



Chamber Update

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Answer this week's **NEW Quick Click** survey question

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How do you think the election of the New Orleans mayor affects the Northshore business community?

Legislative advocate hired for St. Tammany/Northshore

The Joint Public Policy (JPP) Committee, a collaboration of the St. Tammany West and East Chambers of Commerce and the Northshore Business Council, has hired Dino Paternostro, President of LegisLink, to serve as the legislative advocate for government relations issues important to the St. Tammany business groups.

JPP chairman for 2010, Danny Schaus, states, "We are delighted that we have been able to garner the services of Mr. Paternostro for 2010 as our legislative advocate. With over twenty years of experience working closely with state government, we feel that he will be able to carry out our plan of work with confidence. In the next month, Mr. Paternostro will be meeting with our legislative delegation to discuss the plan of work and go over bills that will come from St. Tammany legislators." For more information on the Joint Public Policy Committee or the St. Tammany West Chamber, visit www.sttammanychamber.org or call 892-3216. To view the full article, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

2010 EXPO
Wednesday, April 28th
at the Castine Center

This landmark business tradeshow is the biggest in the region. Over 1,000 attendees visit EXPO for its informative booths, samples, demos and giveaways.

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Speed dating for businesses!

Membership in the St. Tammany West Chamber has many benefits, including participation in one of our most popular networking events. Speed Dating for Business, previously called Mega Marketplace, has a rotating roundtable format, which provides an opportunity for participants to give presentations about their products and services to the 49 fellow attendees. Participants are also invited to display their companies' promotional materials around the perimeter of the room for viewing before and after the event. Reservations are now open to the first 50 who sign up or [click here to register on-line](#). The fast-paced networking event will be held from 8-10 a.m. on Friday, March 12 at Homewood Suites in Covington. Participation is exclusive for Chamber members at a cost of \$10. The event's format only allows for one participant from each business.

Every week Chamber members send us information about special events and positive stories about their businesses. [Click here](#) to view **Member Happenings**.

Chamber Events

THIS FRIDAY!!!

February 26

Monthly Luncheon @ Holiday Inn 501 N. Highway 190 in Covington

Speaker: Barry Erwin, CEO of the Council for a Better Louisiana
Topic: Streamlining State Government and Higher Education Funding
Sponsor: Humana Health Benefit Plan of Louisiana
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday, February 26

B2B Networking @ Chamber Office 610 Hollycrest Blvd. in Covington 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3

LABI Luncheon: Legislative Issues Conference @ The Gallery
Co-hosted by the West and East St. Tammany Chambers
137 Taos St. in Slidell
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3

Business After Hours @ First Bank and Trust
118 Lake Dr. in Covington
NEW HOURS! 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Contact Kellye Donnelly at

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Thursday, March 4
Mandeville Mayoral Forum
In partnership with the Old Mandeville Business Association
St. Tammany Parish School Board - Tech Center
2024 Livingston St. in Mandeville
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, March 12
**Speed Dating for Business (formerly known as Mega Marketplace) @
Homewood Suites**
101 Holiday Square Frontage Rd. in Covington
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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[Click here](#) to make reservations for any Chamber event.