

Welcome to the First Annual MacArthur Neighborhood Mixer

Thursday April 30, 2009 © South Side Christian Church © 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 45 minute program begins at 6:45, followed by a 15 minute Q&A.
Thank you for joining us!

We invite you to

- Enjoy dessert & coffee on us.
- Write your questions and suggestions for future events on the index cards on the table.
- Talk to the organizations and businesses in attendance - some have tables around the room.
- Visit the MBBA table to sign up for our eNewsletter, to join as a neighbor or to volunteer.

Program

Jeff Chitwood, Sr. Minister, South Side Christian Church

Cory Jobe, Chairman MBBA and Peoples Economic Development Corporation

What is the MBBA: our mission, accomplishments and goals

Michelle Higginbotham, Vice Chair MBBA and

Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire Realty

MBBA strategy for attracting & retaining businesses

Nancy Long, President, Springfield Area Realtors Association & Real Estate Group

Home sales and residential property values

What neighbors can do to help maintain property values

Michelle Higginbotham

Problem property initiative

Matt Heyen, Transportation Manager, Hanson Engineers

MacArthur Extension update

Jennifer Dillman, Sangamon County Board Member and

Norm Sims, Executive Director,

Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission

Long Range Planning Initiative and Streetscape Development

Mark Mahoney, Springfield City Alderman, Ward 6

Debbie Cimmarosa, Springfield City Alderman, Ward 7

Cory Jobe

Question & Answer

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MacArthur Boulevard Business Association

MBBA Mixer Goals

- ⊙ **Provide information** about the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association, MacArthur commercial and residential real estate, and the MacArthur extension.
- ⊙ **Support local businesses** by encouraging patronage by neighbors and friends.
- ⊙ **Encourage neighbors to get involved** by providing opportunities to support other area organizations and ideas to help improve area properties.
- ⊙ **Invite neighbors to stay informed** with a subscription to the MBBA eNewsletter or by visiting our website.
- ⊙ **Ask neighbors to support the association** by joining, volunteering or donating.

What You Can do to Help

- Support MacArthur businesses** by patronizing them and encouraging others to.
- Maintain** your property & encourage your neighbors to maintain theirs.
- Get involved** with other groups working to improve the area.
- Stay informed:** visit website; sign up for the MBBA eNewsletter.
- Support the MBBA:** join or donate; volunteer to help with an event.

Resources

MacArthur Boulevard Business Association - Cory Jobe, Chairman 217-622-9630

- ⊙ **Shred Day** May 9 10am to 1pm - Illinois Times parking lot.
- ⊙ **MBBA Problem Property** initiative & clean up days
- ⊙ **MacArthur Artist Market** – Saturdays in June 9am to 3pm at Town & Country Shopping Center
- ⊙ www.ShopOnMacArthur.com, info@ShopOnMacArthur.com

Government

- ⊙ Debbie Cimmarosa, Springfield Ward 7 Alderman debcimalderman@yahoo.com
- ⊙ Mark Mahoney, Springfield Ward 6 Alderman, mmahoney67@hotmail.com
- ⊙ Jen Dillman, Sangamon County Board, jen.dillman@comcast.net

Beat 500 Neighborhood Police Officers

Officer Don Bivens, Donald.bivens@cwlp.com

Officer John Shea, John.shea@cwlp.com

EMERGENCY call 911

Non-emergency call 788-8311

Citizens should call either the emergency or non-emergency number to have an officer respond. Particular officers may not be on duty at any one time.

Neighborhood Groups and Other Organizations

- ⊙ **Friends of Washington Park and Springfield Parks Foundation**
Doug Reynolds, f16ratt@mac.com or 217-553-1329
- ⊙ **In God We Trust Referral Service** - A Storefront Alternative to Payday Loans to be Located on MacArthur by the end of 2009 Co-Presidents, Kevin Slot, President of Tailored Printing, Inc. 522-6287 and Rev. Charles Jackson, Pastor St. John AME Church 417-4394 www.igwtrs.org
- ⊙ **West Grand Place Neighborhood Association**
Mary Brancato, maryb@westgrandplace.com, 546-4052
- ⊙ **Springfield Green**, <http://www.springfield.il.us/green/>
- ⊙ **Springfield in Bloom**, <http://www.springfieldinbloom.org/>
- ⊙ **Historic West Side Neighborhood Association**
P.O. Box 221, Springfield IL 62705, www.historicwestside.org, Carrie Becker, President

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