

# Our 78th Anniversary Year (1939 –2017)



## Maywood Chamber of Commerce

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The MCC is a partnership among businesses, individuals and governments to support, promote and grow businesses in Maywood, through advocacy, education, information and networking.

### **CHRISTOPHER G. KENNEDY TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE CHAMBER'S 78TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, ALONG WITH THE BELLWOOD & BROADVIEW CHAMBERS, AT THE PROVISO WEST HIGH SCHOOL, 4701 HARRISON STREET, HILLSIDE, ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2017**

The Maywood Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 78th Anniversary Annual Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, along with the Bellwood and Broadview Chambers.

A Colour Guard from the Proviso East High School will post and retire the colours during the opening ceremony.

Among the highlights of the annual event will be a Keynote Address by Christopher G. Kennedy.

Christopher Kennedy is the son of Ethel S. Kennedy and the late Robert Francis Kennedy. He and his wife, Shelia, have been married for 29 years. They live in suburban Chicago, where they raised four children.

Chris and his wife, Shelia, run Top Box Foods, a hunger-relief non-profit they founded to deliver high-quality, healthy, affordable foods to underserved neighborhoods. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Board of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, the nation's leading non-profit food distribution and training center, which

provides food to more than 600,000 adults and children each year



Christopher G. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy managed The Merchandise Mart, one of the great economic engines of Illinois. As President of the Mart, he worked with governmental agencies, labor groups, and independent small businesses to bring companies and good jobs back to Illinois.

Now Kennedy is leading the real estate development in downtown Chicago,

known as Wolf Point. Wolf Point is a massive construction project, backed by more than 1 billion in private financing, that is bringing 2,000 construction and permanent jobs to Illinois.

From 2005 through 2015, Kennedy served as Chairman of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. At U of I, he oversaw a 5.5 billion budget, 78,000 students and more than 23,000 faculty and staff.

Reservations for the banquet should be directed to the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 172, Maywood, IL 60153, by Friday, June 2, 2017.

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PAID. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE EVENING OF THE BANQUET.**

Refreshment Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. for cocktails and networking. Cost for the event is \$75.00 per person. The event is especially important, since it serves as the Chamber's major annual fundraiser

## HONOUR ROLE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS DURING CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING

Scholarships will be presented to honour role students during the Chamber General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 May, 2017 at Triton College Student Center, Building B, Room 204, 2000 5th Avenue, River Grove, Illinois 60171.

The Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2002 to honor the lady, who made a tremendous contribution to the Chamber's outreach to the young people of the community. Since the inception of the Academic Excellence Committee in 1988, over 100 scholarships, totaling over \$100,000, have been awarded to honor roll students, residing in Maywood. This year makes the 15th anniversary of the Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Applicants for a scholarship must be a Maywood resident and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better for the last three grading periods. Applicants must show proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning. In addition, the applicant is required to submit an essay, not to exceed 500 words, and financial need.

Counselors include Bonnie R. Libka, College Career Center, PEHS; George Pappas, PEHS; Amy Paulus, PMSA and T. Dwayne Smith, Walther Christian Academy.

Chairman of the Academic Excellence Committee is Chamber Board Member, Amanda A. Turner, Ph.D., MSW, Dean of Enrollment Services, Triton College. For further information, call (708) 456-0300, x3593.

Chamber members are urged to contribute to the Shirley S. Nagel Memorial Scholarship Fund, by sending a donation to the Maywood Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 172, Maywood, Illinois 60153.

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### COMING EVENTS

**Save the Date!** - Wednesday, 7 June 2017, 5:30 P.M.  
Annual Awards Banquet with Bellwood & Broadview  
Chambers of Commerce  
Location—Proviso West High School, 4701 West Harrison  
Street, Hillside, Illinois

### CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Acting  
Chairman: **Stan D. Huntington**  
Maywood Public Library  
(B.C. 17)(NFP)

Immediate Past Chairman:  
**Anthony J. Williams (B)**

President/CEO: **Edwin H. Walker IV**  
Individual Member

Treasurer: Kathleen I. Carani

#### Class of 2017:

Director: **Cory L. Foster (B)**  
ComEd  
Director: **Stan D. Huntington (NFP)**  
Maywood Public Library  
Director: **Amanda A. Turner, Ph.D. (NFP)**  
Triton College  
Director: **Jennifer L. Koehler (NFP)**  
Loyola University Health System  
Director: **Karen A. Yarbrough (B)**  
Hathaway Insurance Agency

#### Class of 2018:

Director: **Adiel Abelar (B)**  
First Midwest Bank  
Director: **Albertine Alexander (I)**  
Director: **Marta E. Alvarado, Ph.D. (B)**  
Westlake Hospital  
Director: **Dawood I. Burhani (B)**  
Jamali Kopy Kat Printing, Inc.  
Director: **Thomas J. Engoren (B)**  
Seaway Supply Co.  
Director: **Audrey C. Jaycox (I)**  
Director: **Viola Mims (B)**  
Vintage Realtors  
Director: **Willie Norfleet, Jr. (Govt)**  
Village Manager  
Director: **Christopher J. Parker (B)**  
Pan American Bank & Trust

## **1st DISTRICT HOLDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY MEETING AT PLCCA**

On Friday, April 28, 2017, the 1st District held its monthly Economic Development Meeting at PLCCA under the chairmanship of Anthony Beckham, 1st District Outreach Coordinator in the office of 1st District Commissioner Richard R. Boykin.

