



THE CHAMBER COURIER

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The monthly business publication of the Canton Area

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National Chamber Week

WE LOVE OUR MEMBERS! We say that a lot around our Canton Chamber office. And it's so true. We love working alongside our members, sharing successes, working through struggles, coming up with solutions, giving direction, making connections and the list goes on.

Every September we celebrate the National Chamber of Commerce week with Chambers from all over. This year it will be September 11 through September 15. The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce plans to have a little fun that week with a game called "Who's That Chamber Member?"

During the National Chamber week our Chamber office will be posting pictures of the 2023 Chamber placard or window cling on display in local businesses and organizations. We will give enough of a hint in the picture as a clue and then post it on our Chamber Facebook page for everyone to guess which Chamber business or organization the picture was taken. If folks guess right, their names will be placed in a drawing to win \$25 in Chamber Checks.



This game does a couple of things; 1. It will get community folks to notice who has a Chamber placard or window cling, 2. Will get our local businesses/organizations noticed in a fun way and 3. There will be a winner of \$25 in Chamber Checks, which will encourage shopping and supporting local. There is no way we will be able to get to every business or organization, but I can guarantee folks will start noticing that you are a member of the Canton Chamber which is a wise decision!

Be sure your business or organization has your Chamber placard up on display showing everyone that you are proud to be a member of the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS After Hours

Come and Join Us!

End of Summer Business After Hours

Thursday, September 21st

5:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Advanced Rehab Clinic in Downtown Canton
61 East Side Square, Canton IL 61520

Food, Drinks, Raffle Prizes, Networking, & More

Hosted By:



HOLIDAY LIGHTSHOW WORK DAY

Thurs. Sept 7

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Sat. Sept 9

9:30 - 11:30 am



First Christian Church
215 W. Elm, Canton
follow the signs inside

**THE HOLIDAY LIGHTSHOW TEAM IS LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PUT LIGHT DISPLAYS
TOGETHER. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

No need to sign up, just show up

Questions? Contact the Canton Chamber at 647-2677



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER MONTEFUSCO HVAC

Montefusco HVAC, located in Peoria, has been serving the Peoria and surrounding areas for over 80 years. They offer residential, commercial, and industrial services.

Montefusco prides themselves on offering 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, residential and commercial service that is guaranteed to get your failing equipment up and running on those cold January days as well as the hottest August days. Whether it's fixing your ailing equipment, or replacing it, they are available around the clock.

Montefusco also has a commercial and industrial program that performs work such as new hotels, assisted living facilities, numerous strip mall projects, heavy machinery manufacturers, hospitals, schools, and many other new and existing commercial and industrial projects in and around the Midwest. No job is too big or too small and they are always looking for their next project. Montefusco currently has a strong presence in the Fulton County area through existing customers, employees and their ownership and would like to continue to grow these relationships in our community!

Montefusco's goal is to serve all residential, commercial, and industrial customers in and around Illinois. They strive for perfection in everything they do, and enjoy serving you!



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: THE LOFT



The Loft of Canton Celebrates Deficiency-Free Annual Survey

The Loft of Canton, a family owned and operated skilled nursing facility located at 2081 N Main St. between Farm King and Walmart, celebrated a mark of excellence recently - a deficiency-free annual survey by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Per medicare.gov data, the average number of deficiencies in the state of Illinois is 12.2 and the U.S. average is 8.9. When a facility receives a deficiency free state survey, it means you or your loved one can expect the highest level of care in an optimum environment, which is important when choosing short-term rehab or long-term care.



The Staff at the Loft in Canton

The survey is a requirement for each facility's annual certification and licensure, and The Loft of Canton was found to be in 100% compliance with state regulations for all aspects of nursing care. Receiving a deficiency-free rating as a result of the state's rigorous examination is one of the top indicators of excellence and is the best score a long-term care facility can receive. It is a merit achieved by only a small number of providers in an industry faced with more challenges and regulation each year.

