



Chamber Chatter

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*Welcome New Secretary
– Gina Kirin!*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Labor Day is just around the corner! There are many things going on Labor Day Weekend – the Labor Day Festival, Sidewalk Sale, The Circus, and a Town Garage Sale. The Festival will have food, bouncy games, carnival games, vendors, bands and a beer garden. Find out all about the weekend schedule by visiting our Facebook page www.facebook.com/LowellLaborDayFest. You can also visit the Chamber's website at www.lowellinchamber.com.

The **BATTLE OF THE BANDS** competition will be held on Saturday afternoon. The winner will play at the festival on Sunday! Application deadline is August 15th.

Do you want to sell your household items at the **Garage Sale** or sell your products during the festival - complete your application and turn it into the Chamber office.

All applications and forms are online at the Chamber's website (under the forms tab) or contact the Chamber office at 219-696-0231 or email secretary@lowellinchamber.com

Message from the President

Good things are blossoming for the Chamber of Commerce! Along with ribbon cutting ceremonies for our newest member, Cedar Creek Health Campus on June 19th, I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new office secretary. Gina Kirin joined us on May 19th and will be in the Chamber office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Her past experience includes managing offices for an electrical contractor as well as a brokerage firm. Please feel free to contact her with any questions to secretary@lowellinchamber.com.

The Board of Directors is working hard to make this year's Lowell Labor Day event a huge success. We are in the midst of planning some great entertainment, games, food and crafts. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. If you can volunteer or know someone that would be willing please have them call the Chamber office or e-mail their contact information to secretary@lowellinchamber.com.

Again, I am looking forward to these upcoming months. Summer is always a time for friends, family and events/parties galore. I hope to see our town bustling with shoppers and consumers. The quality service your businesses provide, the friendly staff you employ and the hometown atmosphere are definitive reasons to make a person want to come back and buy local.

Chamber News

The June chamber social was held on Wednesday June 25th at McVeys. It was a great success! It was a great night for networking and sharing information about our businesses as well as upcoming events. We had members and prospective members in attendance. Individuals from DeMotte State Bank, Jim's Repairs Service, Lowell Carpet & Coverings, The Times, Fidelity National Title, Don Bales, Inc., Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Centier Bank, DL Sales Lia Sophia, and Northwest Indiana Real Estate. Please join us at the next Social event on Wednesday July 30th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. at Mi Ranchito Restaurant.

*New Member – Cedar
Creek Health Campus!*

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce believes local businesses help make our community special. They drive the economy, put people to work, and develop new ideas. Each quarter the Chamber will feature an area business in our Local Business Spotlight section of Chamber Chatter. Would you like your business spotlighted in the next Chamber Chatter? Would you like an event publicized on our website? If yes, please contact us at secretary@lowellinchamber.com

Town News

LOWELL PARKS DEPARTMENT

Office location – 17105 Cline Avenue
Office Hours – Monday – Thursday 9 am to 4 pm
Phone – 696-1570

Buckley 5 mile run / 2 mile walk
 Will be held July 26th

Register on race day or at the Parks Department Office

Archery Program – 6 week course
 Youth ages 6 and up (8 and under, parent is required to stay)
 Learn basic archery skills and safety
 Instructors are Hunter-Safety Educators

This is a very popular program, Equipment is provided
 Saturdays August 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and September 6th and 13th

Class 1 – 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Class 2 – 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Class 3 – 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

All classes held at Riverside Archery Shop in Sumava Resorts

Fees for Class - \$45.00

Register at the Parks Department Office - Registration will begin on July 6th and will continue until August 4th or until classes are fill (Maximum of 15 Students per class)



Lowell Town News

Circus is Coming to Town

The Kelly Miller Circus will be arriving on Friday August 29th
 Show times are estimated to begin at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm

The Circus will be located at Freedom Park in Lowell

The Circus is hosted by the Lowell Lions Club

Business Spotlight: A+ Tax & Accounting, LLC

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A+ Tax and Accounting prepare Individual Taxes as well as provide help with tax issues. The following services are offered for small businesses: Business Start-up, Payroll, Corporate Tax Returns and Notary.

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Benefits of Becoming a Chamber Member

- 1) **Membership brings credibility to a business** (customers are more apt to buy from vendors who support the community)
- 2) **Increases businesses visibility in the community** (website directory, newsletter, ribbon cutting, Facebook page)
- 3) **Creates network opportunities** (serving/joining committees)
- 4) **Gain a voice in government** (continues to stand behind small businesses – Chamber Strong)
- 5) **Make business contacts** (we are “working” for business by generating more business for the community)
- 6) **Acquire customer referrals** (Chambers recommends members to individuals and businesses)
- 7) **Chamber events and programs** (social gatherings to get to know other business members and expand prospect base)
- 8) **Promotion and publicity** (member exclusive advertising and opportunities for business to business publicity)

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Upcoming Events

MEMBER MEETINGS: TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

DECEMBER 11TH

2014 Board of Directors

President: Tara Klahn, Centier Bank
 Vice President: Michael Hanger, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance
 Treasurer: Linda Baer, DL Sales – Lia Sophia
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Administrative Assistant: Gina Kirin

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Founded in 1957 and located in downtown Lowell. The Lowell Chamber of Commerce is working for the businesses in the Three Creeks Area, bringing new ideas and concepts, working together with Lowell Organizations; building relationships within the community and the region.

Local Sponsors

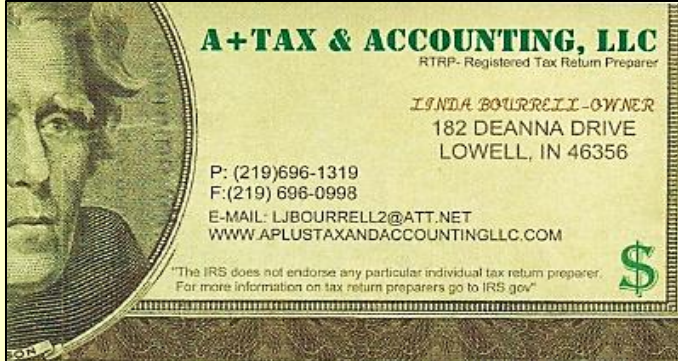
Chamber Members: Receive **FREE** advertising here. Send us a 'business card size' (3.5" x 2") ad in JPG format to secretary@lowellinchamber.com

Non Members: Call the chamber office to receive information on advertising in this section



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