2017 Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge

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Friday, July 28
Call 618.656.7600 to Sponsor & Register A Team!

7:30am @ Oak Brook Golf Club
Vision
The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

Mission
The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, dedicated to a strong, private sector regional economy.

Guiding Principles
Chambers of Commerce honor and respect capitalism and well-informed private sector job creators as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through education, business advocacy and leadership.

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Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge: July 28 – Sponsor, Play & Donate!
Registration is open for the 2017 Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge, proudly brought to you by Tiger Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning & Electrical Services. We invite you to sign up to golf at Edwardsville’s beautiful Oak Brook Golf Club Friday, July 28 and plan a fun day of networking, golf and leisure. This is a great opportunity for team building, treating your current or prospective clients, and rewarding your employees.

If you are unable to golf, consider promoting your business through an event sponsorship to the more than 100 local community and business leaders who golf in our annual tournament. Levels range from a $125 ‘Tee Sponsor’ to a $2,500 ‘Chairman’s Circle’ investment, offering a broad variety of benefits and options to fit any marketing budget.

The registration form and sponsorship information are available on pages 8 and 9 of this publication, and may also be found online at www.edglenchamber.com. Please call 618.656.7600 or email office@edglenchamber.com to register your team and secure your sponsorship.

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- Comfort Inn
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- Culver’s of Edwardsville
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**save the date**

**6/20 Tuesday 10am-4pm**
- Illinois Chamber of Commerce Workers’ Compensation Workshop for Illinois Employers
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 1000 Plummer Drive
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**RSVP at ilchamber.org/events**

**7/6 Thursday 9:30am**
- Q&A Session w/ Edwardsville Police Department for Liquor License Holders
- N.O. Nelson Leclaire Room
- 600 Troy Road
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**RSVP at edglenchamber.com**

**7/20 Tuesday 5–7pm**
- Business After 5
- Stillwater Senior Living
- 1111 University Drive
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**7/25 Tuesday 4pm**
- Ribbon Cutting
- South Maple Design
- by R.P. Lumber
- 1063 South IL Route 157
- (behind Bella Milano)
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**7/28 Friday 7:30am**
- Ed/Glen Chamber Annual Golf Tournament
- Oak Brook Golf Club
- 9157 Fruit Road
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**8/2 Wednesday 4pm**
- Ribbon Cutting
- Benchmark Title Company
- 123 Rottingham Court, Suite D
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**8/8 Tuesday 7:15-8am**
- Morning B2B Connections Source Juicery
- 220 North Main Street
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**8/11 Friday 11am**
- Ribbon Cutting
- True Value Rental
- 804 Southwest Place
- Edwardsville, IL 62025

**8/17 Thursday 5–7pm**
- Business After 5
- Ruth’s House by Cedarhurst Assisted Living
- 7326 Marine Road
- Edwardsville, IL 62025
We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber investors who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of June. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

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经济影响：客户关系的建立，使该事务所在爱德华兹维尔/格伦卡本市场成为可能，Greensfelder 也是一家由会计师组成的专业性律师事务所，为每位客户量身定制解决方案，两名律师，两名法律实习生，以及一名专业员工来自周围的社区。这确保了每位客户能够获得法律和商业问题的综合解决方案。该事务所的核心业务在于识别问题的复杂性，以确保每个客户都能获得专业的法律建议和咨询。

社区增强：Greensfelder 坚持通过机构承诺支持各种组织，如 Square 广场，这些组织是通过社区的广泛支持来实现的。Greensfelder 团队致力于提供专业的法律服务，包括通过志愿者提供免费的法律服务。Greensfelder 在爱德华兹维尔/格伦卡本市场的代表，David W. Ybarra 被选为贝尔维尔商会董事，以及贝尔维尔高中的主席。

