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TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2022
Mr. Gebel
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POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2022
8th District
Officer Raymond Tracy
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FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR 2022
Mike Doherty
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Welcome to our Newest Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: * Melissa Billings- Mommy & Me Craft * Jonathan Burgett- Jam-n "J" Jelly & Route 66 Candles, * Dan Diaz- F3 Technologies, Inc, * Michael Kelsey Jr - Strive, * Jaclyn Manning- Rave Construction of Chicago, * Matt Pearl- Timeless Tattoos, * Jennifer Quinlan- Wintrust Sports Complex, * Robert Talerico- Talerico-Martin Bakery.

People's Choice Awards!- Best of Midway

Pizza Wars & Cookie Wars were such a huge success we're going to keep it going! Be on the look out for our next categories including Best Breakfast, Best Sandwich, Best Tacos, Best Nails, to name a few! Keep your eyes peeled for more information because we need your opinion!!



Benefits of joining the Chamber

1. Business Promotions & Publicity!
2. 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



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Covid Outreach- Rebound after Covid

Times are still difficult for everyone in the wake of Covid-19. At the Midway Chamber of Commerce, we strive to support you in every way. If your business has less than 10 people, we are able to come to your location and support your employees with Covid vaccines. Please email director@midwaychamber.org to get your event set up!

Strengthening Businesses & Communities

Annual Diner Dance Honorees

Police Officer of the Year- Officer Raymond Tracy

Officer Tracy began the Chicago Police academy on September 24, 2001, and graduated in April of 2002. He completed his training cycles in the 5th District and was assigned to the 8th District in September of 2002. He has remained in the 8th District while working all three watches and was assigned to the 8th District Bike Team from 2006-2011. After returning to the watch for a few years, he started in the 8th District Community Policing Office in June of 2017 where he continues to work today. Officer Tracy says, "Being in Community Policing has enabled me to meet many of you that are in the business community. I have developed numerous relationships within the 8th District community, and I value all of them." Officer Tracy stressed how wonderful working alongside the Garfield Ridge/Clearing community has been throughout his career. Even though he has resided in the Scottsdale and Mount Greenwood neighborhoods throughout his life, he feels like he is a part of Garfield Ridge/Clearing communities as well.

Officer Tracy has been married to his wife Jenny for 17 years, but they go back way farther than that- they met when they were 15 years old. They have 3 beautiful children and cannot leave out their 1-year-old pup who is now the baby of the family. Outside of work he loves to travel, dine out, go to concerts, and is an avid sports fan. Most often, Officer Tracy spends his days just trying to keep up with the multiple sports schedules of the kids and to enjoy time with them as much as he can.

Fire Fighter of the Year- Michael P Doherty

Mike Doherty has always wanted to be a firefighter; he took his first exam in 1985; passed and wait listed for 11 years. A new exam was needed in 1996, he passed the exam and 8 years later joined the fire academy in 2004.

His first day on the job, December 6, 2004, while assigned to Engine 4 (Division and Larabee), he fought, what has turned out to be the biggest fire of his career, thus far...The LaSalle Bank fire in the heart of the financial district downtown. It was a 5-11 with 3 specials- meaning over a third of the city's fire department was on scene.

His CFD training has offered other opportunities as well. At the time he entered the academy, firefighters were also required to train as EMT's. That training prepared him for a side job for a private ambulance service for a couple of years.

Mike remained on Engine 4 for a total of 9 years until his transfer to Engine 18 (13th and Blue Island). Mike was assigned to the engine but was asked to drive 221A, which is the administrative vehicle for the Deputy District Chief. He has been in this position since that time, having worked with many Chiefs over the years. Engine 18's quarters is also the home of the tv show, Chicago Fire, on which he has been an extra since Season 1, as they strive to use real firefighters whenever possible.

With a little less than 2 years left until retirement (which is imminent due to age requirements), Mike enjoys every day he is on the job, serving the citizens of Chicago and living his dream, performing his duties to the best of his abilities...following in the footsteps of his dad, father-in-law, many uncles, cousins, family members and friends... at the "best job ever- a Chicago Fire Fighter" per Mike Doherty!

Teacher of the Year- Mr. Robert Gebel, Byrne Elementary

Robert Gebel was born and raised in the Southwest Side of Chicago, where he has lived most of his life. After a professional career with Arthur Anderson and Company, then with Accenture, he decided to re-career and dedicate his life to serving the community through teaching. Mr. Gebel graduated from Trinity Christian College, with an Elementary Education degree and began his teaching career at Michael M. Byrne Elementary School in Garfield Ridge, where he is the 6th grade Language Arts and Social Science teacher.

He is now in his tenth year of teaching, all at Byrne. As a teacher, he shares his enthusiasm for writing and literature as art forms, while coordinating the annual Byrne Spelling Bee. He loves his family, climbing the Swallow Cliff Woods stairs with his son Alex, an infrequent Starbucks Hot Venti Chai Tea Latte, occasionally writing creatively, baseball, listening to music, and of course, reading.

Cookie Wars Winner!!

Winner! Winner!

Cookie wars was a HUGE success! Tickets for this event sold out in days! Just like pizza wars did! Hundreds of people flooded our Farmer's Market on Archer Ave to taste some of the amazing cookies from our local bakeries. Weber's Bakery, Pticeks Bakery, Talerico- Martin Bakery, & Boriken Cakes brought hundreds of cookies for us to taste and vote on!

Drum Roll Please..... The winner of the first annual cookie war is.....

