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July 31, 2009

State Legislators Address Lakeshore Chamber Audience

Area State Legislators (Rep. Earl Harris, Rep. Mara Candelaria Reardon, and Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh) spoke to a large Lakeshore Chamber audience on 7/29 about the recent regular and special Legislative Sessions. It was pointed out by the Legislators that 1) no additional taxes were involved in the passing of the \$28.5 Billion dollar State Budget 2) The Region has leaned too heavily on industry, and we need to diversify and create new growth and add more high paying jobs to our local economy 3) Voters need to make their voices heard on the Nov 3rd Referendum, that addresses public transit issues in NW Indiana, and 4) The Little Calumet Levee Project will receive a much needed lift with an additional \$14 million dollars going toward the completion of this important project. The Legislators also emphasized the importance of hearing from the Business Community on local issues during the legislative session to help them make informed decisions on proposed legislation.



L-R: Rep. Shelli VanDenburgh, Rep. Earl Harris, Monique Ruiz, Rep. Mara Candelaria Reardon, and Dave Ryan

"CARS"-AKA Car Allowance Rebate System, AKA "CASH FOR CLUNKERS" is Working!

Local Auto Dealers are smiling with the recently introduced "Cash for Clunkers" program, designed to get your gas-guzzling, old automobile off the road, and get a shiny new, AND efficient auto into your garage. To qualify, your car must be less than 25 years old, must have been titled and insured for one year, and must get fewer than 18 miles per gallon. If the new car is a 10+ MPG Improvement in gas mileage, you can receive up to \$4500!! SEE YOUR LOCAL DEALER TODAY !!

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Economy Eases - GDP Dip in 2ND QTR Smaller Than Expected

The dip in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the April to June period, reported on 7/31 by the Commerce Dept to just 1%, comes after the economy was in a free fall, tumbling at an annual rate of 6.4% in the first 3 months of 2009. It was a better-than-expected showing that provided the strongest signal yet that the longest recession since World War II is finally winding down.

Less drastic spending cuts by businesses, a resumption of spending by federal and local governments, and an improved trade picture were key forces behind the better performance. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has said he thinks the recession will end later this year, and many analysts think the economy will start to grow again, perhaps at a 1.5% pace in the July to Sept quarter. While this still is slow growth, it would signal that the downturn has ended. Companies replenishing their bare-bone stockpiles could produce a huge swing in inventories, that could create a much bigger growth rate than anybody expects.

Save the Date
October 08, 2009
Lakeshore Chamber Business Expo



Lakeshore Views



Calendar of Events

July 31, 2009

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

AUGUST 4

Hammond YMCA Fundraising Picnic

Fox Run Estate, Cedar Lake; 4-8 pm; For info call Ed 219.845.1507 ext.228

AUGUST 5

Black Industrial Supply Corporation hosts Vendor Fair

3600 Calumet Ave, Hammond; 10-4 pm; Featuring over 30 vendors.

AUGUST 6

Mayor Pabey's Homebuyer & Renter Educational Workshop

Healthy East Chicago Center; 6-8 pm; For info call Lyvette 219.397.9974 ext.25
More dates for this event: AUGUST 13, 20 & 27 and OCTOBER 8, 15, 22 & 29.

AUGUST 7

Techpoint "First Friday" New Economy New Rules Video Seminar

Hammond Innovation Center; Doors open at 7am; For info call 219.750.1200

AUGUST 12

US Senator Evan Bayh, City of Hammond, and Center of Workforce Innovation's Annual Job Fair

Jean Shepard Community Center; 1-4 pm; For info call 219.852.2763

AUGUST 13

Wicker Memorial Park Summer Concerts featuring History's End

Social Center Gazebo Bands; 7:00-10:30 pm; For info call 219.932.2530 ext.327

AUGUST 15

The Blue Room Café hosts the 4th Annual Tribute to the Beatles

Parking lot of 5246 Hohman Ave; 6 pm; Tickets \$10; For info call 219.933.8124

AUGUST 19

Hammond Innovation Center hosts Facebook for Business Workshop

Hammond Innovation Center; 11:30 am- 1pm; \$25; Please call (219) 750-1200

AUGUST 22

The Taste of East Chicago Motorcycle and Car Show

Veteran's Park East Chicago; 6-7 pm; For info go to www.eastchicago.com

SEPTEMBER 9

Northwest Indiana Federation's Annual King-Chavez Social Justice Event

Ameristar Ballroom, East Chicago; Guest Speaker Attorney Calvin Bellamy; 11:30 am-1 pm; To RSVP call 219.853.8090

SEPTEMBER 12

Neighborhoods Inc. Dog Walk Through Roxana Neighborhood

1104 Knights of Columbus Dr; 8:30 am, For registrations call 219.844.1876

SEPTEMBER 21

Arc BRIDGES 10th Annual Golf Invitational

White Hawk Country Club, Crown Point; 11 am; For info call (219) 985-6560

Due to limited space, other events will be listed in subsequent weeks, yet all are listed on the website.

Upcoming Lakeshore Chamber Committee Meetings

<i>Special Events</i>	<i>August 05, 2009</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Executive Committee</i>	<i>August 13, 2009</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>
<i>Board of Directors</i>	<i>August 20, 2009</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Small Business</i>	<i>August 20, 2009</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>
<i>SB Referral/Networking Luncheon</i>	<i>August 20, 2009</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>

Business Educating Business

Date: August 11, 2009
 Topic: Employee Issues
 Time: 3:00 - 4:30 pm
 Location: Hammond Innovation Center