



Arts and Drafts, Orland Park's original beer festival welcomed hundreds of people on Saturday, September 28 at the **Orland Park Crossing Mall**. Attendees shopped for art in all forms, tapped into a new favorite brew, sampled tasty treats and listened and danced to music provided by Will Buccatello and Mike & Joe. Many thanks to all of the sponsors, committee members and volunteers who made this year's event possible. More photos on page 14 and 15



Hundreds of area residents attended the Chamber's 30th annual Community Expo - held on October 19 at **Carl Sandburg High School** - for a day of information, education, and live entertainment. Participating vendors displayed the best the Orland Park area has to offer—from health care and financial well-being options to home improvement and recreation. The adjoining Culinary Corner offered signature samples from some of the Chamber's member restaurants, while students from area schools and the Village Recreation Program performed for an adoring audience. More photos on page 16 and 17



# TAKE NOTE



## President's Message

Bring on the holiday season! I can't believe that this is my last President's report this calendar year. 2019 has been another great year for the Chamber. Our busy fall schedule of events, and each of their individual success, showcased some of the best of what OPACC has to offer. None of this could have been accomplished without the dedication and work ethic of Felicitas, Bonnie and Michele. Thank you!

Our fall season started on a high note with the September membership meeting. We changed things up, partnered with the Small Business Advocacy Counsel (SBAC), and together hosted a forum on the Pros and Cons of the State's proposed graduated income tax. I want to personally thank everyone who participated, specifically the SBAC's team and Mayor Pekau. We have heard many compliments on the event, received "press" from multiple media outlets, and are planning another forum with SBAC this spring as a result of this collaborative effort. I urge you to look into the SBAC as they are a great compliment to the Chamber. They are looking out for Illinois businesses and have great resources.

Arts and Drafts was a hit! It was also one day which made it much more manageable. The A&D committee outdid themselves, and Board Members Kurt Lindemann (Morgan Stanley) and Kyle Treglown (Keller Williams Preferred Realty) deserve our credit for attracting great artists, excellent restaurants, and some of the best breweries in the Chicagoland area. The date is already set for next year. Arts and Drafts has a big future, and I would bet, will continue to grow.

I had the pleasure of attending the Community Expo on Saturday 10/19. It was packed as usual. The Expo committee is amazing and has this business to community event dialed in. All the exhibitors expressed that they were pleased. This year's culinary corner was as tasty as ever and the student entertainment really tied in the "community" piece to this year's Expo.

As my role as OPACC President fades away, I promise, I will not. I am overwhelming proud of this group. The Chamber serves and provides a very important leadership role in the community. You all make that possible. Thank you for all that you do.

During this upcoming holiday season, I remind you to SHOP LOCAL. There are numerous places in the Orland Park area to complete your holiday shopping list. I know our local businesses will thank you!

May you and yours enjoy a wonderful holiday season - one that is merry and bright!

Mike Hardek  
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## Village President's Message

### Development of Orland Park's Commercial Community

It's an exciting time to be in Orland Park. High-end retail businesses are choosing to call Orland Park home and that speaks volumes about our commercial strength as a community. Powerhouse retailer Von Maur opened to the public on November 2, 2019. Please join me in welcoming them to Orland Park.

Please make a habit of shopping local and supporting your neighboring businesses. While it may be tempting to turn to online retailers, the advantages of keeping your dollars here in Orland Park far outweigh the small convenience or savings. Let's do our part in helping Orland Park's local economy continue to thrive.

### IDOT 159th Street Road Project

Residents, business owners and visitors alike will be glad to hear that IDOT's 159th Street project is nearly complete and all lanes will be open for travel this year. While the project had its delays and pitfalls due to weather, design changes and soil conditions, we were able to work closely with IDOT to make sure 159th Street is safer, more efficient and able to keep up with the traffic demands of our growing community.

### 2020 Budget Process

The 2020 Village of Orland Park budget process is well underway. Individual department budget meetings have taken place where the details and requests for the 2020 budget were considered. The village's budget policy is to estimate revenues conservatively and maintain a spending level less than or equal to current year resources. Every year, we welcome your input during the entire budget process. All budget meetings are open to the public and are available on the village's YouTube channel online.

### Roads & Parks

The village's Road Rehabilitation Project was expanded this year to include 9.5 additional subdivisions. The Village Board plans to continue expanded investments in our local roads for the next 4 to 5 years to improve our infrastructure and make it easier for residents and visitors to get to your businesses.

