



# Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce

# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 22** Board of Directors Meeting at **Associated Bank, 8:15 a.m.**
- May 1** Membership Meeting at **Gladstone Chiropractic, 5316 N Milwaukee, 8:00 a.m.**
- May 1** Clean & Green, 9:00 a.m. Elston & Milwaukee
- May 20** Spring Bowlathon Fundraiser/Networking Event
- May 27** Board of Directors Meeting
- June 5** Membership/Scholarship Presentation Meeting

### May Meeting

Please join us at the Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce General Meeting. May's meeting will take place Friday, May 1st, at **Gladstone Chiropractic Group, 5316 N. Milwaukee Ave.** at 8:00 a.m. An opportunity to get to know your fellow Chamber members! Enjoy coffee and pastries while attending an informative meeting and networking with fellow members.

### June 5, 2009 Membership/Scholarship Breakfast Meeting



Mark your calendar for the Gladstone Park Chamber's Annual Scholarship Presentation. Presentation of the Albert Kenar Memorial Scholarship and the Louis Drehobl Memorial Scholarship. Invitations to follow.

### "Day at the Races" Save the Date!!!!

"Day at the Races" date has been set for **July 17th**. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Arlington Park Race Track networking with fellow Chamber members. Contact Event Chair, **Jim Oehler** from **Century 21, 773-763-6464** or Gail 773-775-8871 to reserve your space today!

## Constant Contact Workshop

The Jefferson Park, West Ridge and Gladstone Park Chambers are co-hosting a "Constant Contact Workshop" on Wednesday, May 20th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Chicago Public Library located at the Northtown Branch, 6345 N. California Ave. More than 20,000 businesses, including the West Ridge Chamber, use Constant Contact to help grow their repeat and referral business. "Getting Started" will help you create and enhance your first email marketing campaigns—they will provide tips, techniques and guide you through the tools and features in the Constant Contact system. This product demo will walk you through the Constant Contact Email Marketing System. You'll learn to set up your account options; build and manage your contacts; create great looking emails; work with images, and to analyze reports to maximize results. Please RSVP to Gail (either by phone or email) by May 15th. Space is limited. **This is a great "free" workshop you won't want to miss.**

## DON'T FORGET THE SPRING BOWLATHON

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH 2009**

This is another great networking opportunity. SEE FLYER INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Membership Directory Status

The Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce **Membership Directory** is in its final production stages and getting ready to be printed!!!!

## Welcome New Member!!!

Gabe Haddad  
**Haddad Plumbing and Sewer**  
 6633 W. Raven St.  
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 773-355-5018

## **10th Annual “Northwest Network Open”**

The **Gladstone Park**, Harwood Heights-Norridge, Jefferson Park, Portage Park and West Ridge Chamber of Commerce will be co-hosting the Northwest Network Open Golf Outing at Glenview Park Golf Club (800 Shermer Road, Glenview). The profits from this event are used for scholarship programs that each Chamber of Commerce offers local middle school and high school students.

Non-golfers can also participate by attending the networking dinner buffet which will begin at 5:00 p.m. (includes two hours of open bar). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please look for more information in future mailings and at the monthly GPCC meetings.

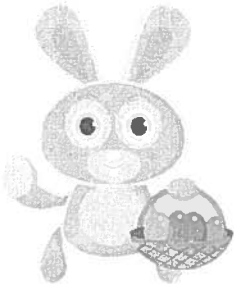
## **EASTER BUNNY VISIT**

On Wednesday April 8th, the **Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce** sponsored a “Visit with the Easter Bunny” at **The Produce Center** at 5820 N. Milwaukee Ave. Children had their photos taken with the Easter Bunny and also received a treat. Over 70 children attended this fun-filled event.

A very special thank you to **Amylynn Hiser** for donating her time to become one of the Easter Bunny’s helpers. Also to **Pamela Hiser** for all of her help in assisting with the children.

**Chamber President David Wians** was also on hand to help with the photos for the children.

A big **THANK YOU** to the following businesses for their contribution: **The Produce Center**, Spiro, Tom and George, for hosting this event and donating candy. Brian Nadig, **Nadig Newspapers**, for advertising the event.



## **Easter Coloring Contest**

Big thanks go out to Dr. Kristin Werner, Dr. Elizabeth Stipisic and their assistant Lindsey from **Gladstone Chiropractic Group** for hosting the Easter Coloring Contest.

The doctors provided cookies and juice for the children. Annie Wians, **State Farm Insurance**, was on hand to present the winners with their prizes. The children were thrilled to see their pictures displayed in the windows at the **Gladstone Chiropractic Group**. Also thanks once again to Brian Nadig of **Nadig Newspapers** for the press coverage.

