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SPOTLIGHT ON A SEMINOLE BUSINESS

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About Mazzio's

It was 1961. Alan Shepard was the USA's first man in space. Dion's "Runaround Sue" topped the music charts. Volkswagen's funny little car invaded America in droves. And a young school teacher opened a small, one-man pizza restaurant in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was to be the birthplace of the growing, dynamic Mazzio's LLC of today.

That original restaurant—named The Pizza



Parlor—delighted many Tulsans with the very first pizza they ever ate. The school teacher was Ken Selby, who ran his new business virtually alone and after a full day of teaching.

Four years and a growing, loyal customer base later, 1965 was to be a banner year of fateful decisions for Selby. He made pizza his full-time job. He opened a second location, which exceeded the success of his first. Plus, the name changed to Ken's Pizza—solidly branding Selby's popular special recipe sauce and thin crust.

It all worked splendidly. By 1975, the links of his two starting stores steadily grew to a strong chain of more than 100 company and franchise locations, inside and outside of Oklahoma.

Then, in the late '70s, Selby conceived a unique approach to build more business for his already successful pizza enterprise. His idea called for more square footage of casual dining space, an expanded menu, thicker pizza served with more meats and cheeses, and sub sandwiches along with a huge salad bar filled with even more choices.

That new concept was Mazzio's Pizza. With a premiere in 1979, it was an instant hit that is still making sales and growth history. In 10 years, the Mazzio's chain grew to more than 150 locations in a dozen states, setting new industry benchmarks for sales along the way. Presently, the concept features 140 units in 10 states.

Innovation continues with the addition of made-to-order pastas and the launch of the Calzone Ring®, Family Bakes, Cinnaboli, Pepperolies® and more. The concept is in the middle of an exciting remodel program that gives the restaurants a stylish, contemporary look and feel. The expanded menu and new look resulted in a more descriptive name, Mazzio's Pizza.

So what's the next, great concept for new sales and growth? That's a trade secret. And at Mazzio's LLC, we believe our continued success lies in what history teaches us: To glimpse the future, you only have to look at the past.

The Concept

Mazzio's Pizza offers a clearly superior product line, plus exterior and interior design package that is second to none. Mazzio's offers its customers the convenience of Dine-in, Carryout (including drive-thru windows) and Delivery. Mazzio's is able to provide today's demanding consumer with quality, variety and high perceived value in an inviting atmosphere. Mazzio's wins customers with its "Deliver Supreme Experiences" service attitude. With Mazzio's new brand promise, "Get Ready For Great," you can be sure of a great experience every time you have Mazzio's delicious menu items. Consumers look for fast service, convenience, variety, value and quality—all of which are part of the Mazzio's Pizza package.



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If you would like to purchase a table of 8 or tickets for the event, please call 405-382-3640 so we can get you on the list. We will be awarding Citizen of the Year, David Boren and Neil Molleur awards, and introducing our 2026 Board of Directors.

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We would love for you to invite your fellow business owners to be a part of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce for 2026. Invite them to attend Forum on the 2nd Thursdays of each month at 12 Noon. Lunch is only \$15 each.

Thank you. Have a spectacular year!



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For 2026 New Year's Eve, popular themes include classic glamour like Masquerade Balls or Great Gatsby, futuristic fun with Glow-in-the-Dark Neon Raves or Sci-Fi, cultural trips like Around the World, and introspective options like Vision Boarding, all embracing sparkle, metallic decor, and memorable countdowns. Classic decades like the Roaring 20s, Disco 70s, or Retro 80s remain timeless choices for festive celebrations.

Glamorous & Classic

Midnight Masquerade: Mysterious, elegant, with masks, rich fabrics, and a black/gold/green palette.

The Great Gatsby: Flappers, jazz, art deco, and champagne for a roaring twenties vibe.

Shiny & New: Focus on metallics, glitter, sequins, and disco balls for a dazzling look.

Futuristic & Fun

Glow in the Dark/Neon Rave:

Blacklights, neon clothes, glow sticks, and bright colors for an electric party.

Creative & Unique

Vision Boarding: A goal-oriented party where guests create vision boards for the new year.

Around the World: Celebrate different global New Year traditions or decor from various countries.

Into the Wild/Jungle: Tropical vibes, animal prints, and lush greenery for a natural escape.

Decades & Nostalgia

Decades Party: Guests dress in the style of the 50s, 80s, 90s, or any favorite era.

Cozy & Casual

Pajama Party: A relaxed, cozy night with movies, snacks, and spa elements.

Game Night Jamboree: Board games, video games, pizza, and fun for all ages.


