



# BROOKFIELD

## Chamber of Commerce

February 2017

### Message from the President

Let's welcome our newest Board Members Doug Fiala (Douglas Auto Body), Brian Sharenow (FMG Events) and Clara D'Onofrio (Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians).

Even though this month is the shortest of the year, we have a lot to accomplish. Our Senior Valentine's Day Social will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at the Brookfield Village Hall. Amy Weinert is the main contact. I encourage all members to spread the word and consider attending and/or sponsoring this event. The local young at heart, look forward to this outing and show up in large numbers!

I met with Kit Ketchmark, Village President and Nicholas Greifer, Director of Community and Economic Development at the Brookfield Village Hall this past week. They want to partner up with us on a few line items for the Village. One being the Banner program; these banners have not been changed in several years and they are looking for an upgrade. The banner life span is 10-15 years. Secondly the Fountain at Eight Corners is also in need of a facelift. So if anyone would like to contribute to the fund, promote, collect or help market these efforts, please contact the Chamber. I also suggested that Nicholas contact the Brookfield VFW for support, since it is the Veteran's Memorial Circle.

The Village is also looking at their Welcome Kit. They have one established for new residents and are looking at developing one for new businesses. Great Idea...How can we participate...our pamphlet for one...any other suggestions are welcome.

On Thursday, February 2, 2017, Tom, Amy and I will be attending a Realtors Breakfast. This will give us some insight to the growth in the Community and an idea of additional Businesses looking to call Brookfield home. Will report our findings at the next meeting.

On Thursday, February 9, 2017, at 12 Noon, there will be a meeting at Mary's Morning Mix-Up. Mike Ellis will be the key note speaker. Mike is the Editor and Publisher of The Clarendon Courier, The Willowbrook Post and the Western Springs Journal. Mike is looking at a newspaper for the Brookfield area much like those publications. Let me know if you wish to attend.

Before you know it The Easter Egg Hunt will be happening at Ehlert Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10 A.M. This is another terrific event! It is well received by our new residents and those who love the hunt! Steven Langworthy is the main contact, I am sure that he will be contacting you shortly with an update on timing, how you can help and participate.

Mark your calendars:

- Street Dance-Saturday May 20, 2017 -5 P.M. to 11 P.M.
- Fourth of July Parade - Tuesday July 4, 2017 - Kick off 9:30 A.M.
- Farmer's Market will be opening on June 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup> for all to enjoy.
- Auto Show - Sunday July 16, 2017 - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- Art Fest - Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- Holiday Celebration - Saturday, December 2, 2017 - ? (Time to be Determined)

Attention all Chamber members, please send Allen Goodcase a list of all the positions chaired or committees you were a part of...don't be shy. We don't want to overlook your hard work. Allen has done a great job with our Website and Facebook Page, so let's highlight some of your accomplishments!

As always, I welcome your support, ideas and involvement from our chamber members, new members and community groups who would like to partner with the chamber in any way.

Your participation is appreciated!

Todd N. Hitzeman, President  
Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

[www.brookfieldchamber.net](http://www.brookfieldchamber.net)

## Brookfield Chamber of Commerce 2017 Officers & Directors

### President

**Todd Hitzeman**

Hitzeman Funeral Home, LTD.

485-2000

### First Vice President

**Steven Langworthy**

Edward Jones

485-8291

### Secretary

**Amanda Robert-Curry**

Cool! Giraffe Design  
334-1320

### Second Vice President

**Open**

### Treasurer

**Amy Weinert**

First National Bank of  
Brookfield  
485-2770

## Directors

### Term Ending 2017

Betty LeClere (Betty's Flowers) 372-1005

Marty Serwinski (The Sanctuary) 774-0085

Director- Open

### Term Ending 2018

Phillip Richard (First National Bank of Brookfield) 485-2770

Allen Goodcase (Future Technology Systems) 485-8940

Director- Open

### Term Ending 2019

Doug Fiala (Douglas Auto Body) 485-7774

Brian Sharenow (FMG Events) 485-9320

Clara D'Onofrio (Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians) 704-1716

Immediate Past President- Tom Milani (House Pros)



# Beat the Odds

## SAVE THE DATE

*for an Evening to Benefit Community Support Services*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017**

*6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*

*Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus  
Oak Brook, IL*



### Dates to Remember

**Thursday, February 9th, 2017**

Business Luncheon, Noon  
Mary's Morning Mix-up  
9110 Broadway, Brookfield

**Thursday February 16th, 2017**

Board Meeting, Noon  
Brookfield Public Library

**Thursday, February 23rd, 2017**

Business After-Hours, 5:30pm  
Cantata Life Services  
8700 W. 31st Street, Brookfield