人力资源：Greensfelder 团队致力于发展专业人员和员工。继续教育机会以及在专业组织中参与活动，可以为事务所的律师提供发展所需的专业知识和业务发展所需的知识。该事务所最近推出了一家专业公司帮助年轻律师与专业发展联系，以及它的女性网络努力提供定期的网络活动，以装备他们在各个领域发展的工具。公司也通过各种方式认可员工的辛勤工作，包括在《婚姻法》中提供专业咨询，以及在年度科技培训中提供专业发展机会，以及参与专业组织，会议等。

品格：该事务所的使命是承诺将所有资源用于客户的成功。Greensfelder 的首要任务是倾听其客户的需求，以确保其法律业务的业务目标。通过提供专业建议和对特定需求的认识，律师可以提供解决方案，使生意变得有意义。Greensfelder 的专长在于识别其客户提供法律和商业问题的细微差别。这确保每个客户都能获得专业的法律建议和个性化的建议，根据其特定的需求。

创新：法律标准要求律师必须在获得法律资格后继续学习。知识管理工具帮助律师保持与法规、法律变化和法院判决的相关信息。Greensfelder 最重要的努力在于不断从加深对其客户业务的理解中创新，使专业法律知识应用到每个客户的特定业务目标中。

领导力：Thomas F. Hennessy 作为 Colonel（退休）在美国空军储备役中担任了主席。D. Kevin Johnson 是美国现代交通委员会的过去主席。Dayna L. Johnson 是通过 The Highland Entrepreneurship Program 和为 Madison County Foreclosure Board 提供服务的贝尔维尔市的主席和贝尔维尔市的主席。Greensfelder 还为贝尔维尔市的 Fire and Police Commissioners 提供服务，L. Kevin Vick 为贝尔维尔商会主席，David W. Ybarra 为 Greensfelder 委员会的主席。

### 2017 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge

**Friday, July 28 at Oak Brook Golf Club**

**Deadline for registration is July 17. No refunds after July 17. Payment must accompany registration.**

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<th>Name</th>
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<th>Work Phone</th>
<th>Team Captain Email</th>
<th>Team Captain Cell # (in case of inclement weather)</th>
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____ We would like to **sponsor** at the __________________________ level at $ _____________

____ Please reserve ____________________________ foursome(s) at $500 each. Names are listed below.

____ Please reserve ____________________________ twosome(s) at $250 each. Names are listed below.

____ Please reserve ____________________________ individual ticket(s) at $130 each. Place me with a team.

____ I would like to participate in the **skins game** at $20 per team.

Please list names below, with team captain's name and e-mail address listed as "Player 1":

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<th>Player 1</th>
<th>Player 2</th>
<th>Player 3</th>
<th>Player 4</th>
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Please enclose a check payable to Ed/Glen Chamber. Payment in full due upon receipt of registration.

Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to:
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Research Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025

### Schedule of Events

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<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<td>6am</td>
<td>Registration &amp; Driving Range Open</td>
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<td>7:30am</td>
<td>Shotgun Start</td>
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<td>12:30pm</td>
<td>Late Lunch in Banquet Room</td>
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### Flight Winner Awards

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<td>A</td>
<td>$500 Round of for 4 @ Oak Brook Golf Club</td>
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### Tournament Includes

- 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Oak Brook Golf Club
- Unlimited use of driving range and putting green
- Straightest drive, longest putt & closest to pin contests
- Hole in one contest
- Snack & beverages on the course
- Late lunch provided (post-play)

**Proceeds Advance the Ed/Glen Chamber’s Mission**

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
1 North Research Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025
618.656.7600 edglenchamber.com
Golf Challenge Sponsorships

Promote your business to more than 100 golfers including chamber members & area community/business leaders!

