

**November  
2020**

***Lunch 'n  
Learn***

**November 11th**

**Non-Profit Social  
Services Panel**

***United Way &  
Salvation Army***

**Member Cost: *free***

*Time: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 pm*  
*RSVP by Tuesday, November 10th*

**Exhibitor:**

**Renew Total Body  
Wellness Center**



***Mark Your Calendar***

**December 9, 2020  
Christmas Program**

**January 13, 2021  
CEO Program**

**February 10, 2021  
Cybersecurity**

**November *NEWS* from  
Chamber President  
Carolyn Ridenour**



With 2020 being such a tough year for so many reasons, I am having a tough time trying to see the blessings! This article needs to be positive and uplifting something we can all sink our teeth in and say, "Wow, that was a great article...so glad I took the time to read it!" LOL.

We all learned pretty quickly how important toilet paper, sanitizer wipes, sprays and anything with the scent of bleach is good to use even though we consider it as toxic fumes any other time.

I have learned to be afraid of everyone who comes within 6 feet of me with or without a mask of some sort...even a Wal-Mart bag tied around your face is better than nothing.

We all gained weight the first 6 months of COVID and now we're all fighting to get it off as quick as it all showed up around our waistlines.

While I am poking fun at the circumstances we have all been a part of this year, it is by no means a way of disregarding the sanctity of life. We love our families, friends, co-workers and even those we don't know. It has even helped us all to appreciate many of those directly affected by this terrible virus and those who have come in contact with it. To this I offer our prayers of health and may we all stay healthy and keep our faith as strong.

As members of the Chamber, we are a family from many backgrounds, expertise and interests; but one BIG thing we have in common is our love and passion of helping and supporting each other. I appreciate our dedicated Chamber officers, Board members, Ambassadors and Chamber Executive Linda Harper for their dedication in supporting the Chamber and you/our members.

Saturday during Trunk or Treat at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church I handed out 100 Chamber directories to parents and asked them to shop and support you and your business! Their reaction was in complete agreement to shop local first! So, let's do our part and let the public know about your great products and services! Use the Chamber resources that available to you. Free job listings, Free member video Spotlight, Free Resources, Free exhibitor at a Chamber lunch meeting (now remote), only \$25 to email a flyer to all Chamber members and so much more!

So members keep up the good fight and know you are blessed and appreciated!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Ridenour, Chamber President

Please remember our Veterans on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and Small Business Saturday is Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

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# 2020-21 Calendar of Events

**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste - March 13, 2021**

**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - April 22, 2021**

**Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - May 19, 2021**

## 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## November Luncheon

Due to the COVID-10 Resurgence Mitigations, which started November 2, 2020, our usual second Wednesday luncheon date for November is on November 11, 2020. The Lunch 'n Learn webinar is **free** and it is at 12 noon. The Lunch 'n Learn will be on the **Free Conference Call** website. It is very easy to use, and there is nothing to download or install. The Lunch 'n Learn topic is "Non-Profit Social Service Panel: United Way and Salvation Army." See the details on the next page of this newsletter. Please register in advance by November 10th by emailing [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com). Then you will receive an email from Linda Harper the morning of the Lunch 'n Learn with a link to the meeting. You can also register at [www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings](http://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings).

Optionally to make it more like one of our luncheons, order a carryout lunch from a local restaurant to eat during the Lunch 'n Learn.

## Thank You

Our Caramel Apple & Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser was a success! Thank you to all who bought, sold, boxed, and delivered dinners to cars. It takes a Village! The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce appreciates all the volunteers that made this event successful!

## Gratitude

In these difficult times we live in, we need to find time to thank and appreciate the good things in our personal and work life. Some research indicates that practicing gratitude makes you happier, leads to less depression, more motivation and engagement, better sleep, healthier hearts, fewer aches and pains, and better overall mental well-being. One suggestion I have heard is to try to tell a different person each day how much you appreciate them. Do a Google search for: Is Gratitude Good for Your Health?

## Inexpensive Advertising--Member Benefits

You can advertise in our monthly newsletter or have an e-mail blast for \$25 per issue or \$25 per e-mail blast.

Let the membership know about upcoming openings, events, or sales. Our newsletters and e-mail blasts go out to over 450 people; plus our newsletters are posted on our website at [mtzionchamber.org](http://mtzionchamber.org). For the newsletter, send your PDF or JPG to [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) by 3-4 days publication dates. The newsletter is sent out the first or second business day of each month. An e-mail blast can be sent anytime; submit it a few days before you want it to go out.