### Valentine's Day Senior Social

Village Hall - Lower Level Recreation  
Room

*Sunday, February 12th, 2017*

*1:00PM to 3:00PM*

Snacks, beverages & light music

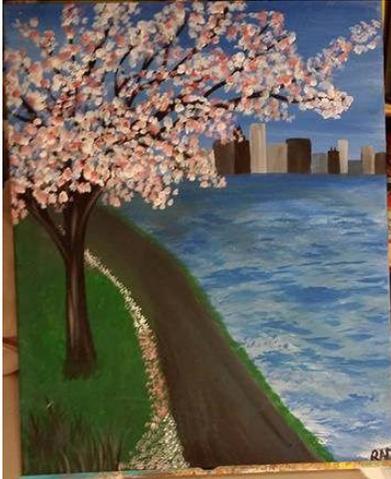




Come join us at Sokol Spirit for our first Paint Night!

**When:** Friday, February 24, 2016  
7:00p.m.

**Where:** Sokol Spirit's lower hall  
3909 S. Prairie Ave  
Brookfield, IL



**Details:**

Bring a friend or just bring yourself! This event is BYOB and BYOS  
**The cost is \$40 per person. All Ages Are Welcome!**

The price includes all supplies: paints, canvas, and **instruction** from  
Becky Davis of RAD Canvas and a small donation to Sokol Spirit!

**Reservations are required.**  
**Contact Kathy Barcal at 708-485-3269**



Sokol Spirit is 501C3 not-for-profit organization bringing gymnastics to the Brookfield  
community for our 80 years!



Look at what we are creating!



Village of  
**BROOKFIELD**  
Illinois

On January 9, 2017, the Village of Brookfield Board of Trustees adopted state-of-the-art Zoning Modernization that will streamline the development review process for all new construction in the 3 business districts adjacent to Brookfield's 3 Metra train station depots. By streamlining and improving the development process in tandem with construction and design standards, the Village will facilitate quality development around the train station areas and ultimately improve the business districts for pedestrians, shoppers, and commuters.

According to Village Manager Keith Sbiral, the completed ordinance "is the culmination of an incredible effort by staff and Village officials and members of the public who attended many public meetings. The result is a truly modern ordinance that will make it easier for developers to build attractive, high quality buildings *by right*, meaning that there will be fewer cases where building proposals need to have special reviews by our Planning & Zoning Commission." With approvals by right, developers will see faster reviews, obtain faster approvals and have clearer design standards and this consequently means more certainty for developers and a friendlier investment environment for developers. Sbiral added that "by adopting the Zoning Modernization ordinance, the Village becomes one of a very small number of communities in greater Chicago with a modern ordinance" that applies best practices as espoused by national organizations such as the American Planning Association.

The Village Board adopted an ordinance that results in a text and map amendment to the existing Zoning Code.

Visit <http://brookfieldil.gov> to read the entire press release.

Dear Brookfield Chamber of Commerce,

I wanted to share with you Cantata's new and exciting method of delivering in-home support called Take2. This method was developed in response to the skyrocketing costs of home healthcare and our clients save around 15% to 40%. With 90% of people (65+) wanting to remain in their homes as they age, Take2 allows them to receive the support they need while maintaining their privacy and independence.

Take2 works similar to assisted living support, except this support is provided right in their homes! We have neighborhood focused teams of trained caregivers that help our clients with their scheduled services (help in the morning or at night, making meals, etc) but our team is also available for unscheduled support 24/7. Being neighborhood focused allows our team to rapidly respond to any need in a short amount of time. Take2 has improved the care for our clients and ultimately, their quality of life. No other programs like this are out there and quite simply, we think we may be able to have a positive impact on the entire industry.

We started in Brookfield but based on the response, we have already begun looking at starting new neighborhoods as well. We have served over 70 clients and the neighborhoods we currently serve include: Brookfield, LaGrange Park, North Riverside, Riverside, and Lyons but we are actively seeking out new neighborhoods.

Clients feel safe and secure! If you know a senior in need of at-home support or someone who is thinking about moving to an assisted living facility, we would greatly appreciate you passing on our information to them. We offer amazing care for the best price compared to anyone else out there.

If you or someone you know would like more information, have additional questions, or want to make an appointment, please call Nancy Vlasak at 708-485-1155. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

**Rebecca Shurhay**  
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**Cantata is a nonprofit organization committed to helping individuals, families, and communities age successfully since 1920. Cantata is a tax-exempt organization under Section (501)(c)(3) of the IRS.**