

Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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57th Annual Dinner Dance Jazz'n in January

Save the Date:

Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce 57th Annual Dinner Dance

Jazz'n in January

January 20, 2007
Cog Hill Country Club
6pm-11:30pm

Enjoy dinner, dancing and superb conversation.

Invitations for chamber members and guests will be available in December.

We will be bringing the Raffle baskets back.

Please call in drop off donations of gift items, sporting/theatre

tickets, services, restaurant coupons, monetary donations, etc.

We are also having table raffles—a sponsor for \$50 can sponsor a table and provide the centerpiece for same. Your centerpieces will be raffled off to attendees.

Your support is most appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar

Business After Hours

The Lemont Public Library hosted the BAH last month. What an informative evening! Did you know that the Friends of the Library have initiated a support system for all school children in the township? You go to lemontlibrary.org click on the tutor.com icon, put your **library card number** in and you have tutoring at your disposal for math, science, social studies, English and more! From 4-10pm/42 hours per week! This will be an excellent program for our children to use and grow their study habits and to get

that extra bit of help when us parents, just can't do it anymore.

Another thing we learned was the Public Records Reference USA. Use Public Records for lists of new homeowners and businesses; also foreclosures, auctions, and bankruptcies in northern Illinois counties. Use Reference USA to find sale leads for business to business, residential address for US and Canada and listings for doctors and dentists. Thank you so much for hosting this Business After Hours and informing us of the important services you provide to the community.

Mission Statement

"To develop, encourage, promote and protect the commercial, professional, financial and general business interests of the greater Lemont area."

Vision

Accomplish Together What No One Business Can Do Alone

Letter From Your President

This is my last newsletter for the year 2006. It's hard to believe that a whole year has gone by so quickly. The Chamber had a very busy and successful year. We participated in many grand openings of new businesses and business-after-hours (BAH). Most recently, the Lemont Library held a BAH, which was very enjoyable. Also, we had a grand opening for Mama D's carry out and catering and a grand re-opening for Office Max. Your Chamber continues to be involved in all of the ongoing things that are taking place in the village. We have been involved with the new developments in downtown Lemont as well as what's happening uptown Lemont. Things are looking great for our Village.

As I mentioned earlier, this has been a successful and busy year for the Chamber. Among the things we have been involved in are:

- Held our 56th annual-dinner dance in January.
- Hosted the Mayor's State-of-the-Village luncheon.
- Provided many businesses and local organizations the opportunity to insert flyers in our monthly newsletter.
- Held very successful summer car shows throughout the summer on Wednesday nights.
- Co-sponsored several business-after-hours with local members as well as some shared with adjoining chambers.
- Updated our Web site to provide many improved services online.
- Participated in many local events such as Heritage Fest, Keepataw

Days, and Halloween Hoedown.

- Provided an opportunity for Chamber members to advertise in the Reporter/Met at a special rate.

With the completion of I-355, there will be many changes and challenges forthcoming for the Lemont area businesses. Also, with the downtown development project underway, there will be many new business opportunities available in Lemont. Combining these two major events will provide Lemont new horizons, and your Chamber will be heavily involved.

Our annual dinner-dance will be held at Cog Hill Country Club on January 20, 2007. We are calling it "Jazz'n in January," and our music for the evening will be provided by the

Lemont High School Jazz Band. For a fun-filled evening and a great chance to network with other business members of the community, I highly encourage you to attend. Also, the Chamber is seeking donations which can be included in our raffle to be held that evening.

Finally, having served as your President for the past two years, I want to thank the Chamber members and the Board of Directors for their ongoing support. I want to especially thank Dawn Dentzman, our Executive Director, who keeps the Chamber running on a daily basis.

Hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season.

Pat O'Brien, President

Reinvestments

The 2007 reinvestments should be in your in-file. Please return at your earliest convenience with any updated information you may want posted. A description of your business, hours of operation, driving directions and 8 keywords for searches are available for each business. Plus, there is an opportunity to enhance your membership by becoming a Gold member. For an extra \$175 in conjunction your regular membership dues, this division enables you to have your company logo put on your business listing, bold listing, bullet points, numerous pictures, an additional 16 keyword searches, plus free hot deals and job posting. Please specify when you return your reinvestment.

Tell Us What You're Doing!

Is your business sponsoring any charity events or scholarships? Are you expanding or moving to a new location? Have you received an award recently?

Let us know!

Member News is something we can put in the newsletter as space permits. Please email us at lacc@core.com with any updates.

Updates Needed at Time of Reinvestment

Information forms have gone out with your reinvestment form to secure the information you want to be seen on the website. Besides website and email addresses, keyword searches will be one feature plus hours of operation and driving directions! Your business may post a "hot deal" or "job posting" for \$15 dollars a week. You also have the opportunity to upgrade for an additional \$175 for company logo with name search, bold settings, bullet points, picture availability plus hot deals and job postings are free.