## MZCC Lunch 'n Learn

# Non-Profit Social Services Panel

## United Way & Salvation Army

November 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. CST



You are invited to a free online Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. The agenda for our meeting that starts at 12 noon is:

- I. Welcome
- II. Renew Total Body Wellness Center--Exhibitor.
- III. Non-Profit Social Services Panel:
  - A. James Keith, United Way
  - B. Lt. Kinesa Debela, Salvation Army

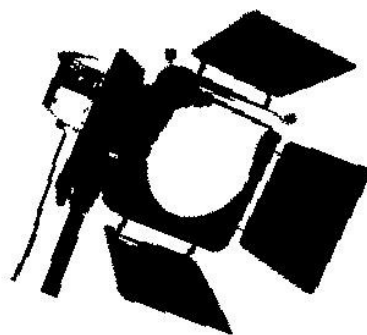
Please support the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce by attending this free online Lunch 'n Learn provided for you. Let's find out what each social service provides for our communities in Central Illinois and how we might help.

It will be on a website called Free Conference Call, which is easy to use. There is nothing to download or install. The morning of Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> an email will be sent to you with the two ways to attend the meeting; it will have an online way to attend the meeting or you can call in and just listen. It is better if you can login to the website with the instructions that will be provided so you can see any slideshows the panel may be using during their part of the program.

Join us on November 11th for a Lunch 'n Learn. Eat your lunch during, before, or after the webinar and attend the webinar at your work or remote location. Register in advance for this Lunch 'n Learn by emailing [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, November 10, 2020.



## Member Spotlight



The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight—Grant Bullock Life Coach. Visit [GrantBullock.com](http://GrantBullock.com) to get started and find balance in your life. Who wouldn't want to enjoy life and have more fun? The process of coaching is a strategic partnership. Grant will support you and focus on your goals and wants. Check out [GrantBullock.com](http://GrantBullock.com) for contact information on how you can change your life and get started with a free new client consultation.



## Resurgence Mitigations

As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, new mitigations will be applied if a region's positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days, or if a region experiences a sustained increase in the positivity rate (increases in 7 out of 10 days) AND sustained increase in hospital admissions for a COVID-19 like illness or reduction in hospital capacity that threatens surge capabilities (availability of ICU or med/surgical beds under 20 percent). If a region has exceeded IDPH criteria that trigger additional mitigations to combat a resurgence of COVID-19 and prevent uncontrollable spread, new measures are necessary to curtail further spread.

**Regions that are experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19 will operate under these new mitigation requirements:**

SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
<b>Bars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All bars close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day</li> <li>• No indoor service</li> <li>• All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside</li> <li>• No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)</li> <li>• Tables should be 6 feet apart</li> <li>• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting</li> <li>• No dancing or standing indoors</li> <li>• Reservations required for each party</li> <li>• No seating of multiple parties at one table</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day</li> <li>• No indoor dining or bar service</li> <li>• Tables should be 6 feet apart</li> <li>• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting</li> <li>• Reservations required for each party</li> <li>• No seating of multiple parties at one table</li> </ul>
<b>Meetings, social events and gatherings</b> (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors</li> <li>• No party buses</li> <li>• Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable</li> </ul>
<b>Organized group recreational activities</b> (fitness centers, sports, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> <li>• All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect</li> <li>• Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance</li> </ul>

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a 3-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, which could include reducing capacity on organized group recreation, fitness or other activities supported by local contact tracing data and temporary suspension of certain activities.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: <https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>

## Mitigaciones de reaparición

Como se detalla en el plan de resurgimiento de Restore Illinois del 15 de julio, se aplicarán nuevas mitigaciones si el promedio de la tasa de positividad de una región es mayor o igual al 8 por ciento durante tres días consecutivos, o si una región experimenta un aumento sostenido en la tasa de positividad (aumentos en 7 de 10 días) Y un aumento sostenido en las admisiones hospitalarias por una enfermedad similar a la COVID-19 o reducción en la capacidad hospitalaria que amenace la capacidad de respuesta (disponibilidad de UCI o camas médicas / quirúrgicas por debajo del 20 por ciento). Si la región ha superado los criterios del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois (Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH) que activan mitigaciones adicionales para combatir la reaparición de la COVID-19 y evitar la propagación incontrolable, se necesitan nuevas medidas para reducir la propagación.