### New Business Welcome October 22

The Village of Orland Park hosted our first New Business Welcome event on October 22 at the Orland Park Civic Center in conjunction with the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. New businesses were invited to join us for an informational session to become informed about community resources and learn more about our community. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the event.

### Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting

I hope you will join us for the annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 1, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m. This year's festival will include a tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m., a holiday market with crafts and holiday items, sleigh rides and live entertainment as well as refreshments for purchase. I've also heard that Santa will be making a visit, so be sure to bring your camera. Sponsorships are still available at the \$500 (Rudolph level, includes promotion) and \$1000 (Santa level, includes promotion and on-site opportunity). Call Doreen Biela at 708/403-6266 for more information on becoming a sponsor.

Visit [orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org) to keep informed and find out more about village happenings.

Keith Pekau  
Village President  
Village of Orland Park

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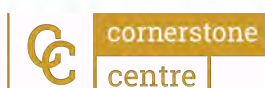
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# SAVE THESE DATES

December 12, 2019 - VEST Holiday Party Ever

January 16, 2020 - Member Awards & Board Installation

April 23, 2020 - OWN Luncheon

June 2020 - Golf Outing

September 26, 2020 - Arts & Drafts

October 2020 - Community Expo



# New Member Introductions



change  
begins  
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## Avolve Fitness

Personal connections are important to Ken Moy. Naturally introverted, he's discovered that his passion for others' success drives him to find meaningful ways to help. "Any goal people have is attainable- everything is in reach." Ken dives right into action to bring out the best in people.

One of the ways in which he does so is through fitness, which has always been a part of Ken's daily life- he calls working out "an escape and the best outlet." He brings that philosophy with gusto to his latest venture, Avolve Fitness, a friendly and modern gym that meets people where they are and a place where change is possible.

In addition to helping others feel better, be better, and live better, Ken was driven to start his own business for his family. He sees it as a way to build their security, and eventually (many, many years from now!), pass on to the next generations. His wife and father are his greatest inspirations, instilling a deep sense of giving back, and always redefining the word "better." Ken's activity in the community is paramount to himself and his family. Ken teaches students fitness at The Bridge Teen Center.

Ken and his wife, June, stay very active with their almost 4-year old son, Caleb.

Head to 9234 W. 159th Street in Orland Park to meet Ken and the team at Avolve Fitness Orland Park!!!

## Keller Williams Preferred Realty Bodie - Treglown Team

Kyle Treglown and Amelia Bodie are local Realtors with Keller Williams Preferred Realty. Their focus is primarily in residential real estate sales covering a large thumbprint from Kankakee County to the North Side of the City. Kyle and Amelia are very down-to-earth real estate brokers known for their extensive market knowledge and unmatched devotion to their clients. Their success is based heavily on positive referrals. They earn the respect of their clients by working tirelessly on their behalf and by always offering them candid and truthful advice. As Realtors, their first priority is their clients' happiness. Kyle and Amelia strive to ensure that the home buying or selling process is fun, easy and stress-free.

Kyle has been involved with the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the last three years. During his time with the Chamber, he has helped the Young Professionals networking group continue to grow and increase their reach within the community. Kyle has also spent time on the committee for the Arts & Drafts Festival since its' debut in 2017 and he was just installed to the Chamber's Board of Directors. He looks forward to increasing his role in the Chamber and giving back to the community he serves.



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# New Member Introductions

## ORLAND PARK FIT BODY BOOT CAMP

### Orland Park Fit Body Boot Camp

Chicago resident, Russell Scalise, considered moving out to Orland Park prior to starting a family back in 2003, but the thought of moving away from his parents was too difficult. With Orland Park Fit Body Boot Camp opening its' doors, Russell returns, not as a resident, but, as a business owner. "I" was always fond of this community, and now that I have had a chance to meet the residents at local events as I prepared to open my facility, I know I made the right choice in picking a location.

Fit Body Boot Camp is a national franchise with over 800 locations. Fit Body specializes in high intensity, interval training (HIIT). The exercise sessions focus on muscle toning and fat burning, with high energy, fast paced, fun exercises for every level of fitness.

After spending the early part of his career as a trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Russell transitioned to the fitness space as the market volume moved to digital platforms. Russell has been committed to fitness since his younger days as a high school athlete, so it was an easy transition. He looks forward to introducing Fit Body Boot Camp to the Orland Community and helping them achieve their fitness goals.

### Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union

The Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union (PSFCU) was established in 1976. PSFCU's goal was to help Polish immigrants who, upon arrival in New York City, did not have established credit histories and were turned down by American banks, which were unwilling to extend credit for purchases or renovations of real estate in the run-down Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.

In 1987, our Credit Union opened a second branch located in Union, NJ, offering its services to the vast community of Polish immigrants residing in that state. Subsequent years witnessed a quick growth of the PSFCU and in January 2010, PSFCU opened its first two branches in the state of Illinois. Currently, PSFCU has five branches in the suburbs of Chicago: Norridge, Mt. Prospect, Bridgeview, Schaumburg, and Glendale Heights. New branch in Orland Park, IL will officially open on November 9, 2019.

In addition to our branches, our Credit Union also has a modern Operations Center located in Fairfield, NJ, allowing us to serve over 100 thousand members. With over \$2 billion in assets, PSFCU is currently the largest ethnic credit union in the United States and among the largest credit unions in the country.

PSFCU offers a wide range of financial products and services tailored precisely to the needs of our members. In addition to favorable and attractive deposit products and low-interest loans, PSFCU also offers members a full range of electronic services, such as Internet and Mobile Banking with Mobile Check Deposit, Online Bill Pay, as well as access to over 30,000 surcharge-free ATMs throughout the United States.

Aside from offering high-quality financial services to the communities we serve, an equally important part of our operations is to provide support to communities and member organizations - schools, parishes and associations. We are the main sponsor of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade and many other community events, festivals and celebrations.

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# New Member Introductions



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SAS Aesthetic Institute is the first location in the South Suburbs of Chicago for UltraSlim and is headed by Dr. Michael Romberg, a board certified General Surgeon and Wound Doctor practicing for over 22 years. "Upon seeing and experiencing the results of UltraSlim without the risks and complications I knew this was a treatment I could offer my patients without hesitation." This therapy is an alternative to liposuction without needles and incisions and no recovery time; not to mention the price.

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The UltraSmooth® cellulite treatment visibly reduces the appearance of cellulite. Each treatment lasts about 20 minutes per area, as the light reduces visible cellulite producing results that dieting and exercise cannot achieve. UltraSmooth® drains the fat from the cellulite leaving the skin smooth and vibrant. Potential zones include back of the thigh, front of the thigh, the buttocks, or the lower abdomen.



## The Flying Locksmiths, Chicago Southwest

The Flying Locksmiths is an all-inclusive commercial locksmith and security provider that is family-owned and operated, has been in business since 1946, and has almost 100 locations across the USA. Our services range from antique locks and keys to card access systems, full door replacements, panic devices, door closers, and fully integrated master key systems. We pride ourselves in our ability to provide incredibly fast service while maintaining a friendly-family like atmosphere. We consider our company to be a blend of old-school ideals, and new agetechnology, resulting in a mix that offers the latest and best technology with a friendly neighborly smile. If it's on your door, we will service it. Our service area covers the entire Chicago Southwest suburbs.



## Urban Air Adventure Park

If you're looking for the best year-round indoor amusements in the Mokena area, Urban Air Adventure Park is the perfect destination. It's a great place for stress-free parties or group getaways for boys, girls, kids and teens! More than just a trampoline park, Urban Air is a unique indoor adventure park with something for everyone. We've got laser tag, spin zone bumper cars, a sky rider coaster, wipeout, climbing walls, slam dunk zone, ropes course, battle beam, dodge ball, slide hill, warrior course, leap of faith, tumble track, tubes playground, classic trampolines, great café food and more, so bring your family and friends to bounce, climb, dunk and play the day away!

Urban Air Trampoline Park has been voted BEST Gym In American for Kids by Shape Magazine and the Nation's #1 destination for family fun, featuring a variety of attractions perfect for all ages. It is the perfect venue for birthday parties, youth groups, sports teams, class trips, church gatherings, summer camps, corporate events or just a day out for some family fun.

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# SAVE —THE— DATE

*2020 Member Awards & Board Installation*

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Orland Park Area  
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# TOWN HALL - GRADUATED INCOME TAX



The Orland Park Chamber and the Small Business Advocacy Council presented an informative town hall meeting on how the graduated income tax will affect taxpayers, businesses and the community on September 17 at the Orland Park Civic Center located at 14750 S. Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park. The non-partisan meeting was moderated by Elliot Richardson, President of the Small Business Advocacy Council. Questions regarding the proposed graduated tax and it's impact on property taxes and Illinois' economy were directed to Illinois Department of Revenue Director David Harris, Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Justin Slaughter and Orland Park Village President Keith Pekau.



