Your CHAMBER Matters



March/April 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS For details, visit the Events page on mgcci.org or call 847-965-0330

March 2013

March Madness Business After Hours Wednesday March 6, 2013 5:00 - 7:00 pm North Grove Manor 5520 Lincoln Ave. Morton Grove, IL. 60053

Coffee with the Director Tuesday March 12, 2013 7:00 - 9:00 am Morton Grove Chamber Offices 6101 Capulina Ave. Lower Level Moron Grove, IL. 60053

Lunch & Learn Luncheon Wednesday March 20, 2013 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Tommy's on Waukegan 9005 Waukegan Rd. Morton Grove, IL. 60053

April 2013

Business After Hours Thursday April 11, 2013 TBD

Women's Business Connections Luncheon Thursday April 18, 2013 Bringer Inn 6230 Lincoln Ave. Morton Grove, IL. 60053

The MGCCI Mission: To unite, promote, improve and advocate for the business community in and around *Morton Grove*.

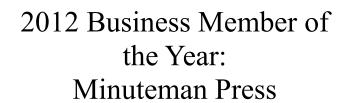
Oh What a Night! The Annual VIP Awards & Installation Dinner





2012 VIP of the Year Kristina Otte







Bad Weather can't keep Morton Grove Chamber Members Down!

The nasty weather on February 7, 2013 did not keep Morton Grove Chamber members from coming out to honor the 2012 VIP of the Year, the Business Member of the Year, and to congratulate the newest Chamber Board of Directors at the 2013 VIP & Installation Dinner held at Chateau Ritz in Niles.

The evening went off without a hitch. Master of Ceremonies, Nick Marino kept everything running smoothly, and Mr. Joe Moll gave a wonderful invocation. This annual dinner honors a Morton Grove resident who makes a difference within the community and a Chamber Business Member who has not only been involved within the Chamber but also within the community.

The 2012 VIP is Kristina Otte. She has tirelessly devoted the last three years to developing the Morton Grove Chamber Farmers Market. She recruited a great group of community volunteers to help her bring the market to where it is today, a thriving community market. Her relentless devotion has created a wonderful experience for Morton Grove. She has brought energy and a progressive style to the community by bringing together community groups, religious groups, the park district, the senior center, library, scouting groups and various village commissions that are working toward a common goal. Through Kristina's efforts, Morton Grove has a wonderful market for all citizens to buy quality fresh foods for their families.

The Business Member of the Year is Minuteman Press, 6038 Dempster St. Morton Grove. Bea and Ken Lipski not only run a thriving business in Morton Grove but always make time to help at Chamber and community events. Whether it is helping out at the Farmers Market, the Morton Grove Women's Club, or any time help is needed, both Bea and Ken are always ready to help out.

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2013 Morton Grove Chamber Board of Directors

President:

Richard M. Block -Creative Promotional Products

Vice President:

Jeannine Como – Dr. Robert E. Antman, DDS

Secretary:

Deborah Manno -MB Financial Bank

Treasurer:

Terry Hoffman– Liston Law Offices of Terry Hoffman– Liston

Immediate Past President:

Christina Marino -Century 21 Marino Real Estate

Past Presidents Club:

Nick Marino -Century 21 Marino Real Estate

Directors:

Mark Albers—The Mark Albers Company

Cindy Kopczyk - Inland Bank

Bea Lipski - Minuteman Press

Ron Lundin - Lin - Mar Motors

Mark Matz—Big City Entertainment

Liaison:

Bill Grear - Village of Morton Grove

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VIP Awards & Installation cont.

During the Installation of the 2013 Board of Directors, Mayor Dan Staakmann introduced the new board and charged the officers with their duty. Mr. Frank Tennant, Attorney at Law, and a longtime member administered the oath of office.

The 2013 Board of Directors is:

President - Richard Block, Creative Promotional Products

Vice President – Jeannine Como, Dr. Robert E. Antman DDS

Treasurer - Teresa Hoffman Liston, Teresa Hoffman Liston Attorney at Law

Secretary – Deborah Manno, MB Financial Bank

Past President - Christina Marino, Century 21 Marino

Directors: Mark Albers, the Mark Albers Company

Cindy Kopczyk, Inland Bank

Bea Lipski, Minuteman Press

Ron Lundin, Lin-Mar Motors

Mark Matz, Big City Entertainment

Special recognition's were also given to the Chamber Milestone Anniversaries which included: China Chef for 35 years of membership, Classic Design Awards, Giordano's of Morton Grove, Creative Promotional Products, and Skokie Valley Air Control for 25 years of membership. The final recognition went to Bonnie Burnett, who recently retired from village service but continues to help the Morton Grove Chamber.

The Morton Grove Chamber would like to thank everyone who attended this wonderful event. A special thank you goes to Cindy Kopczyk and Christina Marino for helping to plan and coordinate this event, and to Bonnie Burnett for all of the wonderful photography.













Chamber Committee News and Updates

2013 Golf Outing Committee

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow keeps this committee from planning an awesome 2013 Golf Outing.

The Golf outing will take place on June 12, 2013 at Chevy Chase Golf Club.

If you are interested in help-



ing to plan this tee-rific event Call the chamber office at (847) 965-0330

Marketing Committee
The Marketing Committee is
looking to begin to re-brand the
Morton Grove Chamber.
If you have logo design and website development backgrounds
the committee would like to meet
with you.