Las regiones que están experimentando una reaparición de la COVID-19 operarán bajo estos nuevos requisitos de mitigación:

ENTORNO	REQUISITOS DE MITIGACIÓN
<b>Bares</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todos los bares deben cerrar a las 11pm y no pueden volver a abrir antes de las 6am del día siguiente.</li> <li>• No ofrecer servicio bajo techo.</li> <li>• Todos los clientes del bar deben sentarse en mesas al aire libre.</li> <li>• No ordenar, sentarse ni reunirse en la barra (los taburetes de la barra deben quitarse).</li> <li>• Las mesas deben estar separadas 6 pies.</li> <li>• No estar de pie ni reunirse bajo techo o al aire libre mientras espera una mesa o al salir.</li> <li>• No bailar ni estar de pie bajo techo.</li> <li>• Se requieren reservaciones para cada grupo.</li> <li>• No sentar a varios grupos en una mesa.</li> </ul>
<b>Restaurantes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Todos los restaurantes deben cerrar a las 11 pm y no pueden volver a abrir antes de las 6 am del día siguiente.</li> <li>• No ofrecer servicio de bar o comedor bajo techo.</li> <li>• Las mesas deben estar separadas 6 pies.</li> <li>• No estar de pie ni reunirse bajo techo o al aire libre mientras espera una mesa o al salir.</li> <li>• Se requieren reservaciones para cada grupo.</li> <li>• No sentar a varios grupos en una mesa.</li> </ul>
<b>Reuniones, eventos sociales y encuentros</b> (incluidas las bodas, funerales, banquete colectivo, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Límite de menos de 25 invitados o al 25% de la capacidad total del espacio, tanto bajo techo como al aire libre.</li> <li>• No usar autobuses de fiesta.</li> <li>• Los juegos y los casinos deben cerrar a las 11:00pm, y están limitados al 25 por ciento de su capacidad y seguir las mitigaciones para bares y restaurantes, cuando corresponda.</li> </ul>
<b>Actividades recreativas grupales organizadas</b> (centros de entrenamiento físico, deportes, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sin cambios.</li> <li>• Toda la orientación deportiva que entró en vigor a partir del 15 de agosto de 2020 permanece vigente.</li> <li>• Las actividades al aire libre (no incluidas en los entornos de exposición anteriores) continúan según la guía actual del Departamento de Comercio y Oportunidades Económicas (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO).</li> </ul>

El IDPH continuará haciendo seguimiento a la tasa de positividad en regiones que requieran mitigaciones adicionales, durante un período de monitoreo de 14 días, para determinar si las mitigaciones se pueden suavizar, si se requieren mitigaciones adicionales o si la mitigación actual debe mantenerse. Si la tasa de positividad promedia menos o es igual a 6.5 por ciento durante un período





**VETERANS DAY**

**November 11, 2020**





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### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
Lot 2 Greenhill Rd	1.446 acres residential building lot/fully treed	\$15K	6184287
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
512 E Maywood	3 bdr/1 bth/full basement/very well maintained	Upper \$50's	6204362
2229 Oaklawn Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1.5bth/new roof 2018/fenced yard/992 sq ft	Upper \$50's	6206511
1730 S 34 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 bdr/1 bth/.51 acres/HVAC only 4 yrs old/vinyl siding	Mid \$60's	6203019
2440 W Florian Ct	3 bdr/2.5bths/hardwood floors/fireplace/1 car attached	Mid \$80's	6206127
605 W Macon St.	Multi-family/7 units/newer roof & water heater/sold as-is	Mid \$80's	6201500
4045 Cambridge Dr	3bdr/1.5bth/1400 sq ft/1.5 car garage/shed/basement	Upper \$90's	6203002
5727 Kentland Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/2.5 bth/Cape Cod/Mt Zion Schools/Fenced yard	Mid \$120's	6206374
231 E State Hwy 105	Cerro Gordo/5 bdr/1bth/3.44 acres/4800 sq ft pole barn	Low \$170's	6205676
3270 Fields Ct	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/3 bth/.53 acres/gorgeous inside/outside oasis	\$209K	6206279
7002 W Cantrell St	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 5 bdr/3.5bth/10 acres~pond,beach,fishingdock/4128 sq ft	Upper \$470's	6206337
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6 bdr/7 bth/hardwood floors/in-ground pool/pool house/3 fireplaces	Upper \$640's	6201676

