Midway Chamber of Commerce

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4th Quarter October 2022









Change is coming!!

In June, the Chamber members gathered and held a vote on the name of our Chamber. By a landslide, the chambers' name is going to be changed. Our new name is all encompassing and will better demonstrate our community.

Our new name is now Midway Chamber of Commerce!

Be on the look out for our new logo, website & QR Codes as we streamline our updates! Be sure to login to your Chamber account and make sure your information is updated.

Winter Banners are BCK 'available to order!

Your choice of design & location! Market yourself on both 63rd street and Archer Avenue and beautify our neighborhood. Banner registration is live on website MidwayChamber.org



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Benefits of joining the chamber

- 1. Business Promotions & Publicity!
 - Acquire Customer Referrals & Networking Opportunities!
- 3. Business Education, Support & Advocacy!
- 4. Lobbying & Influencing your Community

If you would like to join the chamber or see more benefits of joining, scan the QR Code or go to our website:

www.MidwayChamber.org



Covid Outreach- Rebound after Covid

Covid-19 has effected every single one of us. Our families, friends and businesses all took a hit. Our Midway Chamber of Commerce has paired with The City of Chicago Department of Health to bring each of our families and businesses valuable information to support us through this situation! Be on the lookout for all the details.

Strengthening Businesses & Communities

39th Annual Snack with Santa

In the early 50's St. Camillus held an annual Snack with Santa. A 9-year-old Mrs. Mary Ann Dybala, who came from a family of 4 children, with a father who worked 2 jobs, was given a single ticket from her neighbor to attend their event. As Mrs. Mary Ann Dybala sat on a small blanket on the floor where the show was held. The show started with a puppet show when the puppet show ended, the lights shut off. When the lights turned back out, out came Santa Claus with all his cheer and his sack full for all the girls and boys. Mrs. Dybala was given a stocking full of candy to take home and share with her siblings.

This event was held close to Mrs. Dybala's heart for many years. It left with her with a beautiful memory and a lasting impression. As Mrs. Dybala grew, she worked hard as an entrepreneur, but she never forgot that moment. She wanted to bring that type of joy to other children in our neighborhood.

Mrs. Dybala did just that in 1983. She collected donations and got volunteers from the neighboring businesses and started at the Hub on Archer Avenue. The owner of the Mayfield Banquet Hall, formerly known as Yesterday Chicago, saw children standing outside in the cold in a line that was 2 blocks long! He offered to donate half of the hall so the children could be inside. Quickly the event grew to over one hundred children with annual donations from The Mayfield, Weber's Bakery, Pticek's & Mc Donald's, with tons of entertainment including a real-life Santa & Mrs. Claus, story time, and magicians. Dr Walters has played Mr Claus for more than a decade, often re-scheduling his family trips to accommodate the event.

This event is still happening to this day! The 39th Annual Snack with Santa will be held December 3rd at the Mayfield. If you would like to help spread the joy at this beautiful event, please sign up to be a Volunteer or a Sponsor at MidwayChamber.org/Events.





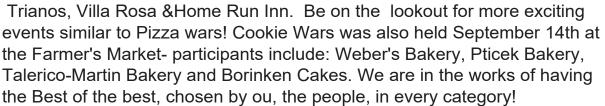
Pizza Wars Winner!!

Winner! Winner! Pizza Dinner!

Pizza wars was a HUGE success! Tickets for this event, sold out within 2 days! We received so much interest, we had to open up hundreds of additional tickets!

Drum roll please...... The winner of the first Annual Pizza Wars is Danny's Pizza & Burgers, located at 6021 S Archer Ave! By a two vote difference, Stunod's Pizzeria, located at 6535 W 63rd Street, took second place! Special thanks to the

other awesome pizzerias who attended:



We are always on the look out for more vendors to make this an even bigger event. If you have a contact for a vendor or food truck, please reach out to us!

