



Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 30** Board of Directors Meeting
- Aug 1st** Membership Meeting at *Gladstone Chiropractic*, 5316 N Milwaukee, 8:00 am
- Aug 5th** National Night Out
- Aug 20** Northwest Network Open
- Sept 3rd** Board of Directors Meeting
- Sept 5th** Membership Meeting
- Sept 18th** Ultimate Business Networking Event

AUGUST MEETING

Please join us at the Regular Meeting of the Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce, Friday August 1, 2008. This month's meeting will take place at *Gladstone Chiropractic Group*, 5316 N. Milwaukee Ave. At 8:00 a.m.



The Ultimate Business Networking Event Sept. 18th

Once again, over twenty Chambers of Commerce and Community Groups are hosting the Annual Ultimate Networking Event on *Thursday, September 18th from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm* at *The Irish American Heritage Center* located at 4626 N. Knox Ave.

For a nominal \$15.00 admission fee (price of admission includes one drink ticket), businesses will receive great exposure, unlimited networking with potential new clients and dine on a wide selection of delicious local food! Come out and have fun, meet business people from throughout the City!!

The chamber is seeking the donation of food items for this event.

There will be tables for businesses to display their promotional items!!!

(Please see insert in this month's newsletter)

ANNUAL "NORTHWEST NETWORK OPEN"



Sponsored by:

Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park, Harwood Heights, Portage Park and West Ridge Chambers of Commerce.

By now you should have received your formal invitation to our annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, August 20th at Glenview Park Golf Course in Glenview IL.

Registration and lunch begins at 11:00 am. Shotgun start at noon!! We hope that you will be able to join us with a foursome, twosome, or just yourself!!! Dont Golf? Come for Dinner, open bar, raffle prizes and Networking at 5:30!!!!

(Please see insert in this newsletter)

Thank you to some of our sponsors of this great networking event!!

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"KIDS FEST" AT GLADSTONE PARK

The "Kids Fest", a free community event, hosted by The Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Park District was an enormous success !!!! Over 400 people attended this event and fun was had by all. The chamber provided an entertainer for the children which entertained the children with various acts.

April Wiencek, from the Chicago Park District, and her staff provided inflatable's and games for the kids. Children completing a game were given the opportunity to pick out a prize. The Park District provided a tent and several chamber members participated in providing the neighborhood with information regarding their businesses. Thank you **Brian Nadig, Nadig Newspapers**, for his time and dedication into the organization of this event to make it a success!! Brian also advertised the event in his newspaper.

Ellen Brown from Parties by Design did a wonderful job decorating and volunteering her time throughout the entire event.

Thank you **Steve Funkhouser, McDonalds Restaurant** for your donation of the ice, cups and cookies for this event.

Helmuts Lackajs, McCarthy & Associates donated his time in helping set up for this event.

Annie Wians, State Farm, was on hand to help with the children and ran a raffle.

Thanks to all for a job well done!!!!!!!

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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"TWO PLATES OF RAVIOLI, 1 FETTUCINE ALFREDO AND A VEAL PARMIGIANA FOR TABLE 8!!" A familiar waiter's call at Central and Elston in a former favorite restaurant called Di Leo's for many years. How did we become Citizen's Bank & Trust from those wonderful days of family, friends, and superb feasting?? Di Leo's was known for a much needed product (delicious pasta), a comfortable setting, and excellent service. The important things haven't really changed that much since those good old memories.

In the late 90's a few men began to put together the idea of creating a bank built for neighborhood people serving neighborhood people. They wanted to serve big and little businesses, as well as start-ups and established ones. They wanted these businesses to have a local bank where they felt comfortable and they could reach a banker who could help and make decisions right there in that location. With so many bank mergers and bigger banks where decisions were made remotely, where was the personal attention the neighborhood businesses needed? Where was YOUR bank for YOUR business needs? The mission was to offer personal service in one location which was what they felt any banking customer deserved. The dream began to come into focus when Di Leo's restaurant closed and the building became available – why not open a new bank where serving the customer needs was the priority? This new bank could service everyone and therefore be called "Citizens Bank". After much researching and planning, Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Chicago was opened January 31st, 2000.

Through their determination and struggle, the bank has now celebrated 8 years in existence – still offering that much "needed product" (financial services), a "comfortable setting"(our staff speaks 9 different languages) and "excellent service" (coffee and cookies too, but no pasta). Come and visit us and let us help you with your financial needs.

See you soon!



Legislative Corner

We are providing the following website links to assist you in keeping up with legislation that affects our business climate as well as your personal lives. There are many bills and regulations that have recently been passed that have had a negative impact on the business community. It is your responsibility to contact your elected officials to voice your opinion. There is a wealth of information so please make the effort to explore these sites.

Chicagoland Chamber: www.chicagolandchamber.org

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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

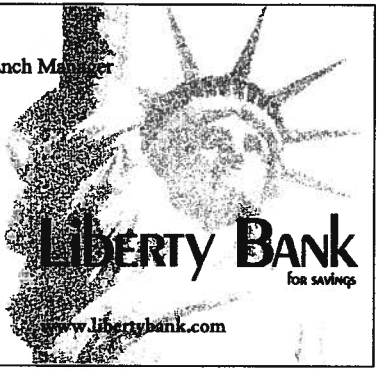

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Commander Anthony J. Riccio, 16th District Police & Chicago Park District proudly invites you, your family, and friends to an enjoyable evening under the stars, with Antique Car Show, Giveaways, Food, Face Painting, Magic Show, Family Swim & Music!!!!

Questions? Please call CAPS Office at (312) 742-4521.

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