### Active/Under Contract Listings

3176 N MacArthur Rd	4 bdr/2.5 bth/2066 sq ft/ranch/2.5 car attached garage	Low \$90's	6206001
3858 N Northbrook Dr	3 bdr/2 bth/carpet, paint, water heater & dishwasher 2019	Low \$110's	6204254
2605 S Forrest Green Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/2.75 bth/remodeled throughout/tri-level/fenced yard	Upper \$140's	6206400
1122 Wedgewood Ct	5 bdr/3.5bth/custom home/Warrensburg schools/3 car gar	Upper \$270's	6202210

### Pending Listings

2564 E Wood St	2 bdr/1bth/updated kitchen/hardwood floors/garage	\$21K	6206230
917 S 44 <sup>th</sup> Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
1569 W Sunset Ave	Brick 2 story/3 bdr/1.5 bth/new paint 2020/2 fireplaces	Mid \$70's	6201683
2085 Ramsey Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/completely remodeled exterior/interior in 2020	Low \$80's	6206381
404 N Summit Ave	3 bdr/2 bth/West End/2400 sq ft total living space/attached 1 car garage	Upper \$90's	6197345
2687 Brookline Place	4 bdr/2.5bth/Meridian Schools/2 wood fireplaces/fresh paint	Low \$130's	6204476

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## SBA Virtual Business Recovery Center for Illinois

**Got Damage from May-July Civil Unrest?**

**SBA CAN HELP!**



### **SBA Low-Interest Federal Loans for Disaster-Related Damages**

**ECONOMIC INJURY** - Small businesses and nonprofits  
(Working capital, no physical damages needed to apply)

**Interest rates as low as:**  
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**2.75% nonprofit organizations**  
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**APPLY NOW!!!**

**Virtual Business Recovery Center (VBRC)**

**FIRST STEP:** Apply online with SBA at: <https://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/>

For one-on-one assistance with applying call: (800) 659-2955

Open: Seven (7) Days a week, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET

Email questions to: [FOCE-Help@sba.gov](mailto:FOCE-Help@sba.gov)

Deaf and hard of hearing: 800-877-8339 / [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**Note:** Loan applicants should check with agencies / organizations administering any grant or other assistance program under this declaration to determine how an approval of SBA disaster loan might affect their eligibility.



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# NEWS RELEASE

## Disaster Field Operations Center East

**Release Date:** Oct. 15, 2020

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**Release Number:** 21-027, IL 16699

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### **SBA Offers Working Capital Loans to Small Businesses in Illinois Affected by Civil Unrest**

**WASHINGTON** – Low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available to Illinois small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and private nonprofit organizations affected by Civil Unrest from May 26, through July 30, 2020.

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza made the loans available in response to a letter from Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker dated Sept. 28, requesting a disaster declaration by the SBA. The declaration covers the following areas: Adams, Boone, Brown, Bureau, Carroll, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clinton, Cook, De Witt, Dekalb, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henry, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marshall, Mason, McHenry, McLean, Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Ogle, Peoria, Piatt, Pike, Putnam, Randolph, Saint Clair, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren, Washington, Will, Winnebago and Woodford counties in **Illinois**; Lake County in **Indiana**; Lewis, Marion and Saint Louis counties and Saint Louis City in **Missouri**; and Green, Lafayette, Rock and Walworth counties in **Wisconsin**.

“The SBA is strongly committed to providing the people of Illinois with the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist small businesses with federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans,” said Carranza. “Getting businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.”

In accordance with health precautions for COVID-19, the SBA will not establish a field presence to assist survivors. However, the SBA will continue to provide customer service and conduct outreach virtually with webinars, skype calls, phone assistance and step-by-step application assistance. The SBA has opened a Virtual Business Recovery Center to help survivors apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via the SBA’s secure website at <https://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/>. Virtual Customer Support Representatives are available to help applicants complete the online application during these hours:

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Open: Daily

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Email: [FOCE-Help@sba.gov](mailto:FOCE-Help@sba.gov)

Phone: (800) 659-2955

Business owners and residents should contact the SBA Customer Service Representatives at (800) 659-2955 for assistance in completing their applications. Requests for SBA disaster loan program information may be obtained by emailing [FOCE-Help@sba.gov](mailto:FOCE-Help@sba.gov). The SBA will conduct extensive outreach to ensure that all affected by the disaster are afforded the opportunity to seek assistance.





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