

# Our 79th Anniversary Year (1939 –2018)



## 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.

### CHAMBER AND MEMBERS SCHEDULE EVENTS TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February, the traditional Black History Month, will be marked in Maywood by various activities, sponsored by the Chamber and its members.

For 2018 Black History Month, Dan Perkins, Chamber Communication Consultant and Webmaster, will write an article for the website, highlighting a book titled, “The Victory Monument: The Beacon of Chicago’s Bronzeville” by Dempsey J. Travis. The book looks at the famous monument to African American Doughboys and provides an account of Black Chicagoans that served in World Wars I and II. Mr. Travis was an African American, entrepreneur who built a successful insurance and realty company, that met the financial needs of many residents of Chicago’s South Side. In addition, Mr. Travis was a real history buff, and wrote several books about the contributions of African Americans to Chicago, the nation, and the world.

**The Maywood Public Library**—Director Stan D. Huntington, has scheduled a series of events, all of which are free and open to the public. No library card is required.

Watch “Hidden Figures” at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 3 Feb. and “Loving” at 4:00 p.m. On Monday, 5 February.

Participate in the African Dance Fusion Class at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10 February.

Join in for a presentation on “Pre-Civil War Quilts” by Connie Martin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 17 February.

Join for a presentation “Gospel Music in Chicago: An Illustrated History” by Janet Harper at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 24 February.

Watch “Fences” at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 26 February.

**The Maywood Park District**—Executive Director Lonette Hall: A “Daddy Daughter” Dance is scheduled on Thursday, 8 February 2018, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. with a fun-filled evening of dinner, desserts and dancing at 921 South 9th Avenue.

**Triton College**—Public Relations Coordinator Stephen Butera— African Drum Ensemble “Kafen Kabo” live performance, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursday, 8 February in the Student Center Cafeteria, Bldg. B. The event is free to attend and open to the community.

Faculty Panel Discussion—”Outcasts United,” Tuesday, 13 Feb., 1-2:30 p.m. in the Library Silent Room, Room A-321.

Film screening “The Other Side of Immigration,” Wednesday, 14 February, 6:30 p.m., Cernan Center Lecture Hall, I-109.

**THE CHAMBER WILL OPEN ITS  
NEW PROGRAM YEAR ON WEDNESDAY  
21 FEBRUARY 2018, 5:30 PM. WITH AN  
UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE**

Village Business Development Coordinator, Angela D. Smith will be the Guest Speaker at Cintas/Maywood, 1204 West St. Charles Road, Maywood, whose General Manager is Eric Dean, 1st Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Chamber Economic Development Committee.

Ms. Smith will give a briefing on some of the activities in the Village Community Development Department, whose Director is Asst. Village Manager, David Myers.

Projects include M17 Express, Michael Usaki; 800-820 S. 5th, Jerry Venthi; Lake & 1st, X-Site Real Estate, William Paul; and the Metra Station Area Plan.

Light refreshments will be available. Come by after work and find out what is happening in economic development in your village.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**

**Renewal invoices for 2018 dues were mailed on 31 January 2018. Please pay your dues no later than 15 March 2018.**

**If you have not received an invoice, please contact President/CEO Walker at (708) 345-7077.**

**CHAMBER LEADERSHIP**

Chairman: Thomas J. Engoren  
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(B.C. 18)(B)

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(NFP) Triton College

Director: Karen A. Yarbrough (B)  
Hathaway Insurance Agency

**NATIONAL CYCLE CENTER, FOUNDED IN 1937 AND ONE OF THE CHAMBER'S OLDEST MEMBERS, IS PLANNING A MAJOR EXPANSION ADJACENT TO ITS PRESENT FACILITY, LOCATED AT 2200 SOUTH MAYWOOD DRIVE**

Plans for a major expansion, to include a 28,000 square foot building adjacent to its present facility, were recently approved by the Maywood Board of Trustees.

Tool and die expert, Gordon Willey, founded the National Cycle Center in 1937. Willey was determined to build the best motorcycle accessories in the industry and he found Maywood to be the perfect spot for his business.

Son of the Founder, Barry Willey, current President & CEO of National Cycle, says that "our location is ideal for servicing our customers from every continent on the globe". Recent overseas expansion companies include Odes and CF Moto Zhejiang in China, as well as companies in India.

National Cycle, with its present 190 employees, will be hiring additional workers at different levels to man operations in its new manufacturing expansion.

Resisting recent attempts for moving out of Maywood, National Cycle President/CEO Barry Willey insists that "National Cycle employees are proud to be manufacturing in Maywood, Illinois, U.S.A."

The Maywood Chamber is proud to count National Cycle as one of its Legacy Institutions and hopes to raise the current level of its involvement with the Maywood Chamber of Commerce.

## PLANNING BEGINS FOR 2018 AWARDS BANQUET

On Tuesday, 23 January 2018, planning for the 2018 annual Awards Banquet began at Triton College, which has offered its facility for the event. Under the leadership of Karen A. Yarbrough and Christopher J. Parker, members of Maywood Chamber, Bellwood Chamber and Broadview Chamber met with members of the staff of Triton College to begin negotiations for the 2018 event.

Wednesday, 6 June 2018 was chosen as the date for the event, with a maximum attendance of 440 in the newly renovated Cafeteria Area in Bldg. B. Lessons to be learned from past banquets, especially that of 2016, which was also held at Triton College, will be considered during future meetings.

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### CHAMBER 2018 CALENDAR

February 13 (Tuesday)	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
February 21 (Wednesday)	General Meeting 5:30 p.m. Cintas/Maywood,, 1204 West St. Charles Rd., Maywood
March 13 (Tuesday)	Board of Directors 4 pm Maywood Public Library (Board Room) 121 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood
March 21 (Wednesday)	General Meeting TBA

**POSTMASTER: DO NOT FORWARD**



# Heart Fest

*A Festival of Health and Wellness*

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Free Admission**

Westlake Hospital-Brewster Hall

1400 W. Superior St.

Melrose Park, IL 60160

- ♥ Free Health Screenings – Glucose, Total lipid panel, Blood Pressure, BMI
- ♥ Heart and Stroke information from the American Heart Association
- ♥ Healthy Cooking presentation
- ♥ Heart Healthy Living Presentation by Dr. Alejandra Campos (in Spanish)
- ♥ Exercise Demonstration
- ♥ Performance by the District 89 Washington Dual Language Academy Folkloric Dance Club
- ♥ Performance by the District 89 Melrose Park School Juggling Team

**Reserve your spot today!**

**CALL 844.793.6534 FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.**