# OPACC HAPPENINGS



Consumer Product Dynamics, located at 10608 W.163rd Place in Orland Park, hosted the Chamber's Monthly Membership Meeting on October 23. OPACC President Michael Hardek welcomed Chamber members and OPACC President-Elect Ray Klosowski introduced Brian Vogt of Consumer Product Dynamics and guest speaker, Heather Warthen of 22nd Century Media who presented "Determining Your Digital Strategy for Events". The following new members in attendance were presented their official membership plaques:  
Pictured below left: Tina Romberg, - SAS Aesthetic Institute and SAS Surgical, Ltd.  
Pictured below right: Nick Gulino - JP Architects, Ltd.

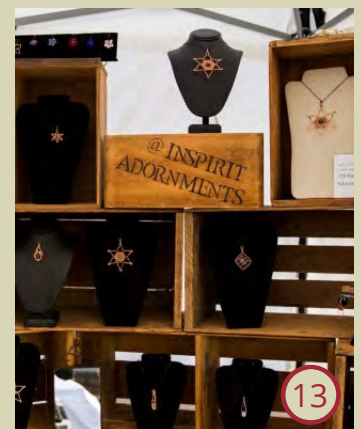




# Arts & Drafts



- 1 - Siam Marina
- 2 - Chiro One
- 3 - Lager Sponsor - Orangetheory Fitness
- 4 - Hailstorm Brewing Company
- 5 - Artist Vicky Hallberg
- 6 - BuckleDown Brewing
- 7 - P.A.W.S.
- 8 - Volunteers - Joe Ficaro, Joe Cortez, Rob Wehmeier, Glen Borkowski and Fran DuFrenne
- 9 - Lager Sponsor - Windy City Cannabis
- 10 - Juicy Lucy Sangria
- 11 - D & M Quality Creations
- 12 - Half Acre Beer Company
- 13 - Inspirit Adornments by Lisa Bailey





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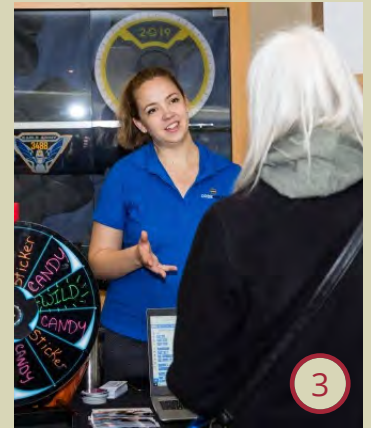


- 1 - Event Co-Chairs, Kurt Lindemann & Kyle Treglown
- 2 - OPACC Pres Mike Hardek, Pres-Elect Ray Klosowski, Events Coordinator Michele Pierson, Executive Director Felicitas Cortez & husband, Joe
- 3 - Virtue Cider
- 4 - Stephanie Sanders, Sanderamics
- 5 - Melinda Rodeck, Dusty Road Beads
- 6 - Burger 21
- 7 - Beer tasting with friends
- 8 - Evening Vibes
- 9 - Illuminated Brew Works
- 10 - Marilyn Cigars & Boxes
- 11 - Joy's Best Friends Best Bites
- 12 - Ben's Soft Pretzels
- 13 - Event Volunteers





# Community Expo



- 1 - Rob O'Connor, Floor Coverings International
- 2 - Orland Park Police Dept
- 3 - Code Ninjas
- 4 - Elise Harmening, Harmening Law LLC
- 5 - Tina Romberg, SAS Aesthetic Institute
- 6 - Stubby, Marcus Theatres' Mascot
- 7 - Peoples Bank
- 8 - Renew Family Health Center
- 9 - Pearle Vision
- 10 - Evergreen Senior Living
- 11 - Fabulously Sweet Creations, LLC





# Community Expo



- 1 - Orland Park Dance Company  
Dance Revolution
- 2 - Balloon Artist provided by  
Sparkles Entertainment
- 3 - Francesca's Vicinato
- 4 - Orland Township Government
- 5 - Midwest Animal Hospital
- 6 - Chuy's
- 7 - Gwendolyn J. Sterk and The Family  
Law Group
- 8 - KidsWork Children's Museum
- 9 - Elements by The Odyssey

