

Chamber Chatter

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Register your Company to Conduct Business with the Government

Each year, local, state and federal governments purchase more than \$300 billion from small businesses. From routine office supplies, service contractors and replacement parts for military aircraft, Uncle Sam offers potentially lucrative, yet largely untapped markets for many companies. Knowing how the government acquisition system works and finding out who in the government buys your products and services can be a challenge. The Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center at Black Hawk College was established in our region to help you overcome those challenges and learn how to do business with the government. As a PTAC client, you receive technical assistance and services which include:

- **Electronic Bid Match/Bid Award** - We'll notify you by e-mail about bidding opportunities and bid awards that are retrieved from over 400 databases nation-wide.
- **Bid Preparation** - We'll help you prepare for the offer and work with you to exceed bid specifications and quality requirements.
- **Registration** - We'll help you identify which governmental agencies are likely to buy your products and services and assist you in registering with them.
- **Certification** - If applicable, we'll help you apply for special certification programs that can increase the likelihood of winning contracts with certain agencies.
- **Research Assistance** - We'll conduct research on competitors and provide access to governmental contracting manuals.
- **Workshops/Seminars** - Periodic programs on topics related to effective government contracting, business matchmaking services and navigating government regulations. There is a small fee for workshops/seminars.

Participation in the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) acquisition process is the same as with any other federal agency in accordance with procedures stated in the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act (FASA) of 1994. All federal agencies are required to post notices of proposed government purchases exceeding \$25,000, sub-contracting leads, contract awards, sales of surplus property and foreign business opportunities to the government electronic point of entry systems know as the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO), at www.fedbizopps.gov. Since the use of this website is mandatory for all federal agencies, it is the most comprehensive and effective method of receiving solicitations. Companies wishing to do business with the BOP are strongly encouraged to become familiar with the FBO and to register for notifications of solicitations in their area of expertise.

You can also find this link available at www.bop.gov. Select "Doing Business" tab at the top of the page to view the BOP published proposed acquisitions. If you believe your company can supply the BOP institution with needed products and services, please contact the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) for free assistance with registrations required for government contracting. For the area surrounding the Thomson correctional facility including Morrison, please contact:

Vicky Miller, C.B.S. Coordinator
Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center
Black Hawk College
Phone: 309-796-5711 or Fax: 309-757- 7341
Email: millerv@bhc.edu www.bhc.edu/ILPTAC

Federal regulations mandate that purchases less than \$100,000 are set aside for small business except those under \$2,499, which could be made at a small or large business, using a government issued purchase card. Purchases over \$2,500 will be completed by the institution Contracting Officer after checking GSA mandatory sources such as Small Disadvantaged Business Program, 8(a) firms and HUBZone certified companies.

Examples of products include: perishable food items, fresh eggs and dairy products, fresh produce, bread and bakery items, recreational equipment, kosher food products, lumber, tools, canned goods, office supplies but NOT computer items.

Examples of Services include: comprehensive medical services, parenting/substance abuse services, water and sewer services, solid waste collection and recycling services, spiritual services, vocational instructors services, ambulance and burial services, medical material waste services, food service and office equipment maintenance services.

Prepare for Partnership NOW

Register your company to conduct business with federal agencies:

1. Be prepared to do business—be established, have a written business plan and be in good standing with your credit, bank, and vendors.
2. Get a Federal Employers Identification Number (FEIN) or as many call it your tax number. This can be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at www.irs.gov
3. Get registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR.gov) database
4. Contact the General Service Administration (GSA) at 703-305-6566 to find the purchasing schedule and other vital information
5. Identify if your company is within a special contract incentive area that the Federal Government targets for special contracting incentives:
 - 8 (a) Registration (socially or economically disadvantaged company)
 - HUB Zone Registration (located in geographical historically underutilized business zones)
 - Small Disadvantage Business Program (SDB)
 - Veterans Employment Registration
6. Be able to accept credit card purchases. Government agencies do have credit cards! In fact, in some cases purchases under \$2,499 may require to be purchased on credit cards
7. Call 800-705-5711 to get your DUNS number.
8. Be able to accept and send Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments. This is something that your banking professional can help you with.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 MEMBERS!

