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President's Message
Mary Lynch, CPA, CFP®

We hope to see you at the events we have planned for the next month for networking and fun.

Networking shouldn't stop for the summer! Come for great networking at the Women's Power Lunch on 6/20 and Networking in the Alley sponsored by BCR on 6/5.

Please join us for some summer fun at member Lin-Mar Motors 5th Annual Open House featuring the Neverly Brothers on 6/9, the Concert in the Park on 6/12, and the 4th of July parade. You'll have a chance to enjoy some great times with family and friends (and possibly sneak in a little networking). There is still space in the

goodie bags the Chamber hands out at the Concert in the Park.

Looking toward fall please put the Golf Outing on your calendar. It's September 26. I'm going to play this year for the first time in my life so please come out and see me get a really high score!

As many of you are aware, Suzanne Archer has left her position with the MGGCI. We expect to have a new Director on board very soon. In the meantime, Claire Sherman is doing a great job assisting our members and managing the day to day activities of the Chamber.

"The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary"
 —Vidal Sassoon

Village of Morton Grove Smoking Ordinance

Morton Grove Board of Trustees has adopted a new smoking ordinance which will become effective July 31, 2007. This ordinance is intended to protect the health and welfare of residents by restricting smoking in designated public places.

declared to be smoke free. Restaurants, unless outfitted with floor to ceiling solid walls and separate HVAC systems for smoking rooms. Within fifteen feet of any entrance to an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited.

Some of the places where smoking is prohibited include: "Public places" as defined by Village ordinance. Any building, facility, or outdoor area which the owner, operator or manager has

Some of the places where smoking is allowed include: Designated hotel and motel sleeping rooms. Private clubs. Private residences, except when used as a childcare facility, adult care facility, or a licensed health care facility.

ity. Retail tobacco establishments. Bars. Bowling alleys, except smoking shall not be permitted before 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and before noon on Saturdays. This list is not comprehensive.


A copy of the ordinance is on the Village website:

www.mortongroveil.org

If you have any questions regarding the Village's new smoking policy, contact Village Hall at 847/965-4100.

Village News: On May 14, 2007 newly elected Trustees Dan Staackmann, Shel Marcus and John Thill were sworn in. All three have pledged to work with Mayor Krier and make economic development a priority. Shel Marcus is a past president of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We welcome the new Trustees and thank outgoing Trustees Dan DiMaria and Dale Senensky for their service to Morton Grove.

June 5, Tuesday



BCR
 Business & Consumer Resources

5:15pm-6:45pm

"Networking in the Alley"
 Classic Bowl


8530 Waukegan M.G.
 RSVP Mark Gaynor
 847-673-7198

Payroll Tax Alert

Illinois Employers need to be aware of the fact that the Governor's tax scheme includes a 3% payroll tax on all employers with ten or more employees. The tax will be based on the first \$7500 of each employee's earnings, or \$225 per employee per year. For 10 employees, the cost to the employer will increase \$2250 per year.

This is part of the plan to fund healthcare benefits. Employers will be subject to the tax whether or not they currently provide healthcare benefits.

CONCERT IN THE PARK



Tuesday June 12th 7:00 pm
HARRER PARK PAVILION

- Sponsored by:
- Adelia's Closet
 - American Taxi Dispatch
 - Scott Gartner Attorney at Law
 - Lin-Mar Motors Inc.
 - State Representative Lou Lang
 - The Morton Grove Public Library
 - On Time Promotions
 - State Senator Ira Silverstein

June 20, Wed.
 11:45am-1:00 pm



Women's Power Luncheon
 Morton Grove Park District
 6834 Dempster
 RSVP 847-965-0330
office@mgcci.org
 \$10.00 prepay
 \$12.00 at the door

The new tax is expected to have a credit or refund component. To qualify for a full refund, employers must have a healthcare benefit plan that is equivalent to at least 4% of payroll. There are partial credits for those employers who provide healthcare benefits between 2.5% and 4% of payroll.

For many employers, either of these burdens will add a substantial cost to the business.

There will also be a myriad of rules regarding the types of insurance and coverage that must be provided, which will add to the overall cost as it will require more



administrative duties for the employer.

A new state agency to monitor all of these rules is proposed, which will increase costs at the government level. We can expect to pay these costs via increased taxes at some point. This agency is expected to also get involved in claims issues to assist consumers with questions and to act on their behalf.

You may want to consider writing your legislators to protest this tax.

We will keep you updated as further information becomes available.

"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
 J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets*, 1999

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Business Card Ad: \$80/month or \$900/year.
 Mini Banner(1/2 Business Card) \$40/month or \$420/year.
 Inserts \$60/month
 All ads and inserts are due by the 10th of the month prior to publication.



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NEWSLETTER

Member of the Month



Congratulations to **First Financial Credit Union**, on being voted June 2007 Member of the Month!

First Financial Credit Union has been a member of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry since 1996.

Every year, First Financial Credit Union participates in and donates to various chamber events such as the Welcome Neighbor Program, Annual Golf Outing, monthly luncheons, Holiday Tree Program, and the Annual Inauguration Dinner.

