

Weekly eMail

June 26 - July 10, 2009



Happy 4th of July

THIS WEEK

Committees:

- July 1 Downtown Goshen, Inc. (board) - 7:00 am
- July 1 Ambassadors - 12:00 pm
- July 2 HR Network - 7:30 am
- July 7 Tourism - 8:00 am

Other Meetings:

- June 30 **Ribbon Cutting at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance** (631 CR 17, Elkhart) - 3:00 pm
- July 9 **Small Business Counseling** - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- July 9 **Shop Talk at J.A. Stauffer CPA, PC** - 5:00 pm
- July 9-11 **Goshen SummerFest**

Committees are open to Goshen Chamber of Commerce members. Anyone interested in joining a committee may call the Chamber at 574-533-2102.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesdays **SCORE Business Counseling (FREE)** - 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- July 15 **Do I have What it Takes to be an Entrepreneur?** - 6:00 pm
- July 17-25 **Elkhart County Fair**
- July 23 **Small Business Counseling (FREE)** - 9 am - 5 pm
- Aug. 12 **Business Feasibility: Can I Make Money at This?** 6:30 pm
- Aug. 19 **Annual Golf & Tennis Outing** - All Day [Info](#)
- Aug. 21 **Member Recruitment & Retention Day** - All Day
- Aug. 26 **Goshen Leadership Academy Orientation** - 8:00 am

Visit the Goshen Chamber of Commerce web site at www.goshen.org for more Chamber & Community events.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Deadline for Golf Outing Ballots: July 6

This year, ballots for the Annual Golf & Tennis Outing on Wednesday, **August 19** were sent via e-mail instead of through the mail. Please check your e-mail for [details](#) or [view the golf ballot](#) or [tennis ballot here!](#) Copies will also be available at the Chamber. **Golf ballots are due by July 6.** Call 533-2102 for more information.

Shop Talk at J.A. Stauffer, CPA, PC - July 9 at 5 pm

Join us after hours for this FREE networking event for members. J.A. Stauffer, CPA, PC (201 N. Third Street, Goshen) is hosting this event complete with great food and door prizes. Guests will learn how to feed the pig and get their picture taken with Benjamin Bankes. [See flyer for details](#)

Goshen SummerFest 2009 - July 9, 10, 11

This family-friendly event is scheduled for **July 9-11** and includes indoor/outdoor sidewalk sales, a car show, and plenty of fun and entertainment for everyone! The 14th Annual Car Show is hosted by the Goshen Chamber with title sponsors: Jenkins Automotive, The Goshen News, WSBT Channel 22. Additional sponsorships, car show registrants, and volunteers for car show registration and parking are still needed. For details, please contact Nick Kieffer at 533-2102.

MEMBER NEWS

- **Goshen Health System Gives Back to Community** - Goshen Health System recently held its annual Community Benefit Funds reception – marking the 10th anniversary of the health system program aimed at re-investing in the local community. Thirty-eight well deserving organizations from Goshen and the surrounding area were selected through the health system's Community Benefit Fund Grant Program to receive a total of \$169,000 for 2009. The organizations were recognized for successful programs. [Read full article](#)
- **Yard/Bake Sale** - St. James' Episcopal Church (105 S. 6th St., corner 6th St. & Lincoln Ave.) is holding a yard sale/bake sale on Saturday, **June 27**, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm in the church parking lot (weather permitting). There will be hotdogs, chips, water and sodas for sale. Proceeds will go toward the community outreach fund. To donate items for the sale call the church at 533-4984.
- **Indiana Small Business Development Center Seminars** - *Business Feasibility – Can I Make Money at This?* – **June 30** from 6-8 pm; *Introduction to QuickBooks* – **July 22 & July 29** from 8:30 am – 12:30pm. Cost: \$125. Seminars are held at the SBDC in South Bend. Cost: \$25 - pre-registration required. Call 574-282-4350 ext. 0.
- **E-Verify Federal Contractor Rule Extended** - The applicability date of the [final rule](#) requiring federal contractors and subcontractors to begin using U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) E-Verify system has been pushed back by six weeks to **June 30**. For more information on E-Verify, visit www.uscis.gov/everify.
- **Cultural Exchange Event** - The Hispanic Council wants to invite the Goshen Community and surrounding areas to enjoy this FREE intercultural event scheduled for **July 5** at 3:00 pm. The event will be held at Historic Roosevelt Center (215 E. Indiana Ave., Elkhart) and has been organized to celebrate the Independence Day of Venezuela and the United States. [See flyer](#)

