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Window on Washington

About 15 years ago, Jacquie Hurd and her family relocated to Washington and moved right across the street from Mark & Kaye Shipley. They met that first day, and have been friends ever since. The Shipleys always made time for a hello and a wave, offered great child rearing advice and babysitting services as well as words of encouragement, and even gave the Hurds their car to use until their car was repaired.

The Hurds have treasured their friendship with this wonderful couple, and were saddened by the sudden loss of Kay 9 years ago. However, the friendship has continued strong between Mark and the Hurd family.

When Jacquie was battling cancer, Mark was there at the hospital to pray with the family right before she went into surgery and spent the day in the waiting room. Every other Tuesday, Mark would take their family a full course meal, plus desserts, to help with chemo week. He surprised Jacquie by planting all of her flowers for her when she wasn't able to do it herself due to the side effects of treatment.

Mark hosted a vacation Bible school in his backyard for the neighborhood kids one year, capping off the week with an ice cream social for the kids and their families. He has helped chop down a dying tree, including the Hurd's young son "to help". Mark treats their family like his family – treating them to dinner, church socials, coffee visits, and countless "pull out a patio chair and visit" times.

Through the years, Mark has done everything a good neighbor could do: loaning eggs and spices, mowed the lawn, shoveled the driveway and sidewalks, and providing popsicles or fresh strawberries to the neighbor kids. Mark Shipley is exactly the kind of good neighbor that this award was created to honor.



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CONGRATULATIONS, MARK!



Pictured L to R:
XX Shipley, Mark Shipley, Jacquie & XX Hurd, and Mayor Gary Manier.

BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST

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by "votes"



8 ENTRIES

JR. FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE



**42 K - 3RD GRADERS
PARTICIPATED**

COMMUNITY NIGHT DINNER & SHOWCASE



192 DINNERS SERVED

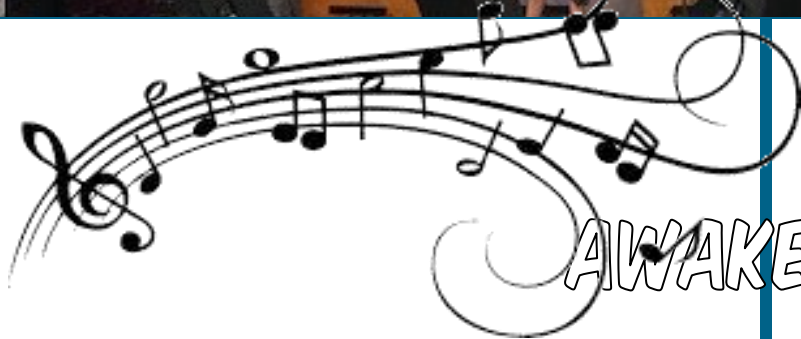


10 NON-PROFITS SET UP

CHRISTIAN CONCERT



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AWAKENING



TEEN NIGHT



- 1 BIG SCREEN
- 2 CHARGING STATIONS
- 24 CHARGING CORDS
- 3 SITTING STATIONS
- 350+ ITALIAN SODAS
- LOTS OF FUN!!



MERCHANTS TENT

18 VENDORS



TODDLER TOWN



FAMILY NIGHT . KNOCKERBALL



50+ PARTICIPANTS



SENIOR BINGO



15 BINGO PLAYERS

Sponsored by
Washington Christian
Village

BEARD WINNER

7 CONTESTANTS

Hosted by
Stay Sharp Barber Shop



WILLIAM LANE SCHONE

5K/1 MILE



360 RACERS IN ALL RACES



Hosted by the
Washington
Park District

& KIDS RUNS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

517 BREAKFASTS
SERVED



Hosted & Served by
the Washington
Rotary Club

MARTIN SULLIVAN

For the gators that
saved us

1000s UPON

1000s

of steps!



KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL



55 COMPETITORS
4 AGE DIVISIONS

Hosted by the
Washington Lions Club

FAMILY BIKE RIDE

90 RIDERS
32 FAMILIES



WASHINGTON
CHIROPRACTIC
& MASSAGE

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

50 FAMILY GOODIE BAGS
175+ CHILDREN



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Hosted by Connect Kids



KIDZ GOT TALENT

11 FINALISTS



8th-12th: Liliya Fehr -1st . Gabi Ingham - 2nd • 5th -7th: Audrey Schweigert -1st . Keegan Ingham - 2nd • K-4th: Emerson Gerth -1st . Emma Jane - 2nd

MEDALLION HUNT



NYGAARD FAMILY

IT WAS IN A
REFERENCE BOOK
IN THE MAIN LIBRARY!