Comedy Show

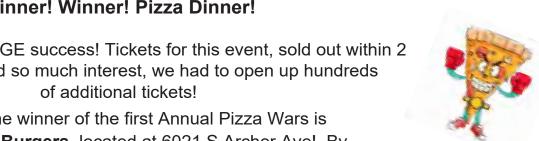
Treat your sweetheart to an evening of laughs at our Annual Comedy Show! This year the event will be held Friday, October 14th at the European Chalet located at 5455 S. Harlem. Tickets are \$30 a person. Doors open at 6pm. Show starts at 7:30.

We are also offering a VIP option! VIP Table includes an entire table for 10 reserved right up front and 2 pizzas from the First place winner of the Garfield Ridge Farmer's Market Pizza Wars: Danny's Pizzeria! All guests will be given complimentary snacks from the Chamber. There will also be a cash bar open, as well as some super fun raffles and don't forget there will be 4 HILARIOUS comedians! Brooks Sullivan and his fellow comedians: Jesnaira Baez, Ken Flores, and Anthony Bonazzo will be on stage making us all laugh until we cry.

This is another great opportunity for some business referrals and networking, while being thoroughly entertained!

To purchase tickets or reserve a table, please visit us at MidwayChamber.org





Halloween Parade- October 29

Our annual Halloween Pumpkin Jamboree Parade will be back on Archer Ave! This parade brings hundreds of families, dressed up in the Halloween gear! The parade runs east down Archer Avenue from Nordica to Merrimac, where there will be other fun activities for all to enjoy behind Kennedy School. If you would like to part of the parade, please visit our website, MidwayChamber.org, to sign your business up to participate.



Cookie Walk-Nov 19



Our 2nd Annual Cookie walk will be hosted by The Midway Chamber of Commerce on Archer Avenue! This event is an opportunity for your business to welcome families from our neighborhood into your establishment and browse other local pop ups as they walk around our area, collecting cookies and other snacks! To be a participating location, please sign up for the even at our website.

Pub Crawl - Date Changed!! - Nov 5

This year we are bringing back the pub crawl!! Join the Chamber for an exciting event right on Archer Ave. Participants will get a free drink at each bar & a t-shirt to commemorate this exciting event! Each bar will provide a specialty drink for you to enjoy & food trucks will line the street! Check out the website to order your tickets. www.MidwayChamber.org

Snack With Santa- Dec 3

This event is being held at The Mayfield Banquet Hall on Saturday December 3, 2022. To make this event as successful in years past, we need all the volunteers and support we can get! Please be sure to reach out to info@midwaychamber.org to support this beautiful cause.



7th Annual Tree Lighting- Dec 3

The Chamber of Commerce has paired with The Neighborhood Watch for the 7th Annual Tree Lighting. This event is fun for all! Annual Tree lighting, followed by ice skating, train ride, pony rides, tons of characters, scavenger hunts, and so much more. Even better is it is ALL FREE!! The Kris Kringle mart offers you an opportunity for you to knock out some of your Christmas shopping from local vendors. There will also be food trucks available!



Annual Dinner Dance

The Midway Chamber's annual dinner dance will be held on December 16th. During this event, we take the time to honor some local Heroes! As we all know, our area if filled with incredible humans, who do incredible acts daily! Annually, we honor one Police Officer, One Firefighter and one Teacher. Their families are invited to a delicious dinner at the Mayfield to watch them receive their well deserved award.

Currently, nominations are open! If you have a teacher from the area that you think is deserving of this award, please email their information and description of their influence on the community to director@midwaychamber.org





Meet your Neighbor



In the early decades of the 1900's, Archer Ave was rolling ridges and prairies lined with street vendors and random buildings. That is, until the Finitzo Brothers had a better idea. Mr. John Finitzo, a veteran of World War II, along with his brother Ralph, had bigger ideas for their neighborhood. These brothers saw that the community was booming and needed to supply the area with buildings that met the community's needs. The Finitzo brothers are the reason we have hundreds of "Chicago-Style bungalows" and apartments in our area. The homes they built still line Archer Avenue and 63rd Street. They also built the Ridge Shopping Center where our local Jewel now stands. Along with building our neighborhood, they brought upgrades to many neighboring cities.