The Illinois Department of Public Health conducts inspections, called surveys, which are designed to evaluate the nursing home, its equipment, staff, policies, procedures, and finances. On average, inspections occur once every 12 months and are conducted without notice to the facility. Surveys are generally conducted on-site while specific areas of care, including resident rights, activities, care plans, dietary service, housekeeping, staffing, quality of care, and quality assurance are evaluated.

"This is a wonderful accomplishment and testament to all of the great and hardworking staff here at The Loft of Canton," said Tina Roddis, Administrator at The Loft of Canton. "Our daily expectation is to provide great comfort to our residents and their families while abiding by the rigorous requirements at the State and Federal level."



The Loft of Canton is proud to have served the Canton community for the last 5 years and looks forward to many years to come. Whether you or a loved one is looking for short-term rehabilitation to help guide you on the road back home or your forever home, we are here to help.

For questions, call us at 309-472-8457 or stop by today.

WHY JOIN THE CHAMBER?

The term 'chamber of commerce' was first recorded in 1599 in Marseilles, France, when various businesses came together to form an organization. This idea was adopted by Germany and eventually spread throughout Europe.

In America, the oldest Chamber of Commerce is the New York State Chamber. The Chamber was established in 1768 and chartered by King George III in 1770, predating even the Declaration of Independence.

In 1773, the first local chamber was established in Charleston, South Carolina. This structure was then adopted by several other states and soon, there were local chambers all across the country.

Upon the written request of President William Howard Taft, the National Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1912. On April 22, 1912, four months after President Taft's message to Congress, a group of delegates came together to create a body with a unified business interest that became known as the U.S. National Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce concept also functions as an international body called the International Chamber of Commerce (I.C.C.). Established in 1919. The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce was established in March of 1925.

While there were 40 local chambers of commerce in the United States by 1870, today, that number has surpassed 5,000 — each of them working toward promoting and supporting local business initiatives and addressing the needs of the changing market.

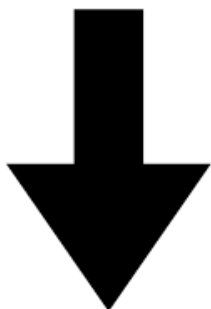
Your local Canton Chamber has been here for 98 years and will continue to be here to help businesses prosper, to celebrate successes, to help move through hard times, make connections, educate, advocate and promote businesses in our community and surrounding communities.

If you have not joined the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, we would love to talk to you about what a Chamber Membership could do for you and your business or organization. If you join as a new member in the month of September, you will get \$50 off your first-year dues. Contact the Canton Chamber office to find out more. Call us at 309-647-2677 or email Executive Director Carla Bobell at cbobell@cantonillinois.org.



Executive Director Carla Bobell

Check out the Chamber graph on page 6!



WHY JOIN THE CHAMBER?

Let us help your business!



Contact the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce to learn more at 309-647-2677 or cantonareachamber@gmail.com



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2023



Holiday

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is coming

Volunteers are Needed

SHIFTS ARE FROM 5:00PM - 8:30PM
SHOW NIGHTS: FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY

We are looking for groups of 8 to 10 from businesses and organizations to volunteer during the run of the Holiday Lightshow. You will assist in parking cars or selling tickets. No children under the age of 12, please.



SCAN TO SIGN UP

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE CANTON CHAMBER OFFICE AT (309) 647-2677 OR EMAIL CANTONAREACHAMBER@GMAIL.COM



**150%
CLUB**

The 150% Club is an optional membership upgrade that provides added exposure for your business. By paying an additional 150% of regular membership dues at the time of your renewal or new membership, your business can join the Canton Area Chamber of Commerce 150% Club.

Meet our **2023 MEMBERS**

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 Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine
 American Family Insurance
 American Legion Post #16
 Apex Seed Company
 Art Hossler Auto Plaza
 Axline Pharmacy
 BeMobile Verizon
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