

Garfield Ridge Chamber Of Commerce

Connections



3rd Quarter July 2022



Market YOURSELF!!

Our newsletter is in full swing & we want to hear from you!

**In our next quarter newsletter we will be opening up 2 additional pages for
YOU & Your Business to advertise!**

We have 20 business card size spots available. This will be on a first come first served basis. Each spot is available for \$50. Please email us at garfieldridgecc@live.com to have your information included.

2022 Veterans Bricks: Deadline to order is August 15th

Honor your beloved Veterans by purchasing a brick that will be installed in our Veterans Triangle on Archer Ave. Bricks will be donated in honor of any military or law enforcement person. This brick installation will be completed by Veteran's Day where they will be announced at our annual Dedication Ceremony. Bricks can be ordered for \$30 at <https://www.brickrus.com/donorsite/grcc>.



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Benefits of joining the chamber

1. Business Promotions & Publicity!
2. Acquire Customer Referrals & Networking Opportunities!
2. Business Education & Advocacy!

If you would like to join the chamber or see more benefits of joining, scan the QR Code or go to our website:
www.garfieldridgecc.com




Stay On Top Of the Info!

The Chamber is becoming more proactive with getting you all the information you need! Be sure you're checking our website regularly: **GarfieldRidgeCC.com**.

The more you interact with us here, the more you'll know!

 <https://www.facebook.com/GarfieldRidgeChamber/>

 <https://www.instagram.com/garfieldridgecc/>

Strengthening Businesses & Communities

Archer Avenue

Archer Avenue runs 33.6 Miles from China Town to Lockport, it follows the original trail crossing the Chicago Portage between the Chicago River & Des Plaines River. It even has sections that align with the infamous Route 66. Following the path of the local rivers, Archer Avenue turned into the highway leading from Lake Michigan's shore through to St. Louis. In 1834, Archer Ave became the trail for the stage coaches to travel along those rivers. The first rail road was also set up along Archer's path. Named after the first commissioner of the I & M Canal, William Beatty Archer, this thoroughfare was first paved in 1910. The residents watched as horses & businessmen alike ran between the rival cities. The streets were originally lined with streets cars, fruit vendor trucks & a few gated communities.

Now lined with many supermarkets, banks, doctors, salons, bars & pizzerias, Archer Avenue is a high density, booming business community. You can stop by Archer & Nordica and Archer & Melvina to see the gate posts that guarded the original gated communities established here in 1910. Also be sure to stop into one of Archer's longest standing business: Soukal Florist! Soukal's was first established in 1916 & has served our community over 106 years ago!

Although the gravel roads and baron sides have been built up and changed many times over since it's inception, Archer Avenue holds many memories for so many people in our neighborhood.

One Native to the area was quoted saying, "I love that crooked street, it gave me the best education." He is the second of 4 generations, dating back to 1916, that were born and raised just a half block off of Archer Avenue. There are still many families that grew up here and meet at the neighborhood ball fields to watch their grandchildren play.



Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is up and running! Every Wednesday this summer, June through September, from 3-7pm. This month the Pizza Wars will be held here! There's always a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, tons of other treats and entertainment for all ages! Each week we have new vendors and food trucks lining the event! To keep up with all the updates on location and vendors, please make sure to follow the "Garfield Ridge Chamber Farmer's Market - Southwest Chicago" page on Facebook, or GR_farmersmarket on Instagram. This is a great opportunity for some publicity for your business & a chance to network with some new vendors in the neighborhood.



We are always on the look out for more vendors to make this an even bigger event. If you have a contact for a vendor or food truck please reach out to us!

PIZZA WARS

The Farmers Market will be hosting a brand new event this year!
PIZZA WARS!

JULY 20! 4-6 pm
The ULTIMATE Pizza Experience!

