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## Maywood Chamber of Commerce

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**Mission:** To promote economic growth and community development on behalf of its members through the forging of partnerships between citizens, local government, and businesses in a manner that fosters civic pride and a sense of community.

### **MAYWOOD, BELLWOOD & BROADVIEW CHAMBERS TO SPONSOR A JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009, 5:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. AT BEST WESTERN CHICAGO HILLSIDE**

Last December, as a result of the difficult economy, Loyola Medical Center made the decision that all departments at Loyola would not be holding any Christmas parties on campus. Consequently, the long tradition of a December Chamber Christmas Party at Loyola University Medical Center had to be suspended.

Maywood Chamber Board Chairman Steven E. Fox, who also serves on the Bellwood and Broadview Chamber Boards, initiated the idea of a Regional Chamber Holiday Party, including Maywood, Bellwood and Broadview. After meeting with Sales Manager Theresa Mathews

and Catering Manager John Quaites, Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois agreed to partially underwrite a joint Holiday Party of the Maywood, Bellwood, and Broadview Chambers.

Following our successful gathering last December, as well as a 100 year birthday celebration and our Annual Awards Banquet, both held at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, the Chambers of Maywood, Bellwood and Broadview will once again host a joint Holiday Networking Celebration on Monday, December 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., at the Best Western Chicago Hillside.

A generous assortment of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be available throughout the evening as well as a Cash Bar. Special entertainment will be provided by the Proviso Township High School Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Reginald A. Wright, Jr.

The charge for the event is \$15.00 for Chamber members and \$20.00 for non-members.

Come and bring a friend, especially a potential new member, and take the opportunity to interact with our neighboring chambers of commerce.

# Minutes from the Secretary

Minutes of the November 16, 2009, Maywood Chamber of Commerce General Meeting, hosted by Commonwealth Edison, and held at their facility at 1505 S. 1st Avenue, Maywood

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Steven E. Fox, at 12:26 p.m.

Chamber President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV gave the invocation.

Board Members Present: Sam Balark, Jason C. Ervin, Steven E. Fox, Marissa Martinez, Virginia Olson, and Edwin H. Walker IV.

Members Present: Herman A. Brunson, Jr., Vicki Haas, Betty Olson, Loretta L. Robinson, and Gwendolyn S. Streeter-Walker.

Steven E. Fox introduced ComEd representatives Mike Radziewicz and David Doherty and thanked them for hosting the meeting.

Loretta Robinson moved, Gwendolyn Streeter-Walker seconded, that the October 19, 2009 General Meeting Minutes be approved, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Jason C. Ervin moved, Loretta Robinson seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as presented, for filing. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven E. Fox presented the Chairman's Report: The Maywood Chamber is discussing a joint holiday party with the Bellwood and Broadview Chambers. The date and venue will be identified soon.

Edwin H. Walker IV announced there is an important meeting on November 18, 2009, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, regarding the Eisenhower Expressway expansion.

Village Manager Jason C. Ervin announced that the new Maywood Market grocery store is making progress towards opening. It is co-sponsoring with the Village and

Morris Meats a turkey give-away for Maywood residents on Saturday, November 21, 2009 10:00 a.m.-noon in front of the grocery store at Washington Blvd. and 5th Avenue. Everyone is invited to tour the new market on Saturday as well.

ComEd representatives Michael Radziewicz, Director of External Affairs, and David Doherty, Manager of Advanced Meter Infrastructure, Smart Meters and Smart Grid, gave a presentation about the upcoming pilot project to be launched in the Maywood area as well as Tinley Park and Humboldt Park in 2010.

Smart meters, that allow 2-way communication between ComEd and the customer, will send usage data every 30 minutes, facilitating more precise readings, and enabling customers to refine their usage. Smart meters will save an estimated \$45-million/year by eliminating meter readings on the streets and cuts in loss due to theft. In addition, ComEd and the Department of Energy will be installing solar panels on 100 residential customer homes. All residential and commercial customers in Maywood will receive new smart meters in the spring of 2010 for the pilot project to commence by June. The project will run through the end of 2010 with a report to the Illinois Commerce Commission on its results by March, 2011.

For lack of further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Haas  
Secretary Pro Tem

## CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Chairman: **Steven E. Fox** (B.C. 11)(B)  
1st Suburban National Bank

Immediate Past Chairman: **Jesse L. Howard, Jr.**  
(B.C. 11)(B)  
Howard Properties, Inc.

