



CHAMBER Insider



2025



We are now accepting applications for the 2025 Hometown Heroes Banner Program through May 31, 2025. You can find the application on our website or you can pick one up in the office.

Business Community News

Marengo gets \$3M from DCEO to extend utilities to 90-23 interchange

Congratulations to the City of Marengo for securing a \$3 million state grant to extend water and sewer service to the I90 and Route 23 Interchange.

The recently awarded Regional Site Readiness Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity was one of 24 awarded across the state, totaling \$31 million.

Work is ongoing to extend utilities to the interchange, which opened at the end of 2019. Located midpoint between Rockford and O'Hare Airports, plans call for turning the interchange into a manufacturing and logistics hub that will create high paying quality jobs and turbocharge McHenry County's economic growth. This grant gets McHenry County one step closer to turning the interchange into an economic powerhouse.

CITY OF MARENGO BUSINESS LICENSE UPDATE:

From the City of Marengo:

Marengo Business Leaders:

In collaboration with the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor and City Council passed Ordinance 25-2-1 amending Chapter 32 of the Marengo Municipal Code regarding business registration. ***This ordinance states that businesses existing prior to May 1, 2025, will not have any fees associated with registering their business.***

If you have already submitted your registration paperwork with the original fee of \$50.00, the City will contact you to determine how you want to handle the payment. This should be completed by the end of February. If you have not submitted your registration paperwork, we would appreciate it if you did so by 5/1/2025. Late fees will be assessed after 8/1/2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. For your convenience there is a pdf copy on our website.

Let's get together!

Do you have a milestone? New employees? New products?
Or just want to showcase your business?

Call us to schedule a Mixer, Ribbon Cutting or Open House !!

SHAMROCK 5K SHUFFLE WALK/RUN



WHEN: MARCH 8 @ 2:00 PM (CHECK IN AT 1:15 PM - SHELTER 1)
COST: \$25 PER INDIVIDUAL 16+, \$15 PER CHILD (T-SHIRT PROVIDED)
MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND THE EVENT - REG. CLOSES: MARCH 3, 2025



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daily visitors.

Please drop them off at
the office or call Colleen
to pick them up.



2025 Dates to Remember



March 4, 11, 18 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawing – 7 pm at The Spot

March 25 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawing– 7 pm at Pointers Saloon

March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday

March 5 ~ Chamber office closed until noon for seminar

March 8 ~ 5K Shamrock Shuffle @ Marengo Park District 2pm

March 9 ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward

March 9 ~ Union Lions Club Pancake Breakfast @ Union Fire Station

March 13-15 ~ MCHS Musical

March 15 ~ Feather Party for MU Baseball @ Sam's 5pm

March 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day

March 20 ~ First Day of Spring

March 20 ~ BOD Meeting



Marengo Community High
School Theatre Department
is proud to present
*You're A Good Man, Charlie
Brown!* With charm, wit and
heart, this musical explores
life through the eyes of
Charlie Brown and his friends
in the Peanuts gang. The
MCHS production will run for
four performances:

Thursday, March 13th at 7pm

Friday, March 14th at 7pm

Saturday, March 15th at 2pm

Saturday, March 15th at 7pm

All tickets are \$10 and seating will be open (no reserved
seats). Tickets can be purchased online beginning March 1st
at mchs.booktix.com or at the door at no additional cost.

