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## Window on Washington

### • CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK •



The week of September 10-14 has been designated as National Chamber of Commerce Week as a week to focus on what a chamber of commerce does and how it benefits local businesses and the economy overall. The Washington Chamber of Commerce is taking this opportunity to spread the news to its membership, as well as the community, that it takes seriously its mission:

***To advocate, promote, and provide for our membership to collectively accomplish what we can't do individually***

The staff, along with board members and ambassadors, work all year long to provide the most pertinent benefits to each member partner of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. However, during September, they will be making an extra concerted effort to make a personal connection with each local business.

If you're not sure what your member benefits are, or just exactly what it is that your Chamber does for you, give us a chance to meet with you and go over those details. There's A LOT that can be done IF we will adhere to the mission of COLLECTIVELY - all **together** - work to accomplish the things that we just aren't able to do individually.

We look forward to seeing you personally this month. If for some reason, we're not able to make that connection during September, please call the Chamber office and schedule a time that would be convenient for you. There really are benefits available for everyone's need, whether big or small. We can all work **together** to find what works best for you and your needs.

Thanks for celebrating and supporting the Washington Chamber of Commerce over the past 59 years. We look forward to another 59 (at least) of serving this wonderful community.

And if you've read this far, you can enter your name into a drawing for a \$60 Washington Gift Certificate...because we like to #KeepItLocal and we round up! Send an email with **#KeepItLocal** as your subject line to [info@washingtoncoc.com](mailto:info@washingtoncoc.com). Make sure your complete contact info is included within the email. The drawing will be held on September 28 and the winner will be announced in the October newsletter!

The organization now known as the Washington Chamber of Commerce has its beginnings as the Association of Commerce, organized April 6, 1959, located at 108 Washington Square, with a membership fee of \$10.00 per year.



WASHINGTON  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Join Us Next Month for  
**Business After Hours**

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 - 7:00pm



This is the **THIRD** Thursday ...  
due to the 9-11 falling the  
second Tuesday this month.

**@1305 Washington Road**  
**Washington, IL**  
**See you there!**





# *"Celebrating 60 Years of Miracles"*



## *Teen Challenge Peoria Annual Fall Banquet*

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 6:00 pm

Peoria Civic Center Ballroom

Keynote Speaker: Nicky Cruz / Special Guest: Joe Everson

Individual Ticket \$40 / Table of Ten \$400

To purchase tickets or advertise in

the Banquet Journal, go to

[www.teenchallengepeoria.org](http://www.teenchallengepeoria.org)

or call 309-673-3716



# Save the Date

for the 24th annual  
**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**  
 November 15, 2018



October 9



.....is looking for sponsors for this  
 October event  
**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28**

October 9



**Dear Sponsor:**

We are currently in need of the support of our growing community. We would like to recognize our friends and neighbors by highlighting the fact that DAXFest, October 27, 2018 is a special Washington Park 100th Anniversary celebration. We would like to make memories with advertising with our business along the way. In the Washington Park area, we will have a special event for our 100th anniversary. We will have a parade of floats and a festival. Our activities will include performances by local bands, live music, live painting. Washington Park is a special place and we would like to have our friends and neighbors join us. We would like to have 100th anniversary of our 100th anniversary of the year.

**Table Sponsor - \$250**

Table sponsor will receive a table for the event and a table for the event. We would like to have your promotion items provided and/or advertised for the table. If you are interested in a table for the event, please contact us at the address below. We can provide you with a table for the event. Please call and we can arrange for the table to be included in your company logo. For more information, please visit [www.daxfest.org](http://www.daxfest.org).

**Activity Sponsor - \$150**

This includes your company logo on a gift or selected activity such as live painting, craft, live music, live music, live music. Also, we will have your company logo on a table for the event.

We will also accept any donations such as gift cards, gift certificates, money or coupons that can be used for your business.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@daxfest.org](mailto:info@daxfest.org) or call us at 618-444-4415.

Checks can be mailed to: Washington Park District - 105 S. Spruce Street, Washington, IL 61571.