A+ Self Storage	Fairhaven Fruit Farm	Morrison Lions Club
Advantage One Credit Union	Farmer's National Bank	Morrison Rotary Club
AJP Computer Repair	First Presbyterian Church	Morrison Shell Express Lane
Al and Randy's Construction	Forest Inn	Morrison True Value Hardware
American Piping Group, Inc. - Vegter Steel Fabrication	Frontier Communications	Morrison United Methodist Church
American Products	Good Neighbor Care of Sterling	Morrison Veterinary Clinic
Ameriprise Financial	Grace Adele – David & Brenda Whitney Consultants	Nelson, Kilgus, Richey, Huffman, & Buckwalter-Schurman
Angie VanderVinne Agency - Farmers Insurance	Habben's Auction Service	Nelson's Electric Service Inc.
annabella's	Happy Joe's	Nerium International – Debbie Greenfield Consultant
ARC Appraisals	Health Matters	New Millenium Directories
Ashford University	Holesinger Law Offices, Ltd.	Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living
BeautiControl – Chrystal Frederick Consultant	Hospice of the Rock River Valley	Norwest Surveying Services Inc
Bethesda Lutheran Church (ELCA)	Imprintable Memories	One-Stop Marketing
B-Fit	J B Electric & Communication	Open Hand Self Defense
Bit O' Bliss Candy	Jamberry Nails – Chris Meier Consultant	Opie's Tat's
Bob Endress Sales & Service	Jo-Carroll Energy	Parkview Motel
Bogott Plumbing Inc. / BPI Pool Supply	John Tomasino Jr. D.D.S., P.C.	PartyLite – Melody Morrissey Consultant
Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home	KAS eRecycling	Patterson Auto Restoration
Bush Construction	Kophamer & Blean Realty	Pete Harkness Chevrolet
Casey's General Store	L K Design Source	PJ's Bookkeeping & Tax Services
Children's Art Preservation Association	Law Office of William R. Shirk, P.C.	Pleasant View Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
Climco Coils	Lia Sophia – Elizabeth Cross Consultant	Prairie Advocate
Commonwealth Edison	Longaberger Baskets – LuEllen Lee Consultant	Prairie Ridge Golf Course
Community State Bank	Madison Street Spa	RE/MAX Property Associates
Coplan & Buckwalter, PC	Mary Kay Cosmetics – Angelique Sadoris Consultant	Relax. Therapeutic Massage
Country Financial - Jansma & Musselman	Maurits and Jost Insurance	Rental Car Momma
Cross Creek Golf Course	McDonald's	Resthave Nursing & Retirement Home
Crossroads Community Church	Miller Chiropractic Clinic	Rick's Autobody
Crown Exterminators, Inc.	Moring Disposal, Inc.	Rockwell Collins
Dancer's Hut/123 Tees	Morrison Auto Supply Inc.	Roggy Scrap Metal Hauling
DQ Grill and Chill	Morrison Christian Reformed Church	Ruth Gundlach State Farm Agency
DreamWorks Mechanical	Morrison Community Day Care Center	Scenic Stage Line, Inc.
Ebenezer Reformed Church	Morrison Community Federal Credit Union	Schuler Motors Inc.
Eclipse Candle Company – Angela Loberg Consultant	Morrison Community Hospital	Security Plus Wireless - U.S. Cellular
Eizenga Tax Solutions	Morrison Family Health Clinic/ Medical Associates	Shaklee – Tracy Muur Consultant
Emmanuel Reformed Church	Morrison Friends of the Parks	Slumber Parties by Spring Klima
	Morrison Grand Squares	St. Mary's Catholic Church
	Morrison Historical Society	

Welcome New Members!



First Presbyterian Church

100 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, IL 61270

Phone: (815) 772-3510

Pastor: Mike Selburg

A growing church for the whole community! Visit us for Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. (Sept--May) and Kids for Christ Combined Sunday School meets 9-10 a.m. at United Methodist Church.