Talerico- Martin, located at 7334 W 63rd St, Summit, IL

Thank you to all the other delicious bakeries who participated! The winner of our **Cookie Wars** was honored as our *featured cookie* in our annual **Cookie Walk** that takes place on Archer Avenue every winter. Be sure to keep an eye out and join us at this exciting event full of delicious treats and amazing vendors. This year the Farmer's Market grew leaps and bounds! We look forward to starting back up in the spring, every Wednesday. As always, we are always looking for new vendors, so email soon to secure your spot at the market! Don't forget we are still in the works of having the Best of the best, chosen by you, the people, in every category!

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!

Upcoming Events



Please join us the first Tuesday of every month at our general meeting to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and information for your business.

***Please be advised the JANUARY Meeting is pushed to January 10th & JULY meeting is pushed to July 11th to accommodate the holidays.*

February 10-19th, the Midway Chamber of commerce will be hosting our very own **Restaurant Week!** Be on the look out for specific dates and locations that will be participating! If your business wants to join us in this exciting event, please email info@midwaychamber.org.

In March, be sure to join the Midway Chamber of Commerce & Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch in our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. In March, the Chamber will also host a Community Expo.



This past November at our quarterly Lunch & Learn, we received valuable information of Estate Planning. We look forward to continuing these events. Please let us know if you have a topic you would like more information on or a topic you would like to teach our community about!



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2nd Vice President- Victor "Torrey" Lewis- Friedman Real Estate IL LLC

Treasurer- Lisa Strnad - Archer Heights Credit Union

Secretary- Al Caccioto - First Rate Realty Inc

Directors: Thomas Fitzgerald- Archer Central Laundry, Rammy Ahmad - Allstate Insurance, Agnes Piotrowska - Dr Piotrowski MD
Josh Czary - Stan's Barbershop, Pastor J.J. Molodecki- Hope Midway Church,
Carlos Aparicio- Aparicio Law

To sponsor an event, email info@midwaychamber.org or check out the website
Sponsor tab @ MidwayChamber.org
We need everyone involved!



Business Tip:



Time to get ready for your tax return! This is our annual reminder that if you use workers other than employees to perform services for your business and pay them \$600 or more for the year, you are required to issue each one a Form 1099-NEC after the end of the year to avoid facing the loss of the deduction for their labor and expenses. The 1099s for 2022 must be provided to workers no later than January 31, 2023.

To avoid a penalty, the government's copies of the 1099-NECs must also be sent to the IRS by January 31, 2023. The penalties can be significant, ranging between \$50 and \$290 for each 1099-NEC filed late. 1099-NEC forms must be filed electronically or on special optically scannable forms. If you need assistance with filing 1099-NEC or have questions related to this issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to your accountant, or our amazing local accountant - Chicago E A - (3120) 620-1900

The Ultimate
TAX PREP CHECKLIST

BASICS FOR ALL FILERS	BUSINESS OWNERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">social security numbers (yourself & dependents)copy of last year's tax returnbank account/routing numberloan statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">tax IDinsurance premiums and/or expensesbusiness income and expenseslist of assets and equipmentmileage logs
INCOME	DEDUCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">W-2s1099s for all forms of income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">medical/dental expenseshealth insurance paymentsIRA and HSA contributionsvehicle purchase sales taxchildcare expensesjob search expensesmoving expensesamount paid for last year's tax prepsales tax on newly purchased vehicleseducational expenses (loan interest/supplies/tuition)
HOME & RENTAL PROPERTIES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">1098s: interest on mortgage, equity or student loanspaid real estate taxesinsurance premiumsenergy efficient upgrade receiptspurchase/sale records (home, rental property, etc.)rental incomemileage (for rental related issues)receipts: for rental upgrades, repairs, upgrades, etc.	
DONATIONS	OTHER MISC.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">charitable contribution receiptsvolunteer expense deductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">record of estimated tax paymentsIRA/401K total contributions

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Around Town:

LeClaire Courts- Then & Now

LeClaire Courts was the first integrated low rise housing projects, built in our area in 1950.

This building was home for many families, until it was demolished in 2011. Turned into a field, then purchased and now overseen by Cultivate Collective, it is bringing new life to our area. The Academy for Global Citizenship is being built here, as we speak. This school will consist of a three-acre urban farm, an orchard, solar panels, wind turbines and so many other awesome developments designed to generate the buildings own energy! This area will also host a federally qualified healthcare center to provide a range of support for our community.

Be on the look out for all the exciting details of this little nook in our area.

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



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2023

Calendar Of Events

Monthly General Meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month, except Jan & July

Happy New Year

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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February



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March



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JANUARY -

**** GENERAL MEETING MOVED TO 1/10!!**

FEBRUARY- GEN MEETING, VALENTINE COMEDY JAM

MARCH- GEN MEETING, ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

APRIL: GENERAL MEETING, GRADUATION BANNERS, MEMORIAL BRICKS, SUMMER BANNERS - OPEN

MAY- MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE, STARS & STRIPES 5K



JUNE- PET PARADE, FARMERS MARKET OPENS, PATRIOTS DAY PARADE, CAR SHOW



JULY- QUARTER 3 NEWSLETTER, ** GENERAL MEETING MOVED TO 7/11!!

AUGUST- BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

SEPTEMBER- GOLF OUTING, WINTER BANNERS & BRICKS OPEN

OCTOBER- HALLOWEEN PARADE, 63RD ST CAR SHOW, SWEETHEART COMEDY SHOW



NOVEMBER- PUB CRAWL, COOKIE WALK, VETERAN'S DAY

DECEMBER- QUARTER 4 NEWSLETTER, SNACK WITH SANTA, DINNER DANCE

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS AND
CURRENT UP TO DATE DETAILS
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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!

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2023 Business of the Month

January

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- A new Piasan's is coming to our area. Get ready another great flavor!

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.

Save the date!! The Chamber will be hosting a Community Expo on March 25th! There will be tons of valuable information. If you would like to be involved, please reach out!

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