

July 1, 2009

If you would like to participate in the Discount for Members-Only, call or e-mail the Chamber office, and we'll be happy to add you to the list!

New Funding for Sheriff's Department

Last week, the House approved a bill and the funding of \$1,925,000 for seven law enforcement agencies in Northwest Indiana to upgrade and improve their crime fighting technology. The Lake County Sheriff's Department will receive \$500,000 to begin the initial steps in the consolidation of Lake County's 18 dispatch centers. The project, which was developed by the Lake County Public Safety Commission, will require the purchase of new interoperable radios and the corresponding software system in order to increase efficiency, improve 9-1-1 response capabilities, and cut costs.



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Monday, July 20, 2009

Tickets are still available!
Contact Monique at 219.931.1000

State Budget Resolved!

It took 175 days, a special session, numerous newspaper editorials and the threat of a government shutdown, and after finally passing both the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-led Senate, the result is a responsible budget that protects taxpayers. The budget also addresses many other issues that are important to Hoosier families, especially as far as the education of our children is concerned. For instance, there are no caps on the growth of charter schools; money is provided for a scholarship tax credit that could help many low-income families send their children to non-public schools; and for the first time ever, Indiana is exploring the possibility of online schools that extend learning beyond the traditional walls of the classroom. These are the kinds of reforms that will aid Dr. Tony Bennett and his work on behalf of Hoosier kids.

"Computer Boot Camp" Summer Sessions

Mark your calendars, computer boot camp is coming soon! This boot camp is being sponsored by Hammond Development Corporation and the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. The Intro to these sessions will begin **July 7th**. Each session is being held from **August 3 - 7, 2009 8:30am - 11:30am**. The Fee is \$40 for non-chamber members and **\$35** for Lakeshore Chamber Members. To register for these events or for further information please call 219.853.6399 ext. 105 or 219.931.1000.

Business Emergency Planning

The flu is likely to return with a Vengeance—is your organization pandemic ready? The Lake County Advancement Committee, Northwest Indiana Forum and Krieg DeVault, attorneys at law present a Business Emergency Planning program. This program will feature speakers Susan Ziel, RN BSN MPH JD and Linda Cooley, JD of Krieg DeVault and David Milen, PhD of Sisters of St. Francis Health Services. The topics covered will be: Pandemic Flu & Essential Facts, Community Impact/Preparedness, and Workplace Preparedness & HR Considerations. The program will be held at 6100 Southport Road, Portage on Thursday, July 9. Breakfast and networking will begin at 7:30, and the presentation will be from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. You can register today by emailing tbley@nwiforum.org, or call 219.763.6303, ext 183.



Sixth Annual Festival of the Lakes

Get ready for Hammond's sixth Annual Festival of the Lakes! Among this year's many festivities are some excellent musical acts, including Boyz II Men on July 15th, Randy Travis on July 17th and Los Lonely Boys on July 19th. These shows begin at 7 p.m. This year's festival has something for everybody! For more details, call 219.853.6378 or visit www.festivalofthelakes.com

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Calendar of Events

Additional information can be viewed on our website at www.lakeshorechamber.com

- JULY 2** **East Chicago's Independence Day Celebration**
East Chicago Marina Boardwalk, 3301 Aldis Street; starts at 7 p.m.

- JULY 4** **Hammond's Independence Day Celebration**
Harrison Park, Corner of Hohman Ave. & Waltham St. All day festivities.

- JULY 8** **Publisher Class Intro Session**
Lakeshore Chamber Office, 5246 Hohman Ave. Hammond 12:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

- JULY 8** **BoddBash after-hours event presented by Oddbodd**
Hammond INnovation Center, 5209 Hohman Avenue, Hammond; 5-7 p.m.

- JULY 9** **Business Emergency Planning**
6100 Southport Road, Portage; 7:30-10:00 a.m.

- JULY 9** **YMCA Night of Water Park Fun**
Deep River Water Park 9001 E Lincoln Hwy, Crown Point, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

- JULY 10** **YMCA Charity Golf Outing**
Lost Marsh Golf Course, 901 East 129th St. Hammond; Shotgun Start: 12:30 p.m.

- JULY 22** **Workshop regarding the Downtown Hammond Plan**
5205 Hohman Avenue, Hammond; 6 p.m. For more info, call 219.847.2015

- JULY 13** **Meals on Wheels Orientation and Training**
8446 Virginia St, Merrillville; 10:30 a.m. - Noon.

Upcoming Lakeshore Chamber Committee Meetings

<i>Special Events Committee</i>	<i>July 7, 2009</i>	<i>8:00am</i>
<i>Executive Committee</i>	<i>July 9, 2009</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>
<i>Ambassador Committee</i>	<i>July 15, 2009</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>
<i>Board of Directors</i>	<i>July 16, 2009</i>	<i>8:00am</i>
<i>Small Business Committee</i>	<i>July 16, 2009</i>	<i>11:00am</i>
<i>SBC Referral Luncheon</i>	<i>July 16, 2009</i>	<i>12:00pm</i>

Save the Date

- 7/13/09** - 2009 Golf Scramble for Kids
- 7/24/09** - Free Mexican Folkloric Dance Workshops

AM/PM Lakeshore Chamber Networking Dates

July 14, 2009 - National City Bank, 4715 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN - 7:30am