Information must be received by July 17 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

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<th>Sponsorship Level</th>
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**Chairman’s Circle**
- Exclusive event sponsor w/tournament naming rights
- Welcome message at reception
- 1 tee (4 players plus carts)
- Separate corporate tent area
- Table available for 1st cut of gifts & interact with participants
- 3 tee sponsorships
- Full-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for full-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Vice Chairman’s Circle**
- 1 team (4 players plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise & share gifts/promotional items with participants
- 2 tee sponsorships
- Half-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for half-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Exclusive Hole Sponsor**
- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & Common Ground
- Provides car at designated hole to greet guests

**Hole In One Sponsor**
- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & Common Ground
- Provides car at designated hole to greet guests

**Tee Sponsor**
- Unlimited number of tee sponsorships available
- Placed along cart paths in high visibility areas

**Golf Cart Sponsors**
- Limited to four businesses
- Company logo on front & back of cart
- Sign at registration area before & during tournament
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Putting Green Sponsor**
- Exclusive sponsorship
- Single sponsor sign in practice area before & during tournament
- Use as opportunity to pass out golf balls or gifts on course
- Honor of delivering prize for low score on putting contest
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Post-Party Lunch Host**
- Limited to two businesses
- Signage on all dining & buffet tables
- Table available to advertise & share gifts/promotional items with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**On-Course Food/Bev Sponsors**
- Limited to six businesses
- Sign at grill area before & during tournament
- Signs on beverage carts & beverage centers throughout the course
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Exclusive Hole Sponsor**
- 1 exclusive hole sponsorship (sign provided by chamber; 18 available)
- Opportunity to host a tent (supplied by sponsor) at designated hole
- Opportunity to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

**Cash & Prize Donation**
- Donate cash, a door prize or contest prize (value of approximately $25–$100)

**All Sponsorships Include:**
- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & Common Ground
- Online & social media recognition leading up to tournament

TOURNAMENT DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 28
TOURNAMENT TEE TIME: 7:30AM
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business after 5
ACCELERATE Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is a new Ed/Glen Chamber initiative designed to build and solidify our region’s vibrant future workforce.

ACCELERATE Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is a business-centric initiative designed to provide professionals like you with the tools to accelerate your leadership acumen, hone your communication skills, expand your professional network, connect you with mentors, and ultimately strengthen our business community as a whole.

Your Contact Information

First Name:_________________________________________ Last Name:__________________________________________

Company:__________________________________________ Title:________________________________________________

Address:____________________________________________ City:____________________ State:_______ Zip:_________

Phone:__________________________________ Email Address:__________________________________________________

☐ $50 Participation Fee Enclosed (Make checks payable to Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce)

Signature:_________________________________________ Date:______________________________________________

* * * PAYMENT DUE UPON RECEIPT OF APPLICATION * * *

Return Application & Dues to: Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce
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IDPH Honors Zobrist With EMS Hero Award, Anderson Hospital Presents Recognition

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently celebrated National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week by recognizing the important contributions and dedication of paramedics, police, firefighters, and other first responders who provide day-to-day lifesaving services.

“The men and women being honored during National EMS Week are true heroes who have acted selflessly to help people in need during emergency situations,” said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D. J.D. “Thousands of emergency workers in Illinois put their lives on the line every day, while others are simply citizens who have acted with courage to help others avoid serious injury or even death. This week, the Illinois Department of Public Health honors these heroes and would like to say thank you for their courage, time, and dedication.”

The recipient of this year’s EMS Hero Award is Todd Zobrist of Pocahontas, Illinois. On the morning of March 16, 2017, Todd Zobrist and members of the Highland Ambulance Service responded to a call of a car being driven into a lake. On their arrival, they found the vehicle submerged with only 12 to 15 inches of the car above water. Zobrist jumped in the 40-degree water and was able to pull an infant from the submerged car to on top of the vehicle where he began CPR. Zobrist’s immediate and courageous actions have been attributed to saving this infant’s life.

PICTURED, L to R: Anderson Hospital President Keith Page, EMS Coordinator Brad Perry; Emergency Preparedness Director Eric Brandmeyer; Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Klaustermeier; Todd Zobrist; Highland Fire Department EMS Chief Brian Wilson and EMS Captain Tim Rusteberg.
Louer Facility Planning Welcomes Guithues & Smith To Team

Jamison Guithues has joined Louer Facility Planning, Inc. as an interior designer.