Presenters included Angela D. Smith, Village of Maywood Coordinator of Business Development/Zone Administrator; Jennifer L. Koehler, Vice President, External Affairs, Loyola University Health System; Meisha Holmes, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Planning and Development, and Edwin H. Walker IV, President/CEO, Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

The major theme of the presentations was the development of a West Cook Regional Enterprise Zone, comprised of the municipalities of Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview, and Forest Park and the unincorporated Cook County Area of Loyola University Medical Center. Angela Smith traced the history of efforts in Maywood, beginning with the mayoralty of Ralph Conner, who was a true visionary. She outlined the benefits, resulting from the development of a regional Enterprise Zone.

Jennifer Koehler explained the new structure of the Loyola complex with its 16 different clinical departments, its Level 1 Trauma Unit, its Burn Unit, and its Children's Hospital. She stressed the role of Loyola as the economic engine for the near west region.

Meisha Holmes outlined the role of Cook County in the plan to move the West Suburban Area Enterprise Zone forward.

Edwin Walker outlined the role of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce during his two decades of service as President/CEO of the Maywood Chamber. During this time, the Maywood Chamber was a major player in economic development efforts in the Near Western Suburbs. These activities included the initiatives of the Maywood Community Development Corporation in 2006, its participation in Enterpriz Cook County, beginning in 1997, and its major role in the updating of the 2008 Maywood Comprehensive Plan in 2014, including an emphasis on the Roosevelt Road Corridor and Loyola University Medical Center.

Among the twenty some people present were Maywood Chamber members Mayor Edwenna Perkins; President/CEO Edwin H. Walker IV; Maywood Trustee Michael A. Rogers; Maywood Coordinator of Economic Development Angela D. Smith; Economic Development Committee Chair; Thomas D. Engoren; and Loyola Vice President External Affairs, Jennifer L. Koehler.

## **CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS TO VISIT MAYWOOD ON SATURDAY, 13 MAY 2017, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.**

On Saturday, 13 May 2017, Civil War Re-enactors will visit the Maywood Home for Soldiers' Widows at 224 North 1st Avenue at Lake Street. Sponsored by the Friends of the Maywood Home for Soldiers' Widows and The Village of Maywood, the re-enactors will mark the history of the 10th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and the 26th Regiment United States Colored Troops.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 7TH DISTRICT, "CHRIS" WELCH HOSTS AN ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

On Wednesday, 3 May 2017, State Representative Chris Welch hosted an Annual Luncheon Meeting, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., at the 7th District Office, 10013 West Roosevelt Road, Suite E, Westchester, Illinois.

Among those attending were Liz Holt, Deputy Director, Oak Park./River Forest Chamber of Commerce; Sheri Sauer, Founder & President, LaGrange Park Chamber of Commerce; Siraj Bhanpuri, Member, Bellwood Chamber of Commerce; and Edwin H. Walker IV, President/CEO, Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

After recognizing the various Chambers present, Representative Welch gave a briefing on the present status of the State Budget in Springfield, along with other issues of interest to small business owners. In closing, he introduced guests from Google, Curtis Dancj and James O'Brien, who explained how the Google Business View Program could benefit small businesses.

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### CHAMBER 2017 CALENDAR

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| May 9   | Board of Directors<br>4 pm Maywood Public Library<br>(Board Room)<br>121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood   |
| May 17  | General Meeting—Presentation of<br>Scholarships<br>Time: 12 Noon<br>Location: Triton College, 2000 5th Avenue,<br>Student Center, Bldg. B, Room 204,<br>River Grove               |
| June 7  | Annual Awards Banquet with<br>Bellwood and Broadview Chambers of<br>Commerce<br>Time: 5:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M.<br>Location: Proviso West High School<br>4701 Harrison Street, Hillside |
| June 13 | Board of Directors<br>4 pm Maywood Public Library<br>(Board Room)<br>121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood   |

**POSTMASTER: DO NOT FORWARD**



THE FRIENDS OF THE MAYWOOD HOME FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS  
&  
THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD  
INVITE YOU TO  
**THE CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY**

The 10th ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY and The 26th REGIMENT UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS

Historical Interpreters & Living Historians

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

Stop by Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
224 N. 1st Ave. Maywood, Illinois

Don't Be Alarmed by the Sound of the Musket Firings