**CEFCU's Washington Member Center**  
 invites you to join us for the  
**Grand Reopening & Ribbon Cutting**  
 Thursday, September 27  
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.  
 Refreshments will be served  
 100 Legion Road  
 Please RSVP to Debbie at 309-623-7074



## Ribbon Cuttings

On August 11, 2018, the Washington Chamber of Commerce was able to officially welcome two businesses owned by Luke and Yvonne Rosenbohm to its membership. **Game On Illinois** is a mobile gaming trailer serving Central Illinois. WiFi, XboxOne & PS4 consoles are housed in a climate controlled, self contained & wheelchair accessible mobile trailer! They can bring the Game to you. Check them out on Facebook or call (309) 229-4032.

**Better Earth Logistics** is all about reducing waste with their recycling service for organics. They collect compostables and take them to Better Earth Compost to be transformed into nutrient rich compost, with customized plans for smooth transition, education for your staff, and buckets or totes that best fit your needs. Find out more at

[www.betterearthlogistics.com](http://www.betterearthlogistics.com) or call (309) 397-0433. The following were present for the welcome: Wendy Wagner and Chevie Kriete, *Washington Chamber of Commerce*; Andrew, Luke and Yvonne Rosenbohm with Jaxon and Murray, Abby and Josh, *Game On Illinois*; and Brad Mahony, *Washington Community Bank*.



**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 August 15, 2018, a ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the rebranding of **Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory**, 2075 Washington Road. Since 1999, **Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory** has been fortunate enough to serve the families of Washington and the surrounding communities. Owner, Stephanie Deiters, a Washington native, along with funeral directors, Madison Fox and Randy Beard, and administrative assistant Shari Parker, are proud to serve families with integrity, dignity and outstanding customer service.

Last fall, **Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory** underwent various updates on the building

exterior. They are proud to announce that there is more to come for the interior, too. Another update includes the creation and implementation of a new logo.

**Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory** is a proud member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association and the Selected Independent Funeral Homes. They are also 2018 recipients of the Pursuit of Excellence Award through NFDA and the Illinois Award of Funeral Service Distinction through the IFDA.

They are also present on various social medias: Facebook – Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory@deitersfh; and Instagram - @deitersfuneralhome. Pet services are also available at Deiters Pet Services and Pet Crematory. For nearly 10 years, Deiters has been assisting area families with their non-human family members. While they do mostly dogs and cats of all varieties, they also assist with many other types of companion animals. Feel free to call them at 309-745-3600 to discuss arrangements for the pet in your life. The following were present for the ribbon cutting: Ginger Nye, *CEFCU*; Barb Fleming, *Tupperware*; DeeDee Jackson and Karen Donaldson, *Washington Community Bank*; Hayley Haynes, *Corey North State Farm*; Stephanie Deiters, Shari Parker, Madison Fox, and Randy Beard, *Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory*; Matt Suellentrop, *Washington Park District*; Emily Geerts, *PNC Bank*; Jessica Hilst, *Heartland Bank and Trust Company*; Mayor Gary Manier, *City of Washington*; Brian Tibbs, *Washington Park District*; and Wendy Wagner, *Washington Chamber of Commerce*.

## Ribbon Cuttings

A ribbon cutting was held on August 24, 2018, to celebrate the addition of The Patio at **Bernardi's**, 2137 Washington Road. The Patio was opened earlier this summer to provide an outdoor dining experience for those who enjoy the already delicious menu available at Bernardi's.

The following were present for the ribbon cutting: Ed Andrews, *City of Washington*; Dori DeWitte, *Jim Maloof Realtor*; Wendy Wagner, *Washington Chamber of Commerce*; Mayor Gary Manier, *City of Washington*; Nick Robertson, *Bernardi's*; Jessica Hilst, *Heartland Bank and Trust Company*; Stephanie Brott, *owner of Bernardi's*; Jenn Blumenshine, *Jim Maloof Realtor*; Kristi Cape, *Countryside Banquet & Catering*; Jim Gee, *City of Washington*; Gary Foley; and Brad Mahony and Aaron Rose, *Washington Community Bank*.



