

MOUNT PROSPECT ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE

BE BUSINESS READY!
MULTI-SESSION WORKSHOP

MAY 7, 2019

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:45 AM | **Doors open, Sign-in and Networking**

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM | **MPEI Partners Discussion**

Joe Collier is the Business Reference Librarian at the Mount Prospect Public Library. He will discuss some of the small business services available through the library, including Reference By Appointment, business-essential databases, and additional resources.

Dawn Fletcher Collins, Executive Director of the Mount Prospect Chamber, will speak on some of the benefits of being involved in your local community, either through the Chamber or other local organizations.

Nellie Beckner, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Mount Prospect, will talk about the ways the Village can assist small business, including license and permit guidance as well as promotion and marketing.

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM | **Stephen Konkle, Small Business Administration IL District**

Stephen Konkle is an Economic Development Specialist with the Small Business Administration's Illinois District office. He will discuss small business programs available through the SBA, including financing programs they support.

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | **Gloria Jimenez, State of IL Workers' Compensation Commission**

Workers' Compensation Insurance is mandatory in Illinois even if you have ONE part time employee. Gloria Jimenez, Outreach Coordinator for the Illinois Workers' Compensation Insurance Commission is an advocate for business compliance and her initiative is to educate employers and inform them of their obligation to provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees. She will provide a 10-15 minute overview with a handout and be available for specific questions.

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | **Aaron Buehler, CRPC, Edward Jones**

Aaron Buehler is a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor and is a registered representative of Edward Jones. He will be discussing "The Entrepreneurial Equation": finding the best mix of operational, business, and personal financial excellence.

11:45AM - 12:30 PM | **Agostino S. Filippone, Chokshi Filippone Law, LLC.**

Agostino S. Filippone, attorney at Chokshi Filippone Law, LLC, will present on best practices for your business. Whether you are operating a business or ready to launch, there are major checklist items that any business owner should be aware of to avoid pitfalls and position themselves for success.

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM | **Q & A**



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