

Update from Kay R. Bates regarding the Conronavirus COVID-19

The McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce office is closed until April 8th in response to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order. With the help of In Sync Systems the chamber staff is still available with all phone lines transferred to our cell phones. We can be reached also by facebook and email and will be pleased to talk with you. We are working!

Any events hosted at the chamber office during this time are canceled. Mixers are also canceled through April 14th. Referral groups and some committee meetings will continue through ZOOM. That being said, many of our creative members are transferring in person programs to technology to host meetings and training sessions. Should you have signed up for member programs, please contact the businesses directly

Also, last week I sent out an email to chamber members stating we are suspending fees for outreach programs and encourage our members to utilize the following at no cost. The chamber is a highly credible organization in the community so those engaging through our communications have a great advantage.

Facebook page. This is a great way to share information about any organization. Examples are Free Delivery, We are Open for Business, Promotions, Tips, Kudos reports etc. Create a post regarding any information you are interested in communicating to the public. Tag the chamber (@mchenryareachamber) so we can share with the membership.

Our Monday Mentions Weekly Newsletter will have a new section featuring Member Specials. These can be placed within *Monday Mentions* for free. Open the chamber's website, www.mchenrychamber.com Hit the tab at the top, News and Information section. Select Monday Mentions and submit your information.

Midweek Specials fee will be waived through May 31st. Please send a flyer by jpg or png. If you cannot do this, write the offering and send a logo. All need to be sent to Jeannette@mchenrychamber.com. Please put *Midweek Specials* in subject line.

Hot Deals is ready and waiting for your free coupons, but you do need a login. If you do not have one please call us at 815 385 4300.

Should anyone have ways the chamber can serve its members during this troubling time, please let us know. The chamber gets its best ideas from its members.

Be Safe, Be Healthy.

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