



# Fall Summit for Northwest Illinois 2018

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## OCTOBER 19 SCHEDULE\*

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### 8:30 a.m. | Summit Registration (breakfast available)

### 9:00 a.m. | Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Daniel Payette, Executive Director (5 minutes)

### 9:05 a.m. | The Theatre Around the Corner

- Willis G. Johnson, Classic Cinemas (15 minutes)
- Topics: business/downtown development, historic preservation, entrepreneurship

*Classic Cinemas' founder and president speaks about the 14-theatre regional enterprise and the chain's investment in historic and downtown properties.*

### 9:20 a.m. | The Good, The Bad, & Illinois

- Carol Portman, Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois (60 minutes)
- Topics: taxes, Illinois fiscal state of affairs

*Welcome back the executive director of the Federation for another edition of what is working (and what is not) in Illinois finances.*

### 10:20 a.m. | Food Space

- Jessica Jane Spayde, Wisconsin Local Food Network (65 minutes)
- Panelists from:
  - Massbach Ridge Winery
  - Generations Brewing Co.
- Topics: community food systems, economic diversification, entrepreneurship, local foods, value-added ag

*Local foods are in vogue. So is value-added agriculture. Let our Wisconsin guest presenter – as well as our panelists – be your guide to it all.*

### 11:25 a.m. | Break & Networking (hors d'oeuvres available)

### 11:35 a.m. | O Workers Where Art Thou?

- Jason Vangalis, Ady Advantage (60 minutes)
- Topics: business attraction/retention, regional planning, workforce

*Economic development is no longer just about job creation and business attraction. Jason Vangalis presents on why workforce matters to communities and regions.*

### 12:35 p.m. | Conclusion

*\*Using the index cards provided, guess the names of the movies referenced above. The first three completed cards drawn that correctly identify all four movies will win a locally-produced tchotchke.*

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Fall Summit Speakers



**Willis G. Johnson**  
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## Local Foods/Value-Added Agriculture Entrepreneur Panel



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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## Venue



The Lindo Theatre, designed by world famous Chicago architects and brothers, C.W. Rapp and George L. Rapp, opened on April 17, 1922. John Dittman, owner of several other Freeport theatres, constructed it. In September, 1984, Willis and Shirley Johnson purchased the theatre, and it became part of Classic Cinemas.

## Address

Lindo Theatre, 115 S Chicago Ave, Freeport (corner of Chicago Ave and Spring St)

## Directions

- From the west on US 20 – turn right onto IL 26/West Ave (Freeport/Monroe exit), then left onto Biz 20/Galena Ave, then left onto Spring St
- From the east on US 20 – turn left onto IL 26/West Ave (Freeport/Monroe exit), then left onto Biz 20/Galena Ave, then left onto Spring St
- From the south on IL 26/West Ave – turn right onto Biz 20/Galena Ave, then left onto Spring St

## Parking

Surface parking is available adjacent to the north and east portions of the theatre. Street parking is also available.

## PRE-SUMMIT SCHEDULE

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### 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. | Regional CEDS (RCEDS) Committee Meeting

A gathering of the Northwest Illinois RCEDS Committee. Attendees will review and discuss the work products for the new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that is due before April 2019.