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OCTOBER 2026 CHAMBER NOTES

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If we haven't formally been introduced my name is Cliff Macke, Executive Director of The Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. I took over this role this past summer. I also work with the City of Paris as the Communications Director. Both of my offices are located in the Paris Area Chamber building at 105 North Central Ave, which is on the east side of the square in downtown Paris.

OFFICE HOURS & MEMBER VISITS

My hours are evolving as I try and figure out what works best for our members and the city but most days you can catch me in the office from 8:30am-12pm. Then I am out seeing members from 12-2:30pm range, back in the office from 2:30pm till 4pm. City & chamber meetings are usually held after 4pm so my time is more limited toward the end of the day. My day ends somewhere in that 5-6pm range.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CHAMBER

I began my first few months here, trying to get the chamber office back open and getting the community to walk back in. I invited several to meet with me at the chamber, update our lobby with current information and make it more of a welcoming center for not just the chamber but the city. We held our first chamber ambassadors meeting with nearly 20 business people who have already began helping promote the chamber and grow our membership.

We are organizing our first Future Leaders Class in over 3 year and they will meet in a few weeks. Still, some room if you would like to join us. Info will be attached. We held our first social event at the chamber which was called Coffee + Connections and for the first time event we did pretty good. I have my first ribbon cutting ceremony for The Paragon Family Restaurant coming up next week.

HONEYBEE FESTIVAL RECAP

We had a decent crowd for our recent Honeybee weekend, the chamber sponsored all of the kids' activities with the help of several volunteers and including the FACTS Club and FFA Clubs. We sponsored the entertainment at Prospect Community Foundation Amphitheater and held our annual Honeybee Golf outing. This event took a lot of fundraising to pull off and we are so grateful for all of the businesses and individuals who made it possible this year.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

OCT 8

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Paragon Family Restaurant • 3-5 PM

OCT 21

Future Leaders Class Begins

OCT 31

NOV 28

8–11 AM • Chamber Building

Scare of the Square

1–4 PM • Downtown Paris

Christmas in Paris

All Day • Downtown Paris + Eveland Gym

We will be posting lots more info on Christmas in Paris and Mistletoe Market so please look for it on social media. We have worked really hard to update our Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Facebook Page and our Website. Please use those as great resources for the chamber.

Please stop in the chamber and see me soon.

Cliff Macke

Executive Director/Communication Director (City of Paris)

Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

The
PARAGON
FAMILY RESTAURANT

The Paris Area
Chamber
of Commerce & Tourism 

RIBBON CUTTING

Thursday

OCTOBER 8, 2026

3:00-5:00 P.M.

*** SPECIALS**
*** DOOR PRIZES**

2002 S. MAIN STREET
PARIS, IL.



JOIN THE
FUN!

The Paris Area
Chamber
of Commerce & Tourism

SCARE ON THE SQUARE

October 31, 2026

Trick or Treating

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Start at Prospect Bank in Paris, IL and make your way around the square, enjoy treats, treats, and activities local businesses!

Touch a Truck

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Chief Deputy Boyll along with your local law enforcement and experience vehicles of all sizes!

TRUCKS, CARS, HEAVY DUTY MACHINERY, EMERGENCY VEHICLES, & MORE!



Costume Contest

Judging starts @ 3:00 p.m.

Judged Divisions:

- Baby-Newborn-1yr
- Toddler 2-4yrs
- Elementary 5-10yrs
- Junior High 11-14yrs
- High School 15-18yrs
- Adult 19+

*Only one prize awarded to each division

*Judging will take place in front of Prospect Bank (AKA) Wood Street.

*No prior Registration

Chili Cook-Off

at
The Prairie Press

Judging: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Awards: 3:30 p.m.



If you have any questions call Cliff Macke 217-465-4179, info@parisilchamber.com or Jacob Jenkins 765-205-3660, jjenkins@edgarcountyillinois.gov

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The Paris Area
Chamber
of Commerce & Tourism

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Coastal
Christmas
in Paris

November 28, 2026



Christmas
in Paris



2026-2027

PARIS AREA LEADERS Enrollment Application

Date _____

Please fill in all blanks

Type or Print in black ink.

Name _____

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer _____ Date Began _____

Present Title or Responsibility _____

Since (Date) _____

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the City? _____

We must ask that participants commit to attend all of the Paris Area Leaders sessions. Are you and/or your employer willing to make such a commitment of your time? _____
Absenteeism may result in being dropped from the course. If you are unable to make a commitment, it may not be in your best interest to apply at this time. Due to career and family emergencies we will allow two missed sessions for these emergencies and applicant will still graduate with this class.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES (Please list, in order of importance, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and other organizations of which you are or have been a member.)

Organization	Approximate Date Of Membership	Official Position Held
(1) _____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____
(3) _____	_____	_____
(4) _____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____

GENERAL

How long have you lived in Edgar County? If not a native, why did you move to Edgar County?

How would you describe your knowledge of community affairs?

Circle Excellent Good Fair Poor

How would you describe your activity in community affairs?

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Would you accept a position on a board or committee, which would require you to be away from your home one evening each month? _____yes _____no

Does your job afford you the opportunity to attend board or committee meetings during an extended lunch period or during late afternoon working hours? _____yes _____no

If you were to be considered an expert or advisor in one particular field, what would that field be? _____

What do you expect to gain from the "Paris Area Leaders" course?

What specific leadership activities would you foresee being involved in upon completion of this program?

List 3 concerns for Edgar County over the next 5 years.

1.

2.

3.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received at the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, 105 North Central Ave., Paris, Illinois 61944 by Thursday, October 1st.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

EMPLOYER'S SUPPORT (if applicable)

I am aware of the dates and attendance requirements of the Paris Area Leaders program. I will support this applicant's attendance at each session.

Employer's Signature

Title

Check must accompany application. Thank you

Course fee is \$250.00 Check # _____ Amount paid \$ _____