The line up is set to include:

**Trianos, Obbies, Villa Rosa, Dannys,
Stunods, & Home Run Inn.**

Eat Pizza! Be Happy! :-)

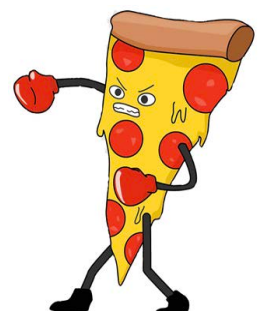
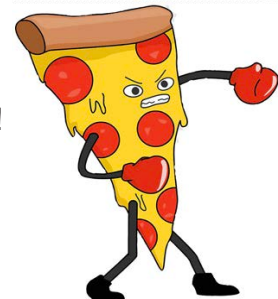
Who has the best pizza in all of Garfield Ridge & Clearing?
You be the judge!

On July 20th, the farmers market invites everyone to join us and get a taste of some of the best slices in the world!

At this event, you will get a chance to taste each of the different pizzerias secret recipes, fill out your ballot and make your own decision as to who earns the honor of the best pizza in our neighborhood. Tickets will be available for \$2 a person.

There are only 200 tickets available for this event, so *be sure to preorder your tickets* on line at GarfieldRidgeCC.com

The winner will be honored at our annual Sweetest Day Comedy Show on October 14th. This is sure to be an event that you do not want to miss. To stay up to date with all the details including times & location, please follow the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce facebook @GRFarmersMarket.





Lunch & Learn



The Chamber invites all our business owners to join us for an opportunity to learn a plethora of information regarding different topics that will benefit your individual business. Each quarter, a different business will come out to explain their personal expertise.

This is a great opportunity to get out and learn some information while enjoying a free lunch. We are postponing the next event until we hear from you. If you are interested in presenting a topic you specialize in, please reach out to us with your ideas. If there is a topic you would like to learn more about please email garfieldbridgecc@live.com

Business Tip:

If you FAIL to PLAN, then you better PLAN to FAIL

- PPP loans are starting to come due for anyone who was unable to have them forgiven. This means that banks will have to carry this debt on their books until the loans are paid off. The terms are for 5 years at 1%... which means banks will have to carry these loans on their balance sheets and collect only 1% on the borrowed money. While this might not seem like a big deal, it will start to reduce a bank's lending capacity. For example, let's say Bank ABC can loan 100 million dollars but has unforgiven PPP loans outstanding of nearly 40 million dollars... this would mean that the bank only has the capacity to lend 60 million. With increased costs, interest rates increased, inflation swirling around, and the likelihood that banks will start to become very tight and conservative, everyone should be planning for their cash flow. Do not be surprised if banks start to decline more loans, reduce lines of credit, and have higher interest rates to make up for their reduced capacity. This will not just affect your business but also your vendors and your customers so proper planning is critical. i.e., What if your customers must push your payment out a few extra weeks? What if your vendors must increase prices because they can't buy as much in bulk? Hopefully, you will not be caught with the hot potato.
- To properly plan for cash flow and what-if scenarios, you will need to make sure you have your books in order and can start to analyze month-over-month activity. While you are doing this, it would be a great time to talk with your tax professional and start discussing tax planning strategies. If you need a new car, should you buy an electric vehicle with tax credits of \$7,500? Should you start a retirement account to defer income tax? Or will you be able to purchase the equipment at the end of the year and qualify for bonus/section 179 depreciation?
- While there is no such thing as a crystal ball to see into the future, there are plenty of proactive approaches you can take to mitigate any risk.
- Albert Einstein said, "***in the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity.***" While I would never want to see any business falter, it is the normal course of life, and if you have your ducks in a row you may be able to find some opportunities if you are proactive and plan accordingly.

Recap of Business of the Month 2022:

- **January** - Wantuck Comfort Solutions
- **February** - Addiction Recovery Services John Sztyl
- **March** - Archer Chiropractic Clinic Dr. John Baietti, D.C.
- **April** - A.I.T. Business Services Barbara Cable
- **May** - La Michocana Gourmet-Alejandra Caballero
- **June** - Jamie Auto Services-Moises Jamie

Back To School!- Aug 13

You do not want to miss our annual Back To School Extravaganza & Give away! The extravaganza will be held this year at the Kennedy High School parking lot on 56th & Narragansett on August 13 from 11am to 2pm.