Rockwell Collins
100 E. Lincolnway
Morrison, IL 61270
Phone: (319) 654-6806
Senior Project Manager: Katie Coates Selburg

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Rockwell Collins is a pioneer in the design, production and support of innovative solutions for our customers in aerospace and defense. Our expertise in flight-deck avionics, cabin electronics, mission communications, information management and simulation and training is strengthened by our global service and support network spanning 27 countries.



PJ's Bookkeeping & Tax Services

18292 Noble Road
Morrison, IL 61270

Phone: (309) 738-0971

Owners: Pamela Jones

P.J.'s offers CE accredited tax preparation and bookkeeping services.

Friends of the Chamber

Gary Tresenriter



THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 MEMBERS!

Sterling Federal Bank

Subway Sandwiches & Salads

Sullivan's Foods

T.J.'s Maintenance & Repair

Tastefully Simple –
Rita Kaufman Consultant

Tegeler Accounting Services

Tegeler's Amish Furniture

The Cage

The Church of St. Anne

The City Rebar Detailing, Inc.

The Cornerstone Agency Inc. -
Mickley Insurance

THE National Bank

The Pampered Chef –

Donna Althoff Consultant

The Scotts Company

thecity1.com

ThirtyOne –
Jennifer Alvarado Consultant

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Timber Lake Playhouse

United Off-Road Racing LLC

United Way of Whiteside County

Uppercase Living –
Penny Slusser Consultant

V3 – Dana Conkrite Consultant

Vault Denim –
Jennifer McKay Consultant

Whiteside County Enterprise Zone

Whiteside News Sentinel Publication
Shawver Press

Wiersema Charter Service

Yoga with Martina

Friends of the Chamber

Sharon Habben

Chad Haskell

Everett Pannier

John Prange

Arnie Snyder

Gary Tresenriter

Cody James Weets

“With a focus on business, the Morrison Chamber of Commerce serves its members and community by supporting and by promoting Morrison, building relationships, and providing structure and events that unite the community.”



In The Spotlight



Angie VanderVinne Agency—Farmers Insurance has moved



from 219 E. Main Street to 127 E. Main Street, the former location of Thrivent Financial. The move provides more room and accessibility to clients. Contact Angie at (815) 772-8900 or get great tips on the agency's [Facebook](#) page.

JB Electric set up shop just



east of their old location on Lincoln Road, to a newly constructed facility. JB Electric provides experienced, licensed, bonded, and insured electrical services to residents, farms, and businesses of Northwest Illinois along with customized solutions for the planning and installation of all your networking needs, including Ethernet cables, fiber optics and business telephone systems. Contact owner Jon Bush at (815) 772-2392 for all of your wiring needs.

After 46 year of providing banking services at 220 E. Main Street, **Janice “Jan” Drolema** recently retired from **Community State Bank**. Jan joined Whiteside County Bank in 1966 and has remained in the same location throughout, most recently retiring as Teller Supervisor. Congratulations Jan!



The Mississippi Valley Muskies recently completed their new dock project at Lake Carlton at Morrison Rockwood State Park. The group provided supplies and labor to build the dock. Those participating in this great community service project were Chamber Member and **Rick’s Auto Body** owner **Rick**



Venhuizen, John Claeys, Rob Dickinson, Jeff Edwards, Denny Johnson, Russ Schneider, Sonny Stephens, Phil Vroman, and Mark Welsh. Mississippi Valley Muskies, Inc. was founded in 1978 and is committed to helping preserve all areas of the Mus-kellunge for present and future generations.



Community State Bank Board of Directors is proud to announce the promotion of Sally Scanlan, who has been with the bank since 1998, to bank President and CEO. Scanlan has been a cashier, vice president and cashier, secretary to the board of directors, and director and secretary/treasurer of Community Illinois Corporation. In other announcements, **Kevin L.**

Schisler was promoted to President of the Community State Bank Morrison office. He has been with the bank since 1988, when it was Whiteside Bank, serving as Assistant Vice President and as an Agriculture and Commercial Loan Officer.



The **CGH** Board of Directors is proud to announce the selection of Dr. Paul G. Steinke as CGH Medical Center’s Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Steinke joined the CGH Medical Center Main Clinic in 2005 and was promoted to Vice-President of Clinical Services in 2011. Steinke received his BA from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL; his DO from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO.