On August 30, 2018, a ribbon cutting was held to welcome **Brickhouse BBB** as a new chamber member. **Brickhouse** is located at 1021 N. Cummings Lane, Washington, and offers a menu of BBQ, burgers, pizza and other entrees made from fresh ingredients, along with a full bar including craft beers and cocktails. The following were present for the ribbon cutting: Wendy Wagner and Chevie Kriete, *Washington Washington Chamber of Commerce*; Liz Blumenshine, *Jim Maloof Realtor*; Kari Johnson, *Busey Bank*; Mindy Taylor, *Jim Maloof Realtor*; Jeff and Sherry Lucas, *owners of Brickhouse BBB*; Tina Glidewell, *MTCO Communications*; Colleen Miller, *River City Construction*; Jessica Hilst, *Heartland Bank and Trust Company*; and Hayley Haynes, *Corey North State Farm*.



## August Membership Renewals

### 1 Star Partners

McMahon's Pints & Plates  
 Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church  
 Morningside of Washington  
 The Mosquito Authority  
 Daily Laboratories, Division of Mobilab  
 Dunkin' Donuts  
 Illinois Eye Center  
 Mt. Vernon Properties

**Our New Partner Plaques are 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!**

### 2 Star Partners

Art at the Bodega

as of 08-31-18

## New Members

### Domino's \*

Jennifer Prante, Marketing Branch Mgr  
 2278 Washington Road  
 Washington, IL 61571  
 309.291.3800  
 www.dominos.us

*American pizza restaurant chain founded in 1960. Online ordering available.*

### Boutique 309 \*\*

Jennifer Hessing, Owner  
 703 Peoria Street  
 Washington, IL 61571  
 309.217.7686  
 www.boutique309.us

*Upscale boutique clothing & accessories for women.*



### 3 Star Partners



### 5 Star Partners





Thanks for the Memories!



**Through the Years** (clockwise from top left): Santa Breakfasts; Candy & Gail ready for Cherry Festival; 50th annual Washington Day Banquet; Taste of Washington interview at Five Points; Leadership Academy #2; Business After Hours; Moonlight Madness; Clydesdale Experience with Chevie; 1st Ever Trivia Night volunteers; 2nd Ever Trivia Night committee; the Gerth girls & Marching Panthers at Washington Night with the Chiefs (!!!); and the 3 amigos!

### Fun Fact Figures!

|                                      |   |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 2562 New Resident Postcard Labels    | 11 Take Pride in Washington Clean Up Days | 6 Leadership Academies            |
| 284 Ribbon Cuttings                  | 11 Veterans Day Celebrations              | 6 Office Appreciation Luncheons   |
| 140 Window on Washington Newsletters | 11 Washington Night with the Chiefs       | 6 Santa Breakfasts                |
| 112 Business After Hours             | 10 Golf Outings                           | 5 Moonlight Madness               |
| 93 Ambassadors                       | 9 Tastes of Washington                    | 5 Summer Small Business Saturdays |
| 87 New Residents Lists               | 8 Pineapple Awards                        | 4 Trivia Nights                   |
| 54 Board Members                     | 7 Cherry Festivals                        | 3 Directors                       |
| 12 Homecoming Parades                | 7 Grandbabies!                            | 3 Job Descriptions                |
| 12 Mayor's Prayer Breakfasts         | 7 Small Business Saturdays                | 3 Meet the Candidates             |
| 12 Washington Day Banquets           | 6 Bunny Breakfasts                        | 2 Clydesdales Parades             |
| 12 Years (plus 10 day!)              | 6 Good Neighbor Days                      | 1 AMAZING HUSBAND!                |



## Member Memos & Community News

**Washington Park District . Picnic in the Park September 8.** 4:00-7:00pm at the Harry La-Hood Park. Families are encouraged to come out and bring blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic meal. Don't feel like packing a picnic? We will have a grill going with pork chops, hot dogs, and more available for sale. Music. Food. Fun. Washington Police Department K9 Demonstration at 4:30pm. Face painter. Balloon artist. Bounce house. DJ. Backyard games available to play. This event is FREE of charge thanks to the generous contribution from Heartland Bank and Trust Company. It is also the official celebration of the Washington Park District's 50th anniversary.