First Financial, a non-profit financial institution owned and operated by its members, has

been in business for over 70 years!

FFCU is dedicated to providing quality financial services at the lowest possible cost. They are also proud to serve over seventy [Select Employee Groups \(SEGs\)](#) and the people who live or work in Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood and Park Ridge, Illinois.

The credit union is located at the corner of Touhy and Central Ave. in the Dunn Solutions Building, across the street from the Village Crossing Shopping Center.

If you or your company would like more information on joining the credit union,

please call Jocelyn at 847-676-8000 x112. She also serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors as secretary.

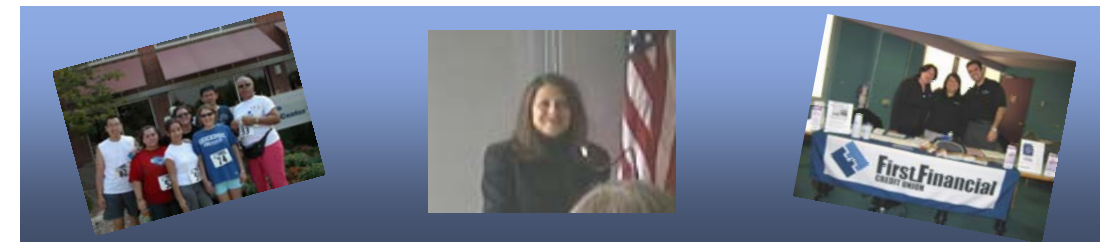
First Financial Credit Union
5550 W. Touhy Ave.
Skokie, IL 60077
847-676-8000

Lobby Hours
Mon. — Thurs. 7:45 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Fri. 7:45 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

www.firstfcu.org

We Also Speak...

Spanish	Russian
Bosnian	Croatian
Serbian	Assyrian
Indonesian	Tagalong



Chamber sponsors "Concert in the Park"

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry and some of your fellow chamber members are excited to be sponsoring the Morton Grove Park District's first **"Concert in the Park"** of the 2007 season on Tuesday, June 12!

These **"Tunes on Tuesdays"** concerts are held near the

Harrer Park Pavilion, 6140 Dempster and start at 7:00.

Tuesday, June 12 will be an especially fun and exciting evening for our Morton Grove neighbors who will be receiving "goodie bags" filled with promotional items from our chamber members and who will be hearing one of Chicago's favorite swing, jazz

and Frank Sinatra groups, who feature the big band sounds of Duke Ellington with the vocal styling of the 'Rat Pack' — **Bopology**.

Chamber members **Champs Sports Bar and Grill** will be the food vendor and **Dairy Queen of Niles** will be there with their delicious ice cream confections!

Calendar of Events:

June 5, Tuesday
5:15pm-6:45pm
BCR
"Networking in the Alley"
Classic Bowl
8530 Waukegan M.G.
RSVP
Mark Gaynor
847-673-7198
(see inside)

June 6, Wednesday
4:00pm
Board Meeting
Village Hall
6101 Capulina Ave.
Morton Grove

June 11, Monday
Newsletter
Insert Deadline

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7:00pm
Concert in the Park
Harrer Park
6250 Dempster M.G.
(see insert)

June 20, Wednesday
11:45am-1:00pm
Women's Power Luncheon
Morton Grove Park District
6834 Dempster M.G.

Save the Date!
Sept. 26, Wednesday
12:30pm Shotgun
Golf Outing
Chevy Chase
Wheeling

Gross Revenue Tax Update!

On May 10 the Illinois House by a vote of 107-0 overwhelmingly rejected Gov. Blagojevich's 7.6 billion dollar gross receipt tax on Illinois businesses. Speaker Madigan in voting no called the GRT a tax "regressive tax" which would be passed through to the consumer, who Madigan noted, "many times these people are the least able to take on additional cost".

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry thanks all our members who contacted our lawmakers about the impact this tax would have on our businesses.

Chamber Members News and Updates...

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry wishes to thank **Art and Beyond's Mila Ryk** for speaking at our May Women's Power Luncheon. We also thank **Randy Miles and his staff** at **The Village Inn of Skokie** for making our time there so pleasant.

Join **Lin-Mar Motors** Saturday June 9th, noon to 6pm for their Fifth Annual Open House! This event features a classic car show and the Nevery Brothers Band. Their address is: 7860 N Lehigh Avenue, Morton Grove.

The **Morton Grove Public Library** 6140 Lincoln Avenue welcomes and encourages Morton Grove Businesses to utilize their wonderful business resources! Morton Grove Businesses may obtain a Business Library Card. Phone 847-965-4220.

Are you against the Governor's Gross Receipt Tax? Since the bill must still go before the Senate, voice your opinion by downloading this poster from the **Illinois Chamber of Commerce's** special website: www.largesttaxincreaseever.com.

Tell us your business news:
Phone:847-965-0330 or email office@mgcci.org




GOLF ANYONE???
MGCCCI's Annual Golf Event
Save the date!
Wednesday, September 26, 2007
12:30 Shotgun Start
Chevy Chase
1000 N. Milwaukee
Wheeling, Illinois
5 star rated golf course!