Nominations 2007 "Citizen of the Year"

The Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce is now taking applications for the "Outstanding Citizen" Award. This program is designed to recognize someone who has contributed individually, or as a member of a local organization to our community in some exceptional manner.

Some characteristics used in evaluating the candidates will include, but not limited to: outstanding community service, charitable work, heroism, and patriotism. Other characteristics you deem worthy can also be the basis for submitting your choice.

Please submit your entry prior to **January 8, 2007**. These entries should be in the form of a letter or essay, 500 words or less, giving a complete explanation of why you believe this individual should be considered for the award. Previous recipients are not eligible for this award.

The winner will be given a permanent plaque at the Chamber's Annual Dinner Dance January 20, 2007. Press releases will also be made to the local media. Fax 257.3238, email in word format to lacc@core.com or mail entries to:

Lemont Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Outstanding Citizen
101 Main Street, Train Station
Lemont, Illinois 60439-3675

Thank You

Just a note to acknowledge and appreciate the time and effort of our Director Keith Nowakowski who has put numerous hours of work in for the Chamber website and the new branding of the corporation of the Chamber. We truly appreciate his effort, the effort of his staff at **Echo Design Group** whom has put in time and energy to make our 'new' look. Thank you so much for all that you do to support the Chamber.

Gift Certificates

Use at over 280+ businesses in the Lemont area.

Call 630.257.5997 (Please give 24 hour notice) to order your personalized gift certificate today!

Your recipient will truly appreciate the choices they will be able to make.

Chamber members, please do not hesitate to take one of the Lemont Chamber Gift Certificates. The dollar amount of the gift certificate will be reimbursed to your business after receiving at the Chamber office. This is a win-win situation for both the consumer and you the merchant.

Appreciation Night

Thank you to our members who were able to stop even with the torrential rains by the Open House. Once you got there is was okay, but the trip was just that a trip to get here! We really appreciate you stopping by.

Thank you so much to the many businesses whom were able to support our Appreciation Night. They include:

- 1st Advantage Mortgage • Alvernia Manor • Advantage MRI • Chipains Finer Foods • Callahan Plumbing • Citgo , Lemont • Cog Hill Country Club • Franciscan Village • Gorski & Sons • Hayes Auto & Truck • Hays Contracting • Jimbo's Pizza • LaDolce Vita • Lemont House Restaurant • Lemont Public Library • Ludwigs Explosives • Pancake Café • Ruffled Feathers Golf Club • Senese & Associates • Sullivan & James • Valentine's Italian Bistro

News Release

Jeff MacDonald, Asst. Vice President Marketing Department of Marquette Bank is pleased to announce their newest acquisition of Hemlock Bank on 127th Street in Lemont. Marquette Bank –Corporate Center is located at 10000 West 151st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Their toll-free number is 1.800.254.9500. www.emarquettebank.com Marquette has 33,407 surcharge-free ATM's nationwide with 25 branches: Chicago, Aurora, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Lemont, New Lenox, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Romeoville & Summit. **Marquette Bank – We Do What It Takes.**

Lemont Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Slate

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the newly elected members for the 2007 Board. They are David Bartz, Edward Jones; Karen Bushman, Tangles Hair Salon; Keith Nowakowski, Echo Design

Group; and Norb Siwek, Pawz & Klawz. We want to thank everyone for voting and all the candidates for running. It is with regret that the Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Michelle Jacobs-

Caley from her director position she has held since 2000. She has been the secretary for many years and will be missed sorely. The President has asked Jerry Pasierb, JJP Mortgage to fill her remaining director term till end of 2008.

Welcome New Members

The Front Street Lofts of Lemont

102 Stephen Street
Lemont, Illinois 60439
630.243.6163 Fax
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Floor plans, sales, development of the downtown area.

Golden Security Insurance

Mr. Kinga Drozdzyński
1011 State Street, Suite 240
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630.243.2435
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kdroz-gsins@ameritech.net

Business insurance—property, casualty, trucking, contractors, janitorial, landscaping, buildings general contractors.

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Fruit and vegetable representative for Juice Plus. Whole food, 17 fruits and vegetables in a capsule.

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Calendar of Events

December 2006
and January 2007

Dec 14	5:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting @ Aimee's Restaurant
Jan 11	5:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Jan 16	5-7pm	BAH Alvernia Manor
Jan 20	6pm	Jazz'n in January Annual Dinner Dance Cog Hill Country Club

Newsletter Advertisement:

Provide 350, 8.5 x 11 flyers for \$40 is available to Chamber Members (\$20 for Clubs and Organizations) for direct marketing to other chamber businesses and dignitaries in and around Lemont. Call approximately 4-6 weeks

in advance to reserve space in the next upcoming newsletter. All copies must be received by the 20th of the month for insertion. The Chamber does not endorse any advertiser who uses this newsletter to promote their products or services.