



# BROOKFIELD

## Chamber of Commerce

July 2014

### Message from the President

Greetings Brookfield Chamber of Commerce Members. I hope you and your businesses are doing well.

Let me start by wishing everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. It's looking like a perfect day for a parade and picnic. The chamber will be marching in the parade, which steps off at 10:00 am from Grand and Garfield and proceeds down Grand to the Village Hall. The chamber will also be serving beer at the picnic following the parade at Ehlert Park, so come out and enjoy a few cold ones with fellow chamber members and the residents of Brookfield. We could use some additional help selling tickets and serving beer, so if you can spare an hour or two to help out, please send an email to [info@brookfieldchamber.net](mailto:info@brookfieldchamber.net), or just show up Friday and let us know you're there to help.

The Farmers Market is in full swing and the crowds have been great as has been the weather. I hope both keep up and the success we're enjoying continues to grow. We're still working on some opportunities to have a presence at zoo events and would love to hear from you at the next meeting if you are interested in participating in any way. We have our next business luncheon coming up at Old Warsaw on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

We also have the Car & Bike Show coming up on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, and our next Business After Hours will be hosted by The First National Bank of Brookfield on Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. I hope to see a great and supportive chamber turnout for all of these events.

Again in closing, have a safe and fun Fourth of July!

Tom Milani  
President  
Brookfield Chamber of Commerce

## Brookfield Chamber of Commerce 2014 Officers & Directors

### President

**Tom Milani**

House Pros Home Inspections  
373-5441

### First Vice President

**Allen Goodcase**

Future Electronic Systems  
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### Second Vice President

**Tait Jorgensen**

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### Secretary

**Amanda Robert-Curry**

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334-1320

### Treasurer

**Amy Weinert**

First National Bank of  
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485-2770

### Directors

#### Term Ending 2014

Betty LeClere (Betty's Flowers)	485-3893
Mike McNeily (McNeily & Company)	246-2737
Patricia Weber (Le Grand Décor)	312/403-7736

#### Term Ending 2015

Phillip Richard (First National Bank of Brookfield)	485-2770
JoAnn D'Altorio (Brookfield Little League)	710-2724
Steven Langworthy (Edward Jones)	485-8291

#### Term Ending 2016

Ellen Frantzen (Joe's Saloon)	485-7042
Erika Chavez (Baird Warner)	354-7355
Amelia Orozco (Chicago Zoological Society)	688-8487

# Summer FLEX Schedule

# Summer Classes

June 23 – July 31, 2014

- Make your own schedule from week to week!
- Try any class you please in your age category!

## Exciting Summer Camps for ages 2 to 9!

LaGrange location | June 23 – August 1, 2014

Twinkle Toes  
Disney Camp



Tea Party Camp  
Princess



DORA  
the  
EXPLORER

PopDiva  
Camp

the  
Fresh Beat  
Band

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Camp

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### Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 10th, 2014

Business Luncheon, 12pm Sawa's Old Warsaw  
9200 W. Cermak Road, Broadview

Thursday, July 17th, 2014

Board Meeting, 12pm  
Brookfield Public Library

Thursday July 24th, 2014

Business After-hours, 5:30pm  
First National Bank of Brookfield (FNBB)  
9136 Washington Avenue, Brookfield

July 20 - SUNDAY Registration 9AM-NOON

**BROOKFIELD**  
CUSTOM CAR & BIKE SHOW  
2014

Additional Award:  
'Ladies Choice'  
Brookway, Maple & Grand **BROOKFIELD**

SHOWCASE  
CLASSICS  
Events

JUDGED EVENT

REGISTRATION  
9AM - NOON

\$20 - DAY OF SHOW

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## Member Spotlight– Joseph Lozano D'Aprile Properties

I would like to start off by saying it is an honor to have been offered the opportunity to write in the spotlight this month. I am a new member to the chamber this year but not the town of Brookfield and surrounding communities.

I grew up in Riverside for most of my youth attended LJ Hauser junior high school and I am also a former R.B. graduate. After high school my family moved into Brookfield from Riverside where I then bought a home shortly after. Having grown up in this area I really cannot say enough good things about Brookfield and its neighboring communities, this area is truly a great place to live, learn, raise a family, and all while in a safe environment. Which brings me to my next topic; highlighting Brookfield as a community and what it means in today's real estate market.

Let's start off with today's real estate market. We are currently still in the process of stabilizing our economy and housing market since the recent recession. Home values are just now starting to offer sellers the option of upgrading, relocating or retiring to a desired location. In which selling wasn't even a thought for most 2 years ago. There were record breaking lows in the market, 2011 and 2012 being the lowest. These low values gave great investing and first time home buyers the opportunity to capitalize on the falling market. Now that home values have increased with attractive interest rates and home pricing, this leaves the market in a position for a great time to purchase or sell a property, depending on the equity in your home as a seller.

What does this mean for our community of Brookfield, solely? Brookfield has always had home pricing lower than its neighbors of LaGrange, La Grange Park and Riverside. And to some less desirable for whatever reason, even though it has always offered top schooling and a safe well-kept neighborhood.

Well Get Ready!!! Brookfield is not just going to be a town that host the zoo and between historical Riverside and LaGrange. The demographics of this great town and what it has to offer is starting to be noticed, for example, Train...Train...Train.... The Metra system goes right through the middle of town. Think of homes close to a commuter train like homes around water there is only so much of it, top ranked schools, perfect for a young families that want to move out of the city!! And not with the price tag of its neighbors. Also there has been major investing in this town from the citizens as a community and investors who can see the potential that is already here. If you just look across this town there is major home construction going on, from converting bungalow's and adding additions to all styles of homes, making these properties bigger and beautiful all over again. This is more than just home building, it's investing at its best and everyone benefits from it. This type of investing has not been done since home building in the 50's and 60's which formed most of the blocks we live on today, pretty cool right?

I believe Brookfield in the next five to ten years is going to be more desirable and sought after than ever, it has already has started and it's going to be exciting to see it all unfold.

There are a lot of good real estate brokers out there and some that see a way to capitalize in Brookfield, but its more than just selling homes here for me, I sell the home and the community that comes with it!! I live here, grew up here, and love seeing the progress in this town.

If you'd like to know the value of your home or see what's coming up on the market, email, call or text me anytime at (708) 548-5989, for a free market report. [jlozano@daprileproperties.com](mailto:jlozano@daprileproperties.com)