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Chamber Banquet Tues. Feb. 24, 2026

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FORUM - 2nd Thursday of each month 12 Noon

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We are looking for non profits in Seminole that you think are making a difference in our community. The David L. Boren Award application is included in this newsletter. Please take a moment to think about a group that is improving our area. Complete it and return it to the Chamber by January 20.

Our Chamber Banquet will be Tuesday February 24 in the SSC Haney Center. If you would like to have a table or seats at the event, please reach out to us so we can secure your space. 405-382-3640 or amybrittchambered@yahoo.com

We have also included the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Made In Oklahoma Festival application for 2026. If you, or your business, would like to be a part or know of someone who would be a good fit, please feel free to complete and return or share it with others.

If you would like to volunteer at any of our 2026 events, please let us know so we can make sure to include you in all of the informative emails and mailings.

Thank you for being a part of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce in 2026!



Happy New Year Messages: What to write in a New Year's card By Jake Gahr

A new year brings us new hopes, dreams, plans and the always-aspirational New Year's resolutions. But it also brings us a chance to pause and reach out to the people in our lives! New Year messages are becoming more popular these days, both because November and December can be so hectic with holiday hustle and bustle and because the people we care about are diverse in their personal end-of-year traditions and celebrations. So if you're planning to save the new year for your annual correspondences—or if it wasn't your plan and you just missed the holiday sending season (hey, it happens!)—below are some examples of New Year messages you might add to your cards and letters and such.

New Year Messages for Family

Maybe you just spent the holidays with them. Maybe you haven't seen them since that one Thanksgiving way back when. Or maybe it's something kinda in between. Whatever kind of relationship you may have, family is family forever, so here are some New Year messages that might work for your relatives near and far.

Wishing you lots of time with the ones you love most and hold closest in the new year.

Hope this new year brings lots of new adventures, sweet memories and family fun together.

Another year means more get-togethers, more favorite traditions, more shared memories for our family.

Wishing a very happy and healthy new year to someone I'm so grateful to call family.

Thinking of all the good times we've shared as family in the year behind us and looking forward to sharing even more in the new year!

A brand-new year means 365 new reasons to be grateful for family like you.

There's nothing like family, and as we start a new year, I'm glad you're in mine.

New year, same old family. That's two reasons for me to smile.

Hope you have a happy new year, and I'll see you at the cookouts.

One year's ending, but thankfully family is forever. See you in the new year!

Short and Simple New Year Messages

Look, we all know it's been a long year, and who knows how much effort the new one will require? Maybe you're tired or maybe you just don't want to wear out your writing hand before we've even hit January. Either way, we think some of these short and simple new year messages might help you go a little easier on yourself.

Cheers to a great new year!

Gotta love a shiny new year.

Wishing you every good thing in the new year!

Break out the noisemakers and have a festive new year!

Here's to a new year full of fresh hope and possibility.

New year, same wonderful you.

A new year means new beginnings, new joy and new hope.

Happy New Year with lots of love!

Here's to fresh starts and glad hearts!



New Year Messages for Friends

Whether it's a bestie you see all the time, an old schoolmate or co-worker you've kept in contact with or someone you haven't spoken to in a while and want to catch up with, friends are always worth reaching out to with a New Year message. Here are a few friendly ways to wish pals past and present a happy new year.

Hope this new year brings lots of quality time spent with good people like you.

Raising a glass to our friendship as we ring in the new year. Cheers!

Thinking of you and looking forward to all the great times we'll share this year!

I have a feeling this is going to be a great year for our friendship.

It's a new year to be grateful that you're in my life.

Here's hoping our paths cross more often in the new year.

Hope to see lots of your wonderful life on our socials this year!

New year, same amazing you. Happy New Year to someone who's perfect as-is.

Here's to another year of being friends...and being fabulous.

So happy our friendship is another year older.



Professional New Year Messages

They're your co-workers, customers, business partners, side-hustle helpers and others who are part of your working world—and they're about to start a whole new year of alarm clocks and coffee pick-me-ups just like you. Consider some of these New Year messages to start them (and your work relationship) off on the right foot.

Here's to success in the new year.

Wishing you prosperity and many good things this year.

Looking forward to another year of getting to work alongside you.

Cheers to another year of keeping our cameras off in meetings as much as possible.

New year, more work. Glad we're in it together.

Wishing you joy, success, and many goals reached.

2025 is going to be a great year for [business name] thanks to you!

New calendar year, same fiscal year. May both be great!

More happy to you - year over year!

Thanks for all you've done to help our success and here's to more of it in the new year!

Here's to a new year of helping each other smile at work.

If I have to work this year, at least it's with someone like you.



Sending heartfelt cards reminds others that you took the time to write a quick note while thinking of them. Personal time is difficult, but a personal note is not. Have a Happy New Year!

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