Medallion designed & Created by: Aaron Quinn, a 2018 Senior at WCHS. 2 year art student. Going to Illinois College in Jacksonville on football scholarship to study graphic design.

VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH .

GROUP WINNER

This group logged **234** volunteer hours -
And most of those were in the PARKING LOT!!!
Thank You, Calvary Community Church!

JIM GORBY . WASHINGTON
CHRISTIAN VILLAGE .
INDIVIDUAL
WINNER

Jim's name was randomly drawn from the
eligible entries for the Individual winner.
Congratulations, Jim! And thanks for being a
GND volunteer!



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560 HOURS REQUESTED
FOR CHALLENGE

133 VOLUNTEERS SIGNED IN

332+ HOURS CONFIRMED
FOR CHALLENGE

These hours DO NOT include the hundreds of hours logged
by the staff and committee
BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER the festival,

ENTERTAINMENT

MATT MILLER

FUEDIN' HILLBILLIES

ORIGINAL SKAZZ BAND

TOO COOL

BARNYARD

DISCOVERIES

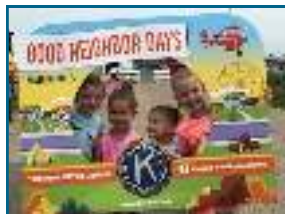


DUNK TANK

75 DUNKERS
2 DUNKEES

Thank you - Chief McCoy &
Chief Traver!

Hosted by Kiwanas of Washington



GIVING BACK



20% TO



GND is giving back to the community through Threads, Hope & Love and Connect Church by donating 40% of the Food Tent profits.

Connect member Mr. Matthews was giving back by teaching the younger generation some grilling techniques!



PIE EATING CONTEST



18 ENTRIES
4 DIVISIONS



Thank you - LeBakery on the Square - for donating pies!

FESTIVAL GARDEN



MUSIC . DRINKS .
FUN . CONTESTS



**THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE IT ALL COME
TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY FESTIVAL!
THEY'VE BEEN WORKING HARD FOR MONTHS
TO BRING YOU THIS YEAR'S**

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!



pictured L to R in front row: TODDLER TOWN: Pat Sams (Country Financial); BOARD REP: Brian Tibbs (Washington Park District); TEEN NIGHT: Justin Killpatrick (Connect Youth); FESTIVAL GARDEN: Trevor Hiel (Ipava State Bank); SECURITY: Brad Marshal (Washington, Illinois, Police Department); MEDALLION HUNT: Adam Kipp (Grace Bible Church, Washington IL); MAINTENANCE: Dave Jane (Connect Church); BABY PHOTO CONTEST & FAMILY NIGHT: Jessica Hilst (Heartland Bank and Trust Company); SENIOR BINGO: Gwen Tipton (Washington Christian Village); KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL: Bob Presbey (Washington Lions Club).

L to R in back row: OPERATIONS/BEEF BRISKET SMOKER/GROUNDS LAYOUT/FOOD VENDOR COORDINATOR/EMERGENCY CONTACT/HE DOES EVERYTHING: Dennis Hermann (Alexander Murray Agency); GND FESTIVAL DIRECTOR & MERCHANTS TENT: Melissa Wireman (CEFCU); KIDZ GOT TALENT: Jill Nolte (CEFCU); Candy Liggins & Wendy Wagner (Washington Chamber of Commerce); CHILDREN'S EVENTS: Whitney Klink (Connect Kids); and Chevie Kriete (Washington Chamber of Commerce).

Not available for picture: FAMILY BIKE RIDE: Jose & Erica Delgado (Washington Chiropractic); 5K/1 MILE/KIDS FUN RUNS: Matt Suellentrop; GROUNDS OPERATIONS: Brad Kanaga (Washington Park District); FOOD TENT: Julie Harper (Washington Park District); PIE EATING CONTEST & JR. FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE: Jacob Fernald (Washington Fire Department & Walmart Washington - Freedom Pkwy); SPECIAL KIDS DAY: Joi DeArmond (Courier Newspapers); COMMUNITY PANCAKE Jim Bremner (Washington, IL Rotary Club); and PARKING: Randy Keller (Calvary Community Church).

