



BROOKFIELD

Chamber of Commerce

March 2017

Message from the President

Greetings Brookfield Chamber Members!

I hope everyone is doing well, we have certainly had a mild winter and spring is definitely in the air. So, I hope you all are ready to *Spring* ahead (March 12, 2017).

Let's welcome our newest Chamber Members:

- Colony Games (Steve & Jamie Archer)
- DJ's Scuba (Dan & Cindy Howard)
- Tischlers Finer Food (Dennis & Linda Tischler)

Our Senior Valentine's Day Social that took place on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the Brookfield Village Hall was a terrific event. Thank you Amy Weinert for chairing this event and all the sponsors and volunteers that made this event special and possible.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Dennis and Linda Tischler as well as myself, attended the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast. The Minimum Wage and the Sick Leave Rule was discussed and the updated rules will take effect this July. We found this very interesting and I can share with you what we learned at our next meeting. There were 60 other WSCCI members in attendance.

The Chamber will once again support the Riverside Brookfield High School's "Day of Service". The Chamber logo will be prominently displayed on the t-shirts that will be given out to all the participants. This further promotes the reach and the image of the Chamber in the minds of the students, parents and the community of our ongoing support.

Join Us at our next Business Luncheon

Geri Aglipay, from the Small Business Majority, will be our keynote speaker.

The Small Business Majority is a national small business advocacy organization, founded and run by small business owners to focus on solving the biggest problems facing small businesses today. They actively engage small business owners across America to drive smart public policy and get entrepreneurs the resources they need to thrive. Geri will be discussing healthcare law and what the current proposals and facts mean to small business owners.

Citizens from D95 will also speak at our March business lunch. They would like to speak in support of the school referendum that will be on the ballot in April.

The Sanctuary of Brookfield, 3747 Grand Blvd., Brookfield, IL 60513

Thursday, March 9th, 2017 - 12:00PM to 01:00PM

We are getting egg-sited about our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be happening at Ehlert Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11 A.M. This is another terrific event, giving us the opportunity to solidify our involvement in the community and our position of being a very active Chamber!

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Message from the President, cont.

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 3rd through October 14th 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 – 2 P.M. to 7 P.M.

If anyone is interested and want to support our Village’s Fountain restoration fund or Banner replacement program, please contact the Village directly. Any support is valued.

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!

March on Members, March on!

Todd N. Hitzeman, President
Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

Thank You!

Thank you Brookfield Aging Well team for a wonderful Senior Social event! The 120+ Seniors were delighted on Sunday, Feb. 12th enjoying this year’s Brookfield Chamber Senior Social Valentine event. They all enjoyed the food and drink prepared by Mary’s Morning Mix-Up and the fantastic entertainment by the Acapella Fellas, Vocal Harmony. Special THANK YOU to our event Sponsors: Cantata Adult Life Services, Hitzeman Funeral Home, Brookfield Financial Plans, Edward Jones, Gorman and Associates. Also, to Brookfield Public Library and First National Bank of Brookfield for the materials needed to make the event spectacular!

Big THANK YOU to the Village of Brookfield for allowing us the use of the recreation hall facility and for all of the Village Officials who were present: President Kit Ketchmark, Clerk Brigid Weber, Trustees: Nicole Gilhooley, Brian Oberhauser, Michelle Ryan, Mike Garvey, Dave LeClere and PEP Party members: Mark Weber and Ed Cote.

There were several raffle prizes given by various Chamber members. THANK YOU: Hitzeman’s, Toby Rhodes, Cantata, Brookfield Library, Betty’s Flower, CarStar Scola’s, Mary’s Morning Mix-up, Costco Wholesale, Sherwin-Williams, and Joe’s Saloon for your generous donations.

Goodie bags were filled with lots of fun give-aways from: MacNeal Hospital, Hitzeman’s, Brookfield Public Library, Gorman & Associates, St. Paul Lutheran School, Edward Jones, Elite Ambulance, First Midwest Bank, Cantata, Synergy Home Care and Connell Plumbing.

The Brookfield Aging Well team is pleased to run this event on behalf of the Chamber. If you would like to learn more about Brookfield Aging Well or how to become a member, please feel free to contact Mary Pezdek, 708/485-1527.

Thank you again,

Amy L. Weinert
Asst. Vice President
First National Bank of Brookfield

Dates to Remember



Thursday, March 9th, 2017

Business Luncheon, Noon

Sanctuary Bar and Grill

3747 Grand Blvd., Brookfield

Thursday March 16th, 2017

Board Meeting, Noon

Brookfield Public Library

Thursday, March 23rd, 2017

Business After-Hours, 5:30pm

Elks Lodge #1510

9022 W. 31st Street, Brookfield



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Brookfield Public Library Now Accepting Applications to Career Online High School

Brookfield Public Library is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and career certificate for free. Through a partnership with its regional library system RAILS, Brookfield Public Library has joined 11 other Chicago-area libraries in offering scholarships to Career Online High School, a fully accredited online school district for adults.

Career Online High School is specifically designed to reengage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. The initiative offers students an easy-to-access online learning environment with 24/7 access to course content and instructors. Students are paired with an academic coach who provides the student with an individual career path, offers ongoing guidance, evaluates performance, and connects the students with the resources needed to master the course.

“Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement,” said Frank Murray, Head of Reference & Electronic Services. “Currently more than 900 Brookfield adults lack a high school degree or equivalent. By offering Career Online High School, we’re empowering residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives.”

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the Friends of the Library, the Library will award 9 scholarships to Career Online High School. Applicants must be a Brookfield resident at least 21 years of age with a Brookfield Library Card in good standing. Applicants must have basic computer skills; however ownership of a computer is not a requirement. Students may complete coursework inside the Library or remotely by checking out one of the Library’s home use laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots. Applicants may email reference@brookfieldlibrary.info or contact the Library Information Desk at 708-485-6917 x 130 to express interest.

Career Online High School is brought to public libraries through Gale, a library resource provider and part of Cengage Learning. To learn more about Brookfield Public Library’s Career Online High School initiative, please contact Frank Murray at 708-485-6917 x 131 or visit www.brookfieldlibrary.info/cohs.

March Lunch & Learn Event

Operations/Financials

Friday, March 24, 12 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join David Fadida, business analyst for Duman Entrepreneurship at JVS Chicago, for a lively discussion of business operations & financials. Register to attend online at www.brookfieldlibrary.info or by phone at 708-485-6917 x 130.