

## Connections



2nd Quarter 2024



### Welcome to our Newest Members!

Help us welcome our newest members: \*@Properties- Liz Maldonado, \*De Colores Beauty Bar- Janessa Hernandez, \*Devoted Health- Angelics Mendoza, \*Encantos De Yari- Luz Yadira Robles, \*First Choice Immediate Care and Occupational Therapy- Dan Daghfal, \*Julie' Baby's Cupcakes & Dog Treats- Julie Lopez, \*Kash Law Offices LLC- James Cash, \*La Gloria Banquets- Filemon Ramirez, \*M.A.Bells and Whistles- Mike Doherty, \*Magoo's Bar- Sam Eksteing, \*Medworks Occupational Health- Mario Fotino, \*Monitas Accessories and more- Tonanzit Sanchez, \*MUSA Nail & Beauty Academy- Nael Shalabi, \*Sobo & Sobo, LLP- Lauren Biegel, \*Southwest Side Senior Service Org- Michael O'Leary, \*Lime Light Photo Booth- Rudy Romo, \*TPM Janitorial- Carlos Munoz, \*Toy World Chicago- Scott Burns, \*Vivi Commercial Services- Donato Albanese, \*Zaen Tax & Notary Services - Azalea Nevarez, \*Cheesies- Chris Johnston.

We welcome you!

### LAST CALL for Grad & Vet Banners!

Celebrate your favorite graduate or military person!!! Honor your loved ones with a banner on Archer Ave and 63rd Street. The banners are a life long keepsake! The sale will close very soon, so grab your banners while you still can! [www.midwaychamber.org](http://www.midwaychamber.org)



## Benefits of Joining the Chamber

1. Business Promotions & Publicity
2. Acquire Customer Referrals & Networking Opportunities!
3. Business Education, Support & Advocacy!
4. Add Influence in 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](http://www.MidwayChamber.org)



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# Cheesies- A Family Restaurant

## Cheesies Grand Opening: A Delectable New Chapter Begins!

With great enthusiasm and the rich smell of melted cheese, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of Cheesies, your new go-to spot for all things cheesy and delicious! Located on Archer Ave in the building that used to be the beloved Lindys, Cheesies is ready to tingle your taste buds.



### **A New Flavor in Town**

From the crispy edges of a perfectly grilled cheese sandwich to the creamy stretch of mozzarella on a slice of pizza, there's no denying the universal love for cheese. Cheesies

presents to you an array of gourmet cheesy delights that cater to each member of the family. It's not just a restaurant; it's a place where families come together, friends laugh, and home runs will be celebrated one cheesy bite at a time.

Cheesies has maintained the classic charm of the Lindy's diner while infusing modern twists and flavors that will ensure each visit is both familiar and refreshingly new.

### **Family-Friendly Vibes**

At Cheesies, they believe in the power of family. Their space is

designed to be welcoming and inclusive, giving families a venue where they can enjoy quality time and enjoy a meal together. From the inception, everything at Cheesies is designed with families in mind.



### **Community Involvement**

At the heart of Cheesies is a strong commitment to supporting the local community. They have already engaged with the local baseball and softball teams at Clear Ridge and several local schools!

### **Share in Our Excitement**

We can't contain our excitement about opening in the old Lindys spot and we welcome you to be a part of this new beginning. Cheesies is more than just a restaurant, it's a passion project born out of love for food and community. To our future guests and the lovely residents around, we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Cheesies. Come witness the rebirth of an iconic location, sample the irresistible menu, and create new memories that sizzle with flavor and fun.



# Annual Golf Outing

## Grab Your Clubs – It's Golfing Time!

The blades of grass are greener on our side! It's that time of the year when we trade office chairs for golf carts and computer screens for the serene greens. We're excited to announce our Annual Golf Outing May 17th at Carriage Green Golf Course. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and we need our businesses to support the event so we can continue to support you!

This year the golf outing has had an overwhelming response and this event is **ALREADY SOLD OUT!**

### Sponsorship Makes a Difference & We need you!

Sponsoring a hole or a tee box is not only an easy way to support the event but also a great opportunity for exposure. Take up a Hole Sponsorship for \$150, or make a grander gesture with a Tee Box Sponsorship at \$300. Secure your spot as the exclusive Halfway House Sponsor for \$750 and enjoy utmost visibility!

We are also in need of door prizes, golf prizes and raffle prizes. We welcome gift cards, products from your business or anything that you would like to donate to make this event a huge success! We are looking for items to put into the swag bags!

The golf outing is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We use the proceeds to continue providing support to the businesses that support your community.

We are asking for all members & nonmember to help us by signing up for sponsorships (Hole Sponsorship, Tee-Box Sponsorship, Halfway house Sponsorship), providing door prizes, raffle prizes, or simply donating to the cause so we can keep supporting the businesses that support your community.

