

## AMARI & LOCALLO *excels in community,* PROFESSION

Leonard F. Amari and John G. Locallo — partners in the Law Offices of Amari & Locallo — have been selected by their peers as Leading Lawyers in the category of Real Estate Law and Real Estate Taxes. Fellow partner Joseph F. Locallo III and associates Vesna Marusic and Vincent Oppedisano have been selected as Emerging Lawyers. The distinctions are earned by fewer than 2 percent of the nearly 89,000-plus licensed attorneys in the state of Illinois.



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In addition, partner Katherine Amari-O'Dell has been selected to serve as one of two vice presidents of the Harwood Heights/Norridge Chamber of Commerce. A 2000 graduate of The John Marshall Law School, Amari-O'Dell served for three years as an assistant Cook County state's attorney in the office's Real Estate Tax Division before joining the firm.

With offices in Chicago and Bloomington, Amari & Locallo concentrates in reducing real estate taxes in Cook and the collar counties for all types of properties, emphasizing commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential. The firm also handles matters tangential to the real estate tax assessment process, including incentives, exemptions and zoning.



Joseph Locallo III, Vincent Oppedisano and Vesna Marusic (standing from left) and John Locallo and Leonard Amari (seated from left).



## ONESTI RETURNS *to Festa Italiana* ON TAYLOR STREET

The Onesti Entertainment Corporation was awarded the contract to produce the Taylor Street Festa Italiana in 2018. The event will take place this year from Aug. 16 to 19.

The news comes from the awarding body, The Little Italy Chicago Neighborhood Association.

"We couldn't be more excited," says LICNA president Joseph Esposito. "Ron Onesti knows this neighborhood as well as anyone, and we truly believe his heart is in the right place. His goals align with ours and his reputation is stellar."

Onesti currently produces Festa Pasta Vino on Oakley Avenue and Little Italy Fest-West in Addison. He previously produced the Taylor Street festival for six years, and returns after a four-year hiatus.

"Ron is the guy to bring this event to where it should be, no question," says National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Founder and President George Randazzo.

"I was born on this street and I'm excited to not only bring this celebration to the next level, but also to be an active part in solidifying Taylor Street as Chicago's Little Italy," Onesti says. "This will be an epic event!"

## CIMINNESI *to honor* TONY NAPOLI

Società SS. Crocifisso & San Giovanni Bosco di Ciminna (Chicago) will honor Antonino Napoli as Man of the Year at its dinner dance on March 3 at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison.

A longtime luminary of the Chicago-area Italian-American community, Napoli has been a driving force among local Ciminnesi for decades.

"Tony has been a pillar of our community for nearly 60 years," says society President Frank Faraci. "We're so proud to be able to shine the spotlight on him."

Napoli launched the "The Tony Napoli Radio Show" in 1958, and continues to host it today. He is also a key figure in the Sicilian Band of Chicago, joining the ensemble as a drummer in 1962 and serving as its president since 1984.

In 1959, he and other young Ciminnesi formed the San Giovanni Bosco Club to unite their paesani, provide assistance to members, and promote social events for the entire family throughout the year. Napoli served as president of the club from 1980 to 2000 and again from 2000 until this January, when his club joined forces with another Ciminnesi group to form Società SS. Crocifisso & San Giovanni Bosco di Ciminna (Chicago).

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