

MEMBERSHIP KIT

Welcome to your chamber!

Through your investment in the South Side Chamber of Commerce you have joined forces with over 200 like-minded businesses committed to strengthening our neighborhood economy.

We connect businesses to the people and resources that get things done and create a place for business to grow. We speak the language of business, can engage the right people, and we are not afraid to ask the tough questions and fight for your business.

We shape an inclusive and eclectic community that faces the unique challenges of the South Side. We are standing behind your business as your ally, your advocate, your change agent in this challenging year.

I encourage you to attend one of our Member Connections meetings to learn how you might take full advantage of your Chamber membership.

We sincerely appreciate your investment in the South Side Chamber of Commerce.

Best Regards,

President
South Side Chamber of Commerce



In this kit you will find:

Membership Checklist 8 Steps to Membership Success

Chamber Mission

Get Involved



MEMBER CHECKLIST

Here is a list of actions to help you make the most of your membership.

| Review all the materials provided in your Member packet. |
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| Sign up to receive our monthly Chamber electronic communications and participate in our social media programs. |
| Submit press releases and "good news" stories to the Chamber at info@southsidechamber.org. |
| List your special events, business seminars and other activities open to the community on the Calendar at www.southsidechamber.org. |
| Attend New Member Connections to find out more about the South Side Chamber meet the Chamber team and fellow new members. |
| Use the Chamber's online membership directory to find vendors, market your business and connect with fellow Chamber members. |
| Add upcoming Chamber events and activities to your calendar to get actively engaged. |
| Participate in the Chamber's Member-to-Member Discount Program. Cut your overhead while fostering new business relationships and bring in more customers with special discount packages. |
| Sponsor one of the Chamber's signature events or programs to prominently display your company to our South Side community. |
| Come learn something new that you can implement in your organization through Chamber educational and development programs. |
| Get involved with Chamber volunteer committees. Or get one of your coworkers involved if you don't have the time. |
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If you're still not sure where to begin or would like to learn how to get the most out of your Chamber membership, contact our member team at info@southsidechamber.org or 412.431.3360.

MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS

Learn about all the Chamber has to offer and identify what you hope to gain out of your Chamber membership. We're here to make it happen.

- South Side Soup Contest Be a sponsor or volunteer at this annual Chamber signature event in February hosted with The Brashear Association. Over 1300 people attend this popular event.
- **Summer Golf Classic** Be a sponsor or volunteer to help at this annual signature event in late July. Join other members and guests for a round of golf to raise funds for the Welcome Center.
- **OpenStreetsPGH** Be a participant or volunteer at this successful event for the South Side. Join the Chamber as we lead the way with over 35,000 visitors for OpenStreetsPGH on Carson Street.
- Mittens & Mingles Be a sponsor or volunteer to help at this annual holiday event in early December. Drink cocktails and mingle with members and quests to raise funds for the Welcome Center and The Brashear Association.
- **Chamber Talk.** Be a participant and share the news of your success as we highlight the best things about the South Side and let the world know in our innovative e-newsletter.
- Networking Events Be a sponsor or volunteer to help at our member Happy Hours and quarterly Member Connections. Join other chamber members & guests for powerful networking.
- **Development & Educational Programs** Be a speaker or volunteer to help at our Brown Bag Workshop series or Connect @ Lunch. Join us to learn and grow your business.
- Marketing Programs Be a sponsor or participate in our ongoing member marketing programs in social media, web, print, and video to maximize your exposure.



CHAMBER MISSION

The mission of the South Side Chamber of Commerce is to provide effective community leadership in the promotion of economic development for our diverse South Side economy. The chamber advocates for our members in both community and government policy working effectively with our elected representatives and civic leaders.

These issues are leading this year's Chamber agenda:

- Availability of affordable and convenient parking for businesses and their customers.
- Safe and clean streets for businesses and their customers.
- Promotion of a strong South Side brand that enhances business opportunities.
- Attraction and retention of South Side businesses.
- Support of the South Side Welcome Center through programs and fundraising.

GET INVOLVED

Membership & Volunteers

New membership development and member retention. Build volunteer force for chamber operations.

Marketing & Outreach

Develop and coordinate programs and content promoting chamber member businesses and South Side brand.

Advocacy & Policy

Advocate Chamber positions on city and state legislative issues of importance to the South Side business.comunity

Events

Promote, develop and manage chamber events that support member businesses & chamber funding.

Operations

Manage and maintain the operations of the chamber and Welcome Center to include facility, services, and staffing.

Finance & Techology

Oversee the financial operations of chamber. Develop and maintain financial reports and budget for President and Board.



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