Be sure to check out [www.midwaychamber.org](http://www.midwaychamber.org) for more information on sponsorships.

*Please email Amy at [director@midwaychamber.org](mailto:director@midwaychamber.org) for information regarding door prizes, raffles, and donations.*



**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**CARRIAGE GREENS COUNTRY CLUB**

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

**CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION AT 9:00 AM**

**SHOTGUN START AT 10:00 AM**

**\$150-GOLFER | \$600-FOURSOME INCLUDES:**

- Golf Cart & 18 holes of golf
- Hot Dog, Chips & Water Ticket for lunch
- Post Golf Buffet in East West Room (starts at 3:30pm)
- 1 Hour of open bar (3-4pm)
- Dinner & Bar only guests will be \$50 per person

**RAFFLES & PRIZES**

**CONTESTS**

We will do a Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Let the Professional drive for you, and only use a 7 Iron contest.

For more information visit [Midwaychamber.org](http://Midwaychamber.org)

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## *Celebrate Our Businesses of the Month*

### April Business of the Month: **Bookkeeping By Design**

Bookkeeping By Design partners with business owners and Accountants to make the finance aspect of businesses manageable. We provide catch up and clean up, monthly maintenance, and bookkeeping system set up services. Let Bookkeeping By Design remove the stress of tax season for you! Bookkeeping by Design specializes in creating bookkeeping systems that will keep you organized and give you more time to run your business. Call us today for a free consultation!



### May Business of the Month: **City Block Candles**

We are a small business that started during the pandemic when a hobby turned into a business. Making candles is therapeutic and offers candle lovers an opportunity to enhance their environment with an aromatic experience, we provide hand poured soy based candles/wax melts, linen sprays, and more. During April-June we will be offering a BOGO 50% off discount on all 4 oz. jar candles.

Our candles can be customized for special occasions or you can select from some of the favorites that can be found on our website. <https://cityblockcandles.com/>



### June Business of the Month: **Mutts of the Midway**

Mutts of the Midway is a foster-based dog rescue that was established in 2018. We rescue dogs from shelters and place them into foster homes where they get up to date on their vetting and wait for their loving home. In just over five years, Mutts has helped over 450 animals.



Please join us at Lawlor's bar on Archer Ave from 6pm-9pm on Thursday, April 18th for our next Pups and Pints event. \$1 from every drink purchased goes back to the dogs. Adoptable dogs will be present!

If you are interested in getting involved or adopting a dog, please check out our website or send us a message!

# *New Businesses popping up everywhere!*

We are growing at a rate like never before! The Midway Chamber of Commerce has hit its highest membership ever!!!

Our community stands at the dawn of a new era post covid, as a diverse array of businesses has begun to set up shop in our bustling neighborhoods, breathing fresh life into previously empty spaces. The range is as broad as it is captivating—from cozy cafes that invite introspection over a cup of coffee to tech start-ups that buzz with the energy of a thousand ideas. By choosing to infuse our dollars into local businesses, we empower our neighbors and stabilize the local job market.

Are you opening a new business and want the Midway Chambers Support? Email [director@midwaychamber.org](mailto:director@midwaychamber.org) for more details!

## *Support the Businesses That Support Your Community!*

### Membership Update



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Send them our way!

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#### Looking Forward, Never Back

2024 is off to an incredible start! Midway Chamber of Commerce is the biggest its ever been since inception in 1959.

If you know a business that would benefit from joining us please reach our or send them to [MidwayChamber.org/Join](https://MidwayChamber.org/Join)

#### Business of the Month

- January:** Timeless Tattos
- February:** Ciao Ragazzi
- March:** A-Ok Auto Body Inc.
- April:** Bookkeeping By Design
- May:** City Block Candles
- June:** Mutts of the Midway

## Sponsorships & Volunteer Opportunities 2024

We are making sponsorships in 2024 simple & quick!

Save \$\$

Support the Chamber all year long

One simple step

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**Volunteer**

**We Need you!**

**Community—  
Farmers Market,  
Parades**

**Businesses—  
Co Chair an Event  
Create a new  
Event**



# Upcoming Events



**Veterans Banners** - In the spirit of gratitude and pride, we are thrilled to announce that our exclusive line of Veterans Banners is now available. These banners are not just a product; they are a testament to honor the courage and service of your cherished ones in the armed forces. Celebrate the valor of your family's active duty service member, ROTC cadet, or a veteran who stood guard for our liberties. Present them with a token of recognition that matches their dedication.

**Golf Outing-** Tee off with us at our much-anticipated Annual Golf Event on May 17th. With the sun shining and the greens impeccably manicured, it's an outing you won't want to miss. Tickets and sponsorships are flying fast! Secure your spot today – before they're all gone.

**Farmers Market-** If you've yet to experience the charm of our local Farmers Market, we invite you to become part of our tradition. Location details for Wednesday's market will be updated on our website, so be sure to stay in the loop. Join us for a celebration of community, craft, and the simple pleasures of wholesome, home-made products.

