



April 19, 2024

Alsip
Beecher
Blue Island
Burnham
Calumet City
Calumet Park
Chicago Heights
Country Club Hills
Crestwood
Crete
Dixmoor
Dolton
East Hazel Crest
Flossmoor
Ford Heights
Glenwood
Harvey
Hazel Crest
Homewood
Lansing
Lynwood
Markham
Matteson
Midlothian
Mokena
Monee
Oak Forest
Olympia Fields
Orland Hills
Orland Park
Park Forest
Peotone
Phoenix
Posen
Richton Park
Riverdale
Robbins
Sauk Village
South Chicago Heights
South Holland
Steger
Thornton
Tinley Park
University Park
Worth

Dear Members:

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is hosting our 3rd Annual Gala this year: *“Celebrate the Southland”*! This is our main fundraising event and invitations are being sent to member communities, elected officials, associate members, and leaders from the business, civic, philanthropic, and public sectors that are committed to our region’s success. Our *“Celebrate the Southland”* Gala will be Friday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor.

We want to make this an extra special event that reflects and celebrates the best of the Southland and we need your help! We are asking all of our members to donate a raffle basket that represents your community or organization. We’ve appreciated your contributions and support for our events in the past and hope you will help us again this year by donating a unique basket that celebrates and shines a light on all that is special in your community. The 25 baskets donated at our inaugural gala will be hard to beat!

The baskets can be any theme of your choosing. Examples may include sports, barbeque, liquor, date night out, procured local items, etc. Within the baskets, consider including gift certificates to your local favorite restaurants or craft breweries, local shops and retailers, salons, community center passes, farmers market vouchers, or other local items. We are counting on your creative ideas to showcase your community or organization and your generosity to make this year successful!

Fully wrapped raffle baskets are to be dropped off at SSMMA by Friday, June 7, 2024. Please include the name of your organization and a list of items with value amount for display. (If your basket is valued at more than \$75, please divide it into 2 baskets.)

Remember, your raffle basket is an opportunity to promote yourself or your community and provide local businesses exposure and recognition—we want to showcase all that is special in the Southland. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Doud at (708) 922-4678.

Thank you!!

Sincerely,

Kristi DeLaurentiis
Executive Director