Susan Gomez, of **Wells Fargo Bank** and Morrison Chamber of Commerce Board Member has taken a position with The First National Bank in Amboy—Dixon office as an Ag Loan Officer. Susan has served on the Chamber Board of Directors for the past two years and served as the President in 2012. All the best to you Susan and thank you for your service to the Chamber!

Owner Christina Wetzell of **Relax—Therapeutic Massage** recently announced that she has moved from 209 1/2 E. Wall Street to 219 E. Main Street, Suite B. Christina provides massage therapy services M-F by appointment only at (815) 772-9944.



Working to make the main intersection of Morrison a more attractive one, the Master Gardeners along with volunteers from **Crossroads Community Church** and Morrison Key Club planted the “Cook-Out Corner.”



Gardeners Nance Anderson and Diane Garcia spearheaded this worthy project.

Help Your Business as Well as Your Community!

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts an economic census every five years, as mandated by Title 13, U.S. Code. In late 2012, nearly 5 million businesses will receive 2012 Economic Census forms. All large and mid-size businesses will receive forms as well as a sample of the smallest establishments. Businesses will have the option to report on paper or electronically. Information is collected about virtually every U.S. business and summarizes data for each industry and geographic area to publish a complete and accurate portrait of the American economy. Federal law guarantees the confidentiality of information you provide on your census form.

The 2012 Economic Census
**YOUR RESPONSE
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Census publications contain only aggregated statistics that combine information from many businesses. They do not identify individual businesses or their operations, and they are carefully reviewed to prevent unintended disclosure. The Economic Census is important because it

produces comprehensive "snapshots" of our economy and our most widely used business statistics. Census statistics feature economy-wide coverage, exceptional accuracy, encyclopedic detail, and historic comparability. These data are used in private sector business plans, public policy development, and statistical program quality control. Federal law requires you to complete your Economic Census form and return it to the Census Bureau. The forms are due by February 12, 2013. Forms can be obtained at <http://bhs.econ.census.gov/bhs/ecad/census-form.php>.

Save the Date!

MORRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL DINNER
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
THE FOREST INN
20657 LINCOLN RD.
MORRISON, IL



GUYS IN TIES
improv comedy

Retirements

Margery Croy, president and chief executive of **Community State Bank** of Rock Falls and Community Illinois Corporation, the bank holding company for Community State



Bank of Rock Falls, has retired, effective December 31, 2012. She has served as president at large since 2002, president of the Morrison branch for 6 years, and was an officer beginning in 1975. During her tenure, Community State Bank has been a constant supporter of the Morrison Chamber of Commerce, for which the chamber is deeply appreciative.



After nearly four decades of dedication, vision and commitment to our community, **Ed Andersen**, CGH President and CEO, will retire. Andersen joined **CGH** Medical Center in 1975 as the Director of Education. He moved from that position to the Coordinator of Human Resources, then became the Coordinator of General Services. He served as VP and Chief Financial Officer from 1980 - 1996, when he became CGH's President and CEO, holding that role for the past 15 years. "My time at CGH has been personally rewarding, and it is hard to leave that behind," said Andersen. "Every day I walk into CGH, I feel like I have the opportunity to carry on Christ's work here on earth. CGH is filled with employees with incredible dedication, compassion and empathy – they make a real difference in the lives of our patients and community. It has been my great privilege to work with them in our healing mission."



Silver Anniversary Christmas Walk Breaks Records!

The Morrison Chamber of Commerce would like to express their sincerest gratitude to all of the businesses, organizations, school groups, churches, and individuals that participated in the our 25th Anniversary Christmas Walk celebration. Those that attended the two-day celebration were treated to the lighting of the community Christmas tree adorned with a beautiful new star, a delicious chili cook-off, live nativity, holiday window displays, shopping specials, Church suppers, entertainment, refreshments, and Christmas hospitality. The weather was perfect and a record number came out to see a truly, community-themed parade.

