

Vulcan Construction Materials is Presenting Sponsor @ Chamber Golf Outing - June 22 at Gleneagles CC

There is still time to sign up to play golf on the red course of the Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont (10370 McCarthy Road, Lemont, 60439). Just call 708-387-7550 and we will take your reservation over the phone.

If you have no one to play with you – that is fine. The same is true if you represent one of a pair of golfers, or if your group lacks a fourth player. We will ensure that you go out with a foursome.

Historically, the weather is just about perfect: blue skies, a slight breeze and moderate temperatures. For golf, you could hardly wish for anything nicer.

We appreciate our constantly growing list of valued sponsors. So far they are –

Presenting Sponsor – Vulcan Construction Materials

Silver Sponsor - First National Bank of La Grange

Bronze Sponsor - Horton's of La Grange

Dinner Sponsor - Comcast

President's Reception - Community Memorial Foundation (Greg DiDomenico)

Breakfast Sponsor - Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital

Lunch Sponsors - Inland Bank and Marquette Associates, Inc.

Hole-In-One Contest - \$25,000 for a Hole-In-One -Premier Construction and TrueSource Cabinets.

Hole Sponsors are: British Home Community, Burcor Properties, Horizon Wealth Management, LubePro's of La Grange, Lyons & Pinner Electric Companies, Plymouth Place Senior Living, Republic Bank, Starkey Chemical Process Company, Storandt-Pann-Margolis, Village of McCook, Village of Western Springs, Vulcan Material Company and West Central Municipal Conference/West Cook County Solid Waste Agency.

Cart Sponsors are: AIS, Inc., Cardinal Specialties, CruiseOne Travel, First National Bank of La Grange, and State Farm Insurance – Jenna Crowther, Serafin and Associates (12 carts), and Vulcan Material Company (multiple carts).

A more complete listing will be given to all golfers on Monday, June 22 at the **9:30 a.m. registration.**

The shotgun scramble – best ball format - will begin at 11 a.m. Cocktails and dinner will start at 4:00 p.m.

All golfers will be served dinner (around 4 p.m.). For one golfer - \$150. A foursome - \$600. Dining only - \$40 by preregistration or \$50 at the door.

For more information on sponsorships, or to register to play golf, please call the Chamber at 708-387-7550. You may also register at www.wsccl.golfreg.com. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

Would You Like To Donate An Auction Prize or “Goodie Bag” item for the Golf Outing? It is not too late to participate!

There is still time to be an important participant in the Chamber’s Golf Outing. How? Donate things like tickets to sports activities, shows, etc. Perhaps you would like to give a weekend or week at a cabin, lake house or beach place. Some have donated wine, great spirits, yard games, shirts and caps, umbrellas, etc. The possibilities are endless.

Gift certificates are always a welcome item and they ensure that the recipient will enter your place of business or contact you for redemption. Certificates could be for dinners, massages, oil changes, food of all sorts, etc. The list could go on for pages.

If you have small things that would be of value to add to the golfer’s goodie bags, we would like those, too. Things like golf balls, tins of mints, personal care kits, free coupons for merchandise and such would be terrific.

Please give us a call at 708-387-7550. In advance – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Reserve Your 2009-2010 WSCCI Community Guide Ad Now

The last day to reserve your advertising position within the Chamber’s Community Guide is June 12.

25,000 copies will be delivered to all single residences and businesses in La Grange and Western Springs area via The Doings; plus delivery to all subscribers in Countryside, Indian Head Park, La Grange Park, Westchester, Burr Ridge, Darien, and Willowbrook.

Over 3,000 copies will be given out through our village and city halls, through distribution methods of our Chamber members, and in packets sent out by the Chamber. In addition, more will be distributed at trade shows, in marketing packets from the Chamber, and provided to anyone that requests a copy.

The WSCCI Community Guide is read again and again. It is kept and used as a reference guide for Chamber members, community phone numbers, and for things like churches, schools and more. If you want to find out about area attractions, special events and social agencies, the Guide is the book of choice.

When published, the 2009-2010 Community Guide will list all Chamber members. To bring more attention to your business, we strongly suggest you become an advertiser.

You can choose to have a full page ad or a special position within the book. There are many configurations to choose from. Whatever your decision, you will be investing in your business and keeping your name before the public all year long.

