



"Can't Afford It"

We are not asking you to give away money, but to make an investment. Your return is the continued growth and prosperity of our community. The membership dues (which are tax deductible under business expenses) amount to pennies a day...such a small amount that you can't afford not to belong!

Networking...

Every time you attend a Chamber function you make new business contacts. Some will need the products and services you provide, others will provide products and services you need. Many will expand your business network and give you the opportunity to exchange ideas with and meet your fellow business owners and operators. Where else could you make so many business contacts? Most of our events are hosted or sponsored by members. This means that many events are offered at no charge to the members. We always encourage you to invite your business neighbors to attend. Our annual Community Expo is an opportunity to promote your products and services to other businesses and residents. Village officials often attend Chamber functions and are on a first name basis with many local business owners and operators.

Education...

Several educational seminars are held each year for business owners and operations. These have a wide variety of interests ranging from personal issues, to small business and corporate topics.

The Alsip Scholarship program is actively supported by the business community through direct donations and fundraisers. The scholarship program is open to Alsip residents, as well as employees of the Alsip Chamber of Commerce and the Alsip Industrial Association members. The program grows each year as more companies join in the education of the future work force for Alsip.

Village Liaison...

A representative of the Chamber attends the weekly Alsip Village Board & Committee meetings. Through this effort we are able to keep abreast of local actions and legislation. This also helps us maintain a liaison with the Mayor, Village Board and all Village Departments who recognize the importance of a strong business community to Alsip. Since most business owners and operators do not live in the town where they operate a business, the Chamber of Commerce is your voice to local government. Representatives from the Alsip Fire Department and Alsip Police Departments serve as directors on the Alsip Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Business Development...

The Alsip Chamber of Commerce continually works to attract new businesses to Alsip. We also work with existing businesses that are looking for a new location or to expand their current facility. We maintain an up to date listing of sites available in Alsip for sale or lease. Information on population, demographics, and area wages are also available through the Chamber office. Our relationship with area realtors, developers and legislative officials helps the Chamber to be a resource for business expansion, attraction and retention in Alsip.

Publications...

The Alsip Business Directory is published annually and lists all businesses in Alsip alphabetically and categorically. The book is designed to identify local products and services and to encourage local sourcing when possible. Our motto is "Shop In Alsip." Your support of area businesses helps in several ways. It allows

you to obtain products from a local source which helps in transportation costs, cuts down on delivery time and lets you deal with someone only a few blocks away who values their local reputation. Products you purchase which are sales taxable provide an additional benefit. A portion of your tax dollars are rebated back to local government for continuation and improvement of services such as police, fire, roads and others. The directory is published as a joint project with the Alsip Chamber of Commerce and The Alsip Industrial Association. All businesses in Alsip are listed as well as members of The Chamber or The Industrial Association that are outside of Alsip. Special recognition is given to the members of both organizations in the directory in an effort to promote those businesses. Advertising opportunities are available in the directory with discounts given to members.

The Alsip Community Map is distributed to residents and businesses in the area. It is included in the Business Development and relocation packages and is available at the Chamber office, Village Hall, library, local hotels and various businesses in Alsip. It is the most comprehensive guide to the community and updated on a regular basis. This is another opportunity for co-op advertising with substantial discounts to members.

Alsip Village Profile is a comprehensive editorial and pictorial guide to all segments of the community. This publication supported in part by local advertisers; highlights the educational, religious, recreational, business, medical and government segments of the community. This four color brochure is a professionally done guide to the community. It is mailed to those who inquire about Alsip, available at The Village Hall and Alsip Merrionette Park Library and is part of our Business Development packages. If you are relocating employees to this area, or putting together a proposal about your



company, this publication will help you in describing the Village of Alsip, call us for copies in quantity.

Community Involvement...

The Alsip Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual community expo. This event provides an enjoyable late winter week-end for area residents. Businesses and local organizations are exhibitors at this event, highlighting their products and services. Several area artists and crafters participate in our spring craft fair and provide interesting displays, and unique shopping opportunities for attendees. Activities sponsored by our Park District, Police Department & Fire Department, make it a family week-end for all ages.

The Chamber sponsors our annual "Partners In Progress" awards. These awards recognize owners who make us proud to live and work in Alsip. We have participated with the annual clean up program for the last several years. We are involved in current efforts to plant pots and public areas in Alsip to help add those little touches that make Alsip attractive to residents, employees and shoppers.

Discounts...

The Chamber offers many opportunities for co-op advertising. Members always receive a discount on advertising rates in these programs. The Chamber also offers member to member discounts for training, insurance, long distance, cellular and delivery service. These services may change from time to time as new ones are being added.



ALSIP

Chamber of Commerce

The Alsip Chamber of Commerce is a business organization with over 40 years of service in creating and protecting a healthy business environment in Alsip. With over 300 members, the Chamber speaks with a strong and credible voice for business, industry and professionals.

Chamber Office & Staff...are located at 12159 S. Pulaski. The staff handles phone calls and written inquiries regarding business in Alsip. Inquiries regarding products and services available, the reputation of a company, or directions to your place of business are handled on a daily basis. We are often asked if a company is a Chamber member when people call to inquire about the reputation of a business. Even though you may not sell to the public or your customers may not be in Alsip, we are often asked to provide information about your company.

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"Just A Branch Office"

Having opened a branch in Alsip is proof that your company considers this a good place to do business. This is your home, and you, as a branch, benefit from Chamber activities. You can make yourself part of the community by identifying with the leading community organization through your membership.

"No Time For It"

You don't have time to answer hundreds of requests for information about yours and other businesses, but...do you know it is being done? Your dues combined with those of others, gives us the resources to do many business related jobs that you may not have time to do. If you are unable to support us with both time and money, it is especially important for you to financially cooperate with your fellow businessmen who make up various committees and who are taking time out from their business to help you.

"Too Many Organizations"

The CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is a unique organization. It is a partner to every business and every citizen. You belong in it as long as you are in business in Alsip. You are benefiting from its activities. What investment is more important to you as a business, professional or citizen than such a comparatively small one in Alsip's progress and prosperity?

Who - Me? ...Belong to the Chamber?

"It's A Clique"

The Alsip Chamber of Commerce seeks involvement from ALL members. We welcome your input and participation whenever your schedule permits. Often, businesses are satisfied to lend their financial support and not get involved. The Chamber has several events and committees that work during the year, and we are always looking for volunteers. As you look thru this brochure, perhaps you will see something that you'd like to be a part of. Please feel free to contact the Chamber Office with your comments and to let us know when you have time to help with an event or activity,

"We Do Our Business Outside This Area"

Yes, but don't you need local facilities? You wouldn't call an out-of-town police or fire department, or make use of out-of-town utilities. Aren't your family, friends, employees, and interests here? You are a part of the community, and the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE needs your support in its efforts to make it a still better community.

With a business community of over 850 companies there may be diverse companies who could use your product or services if they knew you were here.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the ALSIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership investment based on number of employees. Please select appropriate category.

- 1-5 Employees - \$165.00
- 6-15 Employees - \$225.00
- 16-25 Employees - \$260.00
- 26-50 Employees - \$295.00
- 51-75 Employees - \$320.00
- 76-100 Employees - \$360.00
- Over 100 Employees - \$385.00

COMPANY NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

SIGNED _____

PHONE _____

WEB ADDRESS _____

FAX _____

AMOUNT OF DUES ENCLOSED _____

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