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Final Week of Spring 2022 Legislative Session

Apr. 4, 2022 | As we are closing in on our final week of the spring 2022 session, Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch discusses the few remaining issues the Chamber continues to be involved with.

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Maisch Speaks to Media on Chamber Issues



Apr. 12, 2022 | Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch provides some key takeaways from spring legislative session that wrapped up last weekend. This week's video is the final regularly scheduled two-minute drill for the session series.

Apr. 5, 2022 | Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch responds to Elyse Kelly with **The Center Square** on Illinois ranking 30th among other states for employee resignations. "There may very well be a perception amongst the workforce that there are not as many job opportunities to access later if someone resigns their job today," Maisch said.



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Apr. 20, 2022 | Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch spoke to John Garcia with **ABC 7 Chicago** on the issues of finding and retaining employees due to the pandemic.

May 3, 2022 | With Illinois businesses beginning to see stabilization, Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch explains how this recession is affecting businesses post-pandemic. "The rise in interest rates is really just a return to normal rates, but it is bad news for businesses that took on more debt to make it through the pandemic," Maisch said.

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Worker happiness key to worker retention, experts say

By John Garcia
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

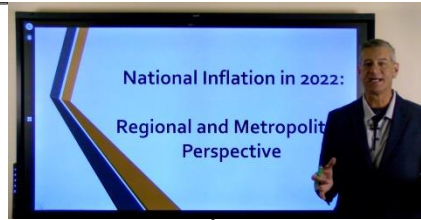


Todd Maisch
ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Illinois Chamber of commerce held a seminar today offering advice to employers to help them attract and retain employees.

CHICAGO (WLS) -- The Illinois Chamber of Commerce held a seminar Tuesday offering advice to employers as they continue to build back at the end of the pandemic.

May 17, 2022 | Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch breaks down regional and metropolitan inflation trends, in this week's new addition to the Chamber map series.



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Government Affairs & Legislation



Apr. 18, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Clark Kaericher spoke to Zeta Cross with the Center Square on the record high inflation businesses are experiencing. "All businesses – whether small or large – are reeling from higher input costs," Kaericher said. "At the same time, there is a labor shortage and labor costs are going up."

Apr. 13, 2022 | Thank you, **Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce** for inviting our Manager of Legislative Relations, Andrew Cunningham to provide an update at your lunch & learn.



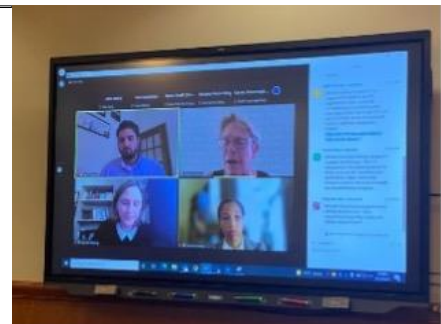
May 31, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Sr. Vice President of Government Affairs, Clark Kaericher served as a member of the Illinois Future of Work Task Force. While a "no vote," Kaericher participated in the release of the final report today.

Energy Council's Messina Testifies



May 4, 2022 | Illinois Chamber Energy Council Executive

May 17, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Energy Council Executive Director Alec Messina, gave a presentation at the virtual Illinois State Bar Association Environmental Law Conference titled,



Director, Alec Messina, testified this morning in the Public Utilities Committee on SB 3866 Amendment #8.

"Environmental Justice: Making it Real?"



May 26, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Executive Director of Energy Council, Alec Messina testified in the Public Utilities Committee & Energy & Environment Committee joint hearing. "...the reality for the zones that do not have sufficient generation to cover their load plus their required reserves is that they will have increased risk of temporary, controlled outages to maintain system

reliability. And even if we avoid outages, the price impact is real."

Infrastructure Council Holds Virtual Spring Meeting

May 23, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Infrastructure Council held its virtual Spring Quarterly Meeting. Thank you to those in attendance for making it a great and informative meeting.



Tax Institute and IDOR Present Update

Apr. 25, 2022 | Thank you to all who attended our Illinois Tax Institute meeting this afternoon. Illinois Chamber Tax Institute Executive Director, Keith Staats and **Illinois Department of Revenue's** Program Administrator-Audit, Roger Koss provided the attendees with an update on the activities of IDOR's audit division.



During the second quarter of 2022, the Chamber's Tax Institute was busy:

- *Speaking to groups on Illinois tax-related topics.*
- *Meeting with Illinois Chamber members to discuss tax-related legislation of interest to them.*
- *Met with the Growmark tax and legislative folks in Bloomington to discuss Illinois tax issues of importance to Growmark.*
- *Chamber President Todd Maisch and Chamber's Executive Director, Tax Institute, Keith Staats presented a legislative update to the Oak Brook Chamber.*

Assessment of COVID-19 Impact

Jun 29, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Healthcare and Employment Law Councils worked together to present an assessment on the Impact of COVID-19. Our panel included experts in the health system, pharmaceutical, insurance & employment industries to discuss how their industries have been affected.



