

3. A "Facebook" page has also been established for all the die-hard internet gurus who want to interact with the committee and area on a more personal level – please find us & like us! www.facebook.com/VisitHammondNY
4. This year has been a busy one for everyone and the summer has disappeared again right before our eyes. Before it slipped away, a "Farmers' Market" was established as an enhancement to the community bringing garden fresh vegetables and hand made wares closer to our area. Under the direction of Lori Thistle (Tague) and the help of sub committee members Mary Hamilton, Brooke Stark, Lisa Sarfaty and Anna McMaster, a number of vendors were organized to participate at the market at the Hammond Museum each Wednesday from 3:30-7 PM for what promises to be a yearly local interest event. Please support this undertaking when at all possible and help make it a great success. We hope to help this event grow each year and are in need of more vendors. Please consider getting involved with our Farmers' Marketing by contacting anyone you know who could sell their goods at this venue and by stopping by to buy their wares each week.
5. This year the committee is also sponsoring a "Photo Contest" which will conclude in November. The group will be giving prizes for the top three photos. Photos will be used for the promotion of the Hammond & Chippewa Bay area to attract tourists and those who wish to know more about what we experience on a day-to-day basis. See Erica Demick for complete details of this contest. The November deadline is soon approaching and you can email your high resolution images to: visithammondny@gmail.com --- Enter for a chance to win some cool prizes from: Singer Castle, Schermerhorn's Harbor, NED's General Store, Riverbay Adventure Inn and Bella-Brooke Vineyards!
6. The Committee has raised funds from participating businesses and currently maintains a balance of \$1,700 +/- . Funds will be used for future marketing, website costs, special event costs, the development of a logo as well as signage for our area. Please note that tonight's "Business After Hours" event is being sponsored solely by the generous donations of Schermerhorn Harbor, LLC. and YesterYear's Vintage Doors, LLC. in an attempt to promote new ideas, membership and community input into its direction.
7. We are continually fostering & welcoming new ideas. Here are but a few directions we are moving in for the coming year:
 - *Developing a "tagline" and logo for our community / entrance signs*
 - *Planning a "River Day" with fireworks, held in Chippewa Bay*
 - *Hosting 2 business networking events each year (this being our first!)*
 - *Forming subcommittees for various ideas (Ex. Farmer's Market, River Day) and getting others involved in the progress of economic development in Hammond --- Please contact us with your ideas and strengths to keep moving our community forward.*

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TONIGHT!