

A Walk In The Parks

Newsletter

The Parks Chamber of Commerce



UP COMING EVENTS

Ribbon Cutting at
WoodSpring
Suites
January 14th



Business Afterhours at
Tippy's Tavern with food
from 640 Meats
January 21st

Business Breakfast
January 23rd
Sponsored by
Morrissey Family
Businesses

MORRISSEY
FAMILY BUSINESSES



Ribbon Cutting at
Rockford
Community Bank
January 28th

From the Chairman

2024 has been a great year for The Parks Chamber! We enjoyed numerous networking events including business after hours, ribbon cuttings and our most successful event, the golf outing at Forest Hills C.C. As our membership continues to grow, we hope to add more networking events in 2025.

We said goodbye to Josh Aurand and Pam Cook who served on the board as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for many years. Their hard work and dedication to the Parks Chamber is greatly appreciated.

We also presented a plaque to our now immediate Past Chairman, Mike Broski, for his dedication to The Parks Chamber and the entire business community in Loves Park and Machesney Park. Thank you Mike, for all you do!

Finally, a big thank you to our members for making The Parks a great place to work, live and grow!

Sincerely yours,
Julie Altenbernd

Thank you
Mike Broski
for your
leadership of
The Parks
Chamber!



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Benny's @ Nest

Easy Tiger

The Parks

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES
CELEBRATE OUR BUSINESS
COMMUNITY!**

Ribbon Cuttings in 2024

Face Place
Keeping Northern Illinois Beautiful
West Side Children's Therapy
Carlito's Munchie Station
Benny's @ Nest
Top Dog Pizza
Harlem High School Career Facility
Chick-Fil-A Machesney Park
Easy Tiger
Mardi Gras 2 Slots
The Mill Saloon
Blue Legaci Salon
Capri Pizza
Hidden Treasures Mall
Doggo Sit Stay Play
Which Wich
Machesney Park Village Hall
The Parks - Cimino's Kitchen

From the Director

What a great year it has been for a "Walk" in The Parks! I would like to thank all of our members for their support of The Parks Chamber and for their participation in, and promotion of, our local business community.

A big thank you to all of our sponsors this year, from the golf outing in August, to the many Business Afterhours networking events. Thank you also to the different hosts that opened their businesses to The Parks Chamber and its members.

Special thanks to Josh Aurand and Pam Cook (Harlem School District 122) for their many years of dedicated service to The Parks Chamber and its board. As Treasurer and Secretary, their leadership and guidance have helped The Parks Chamber grow to where we are today.

Welcome to our incoming board members; Bob Palm (Cimco Recycling Loves Park) and Jake Hubert (Harlem School District 122).

I would like to add my personal thanks to that of our board as we recognize our Immediate Past Chairman Mike Broski (Entre Computer Solutions) for all of his service to this community. Thank you Mike for your faith in me when offering the opportunity to help lead The Parks Chamber.

I am looking forward to working with our new Chairman, Julie Altenbernd (Rock River Disposal) and our other new Officers: Vice Chairman, Darrell Snorek (LaMonica Beverages), Treasurer, Jenny Redington (Stillman Bank) and Secretary, Darlyne Keller (Rock Valley Credit Union).

2025 looks to be another great year in the Parks!

Duncan Geddes

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Business Afterhours events provided great networking opportunities in 2024



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Tours of the Chicago - Rockford International Airport and Perfetti Van Melle



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rockford Community Bank
Benny's
i3 Broadband
Beloit Sky Carp
NFP Insurance Solutions
Harlem Community Center
Stanley Steemer
Carz R Us
Danfoss
Tricor Insurance
Judge Erik K. Jacobs
Associated Bank
Independence Village
Acadia Waste
Primum Risk Strategies
M3 Insurance
Capri Pizza
Elysian House of Beauty
Plastic Parts International
Buona
WoodSpring Suites Loves Park
Trusted Painters
Linus Credit Union
High PSI Ltd.
Segra

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE A CHAMBER MEMBER?

Contact Duncan Geddes at 815-289-0735 or Duncan@ParksChamber.com

OUR MISSION

To Help Businesses Succeed with the Right Tools, Connections, and Resources

The Parks Chamber of Commerce is a public/private partnership that convenes business, nonprofit, elected, and municipal leaders to help attract people to live, visit, and invest in the City of Loves Park and Village of Machesney Park, Illinois.

