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A Message from the Chamber...





Breakfast Club Brings Chamber Members Together

On Wednesday, August 12, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce hosted its quarterly Breakfast Club at the **Glendale Heights Sports Hub**. The event brought together familiar faces and first-time attendees from local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and city government.

The morning began with informal networking and conversation over breakfast, followed by introductions and an opportunity for each attendee to share a little about their organization and current activities.

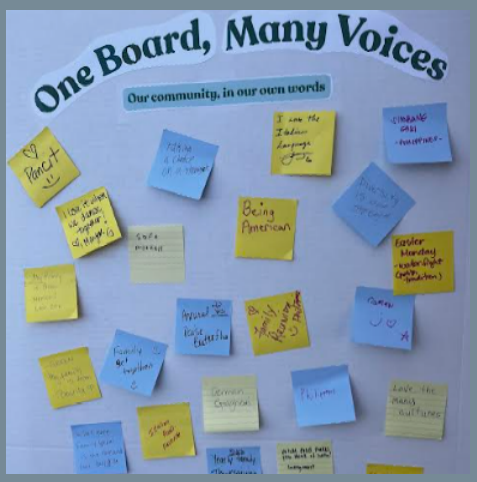
We were pleased to welcome new Chamber member Joseph Onystok of **Armstrong Security** to his first Breakfast Club. We also heard from Innovation DuPage about its latest initiatives, including the **Clean Energy Incubator Program**, which supports entrepreneurs and businesses working to advance clean energy solutions.

Jennifer Alagna, Senior Services Manager at the **Linda Jackson Center for Senior Citizens**, shared information about the Center's facility, programs, and services available to area seniors. Susannah Wagner of Glenbard High School District 87 also joined us to discuss opportunities for community businesses and organizations to get involved in **Connecting Students with Careers**, a program designed to help connect students with career experiences and local professionals.

Thank you to everyone who joined us! We appreciate the opportunity to bring our members and community partners together, share information, and learn more about the work being done throughout Glendale Heights.









Celebrating Community at Unity Day

On Saturday, August 8, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce joined forces with the **Kiwanis Club of Glendale Heights** to host a booth at the inaugural Unity Day at Camera Park. The day-long event brought the community together to celebrate Glendale Heights with incredible food, interactive booths, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

We enjoyed meeting and interacting with the many people who stopped by our booth and participated in our activities. Throughout the day, neighbors came together to celebrate the many cultures that make Glendale Heights such a unique and welcoming community, recognizing that our differences are something to be valued and shared.

Unity Day was a wonderful reminder of how much stronger our community is when we come together—through music, food, traditions, stories, and, most importantly, shared experiences and family fun.





Chamber Hosts *Community Connections* Roundtable

On Wednesday, August 19, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted **Community Connections: A Conversation with Village Leaders and Chamber Members**. This exclusive roundtable brought together our Silver, Gold, and Platinum Chamber members for meaningful dialogue with Village leadership, including Mayor Rebecca Giannelli and Village Administrator Doug Flint.

The evening began with introductions followed by a high-level update on current Village initiatives and priorities. Mayor Giannelli and Mr. Flint provided insight into ongoing projects, strategic goals, and efforts aimed at supporting local businesses and enhancing the Glendale Heights community.

Following the presentation, attendees engaged in a productive and collaborative discussion focused on strengthening the partnership between the business community and Village government. Topics included improving interactions with Village services, identifying opportunities for collaboration that benefit residents and businesses alike, and exploring ways to build even stronger working relationships moving forward.

The event concluded with an informal networking session, allowing members and Village representatives to continue conversations and foster new connections.

The Chamber extends its appreciation to Mayor Giannelli, Village Administrator Flint, and all members who participated in our second Community Connections event. We look forward to hosting this roundtable twice annually, providing continued opportunities for engagement and collaboration.

For more information about future Community Connections events, please contact us at info@ghchamber.com.



Click here to see our directory listing all members of the Glendale Heights Chamber.

Thank You to Our Renewing Members

Thank you to the following members for renewing their membership with the Chamber. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to our business community. We look forward to another year of working together!

Belgio's Catering

Bloomingdale Bank & Trust

La Rosita Fresh Market

Old Second Bank



Chamber Luncheon on Wednesday, September 23

Join us for our upcoming **Chamber Luncheon** on **Wednesday, September 23**, at **Glenside Library**, located at **25 East Fullerton Ave., Glendale Heights**.

Networking begins at **11:30 am**, followed by a lunch buffet from **noon to 1:00 pm**, featuring pizza and salad from **Pronto's Pizzeria**. Beverages are included with the meal.

During the luncheon, we are pleased to welcome **Tom Bartenfelder**, Library Director of Glenside Library. Mr. Bartenfelder will provide a presentation on **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library -** a service that is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. Learn more about this wonderful program and the impact it is making in our community.

Date: Wednesday, September 23
Time: 11:30 am Networking, Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch
Location: Glenside Library, 25 East Fullerton Ave., Glendale Heights
Price: $15 for members, $20 for guests

RSVP: Monday, September 21

Click here for registration.



Fall Into Business
Multi-Chamber Progressive Luncheon

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Time: 11:00 am - 11:30 am Registration/Expo/Open Networking
11:30 am - 1:00 pm Lunch/Program
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Open Networking/Expo
Location: Villa Olivia Country Club
Address: 1401 W. Lake Street, Bartlett (Rte 20 and Naperville Road)
Cost: Members: $35, Guests: $50

Registration required by Friday, October 2, 2026

Enjoy a three-course progressive lunch while connecting with other Chamber members. Take advantage of this B2B opportunity to promote your business. Bring business cards to share and interact with business professionals.

For more information or to register, click here.

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