

THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Join the Chamber as we Fall into a season of 4th Quarter's activities!

Last call for those businesses participate in our Chamber Box the benefit of the Manhattan Manhattan Food Pantry! for judging by the week of participation will help collect food for the Food Pantry as we enter Season! Please let me know via



or individuals wishing to Decorating Contest for Crop Walk and the Displays should be ready October 11th. Your and non perishable items into the 2011 Holiday email at

dhuelsman@fnbmanhattan.com or chamber@manhattan-il.com if you are interested in taking part in this year's contest. All food items will be picked up just after the CROP Walk and items will be given to the Manhattan Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful cause helping our local community!

Remember, the CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011, at Wilson Creek Elementary. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Carol of St. Paul's UCC at 815-478-4900 or Pastor Kim of Manhattan United Methodist Church at 815-478-3285. You can also register online at www.cropwalkonline.org/manhattanil.

Are you a Leader?

All Chamber members were emailed the 2012 Chamber Board of Directors Slate on August 21, 2011. Director positions run for one year terms. Currently, we have one Director Position, and the Presidency, and Vice Presidency positions available. While it may be overwhelming to come on board as President or Vice President, these positions are very similar to a Director position with the added opportunity to further develop communication skills by running monthly board meetings and welcoming guests and members to monthly events.

I cannot tell you how rewarding my 8 years on the Chamber have been. I have met so many wonderful people and business owners and have had the chance to

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Community Theatre

(President's Letter Con't.)

give back to the Manhattan community. While it is with a heavy heart that I step down from a Director position for a short while to focus on a new addition to our family, I know that I will still be involved in as many of the Chamber activities as I can.

I truly encourage you to break out of your daily routine as I did eight years ago and give the Chamber board a chance. Who knows, you may end up with lifelong friends just as I have and a sense of pride knowing that you have performed a positive civic duty.

Nomination forms can be sent to P.O. Box 357 or sent directly to Chamber@Manhattan-il.com. You may also refer to the August 21st email with a list of FAQ's regarding positions.

Please join us for our **October Quarterly and Election meeting on Wednesday, October 19, at 5:30pm, at Manhattan Jr. High**. Pam Davis, the Clinical Coordinator of Outpatient Chemical Dependency Unit at Silver Cross, and past Chamber Board Member, Vice President, and President will be speaking about the new Silver Cross Hospital. We welcome the opportunity to hear what she has to say!

Past Events

We would also like to thank Chief Daniel Forsythe and the Manhattan Fire Department for hosting our September Business After Hours on September 28th. In addition, a big thank you to Doc's Drugs and Dr. Rushia Butler and Staff of Provena St. Joseph for hosting our early October Business After Hours. The Chamber appreciates your willingness to get involved and mingle with fellow members!

What's on the Agenda?

Remember **Bingo** is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Wilson Creek Elementary. Doors open at 6:00pm for the Early Bird Game and regular games start at 6:30pm. Concessions are available for purchase. Please tell your family and friends!

This quarter brings with it numerous events for which you can get involved! Please be on the lookout for **Manhattan Angel Tree** information where your generosity helps Manhattan children in need experience a brighter holiday! The Angel Tree should be up at both First Bank of Manhattan locations just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Chamber, combined with the Manhattan Park District, and Village of Manhattan will be planning the **2nd Annual Christmas on State Street**. Look out for the Parade of Lights applications! Our Parade will be held at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 3, 2011. We hope to see you there!

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Our annual **Chamber Christmas Party** is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 9th. Please mark your calendars! We would love to have you join us for our end of the year festivities!

Please also look for us on Facebook and on the web! www.manhattan-il.com!

Dianne Huelsman
President



Manhattan's Fire Chief Dan Forsythe



One of Manhattan's many fire trucks and equipment

At this month's Business after Hours with Fire Chief Dan Forsythe we learned that the Manhattan Fire Department would be conducting Business Safety Inspections. By doing these inspections they can learn how to prevent fire from occurring at your business. They will make sure that you have all the proper and up to date equipment, such as fire extinguishers tagged, smoke detectors that work and so on. By coming into your business they can see what you have and advise you as to what you may need.

In addition to learning about the safety inspections, the members that attended the evenings Business after Hours were able to learn the story about the "famous cow" that rides along on one of the Manhattan Fire Department Rigs.

