



MELROSE PARK

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New Chamber Members and Renewals

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development (MPCCCD) is pleased to welcome three new businesses as members to the chamber as we kick off 2026! Please help us welcome Fastest Labs of Melrose Park, Laila's Western Wear, and Storm Restoration Pros, LLC, on their membership and partnership with the MPCCCD.

We also want to give special thanks to the 15 businesses that renewed memberships in January and continue to participate in networking events, information sessions and provide feedback to surveys to help the chamber connect them with resources and solutions needed to support and fuel economic growth in their business. Please join us in thanking and supporting these local businesses. They are A&M Italian Ice; Action Painting Company; Alpha and Omega Outreach Ministries; Aqua Fiori, Inc.; Broadway Banquets, LLC; D & P Construction, Inc.; David King & Associates; Dynamic Powertrain Reman, LLC; Gaia Enterprises, Inc.; Harmony Care Home Services, Inc.; Little Achievers Child Care and Development Center; Sacred Heart Parish; Sahara Asian Elderly Care; Village of Maywood; and Wintrust Financial Corporation.

The Melrose Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Development 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 or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule 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/>.

Connecting Businesses to Resources

On Jan. 15, the Melrose Park Chamber hosted its first monthly business breakfast/training seminar for 2026 and we had a great turnout with over 40 business leaders joining us as Ignacio Marchan, of Marchan Consulting, led a conversation on tax strategies for small businesses. The presentation touched on some changes and what to expect in filing 2025 taxes, and more importantly, strategies for proactively planning for 2026 to help businesses maximize profits and fuel economic growth.

We want to thank Ignacio for an outstanding presentation and thank all that attended for the questions and group interaction to help make this a great event to kick off 2026.

Although the chamber has some topics that are presented on an annual basis, we regularly survey business owners and event attendees to learn more about topics they would like to see included or added to the calendar. The chamber has a very broad network and we are usually very successful in identifying subject matter experts that can assist our businesses regardless of the business sector.

Thanks again to all that registered and attended the session on tax strategies!



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, networking sessions and to participate in community events.

Upcoming Events

March 2026 – The chamber will again welcome Diana Alfaro from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) who will provide an overview of new and existing grants, access to capital and other resources available from the state to help sustain and fuel economic growth and to support small and midsize businesses. In recent years, the presentation by DCEO has been one of the most popular and best attended events.

Watch your email or follow the chamber on Facebook to stay updated on the date and time for this information session.

April 26, 2026 – Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held 8-10:15 a.m., at the Melrose Park Civic Center Gymnasium, located at 1000 N. 25th Ave., Melrose Park. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m., and the program will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Illinois Senate President Don Harmon and Illinois Speaker of the House Emanuel “Chris” Welch will provide information and updates on important legislative issues regarding business and economic development in the state. As in the past, the agenda will provide about 30-45 minutes for Q&A.

May 2026 – Food Safety and Sanitation Certification. Although the date and time have not been finalized, The training and information session for the month of May will focus on our restaurants and hospitality businesses and we will be partnering with representatives from the Culinary Arts Program at Triton College to lead this session which will provide attendees an opportunity to obtain necessary certifications for food safety and sanitation.

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 or call (708) 343-9500 and he will schedule a time to meet with you.