

JOLIET CITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

2025



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Mission & Purpose

Established in 1992, the Joliet City Center Partnership (CCP) is an economic development organization dedicated to revitalizing and strengthening Downtown Joliet and the Downtown Joliet Special Service Area, including key gateway corridors along Collins Street, Cass Street, and South Chicago Street.

Through strong community partnerships, CCP serves as a trusted advocate and go-to resource for local businesses, working to support growth, improve the downtown environment, and promote the unique assets of the district. CCP advances economic development, strengthens public engagement, fosters community pride, and delivers family-friendly events and initiatives that activate downtown, celebrate its historic character, and create memorable experiences for residents, visitors, and businesses alike



SPECIAL SERVICE AREA



Staff



**EMMANUEL
LÓPEZ**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JESICA AGUIRRE

EVENTS & MARKETING
COORDINATOR
(PART-TIME)

Event Activities

**25,000 +
ATTENDEES**

OVER 25,000 + ESTIMATED ATTENDEES,
RESIDENTS & VISITORS BROUGHT
DOWNTOWN THROUGH YEAR ROUND
PROGRAMS

**10
SIGNATURE
EVENTS**

CULTURAL, FAMILY-FRIENDLY,
CULINARY AND SEASONAL EVENTS
ACTIVATING DOWNTOWN STREETS
AND PUBLIC SPACES

**135 +
PARTICIPATING
LOCAL
BUSINESSES**

ENGAGEMENT FROM
RESTAURANTS, RETAILERS, AND
SERVICE PROVIDERS



Strategic Growth

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE CCP STRENGTHENED ITS LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE WITH THE HIRING OF A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN AUGUST OF 2025

CRM IMPLEMENTATION

MODERNIZED DATA AND REPORTING WITH A NEW CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM) SOFTWARE SYSTEM



ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT

COLLABORATED WITH THE CITY OF JOLIET AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE MEXICAN INDEPENDANCE DAY PARADE IN 2025.

INTENTIONAL PARTNERSHIP/COMMUNITY ACTIVATION ON COLLINS STREET



Business Seminars

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Legal Red Flags for Small Businesses

Quickbooks Training



In 2025 we hosted two focused business seminars aimed at empowering small business owners:

Legal Red Flags for Small Businesses – This session helped business owners identify potential legal pitfalls, understand compliance requirements, and learn strategies to protect their business.

QuickBooks Training – A hands-on training designed to help business owners efficiently manage their finances, streamline bookkeeping, and make informed financial decisions.

Both events were designed to provide practical, actionable knowledge to support the growth and success of local businesses.

Business Support

Business & Brew Launch in 2025

In 2025 we launched Business & Brew -

A casual, collaborative series creating one on one connections with SSA business & property owners

This initiative is focused on:

- Showcasing SSA meeting locations to help drive foot traffic
- Sharing ideas and insights
- Building personal relationships with businesses
- Helping businesses learn more about CCP initiatives and resources

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Business & Brew

Your chance to connect with JCCP's New Executive Director

Business owners and landlords in the Special Service Area (SSA)
Grab a cup and Let's Connect

Monday | 10.6.25 | Wednesday | 10.15.25
-Jitters: 8:00am -10am
-Social Butterfly Coffee : 11 am -1pm

Please email:
Emmanuel.lopez@Jolietdowntown.com
to reserve your time slot

Emmanuel Lopez
Executive Director

Business Advisory

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Owners & Managers Meetings

- 12 Owner & Manager Meetings in 2025 — including 6 hosted in Spanish, strengthening access, inclusion, and direct engagement across the SSA.
- 50+ One-on-One Meetings (Sept–Dec 2025) with nonprofits, businesses, and property owners to identify barriers, assess needs, connect to resources, and drive business retention, event participation, and community engagement.



Grant Assistance



**SMALL BUSINESS
ASSISTANCE**



**BUILDING
IMPROVEMENT**



**EXTERIOR
IMPROVEMENT**

Grant Assistance



COMMUNITY EVENTS:
\$8,250 AWARDED
SUPPORTING 12 BUSINESSES



BUSINESS IMPACT GRANT:
\$13,299 AWARDED
SUPPORTING 5 BUSINESSES



CATALITIC:
\$175,000 AWARDED

Beautification

SPRING PLANTERS

152 planters filled with spring flowers



NEW CITY SQUARE PLANTERS

48 new planters filled

WINTER PLANTERS

108 winter planters filled



HOLIDAY INSTALLATIONS

- Photo opportunities in City Square & Collins St.
- Street Banners on Collins St.

