill completed the 200 page study a year ago, but it was not released until June. The Chicago Plan Commission was scheduled to hold a public hearing on the study in June at City Hall, but the zoning department decided to delay the hearing until it obtained additional feedback from local residents and business owners.

The study addresses several specific sites, including the vacant lots on Lawrence Avenue and the former funeral home site at Milwaukee and Wilson avenues. In many cases, the study urges that a parcel be rezoned in order to allow more residential units which would be allowed under the existing zoning. The study also calls for the elimination of most surface parking lots which front an arterial street, urging that parking be limited to the rear of properties or underground. In addition, the study calls for a pedestrian-friendly business district.

In the spring of 2008, the chamber did participate in a meeting with residents, Alderman Levar and others in which Skidmore presented its preliminary findings.

City director of urban design and planning Benet Haller said that the department will consider changing its recommendation based on the comments made at the Sept. 8 meeting. A copy of Skidmore's study is available on the department's web site: [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org). The study states that increasing the number of residential units in the commercial district would generate new customers for area stores and that the proximity of the CTA terminal would make the units attractive to those who are less likely to drive, easing the traffic impact of any development. "Downtown Jeff Park struggles to reinvigorate Milwaukee Ave as a strong neighborhood retail corridor that is pedestrian oriented and vibrant", the study states. "Major impediments to this development include the low-density residential development throughout the neighborhood and competition from nearby shopping districts."

As a chamber of commerce we urge all of our members to attend and give your input so that the Zoning Department hears not only from residents but the businesses who make up the business corridor in Jefferson Park. Please try your best to attend, the future of Jefferson Park depends on you!



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