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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.

LOCAL EVENTS SCHEDULED TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February, the traditional Black History Month, will be marked in Maywood by various activities, sponsored by the Village of Maywood, the Maywood Park District, the Maywood Public Library, and the West Town Museum of Cultural History.

The Village of Maywood and the Maywood Park District are sponsoring a Tribute to "African American Ancestry Essay" Contest for all high school students who live in the Village. The 1st prize is \$150.00, 2nd prize is \$100.00, and 3rd prize is \$50.00. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

Winners will be announced at the African American Ancestry Program, to be held at the Maywood Park District, 921 South 5th Avenue, on Saturday, February 21, 2009, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and hosted by the African American History Club of Proviso East High School.

The Maywood Public Library, 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, has scheduled a Black History Expo with a special program on Saturday, February 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Library's first floor. Visitors will be exposed to crafts, art, history, and information, provided by Black vendors, artisans and authors as well as music, and presentations, and a taste of Soul Food. For further information, please contact Carol Clover at (708) 343-1847, extension 21.

The West Town Museum of Cultural History, 104 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, invites the community to observe Black History throughout the month of February, 2009. Activities include a Guided Tour each Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and on the weekends by appointment. The tour includes the exploration of the untold multi-cultural history of the near west suburban communities. For further information, please call (708) 343-3554 or (708) 516-0628. Adult admission is \$5.00 and youth admission is \$3.00.

Minutes from the Secretary

Minutes of the January 20, 2009, Maywood Chamber of Commerce Luncheon General Meeting, hosted by Cintas Corporation, at Maywood Public Library, 121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Steven E. Fox.

Board Members Present: Steven E. Fox, Marissa Gonzalez, Jon Grigalunas, Jr., Stan D. Huntington, Viola Mims.

Members Present: Fabiola Amezcua, Dan Bjornson, Yvonne Brown, Thelma Brunious, Lela Gimble, Angela Millsap, Jan Pate, Monica Posadas, Rich Susraliski, Connie Tapia, Jason Ursprung, Edwin H. Walker IV, Gwendolyn Walker, Pastor and Mrs. Elliot Wimbush, and Gary W. Woll.

Reverend Elliot Wimbush gave the invocation.

Chairman Fox thanked everyone for coming on such a momentous occasion.

Chairman Fox thanked Stan D. Huntington for hosting the inaugural event at the Library.

Chairman Fox also thanked Cintas Corporation for hosting the luncheon.

Gary W. Woll made a motion to accept the financial report, as presented. Marissa Gonzalez seconded the motion. All present approved the motion.

Chairman Fox, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the Maywood Community Development Corporation (MCDC), gave a brief explanation of the services the Corporation can provide to businesses in Maywood. President Walker IV stated that the MCDC was started by the Maywood Chamber.

Gary W. Woll stated that the tax levy that was passed in December reflected a 1% increase in the pension fund only. He also

stated that the vacant land in Maywood will move slowly, due to the poor economy.

Chairman Fox referred to an article in the news about a 433% increase for liquor store business licenses in Maywood. He stated that Jason Ervin explained that liquor stores tend to attract the wrong element, which requires police presence. Chairman Fox stated that he hopes that the Village Manager will address this matter as well, at a future Chamber Meeting to assure businesses that the village is not trying to chase businesses away.

President Walker IV spoke of Operation Uplift's luncheon to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday. The speaker was Dr. Esther J. Mitchell, retired pastor of J.W. James Memorial A.M.E. Church. She was the first female pastor of her church.

Stan D. Huntington reviewed the activities that will take place at the Library during Black History Month.

Edwin H. Walker IV stated that at next month's General Meeting the election of the 2010 Class of Board of Directors will take place.

The next General meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at the Maywood Public Library and will be hosted by the Village of Maywood.

Several announcements were made by members.

Gary W. Woll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 and Yvonne Brown seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen I. Carani
Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

If you have special events scheduled or would like to recommend an article for the Newsletter, please contact the Editor-in-Chief at (708) 345-7077 or fax at (708) 345-9455.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Chairman: **Steven E. Fox** (B.C. 09)(B)
1st Suburban National Bank

Immediate Past Chairman: **Jesse L. Howard, Jr.**
(B.C. 09)(B)
Howard Properties, Inc.

1st Vice
Chairman:

2nd Vice **Audrey C. Jaycox** (B.C. 08)(I)
Chairman: Individual Member

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

Secretary/ **Kathleen I. Carani** (B.C. 08)(I)
Treasurer: Individual Member

Class of 2008

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

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

Director: **John Murphy** (B)
Cintas Corporation

Director: **James Yaccino** (B)
Mike's Suburban Collision
Shop, Inc.

Class of 2009:

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

Honorary Lifetime Director:
Hugh A. Muir (I)
Individual Member

CHAMBER & VILLAGE TO CO-SPONSOR HUGH A. MUIR 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Maywood are joining forces to celebrate the 100th birthday anniversary of Hugh A. Muir, honorary lifetime Chamber Board member, and sole surviving Founding Father of the Chamber, who served as Village Trustee for twenty-nine years (1948-1977).

The celebration will take place on Monday, March 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the Best Western Chicago Hillside, 4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162. A reception will be held from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by a four course, sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The cost per attendee is \$25.00. Payment must be submitted with your reservation(s) by Monday, March 2, 2009. Please make your check payable to, and mail to:

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Maywood, IL 60153

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gwendolyn S. Steeter-Walker
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Maywood, IL 60153

Honourable Eugene M. Moore
Cook County Recorder of Deeds
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9 North 5th Avenue
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VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD TO HOST FEBRUARY CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING

Henderson Yarbrough, Sr., Mayor of Maywood, and Jason C. Ervin, Village Manager, welcome all members and guests to the February General Meeting of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 12:00 noon, at the Maywood Public Library, 121 South 5th Avenue, Room 201 (Carnegie Bldg.), Maywood. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:00 noon and the meeting will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

Highlighting the meeting will be the annual "State of the Village" address by Mayor Henderson Yarbrough, Sr.

The charge for the event is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Please note the change in the meeting date — Tuesday, February 17, 2009 instead of Monday, February 16, 2009 because of the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 16, 2009.

Come and bring a friend, especially a potential new member.

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CHAMBER 2009 CALENDAR

- Feb. 10 Board of Directors
4pm , Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood
- Feb 17 Chamber General Meeting
12:00 Noon
Host: Village of Maywood
Maywood Public Library, Room 201
(Carnegie Bldg.), 121 S. 5th Avenue
Maywood

**(NOTE: 3rd TUESDAY MEETING DATE
BECAUSE OF HOLIDAY ON THE 16TH)**

- Mar. 10 Board of Directors
4pm , Maywood Public Library
(Board Room)
121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood
- Mar. 16 Celebration of Hugh A. Muir's
100th Birthday
6p.m.-10 p.m.
Best Western Chicago Hillside
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside

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