Planning and Promoting 2022 Women in Business Conference



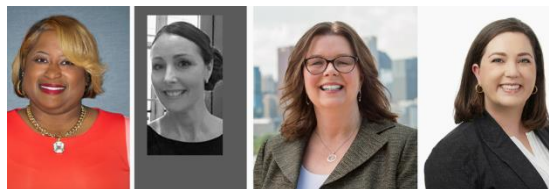
May 5, 2022 | This year, our keynote speaker is Trisha Prabhu, an entrepreneur and student at Harvard University. Trisha will walk attendees through how she developed her app “ReThink” to conquer bullying online and in the workplace.

May 20, 2022 | Garry Straker, Vice President of Compensation Consulting, with **Salary.com** Accepted the Challenge!

We will hear from many tremendous speakers from all fields of expertise, including Garry, as he provides the many ways he helps organizations achieve strategic goals by leveraging technology, data, and labor market insights to design sustainability.



Jun 10, 2022 | Remote work and forced social distancing caused a disconnection between employees in the workplace. Our panelists will discuss how their companies adapted during the pandemic and how they are Reclaiming the Company Culture and Human Contact. Join us at our Annual Women in Business Conference on June 22nd! **#WIB22**
<https://ilchamber.org/womensconference>





Jun 22, 2022 | We are off to a great start at our Annual Women in Business Conference in Naperville! Elaine Hand kicked off the event with a presentation on how to manage your time while providing team building exercises. Thank you, Elaine for a fantastic presentation! [#wibconf2022](https://twitter.com/wibconf2022)



Jun 22, 2022 | Pause, Review, and Think! Trisha Prabhu, CEO of ReThink, breaks down her path of new technology to make a positive and impactful digital platform for youth around the world. Thank you, Trisha, for making the world a kinder place.



Jun 24, 2022 | Cheri McEssy, CMAC Ventures, and Susan Beth, Team Up Advisory Services, led a fireside chat about the obstacles they faced and successes they achieved on their journeys to becoming women entrepreneurs. Thank you both for sharing your stories at our Annual Women in Business Conference!



Jun 23, 2022 | Allison Wyler, President of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, shared her journey on how she has advanced within her career. Thank you, Allison for your inspirational story at our Annual Women in Business Conference!



Chamber Board Meeting Hosted by Superior Ambulance

Jun 16, 2022 | Thank you, Kim Godden, with Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Service for hosting our Chamber board meeting. Thank you to our keynote speakers for an informative presentation yesterday! A special congratulations to Ann S. Deters for being elected as our new Chairperson! We look forward to seeing what you conquer in the next two years!



Announcements and Endorsements

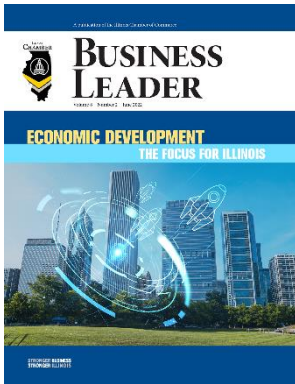
May 3, 2022 | Illinois Chamber's Secretary of the Board, Dan Wagner, had the privilege to speak with Janelle Brevard with the National Association of REALTORS® on the importance of Advocacy-Value Proposition and protecting the 1031 Like-Kind Exchange.

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May 10, 2022 | Illinois Chamber of Commerce PAC Announces Endorsements of Judge Daniel Shaney and Justice Michael Burke for Illinois Supreme Court.

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Business Leader Magazine



Jun 29, 2022 | The June edition of the Illinois Business Leader magazine is now available! Be sure to catch up on what our members and council directors have been up to.

[Read Entire Magazine Here](#)

Chamber Members Making Headlines Second Quarter

Apr. 7, 2022 | Illinois Chamber member **John Deere** announced their collaboration with 21st ranked golfer and Ryder Cup Champion, Daniel Berger for a multi-year partnership. Both Deere and Berger committed to donating the win bonuses to charitable organizations totaling \$100,000. [Read More](#)



Apr. 8, 2022 | Thank you, **Nicor Gas** employees for taking the plunge in four cities throughout the state to support Special Olympics athletes. "Polar Plunge is a great opportunity for employees to bring their families out and educate their kids about Special Olympics, what we do for our communities and why it is so important that they volunteer and give back as well," said Bernie Anderson, regional community affairs manager in Bloomington for Nicor Gas.

Apr. 18, 2022 | As **Salary.com** explores how to make meaningful differences in DE&I, they recognize that smaller organizations often face bigger obstacles of fewer people and resources. This guide, and the ones to follow, recognize the unique position of SMB's. [Read More](#)



Apr. 19, 2022 | **DoorDash** estimated 16.9 million meals were delivered on behalf of food banks, food pantries, and other organizations through Project DASH, which empowers social impact organizations to use [#DoorDash](#) technology to increase access to food in their communities.

