



Message from the President

Spring might be finally here and when we dry out from all the rain the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce will be in full swing with events for 2013.

Our next event will be our Annual Old Fashioned Street dance that takes place May 18th. It is a wonderful event that we create a community block party to welcome in the warm weather, and celebrate with our neighbors. We will have our resident DJ Toby Rhodes spinning the records and the chamber businesses will be offering food and refreshments for purchase.

On Broadway Avenue at 8 corners
Saturday, May 18
05:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Mark your calendar for June 1st when The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce will start our Farmers market. Fresh roasted coffee, pastries, organic veggies, meats and cheeses. Come for the food, stay for the fun! Once again it will be located in the parking lot just west of the Brookfield village hall, and it will take place every Saturday from June 1st through October 27th. We think we have one of the best farmers market around, and it keeps growing every year.

Brookfield Village Hall - West side of Village Hall -
8820 Brookfield Ave. - 60513
Saturday, June 1 - October 27
08:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Spring is here and it is a great time in Brookfield, so definitely get out and enjoy what the community and the local businesses have to offer!

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President
Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

Brookfield Chamber of Commerce 2013 Officers & Directors

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Member Spotlight- RPK Appraisals Co.



Ronald Kurzawski started his real estate appraisal company in 2001 after nearly two decades of residential real estate appraisal and brokerage experience.

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For more information visit www.rpkappraisals.com or email Ron at ron@rpkappraisals.com

Dates to Remember



May 9th, 2013

Business Luncheon, 12pm ICF Life Catalyst
9146 Lincoln Ave, Brookfield

May 16th, 2013

Board Meeting, 12pm at the Brookfield Public Library
3609 Grand Blvd, Brookfield

May 23rd, 2013

After-Hours, 5:30pm Thrivent Financial c/o
Brixie's Bar & Grill, 9526 Ogden Ave

Insanity Run

Get ready for the wildest Obstacle Course Challenge this side of Insanity. The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce has merged their annual Insanity Run with the B.A.D. Obstacle Challenge, a world wide Obstacle Course Challenge & Adventure Run Series, making Brookfield home to its Chicago tour stop on Saturday, August 31st, 2013 at Kiwanis Park.

The race, presented by the Brookfield Chamber of commerce and brought to you by the Brookfield Zoo, will consist of a 7k (4.4 miles) course that will boast unconventional, but achievable obstacles that are truly "BADASS".

*As part of the merger, B.A.D. Management has agreed to offer all past Insanity Run competitors and Brookfield Chamber Members a discounted entry fee of \$40 for this year's race but this offer will expire May 7th!

REGISTER NOW AND USE THE PROMOTIONAL CODE "INSANITY" TO SAVE \$20 OFF YOUR REGISTRATION AT BADASSDASH.COM

Brookfield Public Library

Celebrate Seniors in May!

May is Older Americans Month, a national initiative, sponsored by the Administration on Aging, that celebrates the vitality and aspirations of older adults, and their contributions to our communities. The theme for Older Americans Month 2013, *Unleash the Power of Age*, has never been more fitting. Older Americans are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experience with their families, friends, and neighbors. Older Americans are also more included

The Brookfield Public Library, the Village of Brookfield, and the Aging Well Community Action Team will be hosting programs throughout May with a special focus on Seniors. Upcoming events include:

**Navigating Your Next Adventure:
Managing Income after Retirement**
Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.,
Brookfield Public Library

Using Accessible Public Transportation
Thursday, May 9 at 11 a.m., Brookfield
Public Library

AARP Driver Safety Workshop
Thursday & Friday, May 16 & 17, 1-5
p.m., Brookfield Public Library

Movie Matinee & Discussion: *The Age of Champions*
Friday, May 17 at 2 p.m., Brookfield
Village Hall

Seniors Spelling Bee
Wednesday, May 22 at 1 p.m.,
Brookfield Village Hall

**Movie Matinee: The Best Exotic
Marigold Hotel**
Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m., Brookfield
Public Library

Older Americans Month is a proud tradition that shows our commitment to honoring the value that elders contribute to our communities. This year, think about what your business can do to help *Unleash the Power of Age* in Brookfield.

Help our older Americans stay positive, active, and looking forward.



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2013

For more information on Brookfield Public Library programs and services, explore the resources available at www.brookfieldlibrary.info or contact the Library at 708-485-6917. For more information on the Aging Well Community Action Team, or services offered by the Village of Brookfield, contact the Brookfield Recreation Department at 708-485-7344.

Sokol Spirit Czech Film Series

English subtitles!

Come join us at Sokol Spirit every first Friday of the month, from 7:30pm to 9:30 pm for a viewing and discussion of Czech cinema! Led by our esteemed instructor Pavlina Dropka!

Admission is only \$4 a person, and your first pop or beer is on us!

May 3rd *TMAVOMODRÝ SVĚT* (Dark Blue World) (2001-Oscar winner) The Czech version of Pearl Harbor. As much as Pearl Harbor, *TMAVOMODRÝ SVĚT* is an epic film about friendship, love and war that proved once again, that Czech people will always eagerly fight for their freedom. (115 minutes) - R rating

June 7th *LIDICE* Part historical poem, part love story-the large-scale events of the war are brought into human terms, as the film follows small-town love affairs and everyday white lies that set the groundwork for the eventual destruction of the village. (126 minutes)- R rating