An honors graduate of the International Academy of Design and Technology in Chicago, Guithues’ experience and expertise includes sustainable design, computer-aided design (CAD) and project management. She is a Granite City resident.

“We’re excited to welcome Jamison to our team of talented interior design professionals,” said Yvette Paris, the Collinsville-based firm’s design director.

Louer Facility Planning also recently welcomed Kerry Smith as director of marketing and business development. A career journalist and former business owner, Smith holds a master’s degree in public administration from SIUE and a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin. She is an Edwardsville resident.

“I am pleased that such a highly qualified individual has been chosen to join our team of design professionals,” Louer shared.

Louer Facility Planning has been in business for 21 years, offering the latest trends and innovations in smart workspace furniture for clients across the St. Louis metro region. Louer Facility Planning’s clients include those in the corporate, financial, healthcare, government and educational sectors.

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Plummer Lading Earns Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices ‘Company Designated Trainer’ Title

Julie Plummer Lading of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties has been awarded the Company Designated Trainer (CDT) designation by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

Plummer Lading earned the CDT designation by successfully completing this tier of the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Instructor Development Program. This program combines virtual training, self-study and individual assignments in a four-week program focused on providing trainers practical skills and practice activities to help raise the level of training design and delivery proficiency.

“This designation is an important indicator of the importance our brokerage places on training provided to our agents. We’re very agent-centric at Elite Properties. Improving the delivery of our training will help our agents greatly,” said Denise Wolff, development and operations manager for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties. “Julie has worked hard to earn this designation and we are all proud of her accomplishments,” said Wolff.

Julie Plummer Lading has been in the real estate industry for 17 years and holds the position of vice president – managing broker for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties.

Golf Tournament: July 28
Registration & Sponsorship Deadline: July 17

Register & Sponsor Now!

7:30am shotgun start @ Oak Brook Golf Club
Holland Construction Services, Inc. (Holland) recently joined with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Edwardsville at a ground breaking ceremony for their new $3 million church.

Holland is providing design/build services for this new 11,056 square-foot church located on a 6-acre site on Ridgeview Road. The new facility will include a sanctuary, offices, and an education wing.

The current church, located on North Kansas Street, was built in 1923 and in need of repairs as well as not being ADA compliant. The new building will be energy efficient, one level, and meet ADA requirements.

"First Presbyterian is the first church established in Edwardsville, and its people continue to step out in faith toward new territory," said Pastor Dr. John C. Hembruch. "We are pleased to partner with Holland, and excited by the construction progress we see on our new home for mission and ministry. We’re grateful for the many expressions of support we’ve received from members of the community."

The last service held in the existing church was on Easter Sunday of 2017. The 375-member congregation is currently meeting at Goshen Elementary School during construction, which is scheduled for completion in January of 2018.

Hurford Architects out of Glen Carbon, Illinois is Holland’s design/build partner on the project.
GCS Credit Union Supports #ENDALZ Initiative & Walk To End Alzheimer’s Event

Credit Union employees recently went ‘purple with a purpose’ for Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness & Caregivers Month and raised $1,095 for the Alzheimer’s Association.

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s – by 2050, this number could be 16 million. In an ongoing effort to support the local community, GCS employees participate in Jeans Days each month. In exchange for a donation of $15 or more, employees are allowed to wear jeans on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of June. Alzheimer’s is a disease that attacks the brain. It is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Currently, there is no cure for Alzheimer’s. But drug and non-drug treatments may help with both cognitive and behavioral symptoms.