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This will be the last time we are able to deliver your newsletter via the mail. If you are interested in receiving our future newsletters, please visit one of our 50 local establishments that have volunteered to be a distribution center. You can find our local distribution sites on our website:

MIdwayChamber.org





Welcome New Members!

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John Smego- College Hunks of Brookfield



Lunch & Learn



The Chamber invites all our business owners to join us for an opportunity to learn a plethora of information regarding different topics that will benefit your individual business. Each quarter, different business will come out to explain their personal expertise.

This is a great opportunity to get out and learn some information while enjoying a free lunch. Our next Lunch & Learn will be held in November. Mr. Nick Villa will be providing valuable information on Estate Planning and other ways to support your business. Proper estate planning allows you to provide for yourself and your loved ones in the event of death or disability and to leave your wealth exactly as you want, privately and efficiently. Please join us to discuss the strategies, documents and best practices to ensure effective estate planning. This is a topic you do not want to miss. Check out our website for all the details: MidwayChamber.org



Business Tip:



"Do you want a Historian reporting on past events, or a Meteorologist helping to navigate you through the stormy weather?"

This question may seem strange, but it is one I ask every one of my clients. A historian is looking backward and telling you what has already happened, while a meteorologist is trying to predict the weather to help you plan accordingly.

If you are waiting until the end of the year or tax time to review your books, you are too late. You simply are a historian seeing what has already happened and will not have enough time to take advantage of any savings. However, if you maintain your bookkeeping and financial data consistently, then you can start to predict the future.

This could not be more accurate than when it comes to... TAX PLANNING. If you are not working with your accountant multiple times a year to discuss your tax planning and strategies, you are not being proactive in reducing your tax liability. Having a proper tax plan before the end of the year gives you the ability to estimate your future tax bill. With this information, you can determine if you should purchase any assets, bonus employees, set aside additional funds, harvest capital losses, or just get an idea of how much you will owe six months into the future. Tax planning allows you to maximize your after-tax dollars... which is the money you put in your pocket!

Make sure to mark it down and join us for our December General meeting when our speaker will discuss tax strategies and year end tips, along with a summary of the recently passed "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022."

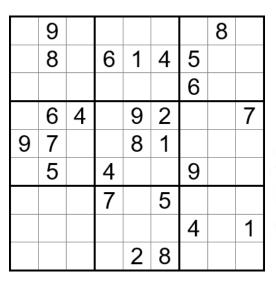
Around Town:

Why is Garfield Ridge named Garfield Ridge?

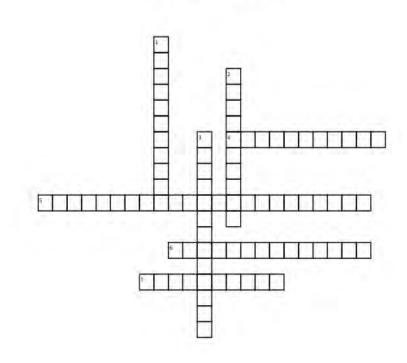
In 1912, the area was designated a village, under the name of Clearing. In 1915, the area was annexed and switched over into an additional section of Chicago. At this, the students from the area attended Kelly High School. Most traveled down 55th street also known as Garfield Boulevard. In conjunction with this road, and the subtle ridge that runs between 53rd & 54th Street separating the swamps from the drier highlands, thus becoming Garfield Ridge!

All the answers can be found in this article! Or check out the website for the answers!

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4th Quarter



Down:

- 1. Who won Pizza Wars (2 wrds)
- An event where you can laugh til you cry with your sweet heart (2 wrds)
- Available for purchase to line Archer Ave and 63rd St (2 wrds)

Across:

- Where you will honor one incredible Teacher, Fire Fighter & Police Officer (2 wrds)
- 5. Our New Name!!!(4 wrds)
- 6. Amazing Event Started in 1983 (3 wrds)
- A type of person we in need of to make out events amazing



Programming is made possible by a collaboration between Midway Chamber of Commerce, Greater Southwest Development Corporation and City of Chicago Business Affairs and Consumer Protection department.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are vital to making our Midway Chamber and our Community run as effectively and efficiently as possible! If your child is in need of services hours, we have several upcoming events that would be a great opportunity to volunteer. Our upcoming volunteer opportunities include: Halloween Parade, Cookie Walk, Snack with Santa, Annual Dinner Dance & so much more!



