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News and Views

Zion Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber welcomes executive director

The Board of Directors of the Zion Chamber of Commerce announced that it has named Diana Gornik as Executive Director. Gornik comes to the position from Northpointe Resources, Inc. where, for almost nine years, she has served as the Special Events Manager. Formerly holding positions at Baxter Healthcare and United Way of Lake County, she brings 25 years of experience in event planning, communications and marketing for corporate, non profit, educational and community organizations.

Dan Shanahan, President of the Chamber, said, "We are so excited to welcome Diana to our staff. We are confident that her high energy level combined with her talents and experience will elevate the chamber to a whole new level of service in the community."

For the past 10 years, the chamber has counted on the loyal assistance of Glenda Miracle to help administer the chamber's activities.

With the recent revitalization of the Zion downtown retail sector and the anticipation of the future growth that Wal-Mart and the Trumpet Park Industrial Park will bring, the chamber felt it was time to hire a full time director that had extensive experience in marketing, event planning, and communications.

"Most important, we want to sponsor events that bring customers to our retailer's doors."

"We want to service the business community with timely and helpful information that will help them grow and manage their businesses. We will keep them updated on state, federal and local legislation that affects them. We plan to offer seminars on important subjects like group health benefits, financing, government aid programs and marketing. Most important, we want to sponsor events that bring customers to our retailer's doors." exclaimed Shanahan. "We think that Diana is the person to help us accomplish these tasks. Our search began months ago, and we are very excited that it ended with her.

"I've been a Zion resident for 13 years", commented Gornik. "I'm thrilled that I've been given the opportunity to serve my community. To be part of the growth of Zion, a town with such heart, is exciting. There is so much potential here and I am honored to be given the chance to help achieve that."

Festival of Lights

The City of Zion presents its 10th annual ***Festival of Lights*** starting December 2, 2005.

Enjoy a drive through Shiloh Park, enter on 27th at Enoch, where numerous lighted displays will be uniquely positioned throughout the wooded park.

Kringle's Kingdom will be filled with 385 freshly cut, lighted evergreen trees. More than 70 animated displays will be arranged throughout the kingdom.

The Festival of Lights is presented through the joint effort of the City of Zion, Zion Park District, Zion Chamber of Commerce, local business & industry, civic & service organizations, churches, schools, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

New for the 2005 Season! Visit with Santa *inside "Kringle's Kingdom"*.

Shiloh Park Drive-thru, Kringle's Kingdom, and Santa's house will be open **Thursdays thru Sundays, December 2 thru 23, 2005, from 5 - 9 p.m.**

If you have questions regarding the festivities, please call Diane at 847.746.4012 or go to www.CityofZion.com

Look what's coming to Chamber Members in 2006!

The Zion Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its ***80th year*** in 2006!

Together we can make it our best year!

We will be increasing benefits to members by offering member discount days, dinner and theatre events and special seminars to name a few. BUT **we need your input.** Please give us your suggestions and ideas for speakers and subjects that would benefit you or your business. We also want to have fun, so let us know what kind of events interest you.

BEE involved, we need your participation and involvement.

Do you know of a high-caliber speaker that would share their message for free?

Would you like to be a presenter?

What kind of entertainment interests you?

What would add value to your membership?

In 2006 you will have the opportunity to purchase ad space in the Chamber newsletter in addition to other opportunities to promote your business. Look for more details in the December's News & Views. In the mean time, make sure we have your most up to date contact information.

Please review your contact information in the membership directory on our website

www.zionchamber.com

Any change of address? Other edits?

If you have a fax machine, do we have the number listed? Email address?

If you have a website, let us know so we can add it to your contact information.

Email your comments, ideas, and contact information to: chamberzion@yahoo.com If you prefer, you may either call Diana at the Chamber office, ***847.872.5405*** or fax the information to ***847.872.9309.***

Save the date

Ahoy mates!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 28, 2006, when the Chamber presents its annual installation of officer's dinner. This year's theme is **"Mayhem on Pirate's Island".** The event will be held at the Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center. Invitations will be going out in December. Last year's event was SOLD OUT so get your reservations in early.

