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IMPORTANT

DATES

Dec. 3—3:00 pm
Board Meeting

Dec. 10—11:30 am to 1:00 pm—Holiday Luncheon



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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE **PARK**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH



Please join us for our Annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 10th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the beautiful lobby of the Copernicus Foundation, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person and reservations are required (no shows will be billed).

We have a wonderful holiday menu which will include the following:

Oven Baked Turkey Breast with stuffing

Glazed Baked Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Assorted Pierogi

String Beans with bread crumbs

Turkey Gravy and Fresh Cranberry Sauce

Bread and Butter

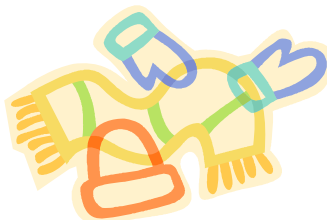
(a cash bar is available)

We will need your reservation no later than Monday, December 7th!

We are asking, as in the past, that you please bring a knitted item such as a hat, scarf, gloves, mittens, etc., which we will give to the 16th District Police Station “Battered Women and Children Program”.

Our guest speaker at the meeting will be Mr. John Paulun, Director SBIF (Small Business Improvement Fund) Program from SomerCor. Please see the next page for more info on how your business can take advantage of this great program.

Hope to see you all on the 10th!



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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
FUND (SBIF) AVAILABLE**

There is almost \$500,000 in matching grant money available for commercial property owners in the Jefferson Park TIF District which can be used for signs, new bathrooms, windows, air conditioning units, new roofs, tuckpointing, fa- çade improvements and much more. Please tell a non-member neighboring business about this program. If you are interested in learning how you can qualify for this program, please contact Mr. John Paulun, SBIF Program Director at (312) 360-3300 or : jpaulun@somercor.com



**SHOVELING
YOUR
SIDEWALK
(IT'S ALSO
THE LAW)**

Make Jefferson Park safe for everyone by clearing snow & ice from the public sidewalk in front of your property. We are all pedestrians at some point in the day, whether walking to the bus, your car, or to a neighborhood store. Without a wide, clear path, snow & ice on the sidewalk make it difficult (sometimes impossible) for everyone—especially people with disabilities, seniors and children—to walk safely. Be a good neighbor and clear your sidewalk. Remember this a part of your “BUSINESS LICENSE” . Municipal Code sections 4-310 and 10-8-18-, specify that businesses must clear snow & ice from sidewalks in front of their property.

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NOVEMBER, 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING UPDATE

At our November 12 General Membership Meeting the new 16th District commander, David McNaughton discussed the role that technology plays in solving crimes, while a local law firm described how it benefitted from the city's Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF).

Commander McNaughton said that the district has had great success in apprehending suspects by enhancing surveillance camera pictures and circulating fliers with a picture of the wanted offender's face. In one recent incident, a man was attacked on a CTA bus, but due to the security camera on the bus, the district's tactical office was able to produce a flier with clear images of the assailant, who exited the bus near Foreman High School. After being shown the flier, officers who patrol Foreman recognized the offender as a student who was then taken into custody at the school.

The Commander also said that the Chicago Police Department has made several important technological improvements in recent years which have sped up investigations, including the ability to transmit images of wanted offenders to monitors inside squad cars and the electronic storing of police reports. "Previously if we needed a copy of a report for the neighboring 17th District, we might have to send a squad over there," he said. "Now we can get the report in about 3 minutes".

Also at the meeting, lawyers Ed Seward and Renata Szczgiel answered numerous questions about how they received a SBIF grant through the Jefferson Park Tax Increment Financing District for their new office at 4756 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Seward said that the matching made it possible to renovate the building's exterior. The law office is located in one of the building's two storefronts. Information on leasing the second storefront is available by calling them at 773-685-1272.

Under the SBIF programs, matching grants are available from a few hundred dollars all the way to \$150,000. Many different types of improvements to a commercial property are eligible under the program, whose director, John Paulun, can be reached at 312-360-3300 and will be available to answer questions at the Holiday Luncheon on December 10th.

Seward and Szczgiel received one of the chamber's Beautification Awards for the improvements to their building at the November 12th meeting. Other winners this year also include McDonald's, Delko Construction Company, Parkway Bank and Joe's Pizza.

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2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The chamber office will be mailing out the 2010 Membership Invoices in the next couple of weeks. Remember that your dues, ads in the directory and newsletter, and any other event the chamber sponsors can always be charged to either your Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card. When you receive your invoice and you prefer to pay by credit card, please call the chamber office as we do not keep any credit card info on file.

Thank you and we look forward to your renewed membership in 2010!

HOLIDAY AD PROMOTION

Please see the enclosed flier regarding a "Holiday Ad Promotion" in Nadig Newspapers. This promotion will give each member the opportunity to promote their business, while at the same time helping the chamber to raise funds for itself, as 30% of your ad cost will be donated to the chamber.



When planning your budget for 2010, please keep the chamber in mind. We have an exciting year planned, including some new FUNdraisers, that will provide unique opportunities to promote your business. For some of these events we will be seeking sponsors who will have their business name/logo on event programs and advertising materials.

These FUNdraisers not only benefit the chamber but the community at large. Some of the proceeds from these events will be used to fund our Scholarship Program, where we award several local eighth graders a \$1,000.00 scholarship for high school.

So please keep us in mind for 2010 and let's all work together to make 2010 a successful and FUN year.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

New chamber members Chicago Health & Physical Therapy, located at 5545 W Montrose invite all chamber member to celebrate the holidays and explore their new facility. There will be refreshments, gifts, prizes, chair massages, health demonstrations, and a chance to win a Wii Entertainment System.

The event will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more info you can contact them at (773) 282-6648.



The Officers and Directors of the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce wish each of you and yours a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

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