Winners of the Christmas Walk Parade were Most Spirited Entry- LeAnn's Dance Connection; Best Use of Theme - Morrison Elementary School; Best Decorated Vehicle - Morrison Schools Foundation; Best Entry by a Community Group - Morrison Girl Scouts; and Best Entry by a Business - Wells Fargo Bank (Morrison Helping Hands Beneficiary). Winners drawn to ride in the parade with Santa & Mrs. Claus were Jack Frost – Jeff Weaver and Suzy Snowflake – Kelsey Gibbs. Winning Entries for the window display contest were Live Window Display – Open Bible Fellowship Puppets; Christmas Scene – THE National Bank; and Decorated Tree – Kophamer & Blean Realty. Mick Welding's entry won the chili cook, sponsored by Man to Man Open Bible Fellowship.

This year's Christmas Walk would not have been possible without the assistance of these generous sponsors: Angie VanderVinne Agency, Ashford University, CGH Medical Center, Community State Bank, Dunlap Lodge #321, Edward Jones, Farmers National Bank, Johnson Oil, Prairie Advocate, Schuler Motors, Sterling Federal Bank, Tegeler Accounting Services, THE National Bank, thecity1.com, Weets & Son Septic, Wells Fargo Bank, Whiteside News Sentinel Publications-Shawver Press, and Willett, Hofmann, & Associates.

Special thanks to the Morrison Public Works Employees, Santa & Mrs. Claus, Santa's Elf, the parade and window judges, parade announcer Brian Zschiesche, stable builder Barney Habben, singer Eric Phend, Spangler's Landscaping, Community State Bank, Mayor Roger Drey, Diane Garcia, Larry Roggy, and Christmas Walk Committee Members: Nance Anderson, Jean Eggemeyer, Sharon Habben, Jan Roggy, Bart Smith, and Stephanie Vavra.



Ribbon Cuttings



A large group of well-wishers were on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 11, 2012 to celebrate with Don & Jackie Jevne and True Value employees their big move to 104 S. Genesee Avenue, Morrison, IL. Open 7 days a week, the store stocks supplies for all of your hardware needs including paint, electrical, tools, housewares, lawn & garden, automotive, plumbing, keys, and framing. Attending the celebration were front row l-r: Luke Sandrock, The Cornerstone Agency; Sandi Crouse, Friend of the Chamber; Linda Brandon, True Value; **True Value** Owners Jackie & Don Jevne; Angie Gorzny, True Value; Lisa Lewis, True Value; and Laura Frederick, True Value. Back Row l-r: Jennifer Belanger, Wells Fargo Bank; Jan Roggy, State Farm Insurance; Suellen Girard, MCUD

#6; Sarah Thorndike, City of Morrison; Bart Smith, DQ Grill & Chill; Marti Wood, City of Morrison; Susan Gomez, Wells Fargo Bank; Abbi Bush, Angie VanderVinne Agency; Stephanie Vavra, thecity1.com; Louise Clark, RE/MAX Property Associates; Vickie Vigen, Madison Street Spa; and Kathy Schmidt, One-Stop Marketing.

The Morrison Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting on October 12, 2012 for **Security Plus Wireless U.S. Cellular**, 604 E. Lincolnway, Morrison, IL, to welcome them as a new business and new member of Chamber. Security Plus is a U.S. Cellular authorized agent ready to assist you with all of your cell phone needs. Attending the ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration were kneeling l-r: U.S. Cellular employees Marcel Roggy, Nickie Benters, & Rebecca Hunter. Front row l-r: Frank Stocker & Margaret Stocker, parents of owner Scott Stocker; Stephanie Stocker & Kyle Stocker, Scott's wife and son; Jan Roggy, State Farm Insurance; Owner Scott Stocker; Norma Nelson, THE National Bank; Stephanie Vavra, thecity1.com; Vickie Vigen, Madison Street Spa; Louise Clark, RE/MAX Property Associates. Back row l-r: Tonya Nichol, U.S. Cellular; Bart Smith, DQ Grill & Chill; Solomon Filer, U.S. Cellular Sales & Development Manager; friends Ron & Mary Ann Hood; Marti Wood, City of Morrison; Jennifer White, THE National Bank; Kathy Schmidt, One-Stop Marketing; Susan Gomez, Wells Fargo Bank; Christopher Morris & Justin Morris, Open Hand Self Defense; and Kelly Smith, Community State Bank.



