



MELROSE PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New Chamber Members and Renewals

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed 13 new business members in February and March, and now has over 200 members. Please help us welcome Above and Beyond Black Onyx, Inc.; Colonial Life; Erskine Broody IV and Janice R Johnson Cancer Lupus Association of Proviso Twp.; Fricold Heating and Cooling; Insperity; Legacy Leaders International; Let's Reason Lawn Service, LLC; La Piel Perfecta; Missionary Sisters of St. Charles; Solaris Energy Efficiency Solutions, Inc.; Sugar Milk Café and the village of Maywood as new members of the chamber, as well as Chili's Grill & Bar and Suburban Sporting Goods, who joined the MPCCCD at premier partner levels!

We also want to give special thanks to the 15 businesses that renewed memberships the past two months and continue to participate in networking events, information sessions and provide feedback and surveys to help the chamber connect them with the resources and solutions needed to support and fuel economic growth in our community! Please join us in thanking and supporting these businesses, they are A&M Italian Ice; Aqua Fiori, Inc.; Cozzi Recycling; D&P Construction, Inc.; David King & Associates; Development Services Corp.; Elite Electric; Lincoln Technical Institute; Marchan Consulting; Maywood School District 89; Melrose Park Library; Rapid Electroplating Process, Inc.; Sacred Heart Parish and West Central Municipal Conference.

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development now has over 200 members and the list continues to grow each month. If you are not currently a member of the MPCCCD, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at ibazbaz@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.

For information about membership, please visit the chamber website Membership page at <https://mpcccd.org/benefits-dues/>.

Chili's Celebrates Grand Opening

On March 18, MPCCCD Executive Director Isaac Bazbaz joined representatives from the village of Melrose Park, and Chili's Grill & Bar to cut the ribbon and officially grand open their new location at 915 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, to welcome customers to their newest location in Illinois.

The managing partner for the Melrose Park location indicated that the community support and interest in Chili's Melrose Park has been incredible and even said that during the unadvertised soft opening on March 16 and 17, sales at the Melrose Park location not only exceeded expectations, but were tops in the district!

If you haven't stopped by the new Melrose Park Chili's yet, please put this one on your list and support this new business in our community. Chili's is open from 11a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday-Thursday, and 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday.



Legislative Breakfast Rescheduled for June 28, 2024

The Annual Legislative Breakfast hosted by the MPCCCD and the village of Melrose Park needed to be rescheduled due to schedule conflicts. The new date is Friday June 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon (registration and breakfast 9:30-10:30 a.m.). The event will be held at the Melrose Park Civic Center at 1000 N. 25th Ave.

Illinois Senate President Don Harmon and Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch will lead conversation on legislative issues regarding business and economic development in the region and throughout the state.

Online registration for this event will open on May 27 on EventBrite.

If you are not receiving emails or newsletters from the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development, subscribe today at <https://mpcccd.org> for information on the Legislative Breakfast, as well as monthly seminars, networking events, etc.

Connecting Businesses to Necessary Resources!

On Feb. 27, more than 40 business owners and managers attended this year's Access to Capital Event hosted by the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development. This year's panel included representatives from BMO, Huntington Bank and Proviso Community Bank who led discussion regarding traditional funding opportunities and special programs available to help connect business owners to the capital they need to sustain and grow their business.

One of the clear messages shared by all is that it is important to have a relationship with your business banker and that every bank has a different menu of programs and services to meet your business needs! Take the time to meet with other business bankers if you can't find the right solution at the first place you check!

On April 2, the MPCCCD partnered with Leyden Township Supervisor Rocco D. Biscaglio and Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar, and hosted representatives from IMEC and Custom Direct to inform small and midsize manufacturing companies about the Cook County Manufacturing Reinvented Grant that provides up to \$25,000 for projects focused on growth, production improvements, workforce or leadership development.

To learn more about the Manufacturing Reinvented Grant Program, please visit www.ccmfg.org/.



Thanks to all who attended! To learn more about upcoming events, sign up for the chamber newsletters at <https://mpcccd.org>.

Upcoming Events, Training and Information Sessions

One of the primary functions of the MPCCCD is to connect businesses to resources to help support growth and to make a difference in the community. Although this takes many different shapes and approaches, one of the primary efforts is to host monthly training events, informational meetings and networking sessions, and to participate in community events.

Upcoming Events

May 21 – Connecting Businesses to Resources from the State of Illinois

On May 21, Sacella Smith, regional manager with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will lead a conversation on grants, loans and incentives available to businesses, and provide guidance and direction on how to connect to these state resources. This seminar will be from 8:30-10 a.m., at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

June 28 – Legislative Breakfast

Illinois Senate President Don Harmon and Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris" Welch will provide an update on state legislative issues related to business and economic development in our region. Registration and breakfast runs 9:30-10:30 a.m., and the panel discussion and Q&A will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon. This event will be held at the Melrose Park Civic Center, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

Watch for information and details on MPCCCD events on the event calendar on the MPCCCD website at <https://mpcccd.org/events/>.

Learn More About the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development!

If you are not getting emails from the MPCCCD about events, training or technical assistance offered for certifications, grant applications, etc., sign up for our newsletters at <https://mpcccd.org>. You can also follow the chamber on Facebook or LinkedIn to stay current on chamber activities!

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