### Happy 50th to the Washington Park District!

**Lori's Kitchen Store.** Saturday, **September 8.** 10 Year Anniversary. Prize bags for the first 20 adults in line. Win products and gift certificates. Sales & Cupcakes all day. Plan to be inline by 10am for extra prize drawing entries plus a chance to win a Free Cooking Class once a month for Year or a \$250 Gift Certificate. (All entries for giveaways and drawing are for adults 18+ please. Thank you.)

**Heartland Festival Orchestra.** Brahms and Barton Pine. **September 15.** Five Points Washington. Individual and Season Tickets to the HFO concerts are on sale now at [www.HeartlandFestivalOrchestra.org](http://www.HeartlandFestivalOrchestra.org) For more information, call (309) 339-3943.

**Washington Christian Village.** Friday, **September 14.** 3:30-6pm. 1150 Newcastle Rd. Join us as we prepare to cheer on the Washington Panthers. Free food. Dunnk tank. Bounce House. Face painting.

**Bethany Community Church.** Invites you to join them as they "Run for the House." Saturday, **October 20.** The race will take place on a 1.5 mile cross country style loop course around the property of BCC, 27577 Dutch Lane. For more details or to register, go to [www.bethanycommunitychurch.org/runforthehouse](http://www.bethanycommunitychurch.org/runforthehouse) or contact Jason Padiak ([jspadiak@gmail.com](mailto:jspadiak@gmail.com)) with registration questions.

**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.

**WCHS 32nd Marching Panther Invitational .** Saturday, **September 8.** Babcock Field. 1:00 - 9:45pm. Gates open at noon. \$7 for adults (includes a free program). \$5 for seniors and K-12 students. Area businesses and WHCS Band Boosters will serve concessions. Invitational t-shirts will be available for \$15. Twenty-two high school marching bands from across the state will perform their 2018 marching band field show in competition. The Marching Panthers will top off the night with an exhibition performance of their field show, *Kingdoms of Valor*. For more information, contact Jessica Bochart at 309-253-2692.

**Town & Country Garden Club of Washington .** Invites the public to attend a ceremony on Tuesday, **September 25,** at 1pm on the Square in Washington to dedicate a special historic marker designed to honor and recognize one of the most significant civic accomplishments of the club. They spear-headed a petition drive and letter-writing campaign that saved the Square from removal by the State of Illinois in 1967. This celebration is being held in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the club's founding in 1958.

**Peddler's Way Quilt Co. .** Has been chosen as one of 10 shops from across North America to be featured in the Fall/Winter 2018 issue of *Quilt Sampler* magazine, published by Better



**CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Peddler's Way Quilt Co.**

Homes & Gardens. The issue was available on the newsstands on August 28, 2018. Competition was high, with nearly 3,000 quilt shops being eligible to apply for this year's honor. A panel of quilt experts reviews the applications to select the 10 shops.

**Washington Park District .** and the **DAX Foundation** are looking for sponsorships for the upcoming DAXFEST to be held in the Washington Park on Saturday, October 27th. Please contact Matt Suellentrop at the Park District for more information about this opportunity and more specific details. [matts@washingtonparkdistrict.com](mailto:matts@washingtonparkdistrict.com)

## 2018 Board of Directors

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# Calendar of Events

## 2018 Chamber Events

- Sep 10-14 **Chamber of Commerce Week**
- Sep 18 **Business After Hours - 3rd Tuesday**  
@ Vito's Pizza & Italian Restaurant, 5pm
- Sep 28 **WCHS Homecoming Parade+**  
Parade Route, 2pm
- Oct 27 **DAX Fest+**  
@ Washington Park, 3pm
- Oct 30 **Business Strategy Session\***  
@ Connect Center, 6:30pm
- Nov 15 **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast\***  
@ Countryside Banquet, 6:30am
- Nov 24 **Small Business Saturday\***  
Small Businesses in Washington

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



*Add these dates to your calendar:*

- Oct 9: MTCO & WCOC (at 5 Points)
- Nov 13: PNC Bank  
(Subject to change)

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