We want to know about any awards, achievements, events, retirements and/or milestones that you or your business is having or has received, so we can share this information with our readers. This newsletter is published on a quarterly basis so send in or e-mail your news!

“Because Nice Matters” **Customer Service Award Winners**

To emphasize the importance of and reward great customer service in our community, the Morrison Chamber of Commerce established the award “Because Nice Matters” to be given to an individual or business that provides Exceptional Customer Service. Recent recipients were **Trina Williams** of Hardees nominated for her caring attitude towards her customers and staff; her positive attitude, and outstanding work ethic; **Kelly VanZuiden** of Dollar General, for her readiness to help and going that extra mile to help customers in need, especially seniors; and **Carol Wolf** from the Hair Headquarters for her genuine concern for customers and their children and making time according to their schedules. Congratulations to these recipients for their dedication to providing the best customer service!



Trina Williams
from Hardees



Kelly VanZuiden
from Dollar General



Carol Wolf
from Hair Headquarters

600+ games played at the Morrison Sports Complex in 2012

380,000 approximate visitors at Rockwood State Park this past year.

145 Current Members of the Morrison Chamber of Commerce

2,500+ pounds ham sold for the Morrison Lions Club holiday fundraiser

2,380 twinkling lights on the Community Christmas Tree

70 Skilled Care Beds at Resthave Home, after construction is complete

25 mph Morrison speed limit, unless otherwise posted

\$824 worth of cash and non-perishables raised by Sullivan's Foods donated to the Morrison Friends Food Pantry

70 foot cage available for baseball practice to high school aged and older players at The Cage



Mark Your Calendar

January

- Jan 7 The Grand Squares of Morrison Kick-Off Event @ Odell Library Community Room**
The doors open at 6:30 pm, free potato bar supper begins at 7 pm, followed by an introduction to the “Joys of Square Dancing” at 8 pm. All are welcome: singles, families, and couples! Register online at www.squareedancemorrison.com or by contacting Ann VanderSchaaf at 815-772-3616 or Marilyn Johnson at 815-772-7065. Dress is casual and the music is fun!
- Jan 15—May 4 Yoga with Martina—Continuing Yoga** Tue: 10:00-11:30 am; 4:15 – 5:45 pm; 6:15 – 7:45 pm and Wed: 10:00-11:30 am
- Jan 16—Feb 21 Beginning Yoga with Martina** Wed: 6:15 – 7:45 pm and Thurs: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Bring deep relaxation, and greater flexibility & strength to your body and mind! Register @ 815-772-4473 or tini_max@yahoo.com
- Jan 17—Feb 21 Yoga with Martina—Meditation Classes** Thu: 8:30 – 9:40 am
Feel peaceful & centered.....Gain clarity & insight.
- Jan 24 Morrison Chamber Board Meeting** 12:00 pm
- Jan 24 Whiteside Forum presents “Think Global, Act Local—Agriculture”** 6:30—8:00 p.m. @ Odell Community Room.
- Jan 27 Morrison Schools Foundation Short Film Festival** 2:00 p.m. @ Morrison High School Auditorium
- Jan 30 Hospice of the Rock River Valley Grief Support Group**
Ongoing grief support group meets every Wednesday for 6 weeks, January 30-March 6, 2013 at the Whiteside County Senior Center from 10 a.m.-noon. The group is free and open to anyone who has experienced a loss. For more information, call Debbie at 815-288-3673.
- Jan 31 Farmers’ Market Vendors Meeting** 6:30 pm at Odell Library Community Room

February

- Feb 4 Chamber Annual Dinner @ Forest Inn—Featuring “Guys in Ties” Improv** 6:00 pm
- Feb 27—Apr 11 Beginning Yoga with Martina** Wed: 6:15 – 7:45 pm and Thurs: 10:00 – 11:30 am
Bring deep relaxation, and greater flexibility & strength to your body and mind!
- Feb 28 —Apr 11 Yoga with Martina—Meditation Classes** Thu: 8:30 – 9:40 am
Feel peaceful & centered.....Gain clarity & insight.
- Feb 21 MHS Winter Concert** 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 22 Legacy Five in Concert at Emmanuel Reformed Church** 7:00 pm
- Feb 28 Morrison Chamber Board Meeting** 12:00 pm
- Feb 28 Whiteside Forum presents “Think Global, Act Local—Transportation”** 6:30—8:00 p.m. @ Odell Library Community Room.