Please call (847) 965-0330





Mark Your Calendars! Morton Grove Farmers' Market 2013 Season

6210 Dempster St., MG Saturdays, 8 am – 12 noon

5/11/2013 Spring Market - Mother's Day Pre-Season Sale

6/8/2013 Opening Day of the 2013 Regular Season

6/15/2013 Morton Grove Park District Day

6/22/2013 Bike to the Market Day **6/29/2013**

(NO MARKET 7/6/2013)

Every Saturday from July 13th through October 19th

Questions?
Call 847.750.MGFM (6436),
e-mail

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Businesses of the Months



February 2013 Business of the Month China Chef!

China Chef has been in business in Morton Grove since 1977. They are locally owned, highly recognized by communities around the area. Their authentic Chinese-Filipino cooking has attracted patrons for many years.

Their success can be contributed to freshly prepared, high quality ingredients and friendly accommodating services. Beef, pork, shrimps, and vegetables are all fresh; done just right. There are also choices of seafood main course like Alaskan Dungeness Crab with lobster sauce, whole Maine Lobster with ginger and scallion, Steamed Dover Sole or Walleyed Pike.

China Chef lunch specials start at \$5.25, hours are 11am-3:30pm, Dinner 3:30-9:30. They do banquets, catering, carry out and delivery.

Please stop by, bring in this flyer and receive two free of the best egg rolls in town.

March 2013 Business of the Month.....Nano's!

Chris Nano and his wife were no strangers to restaurants having had a restaurant in Oak Park for 10 years before opening Nano's. Nano's has been a staple of Morton Grove since February of 1986, and since then has gone about making themselves a local neighborhood restaurant. Chris is proud that he knows his patrons by name and has served generations of families.

Nano's specializes in good old fashion, made from scratch pizza, chicken, pasta, salads and more. Everything is made fresh daily from the pizza dough to ground beef for their lasagna and meatloaf. You can either eat in the quaint dining area or take your food to go. Either way it is a tasty experience!

Nano's is proud to be a part of the community and it's pride shows in many ways. They are always participating in fund raisers for senior programs, schools, the Chamber Farmer's Market just to name a few, and always strive to help out groups who need fund raising. Both Chris and his wife believe in giving back to the community and the Morton Grove Chamber is proud to have Nano's as the March Business of the Month.

Nano's serves Morton Grove, Skokie, parts of Niles and Glenview. They also offer terrific catering for your special occasions.



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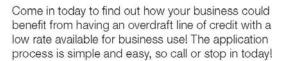
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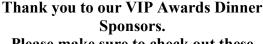
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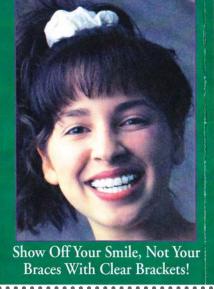
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News from the Village of Morton Grove

Village of Morton Grove Industrial Sub-Area Plan:

The Village of Morton Grove Industrial Sub-Area Plan:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) awarded the Village a grant in 2012 in order to do a focused plan for the industrial areas within Morton Grove. Since the acceptance of the award, the CMAP staff have been working on collecting data and generating an *Existing Conditions* report. This report was presented to the Plan Commission at their February 18, 2013 meeting. The report includes great information and data regarding the industrial areas, as well as some general information about the Village as a whole. A copy of this draft report is available for viewing on the Village website: http://www.mortongroveil.org/calendar/event.asp?F CATEGORIES=1%2C+2%2C+4% 2C+5&F DATE=2%2F18%2F2013&F MONTH=2&F YEAR=2013&event id=195 CMAP is now working on a draft of proposed recommendations, which is expected to be received by the Village in March.

Sign Code Updates

Since late last fall, the Appearance Commission and Village staff have been looking at some possible changes to the Sign Code. The goals of the proposed changes are to try to address some issues with enforceability and to try to clarify aspects of the code that have been confusing to applicants. Staff is researching sign codes in comparable communities and expects to have new draft amendments for review at the Appearance Commission's April 1, 2013 meeting. The current sign code, Chapter 10 of Title 10, is available on line at: http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/ index.php?book id=511

Member News

LIN-MAR Motors Earns Chrysler Certification

LIN-MAR Motors, Inc. of Morton Grove, IL has been approved as a Chrysler Recognized Certified Collision Repair Facility by Chrysler and program partner, Assured Performance Network. This means that LIN-MAR has met the qualifications necessary to be recognized by Chrysler as a collision repair facility of choice for its Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Fiat and Ram vehicle owners.

In determining qualifications, Assured Performance Network verifies that facilities employ state of the art equipment, ongoing technical training for employees and exhibit documented high customer satisfaction levels.

When customer's vehicles are repaired, using 100% original Chrysler parts, by a Chrysler Recognized Collision Repair Facility, a Written Certificate of Authenticity will be created to help protect the resale value. This information will be reflected in the Carfax report and be made available to the car owner.

"We announced earlier in 2012 that Mopar would be changing the entire ownership experience of our vehicles, and this program is another important step forward," said Tony Brenders, Vice President of Technical Service Operations for Chrysler's Mopar Division. "Working with Assured Performance Network, we will not only expand our repair capabilities across the U.S., we will also ensure that the work performed will be to the highest level of quality."

LIN-MAR is also certified with Nissan and General Motors as part of the Assured Performance Network program.

Additionally, LIN-MAR is approved or certified by Volkswagen, Audi, Acura, Honda, Toyota, Lexus and Scion.



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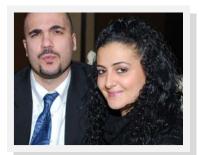
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