

# 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.

### **MICHAEL ROMAIN, EDITOR & PUBLISHER OF THE VILLAGE FREE PRESS, LAUNCHES THE FIRST WEEKLY PRINT EDITION**

On Wednesday, 23 August 2017, Michael Romain, Editor & Publisher of The Village Free Press, launched the first weekly print edition, only five months after launching the first monthly print edition on 23 March 2017.

Since launching The Village Free Press on line in 2013, Romain and his staff have worked closely with staff from the Oak Park Wednesday Journal and Publishing Partner Dan Haley to produce a village newspaper for Maywood, which has been without a local newspaper for nearly a decade.

Citizens are urged to contact the newspaper with current news items and to consider working for, or with, the VFP as a volunteer or a paid employee.



Michael Romain

Free pick-up locations include the Maywood Public Library, 121 S. 5th Avenue; the Maywood Police Station, 125 S. 5th Avenue; Maywood Village Hall, 40 Madison Street; Maywood Fine Arts, 25 N. 5th Avenue;

Afriware Books, 1701 S. 1st Avenue, Suite 503; Meal of the Day Café, 1701 S. 1st Avenue, Suite 410; Global Business, 840 S. 17th Avenue, Kathy's Café, 1008 S. 17th Avenue; Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest, 1001 Lake Street, River Forest.

To advertise, call Dawn Verenzak, Advertising Director at (708) 613-3329.

Romain was recently honoured at the Annual Maywood, Bellwood, & Broadview Awards & Installation Banquet, where he received the Community Service Award for his vision and initiative in launching the first Maywood Village newspaper in nearly a decade, The Village Free Press.

## COMMUNITY & BUSINESS LEADERS HONOURED AT ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS BANQUET

During the Annual Chamber Awards Banquet, held on Wednesday 7 June 2017, the following individual members were recognized.

**Distinguished Service Award**—James E. Whitehead, recently retired Asst. Vice President for Governmental Relations & Community Affairs at the Loyola University Medical Center, who served as Chamber Board Liaison to Loyola for 16 years.

**Business of the Year Award**—Seaway Supply Company, Thomas J. Engoren, President. Member of the Maywood Economic Development Commission, and recently elected Chairman of the Maywood Chamber Board.

**Community Service Award**—Michael Romain, Editor & Publisher, Village Free Press.

Launched the first Maywood Village Newspaper in nearly a decade with the assistance of Co-Publisher Dan Haley, The Wednesday Journal, in Oak Park.

**Person of the Year Award**—Dan Perkins. Longtime resident of Maywood, a graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts, and the recipient of a Masters in Management Degree from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. An individual who shares his experiences and talents with various organizations in his home village.

Following each award, the awardee gave a brief response and expressed gratitude for the recognition. Lastly, each awardee received a plaque, with commentary read by Village Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr.

The highlight of the evening was a moving and heartwarming address given by the Keynote Speaker, Christopher J. Kennedy, prominent Chicago businessman and candidate for Governor of Illinois.

### CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Chairman: **Thomas J. Engoren**  
Seaway Supply Co.  
(B.C. 18)(B)

Past Acting Chairman:  
**Stan D. Huntington** (NFP)

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

1st Vice Chairman—**Stan D. Huntington**  
Maywood Public Library(NFP)

Treasurer: Kathleen I. Carani

#### 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

#### Class of 2019:

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

**MAYWOOD BATAAN DAY ORGANIZATION MARKS  
THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS  
ANNUAL BATAAN DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2017**

As it has for three quarters of a century, Maywood will mark Maywood Bataan Day on 10 September 2017 at Maywood Veterans Memorial Park, corner of 1st Avenue & Oak Street in Maywood.

The celebration begins at 2:00 p.m. with a concert of military music, performed by the 144th Ceremonial Band of the Illinois National Guard, under the direction of Sgt. First Class Robert Reed.

Following at 2:30 p.m. will be a Musical Tribute to the Americans who served in World War I, featuring local artists and musicians.

The 75th Annual Memorial Service will commence at 3:00 p.m. with the Massing of Color Guards and a Welcome by MBDO Vice President, Edwin H Walker IV, USMC.

The program includes a Memorial Prayer, Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Remarks by Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins.

Introducing the role of Maywood in World War I will be Event Coordinator Dan Perkins, following by a welcome from the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.

Highlighting the ceremony will be a Keynote Address by Major General Richard J. Hayes, Jr., the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois, a frequent guest at the ceremony, who was the Keynote Speaker in 2012.

Following the Keynote Address will be the Dedication of the Veterans Memorial Wall and a new Memorial Plaque for the World War I British Cannon, which has been located in the Village of Maywood for nearly a century.

Concluding the service will be a Rifle Squad Gun Salute, the Playing of Echo Taps and a wreath laying ceremony.

Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to a reception in Mariella's Banquet Hall, at 124 South 5th Avenue, just across the street from Maywood Park. All are invited to the Reception. Entrance will be granted after the display of a Programme Booklet. Food will be provided at no cost and a Cash Bar will be available.

