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Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce

Special Interest Articles:

- MCCC newsletter launches its first volume
- MCCC meeting introduced CODELA private preschool.
- Turkey Giveaway Event

Launch of the official newsletter

The Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce has begun publication of its official newsletter. With the intent of providing readers pertinent information about the local businesses of Maywood, there will be articles that will explore the cuisine, culture, and events that the community and member businesses offer. There will be an editorial section open for commentary from the

community itself to provide a space for you, dear reader, to share your views. Additionally, there will be a community service section that will provide information about people who provide or need self-less service in our community. And finally, there will be information that will help existing business, and also those who want to start one, to thrive in the business world.

This newsletter is the first step towards creating a greater environment of collaboration between businesses and the community. We are excited to open this chapter in our endeavors to make our city a more prosperous, eventful, and engaged place to live in.

Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce, or MCCC, met in November 12th, 2014, in the Sabrosa Grill located in 3540 E Slauson Ave. Participant organizations included CODELA, a private preschool, CONTACTOS, a magazine that caters to the Latino community, and Lucia Aguilar, a local singer, as well as others. Together the participants discussed how they could help the community through food programs such as a free turkey drive

for Thanksgiving, and how to make the organization better. Querubina W., from OGJS, Inc., suggested that there be polling of members to ask what the organization lacks, and what it does well, in order to increase and retain membership, and better serve its members. Ana Popper and Araceli Zavala from CODELA private school explained the benefits of their school program, the lessons children learn about nutrition, and the way in which their

program operates. Felipe Aguirre, the president of the MCCC spoke about the importance of keeping the youth away from drugs and in schools, emphasizing the need for our community to continue to produce educated members of society. The participants expressed a willingness to continue to collaborate in their efforts to increase the wealth and opportunity of Maywood's businesses and their residents. The event was moderated by Alejandra Ayala, Secretary of the MCCC.



Turkey Giveaway in Maywood

Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce, Reynosos' Hit-N-Walk, Comité Pro Uno, United Steel Workers Local 675, and CODELA organized a turkey giveaway for low-income families in Maywood. With the aim of making Thanksgiving memorable and ensuring that our city's residents have all the food need for that special day, vegetables, water, juice,

yogurt, and other foodstuffs were also included in addition to the traditional turkey. A spirit of community could be felt in the environment, as people of all ages, from the elderly to small children, participated in this local event. A special thanks to Alex Reynoso for coordinating the activities and helping to organize, and to Thomas Martín for bringing in L.A



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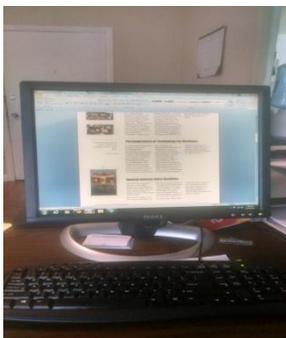
METRO to help inform people about the ins-and-outs of public transportation. The following is a list of our wonderful volunteer helpers. We would like to truly thank:

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"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right"

Henry Ford

The Importance of Technology for Business



It is important for business people to invest in increasing their knowledge of technology. Doing so will make their business more efficient and increase success in time management. Bookkeeping software, Social Networks, and online tutorials are just some of the ways that business owners can use technology to increase productivity and efficiency.

The advice of the Maywood CA Chamber of Commerce is for our community to invest in their education on matters of technology. Take a class in your local community college to learn the basics of Information Technology, read a book from the local library that informs you of what technology has to offer, see an online tutorial to see how Spreadsheet

software can help you organize data. We live in the age of information; let's ride the wave towards a brighter future.

Obama's Immigration Announcement includes Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA)

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced the Differed Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) **DEDERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY (DAPA):**

Deffered Action is a temporary protection from deportation. With this a person is authorized to remain in the United States temporarily and to receive employment authorization. If the deffered action is approved it does not provide a path to lawful permanent resident status or U.S. citizenship. DAPA is similar to DACA and grants deferred action. The following is a bullet point list of the requirements a person must meet to qualify for the Presidents executive order:

- As of November 20, 2014, Parents who have a son or daughter of any age, who is a U.S. Citizen or a lawful permanent resident
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since January 1,2010
- Are physically present in the U.S on November 20,2014, and at the time of making a DAPA request
- Have no lawful status on November 20,2014

- Non-enforcement priority such as: terrorism, gang associations, visa abusers, unlawful border crossers, and people convicted of felonies, aggravated felonies, significant misdemeanors
- Present no other reasons that would cause USCIS to deny your request of discretion.

Applicants must pay a \$465 filing fee and submit to biometrics.

Those who receive DAPA will receive employment authorization for a three-year period.

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The president is asking congress to pass a law that will permanently legalize immigrants. Even though the executive order is a step forward in providing relief to our community, there still needs to be a law for the reform to be complete.

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What will our next issue bring?

We will interview our first local business member. Their story will be shared in our newsletters to inspire the community and other business leaders.

Sources:

Article on Deferred Action:

ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEFE RESOURCE CENTER: Obama's Immigration announcement Includes Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) & Expansion of DACA