Call your account executives today. Heather Marzan is available by calling (630) 320-5427 or going to hmarzan@pioneerlocal.com. Tina Smentek may be reached at (630) 320-5429 or by leaving a note at tsmentek@pioneerlocal.com. **They will make advertising in the Community Guide a very simplified experience.**

If you have Community Guide questions, please call Bob Ware at 708-387-7550.

44th Annual Welcome Breakfast for New Teachers and New Administrators - August 18 at Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center

Help us welcome the new educators who will be joining our local school systems in the fall. Many of these teachers and administrators are new to the area and may be moving, looking for a new car, in need of financing, or interested in learning about the shops and restaurants in our communities. What a great opportunity to show your support for these professionals and introduce your business.

Dr. Dennis Kelly, retiring Superintendent of Lyons Township High School, is the special guest speaker. His dynamic speaking style and unique perspective on education will be of great interest to all attending.

There are several ways you can participate. Join our growing list of sponsors: *Teacher's Pet - AT&T*, *Head of the Class: Adventist La Grange Memorial Hospital*, **Community Bank of Western Springs, First National Bank of La Grange, Harris Bank, Inland Bank, Mulcahy, Pauritsch, Salvador, & Co., National City Bank, UPS, Vulcan Materials Company, West Central Municipal Conference/West Cook County Solid Waste Agency.**

Show your support by sponsoring some of the new educators. (\$30 per teacher.) You pick the school district. Your company name will be indicated on their name badge. Plan to attend! Reserve a seat at the Breakfast. (\$30 per person). Contact Donna Hutchinson by return email, or at donna@wscci.org, or call the Chamber at 708-387-7550.

Chamber Welcomes Seven New Members In May

The Conneely Group

One of our newer members is the Conneely Group – builders of the beautiful Clocktower Pointe property. Located at 10765 Clocktower Drive (just north of SCORE Tennis and Racquet Club and right off of Willow Springs Road), the beautiful multi-story building is one of six that will make up a \$50 million project that will be erected on the property.

To learn more about buying and living in a centrally located building that is just minutes away from the toll ways and train, contact Ron Rydin at 708-516-8510, or Shamus and Mike Conneely at 708-579-2222. Email address is Shamus-c@hotmail.com and their website is www.clocktowerpointe.net.

Franchise Assets

Many business people are looking at franchises that might take off like a rocket and make many very wealthy. The Chamber welcomes Scott J. Richert, owner of Franchise Assets, who brokers the sale of new franchise businesses.

Finding the value of privately held businesses is always hard to define. Finding someone to make that valuation, and then assist with the sale of the business, can be even more difficult to achieve. Franchise Assets is a broker you should contact. Scott may be reached at 773-430-1250 or emailed at sjrichert@gmail.com. His websites are www.FranchiseAssets.com and www.BizTrade.com.

Cellular Advantage of Hodgkins

It seems everyone has a cell phone – and wishes that they had the newest model with all the features. A practical way to check out the latest phones at an AT&T authorized retailer is to stop in at Cellular Advantage of Hodgkins. Located at 9430 Joliet Road (just east of Wal-Mart in the Quarry Mall Shopping Center), they can take care of your phone requirements and connectivity.

Call 708-387-0900 and ask for Phil Brumant or Norman Wright. Go to their website at www.cellularadvantage.com. Whatever your decision, they will be able to discuss your wireless cellular communication needs.

Fitzmark Consulting, Inc.

Small and mid-size companies are often in a catch-22 position as it applies to Human Resources. While there is a definite need for the peace of mind that a Human Resource

Professional provides in terms of policy, procedure, and governments compliance, there may not be a financially sound reason to hire a full-time professional in this capacity. For the small business owner, this typically translates into valuable time being diverted from growing their businesses and focusing instead on HR concerns.

Fitzmark Consulting is a Human Resources Consulting Company and Outsource Service Provider dedicated to the unique needs of small and mid-sized businesses through professional, cost effective HR services. A complete listing of their professional services can be found on the Fitzmark Consulting website at www.fitzmarkconsulting.com or www.myhranswers, or by calling Jill Hawley (President) and her staff at (888) 310-4529. Remember; Fitzmark Consulting has a service and fee structure to accommodate all of the HR needs of small and mid-sized businesses.

Play N Trade Video Games

A very unique business has officially opened in Hodgkins within the Quarry Mall Shopping Center (9270 Joliet Road, Unit 600). Called Play N Trade Video Games, the store offers both new and gently used games at highly competitive prices. If you trade in a game, you can apply the value towards another video game.

