



A publication for friends of Batavia Enterprises Inc.

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Congratulations to Country Scape, Inc. on their 25th anniversary serving the greater Fox Valley area.

Mark Your Calendars!
Saturday, November 28th, 2009, the Downtown St. Charles Partnership will once again host the **Electric Christmas Parade** in St. Charles! The parade will begin at **5:30pm** and travel **East on Main Street, between 6th Street and 4th Avenue**. There will be a special appearance by Miss Illinois 2009 Erin O'Conner. Dress warm and enjoy the creative production and thousands of holiday lights on parade!

The Presidents Corner... by Dan Stellato MILESTONE AFTER MILESTONE

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Batavia Enterprises was recently honored (and humbled) with a certificate from the State of Illinois House of Representatives acknowledging the company's Fifty year anniversary.

The Honorable Kay Hatcher State Representative for the 50th district of Illinois took time out of her busy schedule to present this revered document to Batavia Enterprises Chairman and CEO Mr. Gerry Dempsey.

The presentation took place coincidentally on Mr. Dempsey's 30 year anniversary with Batavia Enterprises.

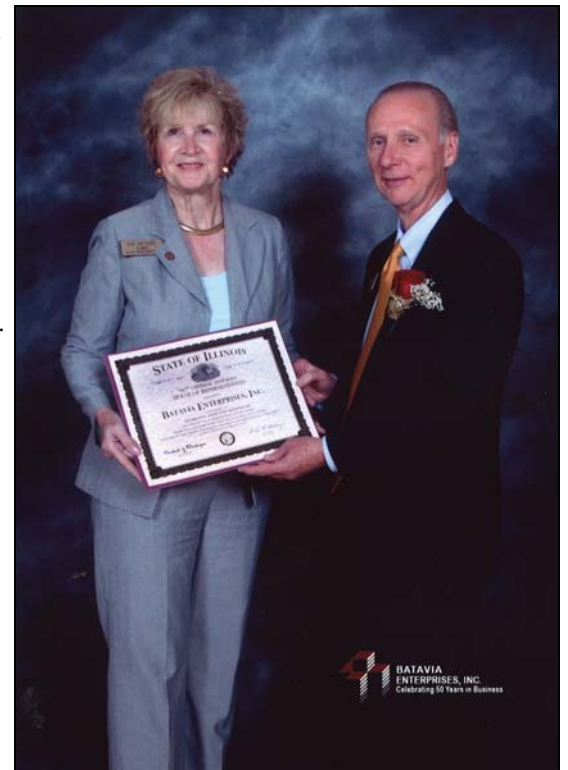
When milestones are achieved it is fun to reflect back on the past. It is rare in these times to witness a company reaching 50 years of success and even more rare for someone to remain with one company for 30 years.

I personally had the pleasure of working with both Gerry and His Father, Larry when I began my tenure with BEI back in the late 1980's. I know Larry Dempsey is proud of what Gerry has accomplished over the past several decades to help keep Batavia Enterprises a success.

Gerry's enthusiasm and drive is contagious and he has been a tremendous mentor and role model to me over the past twenty years. I have also watched him guide and teach his son Austin Dempsey, our Vice President, for the past few years.

As I think back to the first day with Gerry I fondly remember his words of encouragement and direction. "Stellato, work hard, keep your desk clean and work hard....and you'll be OK."

Congratulations Gerry for 30 years of dedicated service!



New Faces On Staff



Julia Kotalik

We at Batavia Enterprises, Inc. are pleased to announce two new additions to our BEI family. Julia Kotalik, our new administrative assistant, will be a new smiling face to greet you when you visit the BEI office, and Kevin Boedewig, maintenance professional, will be there to satisfy our buildings maintenance needs. Julia was raised in Sandwich Illinois and is a Northern Illinois University graduate with experience in the property management field through her family's business. Kevin

is an Aurora native and attended Aurora Central Catholic High School. He started his construction career at the early age of 17. He has worked for numerous remodeling companies as well as Nicor, ComEd, and AT&T. He is currently attending Waubensee Community College for a degree in Construction Management. Kevin's and Julia's skills of the trades, hard working mentality, and eagerness to learn and grow in the company are good additions to the quality and professionalism that BEI represents everyday.



Kevin Boedewig

Batavia Enterprises Inc. would like to thank the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce for "Small Business of the Year Award" nomination. We consider it an honor to be nominated by our local peer businesses.

Using the Holiday to Make More Contacts

Written by Debra Davenport www.hotjobs.yahoo.com
Paraphrased/Shortened by Julia Kotalik

The best networking takes place at home. Inviting people to your home establishes more personal relationships and also creates opportunities for reciprocal invitations and introductions to others' inner circle of contacts.

Give and you shall receive. Get involved with a charity. Volunteering leads to the development of relationships that are not just based on building business contacts, but on helping others.

Don't assume. Don't reject invitations to events that seem like duds—you never know who's going to be there.

Use the Internet. Write a holiday blog/newsletter/email to your contacts. Include a "viral" element (photo/video/quote/etc.) to prompt recipients to spread your message.

Follow up with everyone you meet. A handwritten note letting someone know you enjoyed meeting them is priceless today, and worth every minute. It shows you're a savvy professional and memorable.

Batavia Enterprises Inc. Anniversaries

Congratulations to Gerry Dempsey and Kay Lefever on their 30 and 10 year anniversaries with BEI!

A FOND FAREWELL TO THE BATAVIA BOWL

A new view-shed has been created in downtown Batavia.