GCS Credit Union employees took the donation one step further to create a GCS Walk To #ENDALZ team at the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer’s event on September 23, 2017 at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. For more information on the SIUE Walk to End Alzheimer’s event, visit act.alz.org. To find out more about GCS, visit myGCScu.com.
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Illinois Chamber of Commerce To Host Critical Infrastructure Summit June 6 & 7

This was published by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a recent 'Message from the President' email.

We are now a little over halfway through special session. Lawmakers have a few days left to pass a comprehensive budget plan before Illinois’ reputation – and business climate – is hurt even further. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce believes that it is crucial a plan, with proper reforms, is passed before the start of the new fiscal year July 1.

In a letter given to lawmakers, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce calls on members of the General Assembly to incorporate key changes and additions in the budget plan proposed on June 14 by Republican caucuses and the Governor. There are topics not mentioned in the letter that the Illinois Chamber of Commerce supports in the plan, such as, the property tax freeze as well as other items. The Republican plan, with adequate changes, is the best framework available for a conclusion to the impasse.

Below is the full letter addressed to lawmakers.

Dear Legislator,

While the Illinois Chamber of Commerce acknowledges the hard work of the Governor and General Assembly, the Chamber urges each and every legislator to work for a final resolution of the unprecedented budget impasse this week. I know that we all recognize the terrible toll the lack of a state budget has had on our employer community, our institutions and our reputation.

The need for real reform of government and the Illinois jobs climate remains critical but, finally, meaningful progress on reforms and a balanced budget appear within reach.

The Chamber believes that the framework for a budget resolution laid out by the Republican caucuses and the Governor on June 14 – largely built upon the package passed by Senate Democrats in May – is the best framework available for a conclusion to the impasse. However, this framework is far from perfect nor is it complete.

The Chamber calls for the following changes and additions in order to support a final package:

**OMIT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL SERVICE TAX:** SB 9, the most recent legislative proposal to tax certain services is unconstitutional. The Illinois Supreme Court, in the case of Fiorito v. Jones held unconstitutional – for lack of uniformity, and for denial of due process and equal protection guarantees - a prior attempt to impose a tax on a limited number of services. The recent amendment imposing a tax on a specific list of services (as opposed to all services) would immediately be subject to constitutional challenge.

**STOP THE ROAD FUND RAID:** Both Senate Democrat and Republican proposals would take $266 million out of the Road Fund and shift the bulk of it to Chicago area mass transit. While transit is a priority, this is an unprecedented use of the Road Fund and will result in a $1 billion reduction in IDOT’s latest multi-year plan for roads and bridges.

**INCLUDE A TRANSPORTATION “BRIDGE THE GAP” PROPOSAL:** Transportation funding is set to fall off a cliff at the end of this construction season. The legislation can maximize the impact of modest increases in road fund revenues by bonding them. This would increase transportation funding over the next two years until a larger, more permanent fix to this problem is found.

**PASS A CLEAR PLAN FOR REDUCING THE BILL BACKLOG:** While the Chamber is an advocate for more efficiencies in government and greater respect for taxpayer dollars moving forward, the state simply must pay debts already incurred. Though not optimal policy, new bonding, backed by a dedicated revenue source, is the best way to jump start a return to fiscal sanity.

**IMPROVE THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION REFORMS:** While modest, the amendments to the workers’ compensation act contained in HB 4068 do represent incremental progress. However, the language related to “traveling employees” must be strengthened and new employer penalties related to electronic filing must be reasonable.

**REBALANCE THE TAX MIX:** Given the right package, the Chamber can support a major tax increase to help produce a balanced budget. However, the current tax package unduly burdens specific industries and ignores our largest job creator, small business. A final tax package should omit a decoupling from the Domestic Production Activity Deduction (a change impacting agriculture, manufacturing, technology and others), eliminate the unfair taxation of satellite and internet streaming services, and create a new incentive for small businesses to invest and grow in Illinois.

The Chamber stands ready to work with all legislators and the Governor to find a resolution to the current budget crisis. The time for a resolution is now.

Todd Maisch, President & CEO
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
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