**THIS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS CANNOT BE THANKED ENOUGH
...BUT WE WANT TO TRY!**

THANK YOU

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2018 GND COMMITTEE

WE JUST WANT TO SAY... THANK YOU!



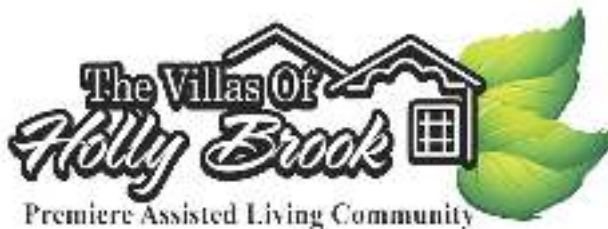
Thank You!!!

Please Join Us for
Chamber Business After

HOURS

Tuesday, June 12th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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and Giveaways!



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Add these dates to your calendar:

July 10: Countryside Banquet
Aug 14: Heartland Bank and Trust Company
Sept 11: Vito's Pizza & Italian Restaurant
Oct 9: MTCO & WCOC
Nov 13: PNC Bank

Ribbon Cuttings

On May 31, 2018, a ground breaking was held to celebrate the next phase of rebuilding at Uftring Chevrolet Washington, 1860 Washington Road. The following Uftring Team members who were part of the official "shovel" part of the celebration included (L to R): Brian Tighe, Ken Miller, Clint Sommer, Joe Knapp, Mark Weston, Gary Uftring, Kay Uftring, Kirk Johnson, Pat Nelson, DeWayne Gray.

To find out more about Uftring Chevrolet Washington, go to their website at www.uftringchevy.com or call 309-481-4210 for sales or 309-481-4208 for service.



**If you are a new chamber member
(having joined within the last 6 months) and
have not arranged to have your official welcome scheduled...
please contact the Chamber office
to set a date!
444-9921**



On May 31, 2018, the Washington Chamber of Commerce welcomed River City Construction as a three star member to the Washington Chamber of Commerce. River City Construction - qualified and experienced construction professionals & more. They're builders, building tradespeople, crew foremen, superintendents, project managers, estimators and architects who provide high quality construction and design services. River City Construction was formed in 1984 and structured to provide quality to their customers. Since then, we've built over \$3.75

billion worth of construction projects and grown into a company of over 400 people. River City Construction's home office is located at 101 Hoffer Lane, East Peoria. They also have offices in southern Illinois and central Missouri.

The following were present for the Chamber welcome: Wendy Wagner, Washington Chamber of Commerce; Dan Hopper, River City Construction; Matt Suellentrop, Washington Park District; Pat Dolan, River City Construction; Brian Tibbs, Washington Park District; Joe Knapp, Uftring Chevrolet Washington; Jim Culotta, City of Washington; John Sutherland, River City Construction; Mayor Gary Manier, City of Washington; Gary Uftring, Uftring Chevrolet Washington; Eric Obalil, Alexander Financial Services; Chevie Kriete, Washington Chamber of Commerce; Tina Glidewell, MTCO Communications; Becky Holmes, City of Washington; Ginger Nye, CEFCU; Pat Brown, City of Washington; and Jessica Hilst, Heartland Bank and Trust Company. To find out more about River City Construction, go to their website at www.rccllc.com or call 309-694-3120.

Ribbon Cuttings



On May 31, 2018, the Washington Chamber of Commerce welcomed Stickyz BBQ as a one star member to the Washington Chamber of Commerce. At Stickyz BBQ, they strive for the best. They use local meats from Always in Peoria and their goal is to bring you Southern BBQ with a Central Illinois twist!

The following were present for the Chamber welcome: Chevie Kriete, *Washington Chamber of Commerce*; Jessica Hilst, *Heartland Bank and Trust Company*; Blake Mishler, *Black, Black*

and Brown; Dori DeWitte, *Jim Maloof Realtor*; Hayley Haynes, *Corey North State Farm*; Barb Fleming, *Tupperware*; Ginger Nye, *CEFCU*; Ryan Charlton (with Amber, Charlie, Harper & Amelia) and Zach Noe, *Stickyz BBQ*; Scott Noe; Bo Hawkins; Dawn and Chief Carlin; and Matt Suellentrop, *Washington Park District*; Jessica . To find out more about Stickyz BBQ, go to their Facebook Page or call 309-360-3083.

