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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.**

## **THE BUSINESS LEDGER, THE BUSINESS NEWSPAPER FOR SUBURBAN CHICAGO, HIGHLIGHTS MAYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE ROLE OF THE CHAMBER IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS**

The August 18, 2008 bi-weekly issue of The Business Ledger, published by Brown Business Ledger, L.L.C. in Naperville, featured a special Community & Economic Development section, highlighting Maywood and its new Comprehensive Plan, along with the role of the Chamber in bringing the vision to fruition as well as working closely with Loyola University Medical Center.

A prominent photograph of President/CEO Walker and James Whitehead, Vice President of Government & Community Affairs for Loyola University Medical Center, standing in front of the newly completed expansion project, introduced the feature story, which included quotes from John LaMotte, principal of The Lakota Group, consultants for the Maywood Comprehensive Plan, Mayor Yarbrough, Vice President Whitehead, and President/CEO Walker.

Also included in this special issue was a list of Suburban Economic Development Administrators. Sadly, and to our great embarrassment, Maywood was not included, since we do not have a full-time professional Community Development Administrator.

## BOARD CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT/ CEO ATTEND ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

On Friday, 20 June 2008, Steven E. Fox, Board Chairman, and Edwin H. Walker IV, President/CEO, attended the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, held at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

The keynote speaker was the Honorable Mel Knight, Minister of Energy, Alberta, Canada, who discussed North American energy alternatives, that will benefit our local businesses, Illinois, and our Nation as a whole.

He highlighted the “Alberta Story,” Canada’s economic engine, which is the third largest producer of natural gas in the world. And which supplies 13% of America’s oil supply.

Alberta’s oil sands, a safe and secure source, covering 54,000 square miles, will take 100 years to fully develop. Mr. Knight urged that Canada and the United States build a road map for an energy strategy, which would include the unlocking of oil shale deposits in both countries.

Mr. Knight’s no-nonsense approach to our present energy crisis avoided the rantings of the Gore-led extreme environmentalists, who view oil and other hydrocarbons as evil. The Illinois Chamber is to be commended for taking the lead in addressing this crucial issue of energy.

### CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

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**MAYWOOD FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ITS  
9TH ANNUAL "PUMPKIN PATCH PARADE"  
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**

The Maywood Fine Arts Association will hold its 9th Annual "Pumpkin Patch Parade" on Saturday, October 11, 2007. The fundraiser will provide a large portion of the operating budget for Maywood Fine Arts for the next twelve months.

Maywood Fine Arts Association is a not-for-profit 501C (3) corporation, established in 1996 by a group of concerned parents, community members and friends of the Village of Maywood. Its goal is to combat the escalating rates of drug activities, gang involvement, and teenage pregnancy, by providing the young people of Maywood and surrounding communities with healthy after-school and weekend activities in the fine and performing arts.

Maywood Fine Arts Association provides as many children as possible the opportunity to study the arts, thereby expanding their cultural horizons. While exploring various art forms, the children are taught self-discipline, teamwork, and respect for themselves and others. An active

involvement in the arts gives children a sense of pride in their accomplishments and in themselves.

Currently over 1,400 students are enrolled in classes, with waiting lists for most classes. The programs offered by Maywood Fine Arts clearly fill a void in the educational development of the community's children. In a recent Chicago Tribune article it was observed that six out of ten worst schools in Illinois outside the City of Chicago can be found in District 89, which includes Maywood and Melrose Park.

For further information concerning this important event, please call Lois Baumann at (708) 865-0301.

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., Saturday, October 11th at Maywood Fine Arts, 25 North 5th Avenue. The Pumpkin Patch Parade will begin at 11:00 A.M. at 5th Avenue & Lake Street. Rain or Shine!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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# 1ST SUBURBAN NATIONAL BANK TO HOST SEPTEMBER CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING

President and CEO Joseph D. Hogan and Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Steven E. Fox, of 1st Suburban National Bank of Maywood welcome all members and guests to the September General Meeting of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce on Monday, September 15, 2008, **5:00 P.M.**, at Mariella's Banquet Hall, 124 South 5th Avenue.

1st Suburban National Bank is a longtime mainstay in the Maywood community, providing various banking services from certificates of deposit to commercial, real estate, and automobile loans. In October, 1st Suburban celebrates its 65th anniversary.

In addition to its main office at 150 South 5th Avenue in Maywood, 1st Suburban has a branch office in Broadview at 2100 West Roosevelt Road, a branch office in Alsip at 12250 S. Cicero Avenue, and a branch office in Glendale Heights at 2081 Bloomingdale Road.

Please note that the September General Meeting is an After-Hours, "Meet & Greet" meeting at 5:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 noon. Hopefully, members, who are unable to attend at noon, will be able to come to an after-hours meeting.

**Come and bring a friend, especially a potential new member!**

The charge for the event is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. A cash bar will be available. Please RSVP by Friday, September 12th. Tel: (708) 345-7077.

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## CHAMBER 2007 CALENDAR

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| Sept. 9 | Board of Directors<br>4pm , Maywood Public Library<br>(Board Room)<br>121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood   |
| Sept 15 | <b>Chamber General "After-Hours"<br/>Meeting<br/>5:00 P.M.</b><br>Host: 1st Suburban National Bank,<br>Mariella's Banquet Hall<br>124 South 5th Avenue, Maywood |
| Oct. 14 | Board of Directors<br>4pm, Maywood Public Library<br>(Board Room)<br>121 South 5th Avenue, Maywood  |
| Oct. 20 | Chamber General Luncheon Meeting<br>12:00 noon<br>Host: Rock of Ages Baptist Church<br>1309 West Madison Street<br>Maywood                                      |

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