**Pet Parade-** Are you ready to step out and strut with pride in our community's vibrant Pet Parade on June 1st? At this joyous event, not only will your pets get to show off their moves, but we're also offering essential vaccines to keep their tails wagging healthily!

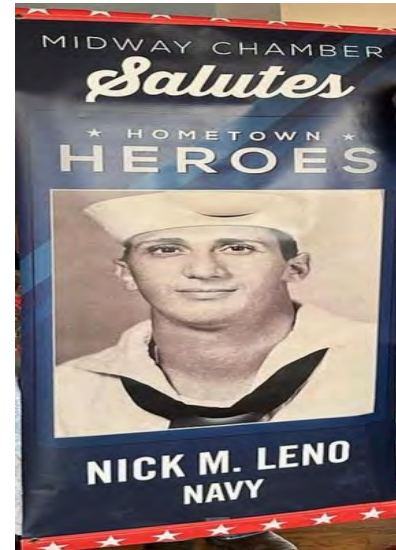
**Archer Car Show-** Join us on June 21st for an unforgettable experience as hundreds of classic cars from different eras line Archer Avenue, showcasing their timeless beauty. Whether you're a car enthusiast or looking for a fun day out with the family, there's something for everyone!

**Patriots day Parade-** Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to showcase your business during our beloved family event on June 27th. With countless eyes on Archer Ave, gain unparalleled attention and connect with the community like never before. Be seen, be remembered, and celebrate with us!

## Events Recap

**Community Expo** -The Spring Community Expo unfolded this March. It was an incredible occasion that brought together the vibrancy and spirit of our local community. With over 50 vendors setting up their stands and showcasing a dazzling array of products and services, the event was nothing short of amazing.

**Valentine's Comedy Show-** The sell-out success of the Valentines Comedy Jam speaks to the quality and allure of the event. For those looking for a dose of humor and a reason to smile, the next installment in October is not to be missed. Stay tuned, and prepare for another night of laughter, high spirits, and great company.





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING - 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, EXCEPT JAN & JULY

## APRIL

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**January**  
Restaurant Week



**July**  
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**February**  
Valentine Comedy Show



**August**  
Back to School



**March**  
St. Patricks Parade,  
Spring Community Expo,  
Graduation Banner

**September**



**April**  
Veterans banners,  
and graduation banners  
all month long.



**October**  
Sweetheart Comedy Show,  
Halloween Parade,  
Day of the Dead Celebration



**May**  
5/17 - Golf Outing



**November**  
Pub Crawl,  
Cookie Walk



**June**  
6/1 - Pet parade  
6/21 - Car Show  
6/27 - Patriots Day parade



**December**  
Snack with Santa,  
Annual Dinner Dance

**RAFFLES  
& PRIZES**

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Check The Website For Upcoming Events  
And Current Up To Date Details  
[midwaychamber.org](http://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!  
Upload them directly to the new website- [www.midwaychamber.org](http://www.midwaychamber.org) or share them to our facebook!

## Storefront Activation- Whats happening on Archer Ave?

Midway Chamber of Commerce applied and won a storefront activation grant. We must adhere to multiple aspects of the grant submission and very definitive rules & regulations. One of those regulations was to provide an expansion opportunity for a business outside the area. The rules were clear that we could not use the federal funds to provide an existing business in the area with expansion funds. This is meant to serve as an economic development beacon for the city and the chamber to determine sustainability for future businesses and continue to bring them into the area. This allowed for our first activation which brought Cheesie's to Archer Ave.

The second and third activations we proposed centered on community building and providing small businesses workspace. We are excited to share that after a lengthy negotiation, we have verbally agreed and are working on the final paperwork to lease the 5/3 Bank building, parking lot, and adjacent lot at the corner of Archer & Narragansett. We would like to thank 5/3 Bank, and Alderwoman Silvana Tabares for working together to make this deal happen.

**BizHub** - The 5/3 building will operate as a coworking, meeting, education, and business hub for business owners who do not have an office space, meeting room, or place to hold educational events. We will begin to work on installing infrastructure such as internet, furniture & fixtures, scheduling, and staff for the future Midway Chamber of Commerce BizHub. Members of the Chamber will have the ability to use the space.

**Farmers' Market** – The adjacent lot will be the new location for our Farmers' Market. Starting at the end of May and going through September we will use the lot every Wednesday for our neighborhood Farmers' Market. With the new location and visibility, we hope to attract even more customers this year. Additionally, we are hoping to attract new vendors, so if you know of any, please let us know! When the lot is not being used for Chamber activity, it will serve as additional parking for Ciao Ragazzai Restaurant and Bar & Uflacker Academy. Please check our social media and website for updates.

## 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!!

\*\*Golf Outing 5/17- \*\*Pet Parade 6/1 - \*\*Archer Car Show 6/21

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