1st Vice Chairman: **Audrey C. Jaycox** (B.C. 10)(I)  
Individual Member

2nd Vice Chairman: **Latoya Campbell-Stansbury**  
Park National Bank (B.C10)(B)

President/CEO: **Edwin H. Walker IV**  
Individual Member

Executive Secretary/  
Treasurer: **Kathleen I. Carani** (B.C. 11)(I)  
Individual Member

### Class of 2010

Director: **Rev. Jacques A. Conway** (NFP)  
Neighborhood United Methodist Church

Director: **Joshua Day** (B)  
Cintas Corporation

Director: **Johnny E. Diggs** (B)  
Grafin, Inc.

Director: **Patrick J. Durkin** (NFP)  
Westlake Hospital

Director: **Jason C. Ervin** (Gvt)  
Village Manager

Director: **Marissa Gonzalez** (B)  
Banco Popular

Director: **Carolyn Johnson** (I)  
Individual Member

Director: **Sean T. McCarthy** (B)  
Nicor Gas

Director: **Viola Mims** (B)  
Vintage Realtors

### Class of 2011:

Director: **Fabiola Amezcua** (B)  
ComEd

Director: **Sam Balark** (B)  
AT&T

Director: **Jon Grigalunas, Jr.** (NFP)  
Triton College

Director: **Stan D. Huntington** (NFP)  
Maywood Public Library

Director: **Donald A. Offermann** (B)  
Forest Park National Bank

Director: **Virginia Olson** (B)  
Happy Hounds & Cats

Director: **James E. Whitehead** (NFP)  
Loyola University Health System

Director: **Karen A. Yarbrough** (B)  
Hathaway Insurance Agency

Chaplain: **Rev. Jacques A. Conway**  
Individual Member

## **OPERATION UPLIFT TO HOST 22nd ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LUNCHEON**

Operation Uplift will host its 22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon on Saturday, January 16, 2010, 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m., at The Diplomat West Banquets, 681 West North Avenue (at Route 83) in Elmhurst, Illinois.

With the theme “Rebuilding Community Through the Dream”, the event will celebrate the excellence of Dr. King’s legacy by recognizing hometown success stories and community service leaders. The 2010 Award recipients include twelve individuals, who will be recognized for their volunteerism, youth leadership, lifelong community contributions and hometown career success stories. Receiving the Rosa Parks Heritage Award will be Eleanor Miller, former Clerk, Village of Maywood.

The Keynote Speaker will be the Reverend Dr. Joseph D. Turner, D.M., pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Perrine, Florida. He is a longtime resident of Bellwood and a 1986 alumnus of Proviso West High School.

Serving as Honorary Chairman will be George Tubbs, also a Proviso West High School graduate, and currently a radio personality of Station WGC, 107.5 FM, aka “ALBSYLK”. The entertainment will include a “Time to Remember Michael Jackson” by the famous Rico Hampton and an exciting raffle will also be conducted.

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce was the first recipient of the newly inaugurated Dr. Percy L. Julian Community Award during the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon in January 2006.

Providing leadership for Operation Uplift is one of Maywood’s most community-oriented citizens, President/CEO Northica E. Stone, who, despite serious illnesses, has continued to move forward to provide positive responses to the many problems in the community.

Individual General Admission is \$60 and Corporate Admission is \$80. For tickets and further information, please call (708) 343-3554.. Operation Uplift is the home of the West Town Museum of Cultural History.

# CHAMBER GENERAL AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE JANUARY-JUNE 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Tuesday, 19 January	12:00 Noon	AT&T	Maywood Public Library Rm 201 (Carnegie Bldg.) 121 S. 5th Ave., Maywood
Tuesday, 16 February	12:00 Noon	Maywood Public Library	“
Monday, 15 March	12:00 Noon	Park National Bank	“
Monday, 19 April	12:00 Noon	Triton College	Triton College
Monday, 17 May	12:00 Noon	Carolyn Johnson	Maywood Public Library Rm 201 (Carnegie Bldg.) 121 S. 5th Ave., Maywood
June, TBA	TBA	BANQUET	TBA

## CHAMBER BOARD MEETINGS—JANUARY-JUNE, 2010

Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday preceding the Chamber General Meeting (12 January, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May and 15 June) at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Maywood Public Library, (Carnegie Bldg.), 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood, IL.

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## CHAMBER 2009 CALENDAR

December 8	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
December 14	Chamber General Meeting Holiday Party Time: 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. Host: Bellwood, Broadview & Maywood Chambers of Commerce Location: Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL
January 12	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
January 19	Chamber General Meeting 12:00 Noon Host: AT&T Location: 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood

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