Annual Golf & Tennis Outing

Wednesday, August 19
at Maplecrest Country Club
(611 Hackett Road, Goshen)



Morning and Afternoon times available for golf and tennis. Golf ballots due by July 6. Drawing is July 8 at 10 am.

Value Card** Special of the Week

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- **Non-Credit Professional Development Courses at IUSB Elkhart Center** - An Introduction to Digital Cameras – 07/14/09; Picture This: Using Digital Cameras – 07/21/09. Digital Photography – 08/06/09 – 08/20/09; Cool Head, Warm Heart: Stress Management When the Heat is On – 08/14/09. Visit www.iusb.edu/~cted or call Tim at 574-520-4261 for details.
- **Small Business Financing Opportunities** - The Indiana Chamber and Ice Miller, LLP will offer this hour webinar on Wednesday, **July 15** at 10:00 am EDT. Cost: \$79 per log-in. Call Lisa at 800-824-6885. To [register](#) use priority code 8277-E.

TID BITS

Understanding Your H-1B Obligations - When layoffs include foreign technology workers, CIOs need to carefully navigate a sometimes-complicated legal landscape. Employers of foreign nationals must understand how workforce reductions will affect these visa holders. This could be a particularly challenging issue for CIOs who are grappling with spending cuts and the need to reduce staff, including H-1B visa holders. Before you send a downsized H-1B visa employee to the HR department, learn what you need to know to avoid future problems. [More](#)

Job Creation Idea from Oklahoma - I had a call from Todd in Oklahoma who had read about our high unemployment rate. He owns a Holiday Rambler made in Elkhart County and has been here. He doesn't want a new RV but would love to have it refurbished. He has talked to others that would like theirs fixed up or remodeled. He and he feels others, would come to Elkhart County to have them taken care of, spending money while here. Maybe someone should take him up and start a new business! I have Todd's telephone number if you want to talk to him. ~ *David Daugherty, Chamber president*

Members Beware - As times get tougher, scammers become more audacious. The latest scam brought to our attention is a business that calls your phone saying they are 'from your credit card company' and want to speak with you about reducing your rates. Please beware of such scammers and when in doubt, do a little investigating.

ENTERTAINMENT

- **June 26, 27, 10 pm - Gigs @ The Brew** - [David Story](#), an upcoming Ohio band, will perform and record a live album at The Brew (136 S. Main, Goshen) on Friday. This will be a free concert. Drop the Dawg will perform on Saturday during the monthly After Hours@The Brew. As usual, wine and beer will be served. Cover charge: \$5.
- **July 2, 7 pm - House of Heroes and Seabird** - The Goshen Theater will be hosting House of Heroes and Seabird as they travel on their way to Cornerstone Music Festival. Visit www.goshentheater.com/event.php?id=137 for more details! Cost: \$5. Tickets available online at the Theater's [website](#) or at the door.
- **July 3, 5 pm - First Fridays: July 4th Celebrations** - Come downtown for Goshen's Wheels and Deals July event featuring the [Vintage Moped Rally, a Motorcycle Rally and Cruisin' Goshen Reunion!](#) Visit gofridays.com for details.
- **July 5, 9 pm - Celebrate America** - This FREE Independence Day celebration at Black Squirrel Golf Club (1017 Larimer Drive, Goshen) includes a civil war reenactment at 5 pm. A special program with a community choir singing patriotic themes and a tribute to our veterans will begin at 9 pm. Fireworks start at 10 pm.

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