Thank you!



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May Membership Renewals

1 Star Partners

Fondulac Park District
Washington Chiropractic & Massage

as of 05-31-18



Our New Partner Plaques are NOW Available! If you have not yet received your new plaque and window decal, please contact us at the Chamber office - 444-9921 or info@washingtoncoc.com — to get your name added to our delivery list!

New Members

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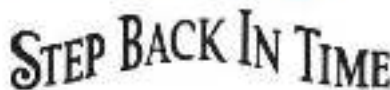
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Member Memos & Community News

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Washington Historical Society . This is the sixth year for the exciting adventure of Washington Geocache Circuit with the Park District. 12 new Washington landmarks to find by using a Smartphone or GPS, and following the clues. Come join the fun and find out more of Washington's history. Register at www.washingtonparkdistrict.com or call 309-444-9413. **May 28 - July 31**

Building Hope in Kids - Uganda . is holding a fundraiser in connection with Peoria game on Saturday, **June 23rd**. Advance tickets are \$14, and can be purchased from Adolph Arnold, a member of BHIK-U's Board of Directors. For more information, click on "Fundraising" at www.buildinghopeinkids.org.

Crossroads United Methodist Church. Kids ages 3 1/2 through 6th grade are invited to come on an adventure with us at Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Recue Me" and will be **July 9-13** from 9-11:30am. Each day at VBS, kids travel through fun rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. On Friday, July 13, the kids are invited to an awesome carnival with lots of great food and fun games! To register your child, go to www.washingtoncrossroads.com. Questions? Call the church office at 309-444-2381.

Denharts Baking Co. Summer hours: Closed on Mondays. 8am—2pm on Tuesdays - Sunday.

Our Savior Lutheran. FREE Vacation Bible School. Join the fun and faith-filled week of Vacation Bible School at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1209 Kingsbury Road, Washington, on **June 11-15** from 6:00 to 8:00pm. VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through those entering 7th grade. Register online at www.oslswashington.org or at the door! For more information, please call the church office at 309-444-4030.

Turner Center Marketing Event. Whether you are hiring your first employee or your 100th, this seminar is designed to give business owners a concise overview of the legal requirements and practical consideration all employers need to know. Speakers: Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC. **June 14**, 2018. 8:00am to 12:00pm. PeoriaNEXT Innovation Center, 801 W. Main St, Peoria. \$50/pp. To learn more or to register, visit: www.bradly.edu/self.

Illinois Small Business Development Center. Are you seeking business solutions? The SBDC Illinois is accepting applications for the Fall 2018 semester for anyone wanting to participate in the Senior Consulting Project program. Our student-run, faculty-led program has provided organizations with customer solutions for a variety of business needs: marketing strategy. Feasibility study. Strategic growth plan. New product launch. Business development. These semester long projects run August 22—December 5. Established for-profit businesses or any size are eligible to apply. To learn more or to apply visit: www.bradley.edu/consult

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Member Memos is the place where a short announcement can be made to convey information about your business. Information needs to be submitted by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Chamber members are encouraged to submit notices of accomplishments, upcoming events, or data that would be of interest to the membership.

It is our goal to always provide the most current and accurate information; however, we are limited to the information that is provided to us. Details are subject to change between the time information is received & the time of publication.



114 Washington Square . Washington, IL 61571

Calendar of Events

2018 Chamber Events

- Jul 21 Summer Small Business Saturday*
- Aug 21 Business Strategy Session*
@ Connect Center, 6:30pm
- Aug 18-19 Washington Art Festival+
@ Washington Park, 10am
- Fall WCHS Homecoming Parade+
- Oct 27 DAX Fest+
@ Washington Park
- Oct 30 Business Strategy Session*
@ Connect Center, 6:30pm
- Nov 15 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast*
- Nov 24 Small Business Saturday*

*Chamber event
+Chamber participates in event
(events & dates subject to change)

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June 2018



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