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to director@MidwayChamber.org



Tis' the Season to Give!



Previous Business of the Month

- January- Wantuck Comfort Solutions
- February- Addiction Recovery Services
- March-Archer Chiropractic Clinic
- April-A.I.T. Business Services
- May-La Michocana Gourmet
- June-Jamie Auto Services
- July- ASM Auto Services
- August- Aparicio Law Office
- September- Rocket Auto Sale

We all love the feeling of getting gifts. But is there a better feeling than watching someone receive a thoughtful gift & light up with joy!?! This year, there are plenty of opportunities to give joy to those in need.

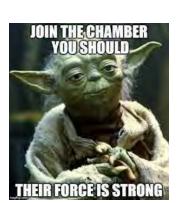
On Archer Ave & Nashville, many people from the neighborhood run an annual coat drive in November. This is a great and simple way to get the children involved and donate their coats, hats and gloves that they have outgrown. Check the website for specific details. Also, stop by our local Rhine VFW Post 2729 at 5858 S Archer to donate a toy to their annual Toy for Tots!

Don't forget to check your local churches & homeless shelters. They always have ample opportunity to donate items (new & old), donate food, or even adopt a child or family that is in need during this season. Check out MidwayChamber.org for full details!

2022 Calendar of Events

If you would like to be on the distribution list for the newsletter, please sign up on the

website!



**Winter banners open*

October 4 - General Chamber Meeting

October 1 - 63rd St Car Show
October 14 - Sweetest Day Comedy Show* &**
October 20 - Thirsty Thursday

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October 29 - Halloween Parade



add your events to our calendar, please contact us at

If you would like to

info@midwaychamber.org

November 7 - General Chamber Meeting

November 11 - Veteran's Day Dedication November 19- Cookie Walk * November 16 - Lunch & Learn

December 1 - General Chamber Meeting

December 3 - Snack with Santa & Tree Lighting **&* S December 10 - Santa on the Firetruck Beat 811 December 11 - Santa on the Firetruck Beat 812 December 16 - Annual Dinner Dance *

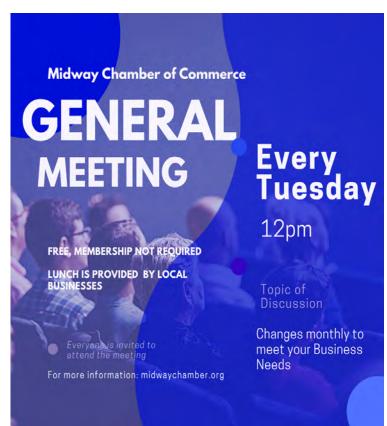
Indicates Sponsorship Opportunities

Indicates Volunteer Opportunities

Check the website for upcoming events and current up to date details

MidwayChamber.org

To sponsor an event email info@midwaychamber.org or check out the website Sponsor tab @ MidwayChamber.org





If you have an upcoming special event you'd like to market on our events calendar, please make sure to share the details with us so we can help spread the word!

Email us at info@midwaychamber.org

2022 Business of the Month

October

November

December

Hope Midway Church

Danny's Pizza & Burger Bar

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Your Neighborhood Cheers!

Celebrating their <u>90th</u>
Anniversary!

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Up & Coming Midway Development

- Healthy & Growing! Have you seen Healthy Substance's expansion & upgrade
- New England Pharmacy has been purchased! What will Quarto development be bringing to our area?

Come out & join our community

To keep our community involved & successful we need you! Throughout the year we have many sponsorship and volunteer opportunities around our neighborhood.

Volunteers are what make our events so successful. Volunteer opportunities are available YEAR ROUND.

Have your business represented at the Comedy Show, Cookie walk & Annual Dinner Dance!

Come out and join us at our next Lunch & Learn in November 16th

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