Below is some very helpful information that we obtained from the Manhattan Fire Department and Chief Dan Forsythe.

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MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tips for Maintaining a SAFE Business

- ❖ **Remember to keep keys in Knox box up to date...** change locks? Ensure extra keys are made and contact Manhattan Fire to come out and replace the keys. And always make sure the keys are clearly labeled as to what they are for... front door, manager's office, etc.



- ❖ **Call your Alarm Monitoring Company annually to update your Contact List.** There should be two lists... one with names and phone numbers of people to call when the fire alarm system has a supervisory or trouble alarm (the fire department/dispatch should *not* be on this list), and a second one when the fire alarm has a FULL FIRE signal (the fire department/dispatch must be on the TOP of this list). Check all names and phone numbers for changes or updates required.



- ❖ **During extreme weather, make sure a minimum of 40 degrees is maintained.** This will help minimize opportunities for frozen pipes – both your domestic pipes and sprinkler system pipes.



- ❖ **Maintain exits free from obstructions, merchandise, and stock**



- ❖ **Fire extinguishers *must* be “tagged” on an annual basis...** this ensures that they remain in proper working order and have not been damaged or otherwise made inoperable.



- ❖ **Kitchen hood suppression systems *must* be tagged every 6 months and upon activation**

- ❖ **Check batteries in your exit and emergency lighting on a regular basis**



- ❖ **Maintain all fire protection systems in service and proper operating condition.** This calls for annual sprinkler and fire alarm inspections, as well as continually supervising the fire alarm control panel and taking proper action when it is in a state other than “normal”



Bingo

Just a reminder that Bingo has a new day and time. Bingo will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:00pm for the early bird game with regular games starting at 6:30pm. Bingo will continue to be at Wilson Creek Elementary School at 24550 S. Gougar Road. Bingo supplies and concessions will be available.



The curtain opens on another season of plays at **Lincoln-Way District #210 High Schools:**

October 6 & 7 at 7 p.m., October 8 at 2 p.m. – **East High School** – *One O'clock From the House*

October 27, 28, & 29 at 7 p.m. – **North High School** – *Ask Any Girl*

October 28 & 29 at 7 p.m. – **West High School** – *A Night of Mystery*

November 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. – **Central High School** – *Beowulf, User Friendly*

We hope you will join us and be entertained by our talented students. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.



2nd Annual Parade of Lights



It's not too early to start thinking and preparing for The Manhattan Chamber's 2nd Annual Parade of Lights. It will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. Line up begins at 5:00pm on Park & 2nd St. in front of Anne McDonald School then travels down to Time Square just in time for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

The Parade is open to everyone from businesses, organizations or groups of families or individuals, anyone who would like to make a float. Entries must light up and be a Christmas theme. If you would like to participate, please go to the Chamber website at www.manhattan-il.com to download an application (no entry fee is required). All applications need to be returned no later than November 25, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Glenna Johnston, Executive Director at (815)478-3811.



Chili Cook-Off



Bring your best Chili to the Manhattan Christmas Celebration being held on December 3rd, 2011 at Wilson Creek School. Prizes will be awarded to the “Best Chili in Manhattan”. All entries must be in no later than 10:00am on the day of the cook-off at Wilson Creek Elementary School.

Please log onto the Manhattan Chamber website at www.manhattan-il.com for the official rules, regulations and applications for the “2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off”.



Gingerbread House Contest



We will be having once again our Gingerbread House Contest on December 3rd, 2011 at Wilson Creek Elementary School. This year we have opened the contest to high school students and adults. The gingerbread house must be made of all edible materials.

For any additional information and contest forms, please log onto the Manhattan Chamber website at www.manhattan-il.com or contact Glenna Johnston, Executive Director at (815)478-3811



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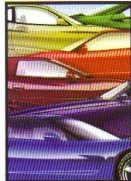
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6 th	Business after Hours Doc's Pharmacy & Provena Manhattan Family Centers Speaker: Dr. Rushia Butler	5:30pm
October 18 th	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm
October 19 th	Quarterly Meeting Manhattan Junior High Election Meeting Speaker: Pam Davis – Silver Cross Hospital	5:30pm
November 2 nd	Board Meeting	5:30pm
November 8 th	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm
November 22 nd	Bingo – Wilson Creek School	6:00pm

