

# MELROSE PARK

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Welcome New Members

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) welcomed three new businesses as members to the chamber in May and June 2025, and now has over 225 current members. Please help us welcome Universal Metro Asian Services, the Village of Hillside and Margaritas Restaurant on their membership and partnership with the MPCCCD.

We also want to give special thanks to the nine businesses that renewed memberships during this period 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 local businesses, they are Iskali; Marchan Consulting; Barton Staffing, Inc.; Old National Bank; USG Print Co.; Concare, Inc.; Melrose Commons Senior Residences; The Kids Lounge; and North Park Medical Group!

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development now has over 225 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 [lbazbaz@mpcccd.org](mailto: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.

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

## 5 Stars Sports Hosts Chamber After Hours

On June 4, the MPCCCD held its quarterly Chamber After Hours Networking Event which was hosted and sponsored by 5 Stars Sports which was attended by over 85 business and community leaders that were able to enjoy conversation with old friends, make new connections and identify potential customers. A special thanks to everyone for attending and for helping us to grow the chamber, and most importantly, for helping us to fuel growth in our community.

The chamber would also like to thank Mayor Ronald Serpico and representatives from The village of Melrose Park for their constant support of local businesses, and for their regular attendance and participation on MPCCCD events to connect with local business owners and leaders.

We would also like to thank Ivette Garcia, owner of 5 Stars Sports, Inc., and her team for hosting an outstanding event. 5 Stars Sports is located at 1150 N. 27th Ave., Melrose Park, and is a great place to hold your next event.





# Connecting Businesses to Resources

On June 17, the Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce hosted its monthly business breakfast and seminar featuring Andrew Madden of Madden Creative with a presentation on digital marketing strategies for small businesses.

This meeting was attended by 22 local business leaders and there was tremendous discussion and Q&A on how to get the best ROI on a business digital marketing effort, search engine optimization and selecting the best social media platform based on specific customer demographics, etc.



Madden Creative has made the entire PowerPoint presentation available and it can be downloaded by visiting [madden-creative.com/digital-marketing-strategies-for-business](https://madden-creative.com/digital-marketing-strategies-for-business).

Special thanks to Andrew Madden for the presentation and for providing some answers to the complexities in determining the best solution for a specific business.

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

## Melrose Park Welcomes Three New Businesses



El Patio Mexican Grill

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development joined Mayor Ron Serpico in welcoming three more new businesses to Melrose Park with ribbon-cutting celebrations in May.

On May 15, Mayor Serpico and the MPCCCD Team joined the team from El Patio Mexican Grill to welcome customers and open the patio just in time for the summer. El Patio is located at 6 N. 19th Ave., Melrose Park!



Marathon Gas Station



There were two ribbon cuttings on May 29. First up was the newly remodeled Marathon Gas Station, conveniently located at 3301 Lake St., Melrose Park. As part of the remodel, the station now offers an expanded assortment in the convenience store for those always needing grab and go items.

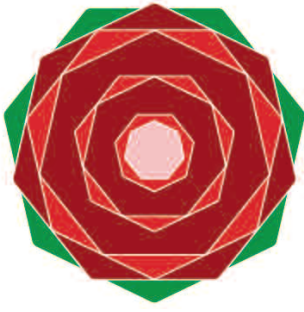
Next up, we joined the team at Margaritas Restaurant located at 112 N. 19th Ave., for the official ribbon cutting as they welcomed customers to a new dining experience while enjoying authentic Mexican dishes with a refined touch. Treat yourself to an unforgettable dining experience today at Margaritas.



Margaritas Restaurant







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# **Access to Capital Seminar and Panel Discussion**

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development is hosting its Annual Access to Capital seminar on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 8:30-10 a.m., and it will be held at 900 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park.

Lenders from multiple local financial institutions will be on hand to discuss traditional and special programs available to help businesses get access to capital needed to fuel growth and innovation in existing businesses as well as funding opportunities for people looking to start a new business venture.

The Access to Capital Seminar has become a regular event on the MPCCCD calendar based on feedback from attendees at past events. Mark your calendars for this one as you will have an opportunity to meet with multiple lenders at one time to determine the best solution for your business.

# **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.

**To schedule an appointment to learn more about the chamber or to get information on membership, please reach out to Isaac Bazbaz, executive director, via email at [ibazbaz@mpcccd.org](mailto:ibazbaz@mpcccd.org) or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule a time to meet with you.**