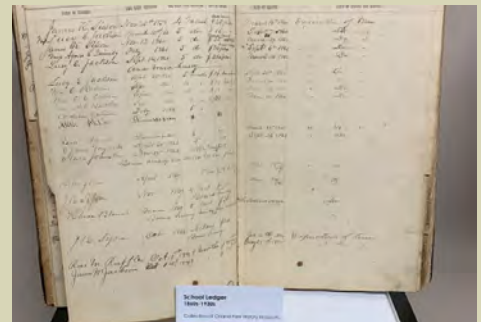




# OPACC BUSINESSES



Orland Park Fit Body Boot Camp, located at 8752 W. 159th Street in Orland Park, celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting on September 7. Owner Russell Scalise cut the ribbon as family, friends, Village Trustee Cynthia Nelson Katsenes and OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez cheered him on.



On September 7, the Orland Park History Museum, located at 14415 Beacon Avenue, celebrated "The History of Ladies Fashion" Exhibit with a Ribbon Cutting. Sarah Stasukewicz, Museum Curator, holding the scissors, was joined by Michael Duffy, Karen Friker, Village Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Christine Donovan and Susan Jamrose. Donations from School District 135 that were a part of our Chamber office, are now housed at the Museum and were included in this exhibit.



# OPACC BUSINESSES



On September 21, Vegan T'ease celebrated their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at their location at 14600 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Tina Scott, owner of the restaurant, was joined by family, employees and Chamber members as she cut the ceremonial ribbon. OPACC Board Member Michael Buck was joined by fellow Board Member Vivette Payne and Executive Director Felicitas Cortez as he presented the membership plaque.



Oak Forest Executive Center, located at 5320 W. 159th Street in Oak Forest, hosted their Multi-Chamber Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on September 25. Multiple Chamber ribbons and a bevy of scissors handled by Tiffany Kent - Manager, Hadi Fallah - Managing Partner and Katie Migawa - Assistant Manager, sparked the fun!

Pictured top left: OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez, Tiffany Kent, Katie Migawa and OPACC President Mike Hardek

Pictured top center: Hadi Fallah with St. Xavier interns



# OPACC BUSINESSES

Congratulations to Orland Park Chamber Executive Level Member First Secure Bank & Trust and to our Chamber President Michael Hardek, VP at First Secure Bank & Trust, on the Grand Opening of their Mokena location at 19648 S. LaGrange Road on October 29.

Pictured to the right: Ted Argeris and Lori Bergman both cut the ribbon as staff gathered round

Pictured below left: OPACC President Mike Hardek, VP at First Secure Bank & Trust, with Michele DePaolis, Mokena Chamber of Commerce President

Pictured below right: OPACC President Mike Hardek poses with the official OPACC membership plaque and ceremonial scissors



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COMMUNITY BANK  
*We're not just your bank, we're your neighbor*





# OPACC BUSINESSES



The long awaited Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at Von Maur took place Saturday, November 2. The ribbon was cut by President and CEO Jim Von Maur as hundreds of eager shoppers looked on. Those shoppers were treated with fresh red roses and chocolates, as well as a day of retail therapy. Jim Von Maur was joined by Village President Keith Pekau, Village Trustees James Dodge, Kathleen Fenton, Dan Calandriello, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes and Michael Milani. OPACC President-Elect Ray Klosowski welcomed Von Maur to the Chamber and presented the membership plaque. Board Member Michael Buck was in attendance with numerous Chamber members.



# Member Event



The Sterk Family Law Group hosted their Venetian Masquerade Women's Networking Dinner on Wednesday, October 2, at Fox's Pizza located at 9655 W. 143rd Street in Orland Park. Those in attendance found the face behind the mask over appetizers and dinner. Entertainment was provided by Frank Rossi playing the accordion while gondolier, our own Chamber member, Chris Fischer, steered the course.

Pictured above left: Heather Warthen, 22nd Century Media, Felicitas Cortez, Orland Park Chamber Executive Director and Dana Anderson, Orland Park Prairie. Pictured above right: Emily Giaimo, Midlothian Country Club, Joyce Bibeau, Kerry Funeral Home and Orland Park Chamber Vice President and Michele Pierson, Orland Park Chamber Social Media and Events Coordinator.