## **2009 Committees**

*Take Ownership of YOUR Chamber—Get Involved  
Please select the Committees  
on which you would like to participate.  
Please feel free to call the Committee Chair  
with any questions.*

### **Membership Committee**

Chair: Gail Goles (773) 775-8871

### **Marketing Committee**

Chair: Helmut Lackajs (773) 774-6266

### **Economic Development Committee**

Chair: Brian Nadig (773) 286-6100

### **Legislative Committee**

Chair: Mike Cornfield (773) 792-0300

### **Social/Networking Committee**

Chair: Jan Kupiec (773) 467-3347

### **Scholarship Committee**

Chair: Susan Bouzide (773) 282-9992

### **Website Committee**

Chair: Annie Wians (773) 774-1500

### **Expo Committee**

Chair: Adam Biernat (773) 467-2850

### **Budget Committee**

Chair: Kristin Werner (773) 774-1041

## **Membership Should Not Be an Option**

The **Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce** is a major force in our community’s economic prosperity. The Chamber provides the leadership to achieve a diverse balanced economy that enhances the quality of living and working in the Gladstone Park area.

The **GPCC** strives to keep programs current and responsive to the demands of the business climate. In our continuously evolving marketplace, the Chamber is a bridge that links businesses, organizations and residents together with innovative programs that strengthen Gladstone’s long-term economic vitality, business success, job creation and quality of life. We provide several ways for our members to enhance their credibility, gain recognition, have a voice in issues affecting business, improve their bottom lines, and get involved through networking events and volunteering, and so much more. If you are not a member, you should be. Contact the Chamber office 773/775-8871 or visit us on our website [www.gladstoneparkchamber.com](http://www.gladstoneparkchamber.com).



### **Open House/Networking Event at Cabinet Style Studio**

The Gladstone Park Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Helen Stapper, owner/designer, of **Cabinet Style Studio** and her staff for hosting the April After Hours. Chamber members enjoyed drinks and delicious homemade appetizers from Helen's very own working kitchen. Visit the chamber website to view pictures from this fabulous event: [www.gladstoneparkchamber.com](http://www.gladstoneparkchamber.com).

### **Legislative Corner ...**

There's talk of lowering the Cook County sales tax from 10.5% to 10.25%, which would still keep it the highest in the nation. There are a few reasons. It's an election year ... and retail sales are down in Cook Co. While some of that may be due to the economy, you have to wonder why retail sales are up in the collar counties, particularly on large purchases. People are changing their buying habits and are shopping outside of Cook County. Will a quarter percent roll-back really bring them back to us? Our state income tax is going to be increased by 50%. Federal tax rates are being increased. The cost of running a business continues to rise with no end in sight. We find ourselves tightening our belts but still asked to pay more. If you're satisfied with having the government being a silent partner and sharing the fruits of your efforts, call your elected officials and let them know how thrilled you are. If you're fed up with sharing your profits with someone who doesn't help your business, call your elected officials and tell them you've had enough. Tell them to stop spending more than they take in. Tell them to cut **all** programs across the board; that way no one can say they're being singled out. Tell them to stop adding programs that they can't afford. Tell them to stop adding new laws and simply enforce the existing laws. Tell them that just because it's a good idea, it doesn't need to become a law. If you need help with finding who your elected officials are, call the Chamber.

### **Mayor Daley's Clean & Green Citywide Volunteer Clean-up, Friday, May 1, 2009**

Please join fellow Chamber members for the Clean & Green Program. The **Gladstone Park Chamber** will host a Clean-up at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009. We will meet at the Island (Elston & Milwaukee). The Chamber will provide the tools needed to get the job done. This program is sure to make an immediate difference in the appearance of our community; residents are welcome too. Any questions, please call the Chamber office at 773/775-8871.


### **Free Business Workshop Scheduled**

An exciting and informative multi-chamber event will be held from **5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28**, at the Copernicus Cultural and Civic Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave. Jack McInerney, director of **NORBIC's Small Business Development Center** will give a 30-minute presentation on how to apply for grants and take advantage of free services which will help your business grow. The state-funded development center, which is located near Elston and Bryn Mawr avenues, offers free advice on business plans for new and longtime businesses. In addition, Mr. McInerney can offer useful tips on a variety of concerns which are facing many area businesses during these challenging economic times. The presentation will start at 6 p.m., but you are encouraged to arrive early and join us for a networking social hour from 5 to 6 p.m. in the grand lobby of the Gateway Theatre, which is part of the Copernicus Center's complex. This unique setting will make for a special evening. A cash bar will be available, and complimentary appetizers will be provided. Please bring your business cards and brochures to pass out.

Admission is free to members and non-members, as you are encouraged to bring a representative from a non-member business and introduce him or her to the many benefits of joining a chamber of commerce. Limited parking will be available in the center's parking lot (enter off Lipps Avenue and park in the spaces with the white lines near the building's entrance). Additional parking is available on Lipps, Ainsle Street and the alley behind the center and in the dirt-covered parking lot on the west side of Lipps. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 26, by calling the **Gladstone Park Chamber** at 773-775-8871, the Jefferson Park Chamber at 773-736-6697 or the Portage Park Chamber at 773-777-2020. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to help your business grow. See flyer insert.

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