Batavia Enterprises has always been on the leading edge of historic preservation in the Fox Valley. We pride ourselves in restoring older structures when most others would never do so.

In late 2008 we were given the opportunity to purchase our neighbor's building; the former Batavia Bowl at 120 First Street.

As we normally do, we began our due diligence to determine if we could preserve the building, restore it and then re-market the property to insure future success. We have done this many times with award winning properties like the Shelby Office Building, Cedar Avenue Business Center, 30 North Lincoln, Tower Business Center and many more throughout the area.

This former bowling alley presented so many obstacles that even *we* couldn't save it. We walked away from the purchase until we realized that the true value was in the property. When combined with the vacant Shumway parcel and our parking area, a three acre lot could be created, and when the market conditions are right we could restore this piece of downtown to its glorious past.

So we found a way to purchase the building, demolish the structure and save many important historic elements like the large wooden support beams, limestone window sills and many large limestone blocks.

Is this a risky investment? Absolutely! Even in good economic times this is risky. In the midst of this struggling economy it could be borderline questionable, but we believe in downtown Batavia.

We anxiously await a decision on a second bridge in downtown Batavia which will determine the design and development of this site.



BEI Welcomes Argus BCS to Batavia!

Batavia Enterprises would like to welcome Argus BCS to Batavia. Argus BCS is a Managed IT Services Provider with a fully trained Microsoft® Small Business Specialist staff that manages IT for businesses with 1 to 100 employees.

As ArgusBCS began to outgrow the Shelby location, Austin Dempsey worked extremely hard to find the perfect space that met the current and future needs to support ArgusBCS growth and service. "We are looking forward to upgrading our office space with our upcoming move to 117 Flinn Street in the heart of downtown Batavia. With this move, ArgusBCS will be able to provide greater support to our clients because of nearly doubling the office space, improved security, internet service infrastructure, and a state-of-the-art computer testing lab," said Matt Sidman of Argus.

They will be expanding to roughly 1,750sf of space near Drendel and Jansons Law Group here in Batavia.



Need a Place to Store for the Winter?

Batavia Enterprises, Inc. is now offering storage for cars, boats, motorcycles, RV's, and any type of vehicle you need to get out of the driveway for the winter. Incredible rates, flexible lease terms and BEI's top notch service.

Give Nick a call: 630.879.3680
Or email: nick@bataviaenterprises.com

Water Street Studios Grand Opening!



Batavia Enterprises Inc. would like to congratulate Water Street Studios on their incredibly successful Grand Opening September 18th. It was truly a night to remember as the local art community came together. Delectable appetizers, elegant desserts, and delicious wine was donated by local area businesses. A crowd of just under 2,000 people from across the Chicago area attended the event along with as many news publications. The gallery was full of beautiful art work created by people from an array of diverse backgrounds. Please visit the gallery either Friday from 5pm to 9pm, Saturday from 10am to 10pm, or Sunday from 12pm to 4pm. You can find information on their website at www.bataviaartistsassociation.org as well as listing of the classes they provide.



Welcome Vasilion Architects to the Tower Business Center (TBC) in Batavia

We would like to welcome Steven Vasilion and his team to the BEI family. Vasilion specializes in healthcare facilities, however, he also continues to design homes as a part of his practice. When asked what he likes most about the (TBC) Steven says, "It's a wonderful limestone building: solid and quiet. I like the random interaction with other tenants.... Our office has large windows facing three compass directions." When asked about being in Batavia, "Batavia has SO much potential. With an inventory of wonderful historic buildings, ample redevelopment opportunities, a beautiful riverfront, and a city council that is interested in intelligent redevelopment, it's a great city in which to work and live." We look forward to having Vasilion as a neighbor and in our great community.



Hike for Hospice a Success!

Kristen Johnson, property manager at BEI, and her family participated in the 3rd Annual Hike for Hospice on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The 5K walk helps to raise money for Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice (FVVH). Kristen, board member of FVVH, along with 103 other people walked and ran the 3.2 mile track along the Fox River in downtown Batavia and helped raise close to \$16,000. Since 1981 FVVH, a non-profit volunteer based organization, has been dedicated to providing support to individuals with life threatening and terminal illnesses and grieving persons and their families since 1981. All care is available without charge regardless of age, diagnosis, prognosis, income level, Medicare eligibility, race, or creed. Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice is the largest volunteer hospice in the States. For more information visit www.fvvh.org.





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Pumpkin Pecan Bread

What You Need!

- 2 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- ½ cup MIRACLE WHIP Dressing
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp. CALUMET Baking Powder
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ¼ tsp. ground cloves
- ½ cup PLANTERS Chopped Pecans



Make It!

PREHEAT oven to 350 F. Beat eggs lightly in large bowl with wire whisk. Add sugar, pumpkin, dressing and milk; mix well. Add combined dry ingredients; stir just until moistened. Gently stir in pecans.

POUR into greased and floured 9x5 inch loaf pan

BAKE 55 minutes to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely. Cut into 16 slices to serve.

How to Treat a Tongue Stuck to a Frozen Pole

A tip from "The Worst Case Survival Guide Daily Calendar"

- 1. Do not pull the tongue off the pole!** That will be very painful.
- 2. Move closer to the pole** without letting more of the tongue touch the pole.
- 3. Warm the pole with your hands.** Let your gloved hands heat the area surrounding the tongue for several minutes to unfreeze the tongue. If hot water is available, pour it on the tongue and pole.
- 4. Take a test pull.** Gently pull the thawed tongue away from the pole. It may hurt and a layer or two of skin may be left, but it will heal quickly.

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