There will be some amazing freebies & giveaways including book bags, school supplies, snacks, bounce houses, & DJ. This is a free event to the public! This is also an *awesome* event for sponsorship which includes tons of publicity for its supporters. Families from our community are invited to this event to kick off the school year! This is a great sponsorship opportunity.



Sell-A-Bration-Sept 10

The Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch is hosting another great event! This community yard sale is a great way to sell your old treasures & grab some new ones from your neighbors! The event hosts a wide variety of vendors including crafts, trinkets, household goods & food available. The Sell-A-Bration will be held on Saturday, September 10th in the Kennedy High school parking lot, located on 57th and Narragansett. To reserve your spot contact Arlene at (773) 229-1993.



Pub Crawl - Sept 24

This year we are bringing back the pub crawl!! Join the Chamber for an exciting event right on Archer Ave. The bars will include: Lawlors, Bobby G's, Tom's & Ash. Participants will get a free drink at each bar & a t shirt to commemorate this exciting event! Each bar will provide a specialty drink for you to enjoy & food trucks will line the street! The cost will be \$30 per person.

Annual Golf Outing - Sept 30

Our 6th Annual Golf outing is just around the corner! It will be held on September 30 at the Stony Creek Golf Course at 5850 W 103st in Oak Lawn. Tee time is noon!

Your ticket includes: goody bag, tee time, golf cart, half way snacks, golfer's buffet dinner, open bar & more! There will also be raffles & tons of fun to be had!

Be sure to sign up to sponsor a hole at this amazing event by September 14th. To register to play this event please visit our website: GarfieldRidgeCC.com This is always a fun event for all who attend. This is also a great opportunity for your business to sponsor a hole or a table!



Sweetest Day Comedy Show- Oct 14

Join us on October 14th at the European Chalet with your sweetheart for another awesome event. Mikey O & other comedians will be on stage making us all laugh until we cry! At this event, the winner from the Pizza Wars will be on showcase providing delicious slices. Tickets include the show and a slice of the winners pizza. Cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6! This is another great opportunity for some business referrals. To purchase tickets or *reserve a table*, please visit us at GarfieldRidgeCC.com!

Meet your Neighborhood Watch

Garfield Ridge Neighborhood Watch!

Created in 2008 when a group of parents decided to band together and create a neighborhood that encourages residents of all ages and business owners alike, to watch out for each other & be aware of their surroundings. "Together we are STRONGER" is their motto. This group prides themselves on the fact that they have "rallied neighbors & friends, who every day help each other take more interest & pride in our community." You can see our members patrolling our area making reports on graffiti, light outages, and other services while fostering a great relationship with our areas police officers and working with them to keep our neighborhood even safer! They host many exciting events throughout the year including Christmas Tree Lighting, Sell-A-Brations, Parades, the Archer Cruise night & so much more. Monthly meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to help this valuable group, attend a meeting or stay up to date on their events please visit them at GarfieldRidgeNW.com

Clearing Night Force!

Founded in 1996, the Clearing Night Force prides itself on "never taking our neighborhood for granted." This volunteer community group promotes neighborhood safety and says that it is "Everyone's responsibility to care." While patrolling the Clearing neighborhood and working closely with the police force & Alderman, they strive to keep the community safe & clean. For more information or to join this team please visit ClearingNightForce.com



See Something-
Say Something!

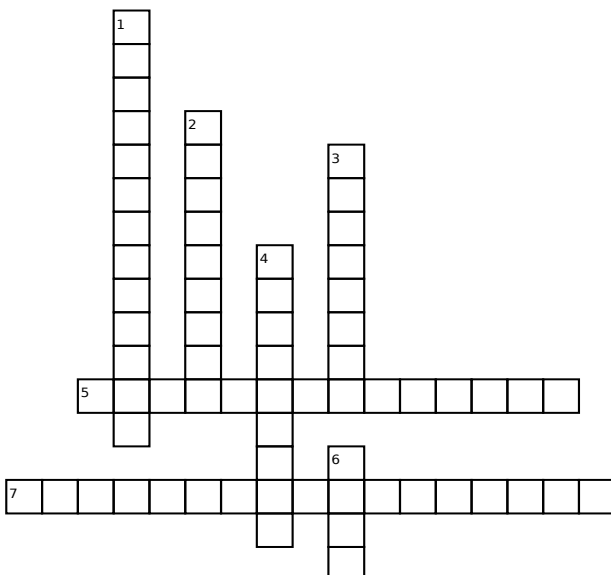
Around Town:

First Catholic Church of Garfield Ridge: St. Camillus

St. Camillus Church & School was originally located where a restaurant on Archer & Lockwood currently stands. This location was chosen in 1918 after residents had traveled for decades to attend Mass at the only other remotely close church of St Josephs, which is west of Harlem. For almost 100 years this church was the site of beloved weekly gatherings and events for a huge portion of our community!



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News
Crossword



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Down:

- Held Every Wednesday from June-September. - 2 words
- First thoroughfare established here in 1834 - 2 words Abrv.
- First Church of Garfield Ridge
- You be the Judge of the Best Slice! - 2 words
- 6th Annual outing of this sport

Across:

- Honor your Veterans by August 15th with these - 2 words
- Motto is "Together we are STRONGER" - 2 words

** All the answers can be found in this article! Or check out the website for the answers!*

2022 Calendar of Events

Veteran's Island Triangle Brick ordering open*

July 12 - General Chamber Meeting (2nd Tuesday)

July 14 - 17 - St. Symphorosa Carnival

July 21 - Fun Friday - Bobby G's

August 2 - General Chamber Meeting & National Night Out Against Crime

August 20 - Back to School Extravaganza

* August 15 - Veterans Brick Orders Close

August 18 - Thirsty Thursday - Lawlor's

September 6 - General Chamber Meeting

September 10 - Fall Sell-A-Bration

September 15 - Fun Friday

September 30 - Chamber Golf Outing *

**Winter banners open*

October 4 - General Chamber Meeting

Pub Crawl- Sept 24

October 14 - Sweetest Day Comedy Show

October 20 - Fun Friday

October 29 - Halloween Parade 🎃 🎃
October - TBD - 63rd Street Car Show 🚗 🚗

November 7 - General Chamber Meeting

November 9 - Lunch & Learn

November 11 - Veteran's Day Dedication

November 17 - Fun Friday

November 19 - Cookie Walk *

December 1 - General Chamber Meeting

December 3 - Snack with Santa & Tree Lighting * 🎅

December 10 - Santa on the Firetruck Beat 811

December 11 - Santa on the Firetruck Beat 812



December 16 - Dinner Dance Christmas Party *

Indicates Sponsorship Opportunities

****Indicates Volunteer Opportunities****

If you would like to add your events to our calendar, please contact us at

garfieldridgecc@live.com



Check the website for upcoming events and current up to date details
GarfieldRidgeCC.com



To sponsor an event email
garfieldridgecc@live.com or check out the website
Sponsor tab @ GarfieldRidgeCC.com

If you have an upcoming special event you'd like to market on our events calendar, please make sure to share the details with us so we can help spread the word!
Email us at garfieldridgecc@live.com

Up & Coming Midway Development

- What's up dawg? Did you see the new sign hiding behind that fence on Archer by Shrimp Shack?
- Rosati's Pizza is making its debut! You can grab a quick slice right off Archer Ave & Central Ave!
- Check out Stan the Man! There's a new expansion happening at Stan's Barber Shop at 6652 West Archer Avenue!

2022 Business of the Month

July	August	September
ASM Auto Supply Anthony Martino (773) 735-1140 5617 W 63rd St	Aparicio Law Office Carlos Aparicio (773) 405-7598 5838 S Archer Ave	Rocket Auto Sale Anthony Loperena (773) 884-0212 5552 S Archer Ave
Your best buys in auto supplies!	Real Estate, Business & Transactional Law	Where Quality & Service are #1 - Since 1984

Come out & join our community

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To keep our community involved & successful we need you! Throughout the year we have many sponsorship and volunteer opportunities around our neighborhood.

Volunteers are what make our events so successful. Volunteer opportunities are available YEAR ROUND.

Have your business represented in the Back to School Extravaganza August 13 & Golf Outing Sept 30th

Join us for some fun at Lawlors On Aug18 5:30 - 7:30

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