Please contact us if you know of someone who didn't receive an invitation and should have. ***We need your help*** in updating our mailing list.

Community Corner

Winthrop Harbor Networking Breakfast Notice

2nd Wednesday of every month

Northern Emporium & Books

1016 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor

8:00 am - Cost of breakfast only!

Next meeting: December 14, 2005

Northpointe Resources, Inc. is seeking individuals, businesses and families willing to Adopt-a-Client this holiday season.

You will be mailed a profile with the client's name, sizes and 3 suggested gift ideas. They ask that you limit the gift to $25. Gifts will be distributed at the holiday party that Northpointe hosts for its clients on December 22, 2005 at Midlane Country Club. For some clients, this will be the only gift they receive this Christmas. For more information or to adopt, please call ***Dee Dee at 847.872.1700, ext. 794.***

Northpointe's mission **is to empower people with disabilities to achieve their dreams!**

We invite you to be part of spreading the holiday spirit by donating to the Toys for Tots campaign. Together we can help needy children in our community experience the joy of Christmas. Let's unite to deliver a message of hope, caring and sharing.

NEW and **UNWRAPPED** toys may be dropped off at either *Ace Hardware, 2660 Sheridan Road* or *Leader Hardware, 2708 Sheridan Road, in Zion*.

If you prefer, monetary donations may be made to purchase toys for the campaign. Please make checks out to "Zion Chamber of Commerce" and mail to the chamber office, *2671 Sheridan Road, Zion, IL 60099* . All donations will be used to purchase toys.

For more information about the campaign, please call the Chamber office at *847.872.5405* or the *Toys for Tots Chairman, Charlie Warren at 847.356.3344*

Welcome to our new members

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Unique Marble & Granite Corp.
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Zion, IL 60099
Phone: 847.872.6901
Fax: 847.872.6913

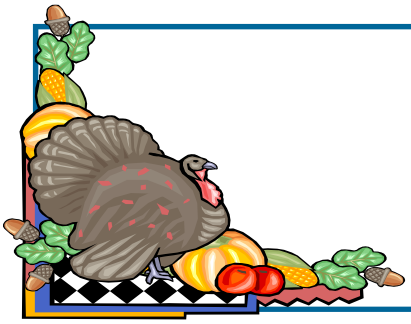
GROCERY STORE
Jewel - Osco
1400 21st Street
Zion, IL 60099
Phone: 847.746.8138
Fax: 847.746.4775

LICENSE SERVICE
Jane's License Service
38482 N. Sheridan Rd.
Beach Park IL 60087
Phone: 847.599.8919
Fax: 847.599.9545

Smart Brief from U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Treat employees well to keep them enthused

Keep your employees enthusiastic about their jobs by treating them fairly, promoting their sense of achievement, helping them take pride in their work and encouraging good relations with fellow workers, psychologists say. Performance and productivity often tie directly to employees' enthusiasm for their jobs, according to Sirota Survey Intelligence founder David Sirota, so keeping their energy level up can add to the bottom line.



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a safe and
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Join us at the November Networking Breakfast

What is a Networking Breakfast?

It's an opportunity to meet with other business people in the community.

Bring your literature and some business cards and be prepared to take a minute or two to describe your business and tell the attendees what kind of referrals you are looking for.

It's a fun and casual atmosphere with an opportunity to start the day out right with a wonderful breakfast!

Unless you have too many customers, you **NEED** to be here.

Home Based Business?
It's even more important for YOU to be here!

There's lots of great advice from experienced business owners. There's no better way to get the word out about your business!

This is totally cost-effective!

All you pay for is your breakfast!

For More Information:
Call Dawn Wright at 847.746.1212
or Diana Gornik at the Chamber Office,
at 847.872.5405.

Chamber Membership is NOT Required for this wonderful event !

Please bring a Guest!

Networking Breakfasts are held every 4th Wednesday

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST

DATE: *November 23*
TIME: *8:00 - 9:00 am*
PLACE: *El Lago Restaurant*
2216 Sheridan Rd.
Zion, Illinois