Let's Grow Downtown

2025

Together!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT OF DOWNTOWN JOLIET AND THE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2025

- MONICA CICIMOV, CHAIR - C&C VISION GALLERY
- MIKE PAONE, VICE CHAIR - JOLIET REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
- TIFFANY JOHNSON, MARKETING COMMITTEE CHAIR - AUDIOPHIL'S
- MEGAN MILLEN, BEAUTIFICATION & OMA COMMITTEE CHAIRS - JOLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- JIM ROOLF, EMERITUS
- MICHELE ARANA-BIANCHI- INTERNODE GREENERY & HOME
- TIM BROPHY - WILL COUNTY TREASURER
- JENNIFER BERTINO-TARRANT- WILL COUNTY EXECUTIVE
- TERRY D'ARCY - MAYOR, CITY OF JOLIET
- AMBER DUFFY- JITTERS COFFEE HOUSE/DUFFY REALTORS
- SUSY HUERTA - OLD NATIONAL BANK
- BRYCE JORDAN - HARRAH'S CASINO & HOTEL
- BRIAN KINCAID - JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
- BRYAN KOPMAN, EMERITUS - KAVANAGH, GRUMLEY & GORBOLD, LLC
- CORNELL LURRY - MIDLAND STATES BANK
- GREG PEERBOLTE- JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM
- DOUG PRYOR - WILL COUNTY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- RON ROMERO - ILLINOIS ROCK & ROLL MUSEUM ON ROUTE 66
- DIANA VIVEROS - JOLIET LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- WADE WELSH - RIALTO SQUARE THEATRE
- HOWARD WRIGHT - STATE FARM/WRIGHT INSURANCE AGENCY

THE WORK WE DO WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERS AND MAJOR SPONSORS INCLUDING:

- THE CITY OF JOLIET
- THE COUNTY OF WILL
- WILL COUNTY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2026 - Board & Executive Committee Updates

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 2026

- **MIKE PAONE-CHAIR:**
JOLIET REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
- **TIM BROPHY- VICE CHAIR:**
WILL COUNTY TREASURER
- **TIFFANY JOHNSON, MARKETING COMMITTEE CHAIR:**
AUDIOPHIL'S
- **BRIAN KINCAID, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR:**
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
- **MEGAN MILLEN, BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:**
JOLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY
- **SUSY HUERTA, OWNERS & MANAGERS -CO CHAIR:**
OLD NATIONAL BANK
- **MONICA CICIMOV, PAST BOARD CHAIR:**
C&C VISION GALLERY

New Board Members 2026



Pepe Sanchez
Puerto Escondido/ Ta
Canijo



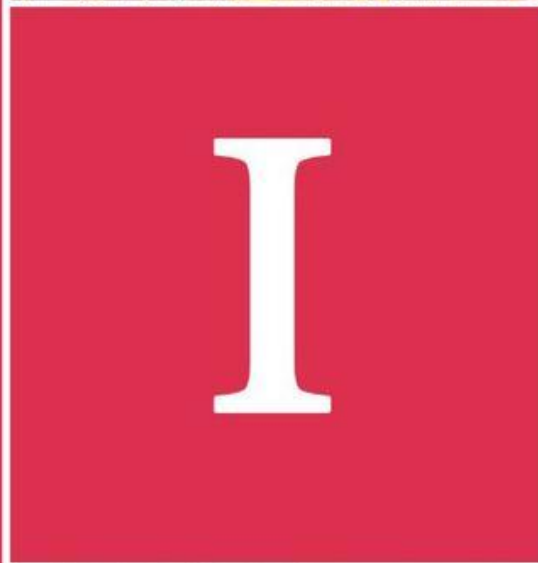
Night Train Veeck
Joliet Slammers

CCP Events

2026 EVENTS LIST

- SHAMROCK STROLL - MARCH 13TH
- SOUNDS ON 66 - MAY 1ST (CITY SQUARE)
- RACE FAN RALLY - JULY 2ND (CITY SQUARE)
- KIDS FEST - AUGUST 1ST (CITY SQUARE)
- BLACK JOY PARADE - AUGUST 29TH (CHICAGO ST)
- MEXICAN INDEPENDANCE DAY PARADE - SEPTEMBER 12TH (COLLINIS ST)
- RESTAURANT WEEK - OCTOBER 9TH - OCTOBER 18TH
- LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS PARADE - NOVEMBER 27TH (CHICAGO ST)
- OWNERS AND MANANGERS ASSOCIATION - APRIL 2ND , JUNE 4TH , AUGUST 6TH , OCTOBER 8TH & DECEMBER 3RD

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Thank you 2025!

