



MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Welcome New Chamber Members!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomes 16 new members in April and May 2022! Please help us welcome Concare, Inc.; Perillo Collision Center Melrose Park; Norcomm Public Safety Communications, Inc.; High View Hair Salon; Crab Du Jour; RR Trade School; Thatcher Oaks Awning Company; Beth Black Insurance and Financial Services; A&M Italian Ice; Triton College Foundation; Kreher Steel Company; Special T Unlimited; Lucky Dog; Above and Beyond Black Oxide, Inc.; Precise Lapping and Grinding Corp.; and Woodlake Specialty Hospital!

If you are not currently a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at lbazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule a time to meet with you to discuss the benefits of partnering and working with our chamber.

Helping Businesses Connect to Grants, Loans and Workforce Programs Available from State and Federal Resources

Over the past two years, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) has been working closely with local business owners, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), The Small Business Administration (SBA) and many others to connect businesses to grant opportunities and programs available to help navigate the challenges faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we work now to prepare businesses for the new normal and to improve the ability for business owners to better access state and federal resources available, it has become clear that the first step is to get businesses pre-certified and qualified to apply for grants that become available each year.

New requirements from DCEO and the SBA require businesses and nonprofits applying for grants to have a current DUNS, SAMS and GATA registration number.

For information or assistance in completing your DUNS, SAMS or GATA registration you can email Navigator@MPCCCD.org or call the chamber at (708) 343-9500. We also have trained staff available to assist you in the online registration process Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the MPCCCD Office and Business Resource Center at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

Upcoming Events ...

On Thursday, June 23, the MPCCCD Monthly Business Breakfast topic will be "Preparing Your Business to Apply for Grants and Other State and Federal Programs." During this training, presenters will provide details about the DUNS, SAMS and GATA registrations that are now required for receiving grants for businesses and nonprofits.

The Monthly Business Breakfast will be held at the MPCCCD Office at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park. Breakfast and registration is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., with the training and information session from 9-10 a.m.

For information about this event, contact the chamber at (708) 343-9500

Sign Up for Our Newsletter and Follow Us on Facebook

Stay up to date on what's happening at the Melrose Park Chamber and Community Development by following us on Facebook and sign up for our newsletter at MPCCCD.org/.

Annual Legislative Breakfast Returned April 28!

After a two-year absence due to COVID-19 restrictions, the MPCCCD Annual Legislative Breakfast returned bigger and better than ever! At the event, Chamber Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz and MPCCCD Board Chairman Tom Abruzzo welcomed over 175 local business and community leaders as well as several local elected officials and Mayor Ron Serpico discussed some updates specific to the village of Melrose Park and the region, and then passed the microphone to Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Illinois Senate President Don Harmon. Topics discussed included a legislative update, the state's recently approved budget and financial outlook, as well as upcoming grants and program support for local businesses. Speaker Welch and President Harmon also responded to dozens of questions from business owners during the 90-minute meeting.

The chamber wants to thank everyone for their attendance and participation at the Legislative Breakfast and gives special thanks to Mayor Ron Serpico, Speaker Welch and Senate President Harmon for their participation and support!



Now is the Time to Join the Chamber and Be a Part of Something Big!

The MPCCCD is a fast-growing business and community-based organization that helps drive economic development opportunities in and around the Melrose Park area. Join the MPCCCD today and become a member and partner supporting the MPCCCD and its efforts to support the local community!

For information about the benefits of membership and the packages available, contact Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at ibazbaz@mpcccd.org or call (708) 343-3715 and we will schedule a time to meet.

Woodlake Medical Office Building Now Open and There is Space Available

Although Woodlake Specialty Hospital will not be opening until early 2023, the Woodlake Medical Office and Professional Services Building is now open, and space is available for office and medical services! For information about leasing opportunities on office spaces that range from around 700 sq. ft. to nearly 4000 sq. ft., contact Crossroads Partners at (847) 239-7500.

Woodlake Specialty Hospital is one of our newest Chamber Premium Partners and we are proud to be working with the Woodlake team as they prepare to open early next year which will bring 500-600 jobs back to the community, and will be providing outpatient and inpatient medical services at the renovated 230-bed hospital!

Sam's Batting Cages is Open on First Avenue!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined Mayor Ron Serpico and representatives from the Melrose Park Little League for the official

Grand Opening Ceremony-Ribbon Cutting, and fun at the opening of Sam's Batting Cages on April 16!

Sam's Batting Cages is located at 1425 N. First Ave., Melrose Park, and is a great place for the entire family, with batting cages that range in pitching speeds from 35-85 mph, a concession stand, video arcade, picnic tables and more.



Please put a trip to Sam's Batting Cages on your calendar and join us in supporting our local businesses!