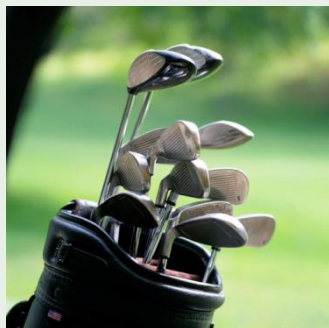


THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MAY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's golf game: it's called an eraser. ~Arnold Palmer



It's that time of year again! We have a lot of events planned for the members of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce! We hope that many of you joined us for the Business After Hours at MG2A in Manhattan Station! We would like to thank our hosts Brian Hertz, Rich Vane, and Bob Sluis of M. Gingerich, Gereaux & Associates for providing appetizers and drinks to our members and for giving us an overview of their company and what they have to offer. Another big thank you to Antonio Rodriguez of the Edward Jones Office in Joliet for making a presentation on "Building Your Investor IQ Starts with Understanding the Basics." Now we should all know what to do with that tax refund!

Please look for more news on our May Business Luncheon. Details for the event will be posted as soon as possible.

I would like to acknowledge Patricia Lucas of LPL Financial who was the winner of our \$50 Pizza Lunch on the Chamber. Pat sent in her membership survey and it was drawn at our March Business After Hours as the winner of the party. She will be mailed her prize this month. We would like to thank our other members for turning in their surveys as well. We are reviewing the feedback in order to learn how we can serve you better. If you have not had a chance to turn in your survey, please do so. We would still like to hear from you!

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Community Theatre

Bingo is in full swing! Our May dates will be May 2nd and 16th! If your business would like to help out with Bingo, let us know. We are also offering the "Bingo Business Spotlight" if you are interested! The Chamber will announce your business, its history, and any specials or promotions you may have coming up. It is completely free of charge! Get the word out about your business at Bingo!!

Lastly, our annual golf outing is coming up this June 17, 2011! Our outing will be held at Chamber Member Woodbine Golf Course in Homer Glen. This year we are offering a choice of golfing 9 or 18 holes! Our 9 hole shot gun start will begin at 3:00. For those who are in the whole day, your 18 holes will start at approximately 12:30. If your business is interested in being a sponsor, please let us know. If you are looking for a fun way to network and relax on a summer day, please come out to play golf with us! Last year, I had a blast!! I had never golfed a day in my life, but had a great time anyway. Surprisingly, our team did great (by our standards!) and did not hold anyone up during the day! (A great accomplishment for us bank ladies!) It does not matter if you are a novice or a seasoned golfer, all are welcome and will have an entertaining time. As always, our buffet dinner will follow along with the announcements of our winners for the day and the calling of all raffle prizes! Registration forms will be available soon on the website www.manhattan-il.com or through the Chamber office 815-478-3811.

Please feel free to call with any questions!


Dianne Huelsman
President




(l-r) Dianne Huelsman, Antonio Rodriguez (Edward Jones) and Rich Vane (MG2A)



(l-r) Patricia Lucas (LPL Financial), Rich Vane (MG2A) and Brian Hertz (MG2A)



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THE ROUND BARN FARM GROUNDBREAKING



The Manhattan Park District hosted on April 4, 2011, the Round Barn Farm Groundbreaking event to celebrate the beginning of the Phase 1 Development. Julie Popp explained the structured timeline for the completion of the project. In April of this year the earth work has begun. The Softball field, playground, trails, tennis court, parking lots and necessary infrastructure will be complete in October 2011. In April of 2012 the horseshoe pits, sand volleyball, fishing pier and fitness stations will complete the entire project as of October, 2012. With the help of the Manhattan Chamber Commerce, the event was well attended by a range of supporters.

The Board President, Bob Surdey, gave a speech thanking everyone for taking the time to attend the very special event. He then went on to mention many partners and supporters whose effects made the acquisition and development possible. Senator AJ Wilhelmi, Representative Jack McGuire, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Will County Executive Larry Walsh, Will County Board Members Don Gould and Deborah Rozak, Will County Forest Preserve President Cory Singer and Forest Preserve Staff, First Bank of Manhattan, HomeStar Bank & Financial Services, MG2A Engineering Firm, Hitchcock Design Group, Manhattan Park Director Julie Popp, Park Superintendent Bob Gainous, Manhattan Park District Staff, Mayor Bill Borgo and the Board of Trustees, Village of Manhattan Staff, Manhattan Township President Jim Walsh, Road Commissioner Jim Baltas, Township Commissioners, and last but not least, the current and previous Park Board of Commissioners for their hard work and dedication and support working together to make a vision into a reality. If it were not for the previous board's vision to turn the Round Barn Farm into one of the most beautiful parks in Illinois and with the help of the Koren family and everyone mentioned previously, the Phase I of the Round Barn Farm would not become a reality. This is not something we can continue to accomplish alone and will need your continued support, hard work and dedication to complete the vision.

