



2019 Business of the Year Nomination

Nominated Business: Foundation Grounds

Owner(s): Neil Suthar

Nomination

Foundation Grounds owner Neil Suthar has been active in the Maplewood community since the first day he bought the coffee shop. Neil's drive and excellent understanding of business are reflected in his many leadership roles he's been offered and accepted.

Supporting Examples

- Neil served on the Board of Directors of Artists First STL - a Maplewood non-profit inclusive art studio empowering artists of all abilities. He has proudly displayed Artists First works of art in his cafe resulting in community awareness.
- Neil also served on the Maplewood's Special Business District Commission and on the Mid County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. During his service:
 - Many new and existing businesses relied on Neil for his insight, knowledge and expertise which he is always willing to share.
 - As a member of the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, he led initiatives to build a platform on the Chamber Website to allow members to seek help from the Chamber. Additionally, he conceptualized a database that will allow the Chamber and Cities to better recruit and serve potential and existing businesses.