Besides games, Play N Trade Video Games will repair consoles and video game discs. According to Johnny Graves, Manager, the store has most every game you would want – including hard-to-find Atari cartridges and other such retro-games. Call them at 708-485-9400 or go to their website at www.playntrade.com.

UNITED STORAGE

When you need a truck to move a household or deliver a product, you should call United Storage. If you need to chill your wine or rent a heated space for the winter – call United Storage. They have storage units as small as 4x4 feet and as large as 20x20 feet. In addition, they sell boxes, rent hand dollies, and most everything one might need to do the job right the first time.

United Storage is centrally located at 9801 West 55th Street, Countryside, IL. Call them at 708-354-8825 and speak with Alice Peterson, Manager. Their email address is Unitedstoragecountryside@gmail.com. If you want to be cool this summer and know that your valuables are under 24 hour surveillance, United Storage is a very good choice.

Events By Tommy R'S

In the words of Tommy Romano, owner and head chef at Events By Tommy R's, "I prepare the best food around." A caterer for eighteen years, he and his staff will plan your event with you, create their famous world fusion cuisine, and then serve everything in a professional manner and leave everything spotless. If full service is not needed, he will happily prepare everything and drop it off at your office or home so you can get all the credit without any of the headaches.

Tommy Romano can be reached by calling 630-323-1411, or by email at tommy@tommyrs.com. Their web address is www.tommyrs.com. Remember: Great

catering food, reasonably priced, expertly prepared, white-glove cleanup....and the best food around!

Cook County Cyber Lions Club – New Club To Be Chartered

The "Cyber" Lions Club is for people that want to make a difference, want to give back and want to help ... but with busy lives may not have all the usual time to commit. With this club, most of the communication will be done via emails, group planning and discussion boards online. Members will get together for occasional meetings and for fundraising and charity events.

If you have any questions, please send an email to tamara.wisneski@gmail.com or give her a call 708.275.7282. *You will be under no obligation to join.*

There will be an informational meeting for the Cook County Cyber Lions Club on Wednesday, June 11th at 6 p.m. at the Lyons Village Hall in the Community Room (4200 Lawndale Avenue). A representative from Lions, Herb Zimmerman, will be there to answer questions and talk about Lions.

All Lions Club are non-profit organizations. They make a difference. Being a member of a club is a great opportunity to help those in need in our own communities and beyond. For information about Lions, go to www.lionsclubs.org.

Countryside Business Association

Business associations have value. Such is the case of the La Grange Park, Western Springs and La Grange Business Associations.

The newest business association will be the CBA (Countryside Business Association).

The origination meeting was held on June 4th. About twenty five business professionals were in attendance, as well as various members of the city administrators. The main speaker was Mayor Robert Conrad. Chamber Director Bob Ware officiated.

The intent of the CBA is to promote the City of Countryside, create events and continue to encourage a healthy business climate. The next meeting date has not been determined but most likely it will be held in the later part of June at the William Tell Holiday Inn on Joliet Road, Countryside.

For more information on the CBA, please call Bob Ware at 708-387-7550.

Three Farmers Markets are being held by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

1. Community – **Countryside**

Location – Intersection of 55th Street and East Avenue (North of City Hall)

Hours – 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Dates of Operation – Every Monday through October 26

Day time phone number: Robert Ware, West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, 708-387-7550

2. Community – **La Grange Park**

Location – 439 N. La Grange Road (Behind Panera Bread Company – next to Memorial Park)

Hours – 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Dates of Operation – Every Tuesday through October 27

Day time phone number: Robert Ware, West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, 708-387-7550

3. Community - **La Grange**

Location – North side of the La Grange Village Hall (53 South La Grange Road)

Hours – 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Dates of Operation – Every Thursday through October 29

Day time phone number: Robert Ware, West Suburban Chamber of Commerce, 708-387-7550

Buy fresh food and beautiful items, support our local Farmers Markets and crafters, and help create more customers for all local merchants. Everyone benefits from increased traffic. If you have questions, call Bob Ware at 708-387-7550.

YES! NOW is the best time to invest in your Home

Picking the right time to do a home improvement project can be difficult. One of the most important factors to consider is getting the best return on your investment. With the considerable decline in the price of oil, the costs of many building products are falling.



