

Good afternoon members!

Finally, some sun and warm temperatures. Even just sitting at home with the windows open seems exciting. Information that I have received is below, including some wonderful webinars that are free to our members, including two different opportunities to understand the paycheck protection program. In addition, I have [attached a list of approved lenders in IL for this program](#), to the email.

I am also listing the Gift Card Purchase website information again. This is a fantastic opportunity for some PR for your business and even if you are not set up online to do gift cards, you can have people call you for them or direct them to Facebook. Jennifer's email is below and I encourage you to become a part of this.

Gift Card Purchase Website

The Geneva Chamber is working with Jennifer Kaye from Jennifer Kaye Photography, who is developing a website (one stop shop) to sell gift certificates/cards to Geneva businesses. If you would like to participate in this website, please send Jennifer the following:

1. High resolution logo
2. Link to your ordering page where you would like your customers to land.
3. If you do not have a website and would still like to participate, please send the phone number of where gift certs/cards can be purchased over the phone.

Jennifer's email is 1000wordsphoto@gmail.com. Please send your information to her ASAP so you can be included in <https://www.genevagiftcards.com/>.

WEBINAR (free)

In conjunction with St. Charles Chamber of Commerce

Understanding the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

April 3 @ 11 am

Register at <https://stcharleschamber.com/event-landing/all-events/ppp/>

Understanding the Paycheck Protection Program Webinar presented by Bil Papp, P&F Business Advisors.

WEBINAR (free)- second opportunity if you miss the April 3 webinar

Understanding the Paycheck Protection Program

April 6 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

Topics: What is the PPP?, Who is eligible?, How much can i get?, What are the fees?, How do I apply?, When will I get the money? Forgiveness. Also includes Q & A. Given by: Bil Papp from P & F Business Advisors

WEBINAR (free)

Socially Distant, but Fully Connected – Enabling Success with Today's Remote Workplace

Hosted by member Toshiba

April 8 @ 10 am or 1 pm

Register for [10am](#) or [1pm](#)

Join Toshiba's solutions experts as they outline Toshiba solutions that can immediately address business continuity concerns - such as identifying the most affordable tools that enable your staff to work from home safely and efficiently.

WEBINAR (free)

Coping with Stress and Anxiety for the Business Owner

Hosted by member Intermision Therapies

April 8 @ 11 am

Register [HERE](#)

Due to the popularity of this topic, Intermision Therapies has offered another session for April 8th. Randall Bennett (MA LCPC, LMFT, Small Business Owner and Clinical Director at Intermision Therapies) will moderate a free meeting for business owners designed to discuss how the pandemic is emotionally affecting small business owners. The goal of the meeting is to support each other through open discussion and offer advice and techniques to help deal with the stress and cope with feelings of fear and anxiety.

The meeting will be limited to 8 participants with additional meetings scheduled based on demand

WEBINAR (free)

Managing a Remote Workforce During COVID-19 and Beyond

Hosted by member Gordon Flesch

April 9 @ 1 pm

Register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mmFSIkrOQTeocpUWX7s5Gg

COVID-19 has radically changed how we work. The mobile tech we use every day is now the backbone of business productivity as employees log in from home. When it comes to cybersecurity, collaboration, and communication tools, your role as the business leader has never been more important to your organization. During this webinar, learn best practices for successfully managing the technology powering your remote workforce. We'll also explore the considerations IT leaders and business owners should make to ensure productivity and profitability during this time of uncertainty.

From the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Updated with New Information from the U.S. Department of Treasury: Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist

The U.S. Chamber's Coronavirus Emergency Loans Small Business Guide and Checklist serves as a comprehensive step-by-step tool to help small businesses, independent contractors, gig economy workers and other qualifying individuals prepare to file for a coronavirus relief loan under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Guide attached to email.](#)

Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program Guide

As you may know, the CARES Act expanded the Small Business Administration's long-standing [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program. The EIDL program was created to assist businesses, renters, and homeowners located in regions affected by declared disasters. The program is applicable to small businesses and most small nonprofits (less than 500 employees), sole proprietors and independent contractors. [Guide attached to email to help you navigate.](#)

Employee Retention Tax Credit Guide

The CARES Act also created a new employee retention tax credit—that does not have size restrictions—for employers who are closed, partially closed, or experiencing significant revenue losses as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. [Click here](#) to view our new guide to help businesses check eligibility, calculate their credit, and understand which employees count toward eligibility, among other information.

GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

We will update and add to the links below as new guidance and resources become available

- [NEW: Economic Injury Disaster Loan Guide](#)
- [NEW: Employee Retention Tax Credit Guide](#)
- [UPDATED: Coronavirus Emergency Loans: Small Business Guide and Checklist](#)
- [Coronavirus Digital Toolkit](#)
- [Coronavirus Guidance for Employers](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Tips for Employees](#)
- [Coronavirus Resource Hub for Small Businesses](#)
- [Coronavirus Local/State Policy Tracker](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Flyer](#)

From Illinois Arts Council Agency

Yesterday, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot joined Governor JB Pritzker to announce the Arts for Illinois Relief Fund, providing financial assistance to artists, artisans and cultural organizations impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Grant applications for all Illinois artists, artisans and cultural organizations are open. Individual artists and artisans - including stage and production members and part-time cultural workers - experiencing an urgent need will be able to apply for one-time grants of \$1,500 distributed by [3Arts](#). Grants will be awarded through a lottery system and will be disseminated quickly. Additionally, nonprofit arts and cultural organizations of any size will be able to apply for relief through the [Arts Work Fund](#). Based on their demonstrated financial need, organizations will be awarded grants from \$6,000 - \$30,000. Artists, artisans and cultural organizations impacted by COVID-19 are urged to apply for grants through www.artsforillinois.org.

Sincerely,

President, Paula Schmidt