Apr. 26, 2022 | Congratulations **Ameren Corporation** for being named "Great Place to Work" for the sixth consecutive year! [Read More](#)



Apr. 26, 2022 | Illinois Chamber member **United** announced their new and expanded international travel routes between the U.S. and Europe. "While many of the new and expanded routes set to begin in the coming weeks are geared toward vacationers, some of the routes are targeted specifically toward business travelers, said Patrick Quayle, United's vice president of international network." Thank you, [#UnitedAirlines](#) for your continuous investment! [Read More](#)



Apr. 28, 2022 | Illinois Chamber member **State Farm** pledged a \$2M dollar grant to **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)**, to provide assistance for small businesses, safety and health throughout Illinois. To date, [#statefarm](#) has invested more than \$151M into LISC programs and projects. Thank you, [#StateFarm](#) for making Illinois a better place to work and live [Read More](#)

May 10, 2022 | Illinois Chamber member **Caterpillar** has acquired Tangent Energy Solutions to provide energy solutions that reduce cost and increase efficiency. "Tangent Energy has developed a suite of intelligent energy solutions that leverages advanced analytics to provide value to customers," said Jason Kaiser, vice president of Caterpillar Electric Power. Thank you, [#Caterpillar](#) for continuing to make Illinois a better place to work and live. [Read More](#)



May 19, 2022 | The Illinois Chamber would like to congratulate, Richard Mark, President at Ameren Illinois on his retirement. We thank President Mark for a remarkable partnership throughout the years to make Illinois a great place to work and live! We look forward to seeing your new endeavors in retirement! [Read More](#)



May 23, 2022 | The Illinois Lottery's newest draw-based game, Fast Play, now has a modern twist for today's lottery player - with a feature called Scan-N-Play. While more than 20 U.S. lotteries offer a Fast Play game, the Illinois Lottery is the first to bring those games to life for its retail players with a digital reveal. Fast Play Scan-N-Play can be found in all 7,000-plus Illinois Lottery retailer stores across the state. [Read More](#)

Jun 3, 2022 | Operation Fly Formula: **United** announced their plan to donate flights to help with the U.S. formula storage. The flights will take off from Heathrow Airport in London and end at multiple airports throughout the United States. Thank you, **#UnitedAirlines** for all you do! [Read More](#)

Jun 7, 2022 | Welcome to the Get Pay Right Podcast with **Salary.com**! The pandemic has forced companies to be flexible in several key areas, including compensation when it comes to attracting and retaining good people. You won't want to miss episode 5 as host Kevin Plunkett welcomes Greg Wolf and Katie Stukowski of **Salary.com**. [Read More](#)

Jun 8, 2022 | In celebration of their 100th anniversary, Chamber member **State Farm** announced Tuesday they awarded three grants to three local organizations in supporting a sustainable future. [Read More](#)



Jun 8, 2022 | Thank you, **Meta** for inviting President and CEO Todd Maisch and Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Clark Kaericher to the 15th anniversary of their Chicago location! We look forward to seeing where **#Meta** goes in the next 15!

Chamber Driving the Discussion First Quarter 2022

In the second quarter of 2022, we spoke to radio, television, and print media outlets, delivering pro-business values to audiences across Illinois.

APRIL 2022

- [Cybersecurity experts warn businesses to be on high alert](#)
- [On the surface, state's 'Great Resignation' numbers look good](#)
- [During "Great Resignation" more Illinoisans stayed put](#)
- [Ill. Legal Funding Bill Sparks Concern Over Settlement Strain](#)
- [Unemployment insurance trust fund negotiations stalled, labor and business groups say](#)
- [Inflation has businesses hurting](#)
- [Worker happiness key to worker retention, experts say](#)
- [Illinois Chamber President Releases Statement on Supreme Court Decision on Scope of "Lockbox" Amendment](#)
- [Illinois Supreme Court rules transportation taxes can't be diverted](#)
- [New headwinds expected for Illinois businesses tossed by pandemic storm](#)

MAY 2022

- [New headwinds expected for Illinois businesses tossed by pandemic storm](#)
- [Irvin dodges Roe](#)

JUNE 2022

- [Preparing Illinois' workforce for the future](#)
- [Illinois losing middle-class jobs as businesses, labor groups remain divided on solutions](#)
- [CATERPILLAR HQ LEAVING FOR TEXAS, DECADE AFTER CEO WARNED ILLINOIS](#)
- [Caterpillar to Move Global Headquarters to Texas From Illinois](#)
- [Rep. Davis nabs key endorsements before Illinois GOP primary vs. fellow lawmaker](#)
- [Fowler named 'Champion of Free Enterprise' by Illinois Chamber](#)
- [Report from state task force on jobs is too flawed to be starting point for public policy](#)
- [Ann Deters elected Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board chairperson](#)
- [Illinois governor's race shapes up to be a battle of the billionaires](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce unveils its 2022 election agenda: Today's Juice](#)



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