March

- Mar 22 The Kingsmen in Concert at Emmanuel Reformed Church** 7:00 pm
- Mar 25—Apr 1 MCUD #6 Spring Break**
- Mar 28 Morrison Chamber Board Meeting** 12:00 pm
- Mar 30 Easter Egg Hunt @ Kiwanis Park** 10:00 am
- Mar TBA Morrison Chamber of Commerce presents “Meet the Candidates”**

Every attempt has been made to verify the accuracy of the information provided and contained in this publication.

As such, Morrison Chamber of Commerce assumes no liability for incorrect information contained herein and apologizes for any omissions.



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Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program Helps Revitalize Communities Through Building Upgrades

Investing in energy efficiency can improve a building's value and make it easier for property owners to attract tenants. Improving energy efficiency also reduces operating costs and enhances comfort. However, the process can be challenging. Many building owners aren't sure where to begin or are concerned about the expense of energy efficiency upgrades.

The Nicor Gas Economic Redevelopment Program helps overcome these barriers and makes investing in energy efficiency easy and affordable for owners of commercial, industrial and multifamily buildings. The program offers financial incentives and extensive technical consulting assistance. Building owners get help with every step of the process, from evaluating energy efficiency needs and identifying equipment options to applying for rebates and finding qualified contractors.

This program is open to commercial and industrial facilities and large multifamily buildings served by Nicor Gas. To qualify, projects should fit the following guidelines:

- Projects should promote economic redevelopment and should be located in Enterprise Zones, TIF districts or other economically challenged areas. Projects that create jobs, offer social services, or provide affordable housing may qualify even if they are not located within these zones.
- The facility to be improved must be at least 10,000 square feet.
- Projects must be early in both the design process and the process of selecting components and systems to be improved. (Projects nearing completion may not qualify.)

To apply for this program or for more information, contact the Economic Redevelopment team at (773) 328-7040 or download the [application](#).

MADC Unveils a New Website

The Morrison Area Development Corporation (MADC) recently launched a new website, providing tools necessary for economic development in Morrison. The site provides comprehensive information about Morrison including workforce data, opportunity assessments, regulatory environment, resources, demographics, incentives and financing, educational opportunities, and available properties; all readily accessible to site selectors and businesses.

Along with a fresh design, the website boasts new functionality:

Job Bank

From the main page, employers can submit qualifications about jobs they have available and individuals can search for local job openings.

Community & Visitor's Guides

A community guide that is full of useful information for Morrison residents and a visitor's guide that markets the community are both available for download from the home page. Having the booklets available on the website allows the information to be easily updated, in order to remain timely and accurate, a drawback of traditional printing options.

Custom Report Builder

Website visitors can create a PDF document from a web page, email the selected page, and print the pages without images.

Custom Content Management System

The website is on a content management system, allowing non-technical staff the ability to update the website easily.

Morrison Area Development Corporation's board of directors recognized the importance of updating their website with new features, maps, pictures, and information in today's global economy, where websites are a community's number one marketing tool. The website can be found at www.morrisonareadevelopment.com.

2012 Board Members

Susan Gomez – President

Wells Fargo Bank

Jean Eggemeyer – Vice President

Bit O' Bliss Candy

Corinne Bender – Administrator

Morrison Chamber of Commerce

Louise Clark

RE/MAX Property Associates

Dr. Suellen Girard

Morrison Community Unit School
District #6

Sharon Habben

Morrison Farmers' Market

Chad Haskell

Friend of the Chamber

Jan Roggy

State Farm Insurance

Bart Smith

DQ Grill and Chill

Kelly Smith

Community State Bank

Customer perception is key to service satisfaction!