The Manhattan Park District will have a design posted for the community to understand the project. The design will be located in the parking lot at the Round Barn Farm.

Julie Popp finished with an update on the Historical 100' Round Barn itself and was happy to announce that the Board of Commissioners have funded the stabilization project in this year's budget with the help

of the fundraising efforts and projected additional grant dollars. We appreciate and thank you for your continued donations toward the barn that will go toward the actual restoration of the 100' Barn.



(l-r) Bridget Forsythe, Matt Robbins, Eddie Struthers, Sean Hannigan, Mayor Bill Borgo, Park Board President Bob Surdey and Will County Commissioner Don Gould.

MAY'S BUSINESS LUNCHEON

**DO YOU KNOW WHEN MANHATTAN WAS INCORPORATED?
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OLD CABOOSE?**

OR

**WHY IRISH FEST, NOT POLISH FEST?
ALL THESE QUESTIONS AND MORE ANSWERED
AT THE MAY BUSINESS LUNCHEON. JOIN US AT
MANHATTAN FAMILY RESTAURANT ON
MAY 18TH, FROM 11:30 TO 12:30, FOR LUNCH
AND A HISTORY LESSON PROVIDED BY THE
MANHATTAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**TAKE A BREAK FROM WORK AND LIFE TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OTHER CHAMBER AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS!**

**INVITATIONS WERE SENT VIA EMAIL EARLIER THIS MONTH. PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHAMBER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. SEE YOU THERE!**



SURVEY REMINDER.....

On behalf of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, we invite you to take part in completing the survey that was sent out earlier this year. The purpose, specifically, is to provide feedback to the Board of Directors in order to evaluate the level of satisfaction amongst its current members. And to, in turn, make better-informed decisions regarding how the Chamber of Commerce services its members.

We need your help! To make this project most effective, maximum participation is essential. The broader and deeper the range of businesses and members represented, the more useful the information will be.

This project exists to better serve and improve the Chamber of Commerce and its members. Please do your part by completing the survey and emailing it back to the chamber (chamber@manhattan-il.com)

The survey will be resent later this month via email blast. Please keep your eyes open.



Lincoln-Way High School invites you to enjoy the featured musical talents of our students:

MAY 5	BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT	7:00 PM AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 9	GUITAR CONCERT	7:00 PM AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 17	JAZZ CONCERT	7:00 PM AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 17	JAZZ & PERCUSSION CONCERT	7:00 PM AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 19	CHORAL CONCERT	7:00 PM AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 19	MUSIC CONCERT	7:00 PM AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL
MAY 21	IPO CONCERT	8:00 PM AT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

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West High School, 21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox

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BUSINESS EXPO

The annual Manhattan Chamber Business Expo and Craft Fair was held on April 2nd from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Wilson Creek Elementary School. We would like to thank the Manhattan School District #114 Superintendent Howard Butter for allowing us to use Wilson Creek School. We would also like to thank all the businesses and craft vendors who participated and we look forward to seeing you next year. Thank you to Subway for providing the food for the Expo. If you have any suggestions for next year, please call the Chamber at (815)478-3811

Subway



Harris Bank



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MOVIES IN THE PARK



Once again this year we will be offering Movies in the Park. The first movie night will be June 15th followed by July 13th and August 17th. Movies to be announced. So mark your calendar to join us for a fun night filled with a movie, candy and of course popcorn. We hope to see you there!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4 th	Chamber Board Meeting	5:30pm
Mar 16 th	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:30pm
May 18 th	Manhattan Business Luncheon Manhattan Family Restaurant Lunch and History Lesson provided by the Manhattan Historical Society	11:30am
June 1 st	Chamber Board Meeting	5:30pm
June 6 th	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:30pm
June 17 th	Annual Golf Outing Chamber Member Woodbine Golf Course – Homer Glen	18 hole start time 12:30pm 9 hole start time 3:00pm
June 23 rd	Business After Hours Manhattan Dental	5:30pm