Additionally, because there's a decline in demand for building activities, we are also seeing some significant declines in labor pricing. This means that now, **because our costs are lower, those savings can be passed on to you without sacrificing any of the excellence, craftsmanship and attention to detail that we are known for.** This means that your investment has a higher return!

There are also plenty of other financial incentives to act now. Tax credits, "go green" incentives, and, lower heating and cooling costs, are all good reasons for you to look into replacing windows and doors, updating your home's heating and air conditioning systems, renovating outdated kitchens and bathrooms, or replacing damaged and unsightly roofs, siding, and landscaping.

Then there's always the reward of pride and enjoyment in your home. Having any of the needs above addressed, or investing in a new painting, decking, or sunroom project will also bring you great pleasure and satisfaction on a daily basis as you enjoy the investment you've made in your family's home.

The simple truth is that for wise home owners, this is a great time to get started with your project. You will get more value for your investment and your family will begin enjoying your home even more. Please be advised, timing is everything. There's no way to know how long these lower construction costs will continue. Industry experts concur; costs are likely to rise considerably in the coming months.

[The article above was unsolicited by the Chamber. It is being shared because of the positive message about the future.]

To learn more about home improvements, maintenance or new construction, please contact a Chamber Realtor®, architect, landscape architect, building contractor, specialist in a specific trade, banker or mortgage specialist. Refer to your copy of the membership directory or call the office at (708) 387-7550.

Within a year you might wish you had done some projects or signed a contract when rates were low, when contracts were a more negotiable and the turn-around was starting to occur. **Today is most likely the best time to do anything. So -- just do it!**

Life Journeys Newsletter from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.

A newsletter that you may find both interesting and useful is sent out by Zarzycki Manor Chapels. The one in our area is located in Willow Springs. They are a WSCCI Chamber member.

Most of the articles in the newsletter are about living a great life, money matters, etc. Check it out.

To **sign up and have the newsletter sent to your in-box**, go to staff@zarzyckimanorchapels.com and in the subject line put: Attention Claudette. In the body, write that you wish to be added to the mailing list. Claudette's phone number is 708.839.8999.

If you have questions, you can call Bob Ware at 708-387-7550.

Attend some of these great Chamber events!

Wednesday, June 10

WSCCI Holistic Healthcare Resource Night

"Releasing Trapped Emotion"

Presented by Carolyn Streit

WSCCI, 9440 Joliet Road, Suite B, Hodgkins, 60525

\$10 - Bring a friend for FREE!

Speak individually to a variety of complementary practitioners, and mini-treatments & consultations rewarded as door prizes. Call Wendy Kerr at 708-352-1048 to register.

Thursday, June 11

Free! SCORE Counseling

By appointment

Harris Bank, 1000 S. La Grange Road, La Grange

Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) offers free counseling to help you with your small business needs. Appointments are available the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Registration required. Call the Chamber at 708-387-7550.

Thursday, June 11

Horizon Wealth Management hosts

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Horizon Wealth Management, 22 Calendar Court, 2nd Floor, La Grange, 60525

Free to attend!

Take time to network, build leads, and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer. Invite co-workers and friends, too! For reservations, call the Chamber at 708-387-7550 or email dannah@wscci.org.

Wednesday, June 17

Tanya Hart's Taste of Vino hosts

LUNCH & LEADS

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

821 W. Burlington Avenue, Western Springs, 60558

\$20

All attendees have an opportunity to introduce themselves & their businesses. Bring a co-worker and plenty of business cards. Enjoy Tanya Hart's newest location - now open for lunch! For reservations, call the Chamber at 708-387-7550 or email dannah@wscci.org.

Monday, June 22

WSCCI Annual

GOLF OUTING

Gleneagles Country Club, 13070 McCarthy Road, Lemont, 60439

9:30 a.m. - Registration & Eye-openers

11 a.m. - Shotgun Scramble - Best Ball format

4 p.m. - Cocktails & Dinner

\$25,000 "Hole in One" contest sponsored by Premier Construction and TrueSource Cabinets. Enter as an individual, or a foursome. Sponsor the breakfast, lunch, cart, hole, game & more. For more information or to register, call 708-387-7550 or visit www.wscci.golfreg.com.

Thursday, June 25

The Heat Engineering Company hosts

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Heat Engineering Company, 6500 Joliet Road, Countryside, 60525

Free to attend!

Bring a friend or colleague, and take advantage of this great opportunity to network. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine & beer. For reservations, call the Chamber at 708-387-7550 or email dannah@wscci.org.