## Member Event

Tino Sarli and Lou Ornoff, Healthcare Solutions Team, hosted a seminar on Thursday, October 24 at Fox's Pizza. They showed those in attendance how to save money on health insurance costs and presented the newest and most affordable PPO Health Plans. They are in the business to eliminate your deductible and reduce your premiums!



## National Bosses Day



The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce's fabulous Executive Director Felicitas Cortez was treated to a scrumptious lunch brought in from Chamber member Buca di Beppo and showered with gifts and beautiful flowers on National Bosses Day, October 16.

We love working with you to make The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce the premier Chamber in the area!

Looking forward to 2020,

Bonnie Hollaway, Member Services Coordinator  
Michele Pierson, Events and Social Media Coordinator



# WSCCE Fall Luncheon

Twenty Chambers of Commerce, over 400 guests and 40 vendors participated in the WSCCE (West Suburban Chamber of Commerce Executives) Fall Luncheon on Thursday, October 24. The event was held at Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn. Jeff Ash, Owner and Artistic Director of Westside Improv Studio, presented how to IMPROV(E) your business with an emphasis on the importance of connecting, listening and embracing the "Yes, and...", while bringing these principles of improv to business to help create stronger relationships, foster more productive collaboration and unlock more powerful creativity.

Pictured above right: Orland Park Chamber's Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez, was a member of the committee responsible for the event.

Pictured below left: OPACC Member, Rosemary and Dan Konz, LifeWave Independent Distributors, promoted their business during the Business Expo.



**MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP** - our Member Orientation - was held on October 11 at the Chamber office. An overview of the Chamber - its history, structure and purpose - was presented by Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez. Hands-on tips and tricks for navigating the Chamber's website and Member Information Center was presented by Member Services Coordinator, Bonne Hollaway. Those in attendance learned how to do a business search, locate hot deals and job postings on the website and navigate the home page. In addition, they learned how to verify their individual as well as company profile info, post job listings, hot deals and events in the Member Information Center. Each attendee walked away knowing a bit more than they did when they walked in and have been putting that knowledge to good use!





# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



On September 11, the Young Professionals checked out The Barrel Club, one of the Chamber's newest members, located at 4910 W. 111th Street in Oak Lawn. Those in attendance enjoyed scrumptious appetizers, refreshing drinks and a beautiful outdoor evening of casual networking.



Doc's Smokehouse & Craft Bar, located at 19081 Old LaGrange Road in Mokena, hosted the Young Professionals on October 9. Great food, great drinks, great people - a perfect recipe for an evening of great networking!  
Join the Young Professionals at their next meet up on  
Wednesday, November 13 at Buca di Beppo, 15350 S. 94th Avenue in Orland Park.



# Resource Corner

## RETAIL PRACTICES for the HOLIDAYS

Submitted by: Investigator Swendsen, Retail Crimes Specialist, Orland Park Police Department

It's almost that time of year again and people will be coming out to Orland Park to do their holiday shopping. It's one of our missions at the Orland Park Police Department to make our retail areas a safe experience. As usual with the holidays there will be OPPD Officers that are assigned to the retail areas and the mall for extra security during this busy time of year.

I have been the retail crimes investigator since February of 2017 and before that I was a tactical officer. For the last two and a half years, I have dealt with all the common crimes associated with retail businesses.

In last years letter I highlighted some indicators of credit card fraud and identity theft. The spike of these crimes seems to be slowing down at the moment. However, they are still occurring and are common at retail establishments.

### **Some indicators of credit card/ account fraud are:**

Customer tries numerous cards that are declined. This can be indicative of the customer using several cards that have been shut off due to fraud activity.

Customer wants to manually enter the credit card information on the pin pad and the card they are using is not readable. This has been very common this year and the customer will read the credit card number from their phone.

Customer asks for "The most expensive ". This is common with electronics and the customer will ask for the most expensive I-Pad, Laptop, ETC. They don't seem interested in the features, just the price.

The customer makes a purchase, and returns again after the transaction is completed to make more purchases. The first purchase may have been to see if the fraud would work.

Customer is using an instore account and is presenting an ID from out of state. This is common in the last year of people using others accounts after the info was stolen.

Counterfeit money has been on the rise in the last few months leading up to the holiday season so please be aware of the money that customers are handing you. We've all been looking at these bills for a long time so if you think something is off there are a few simple things you can do.

Check the hologram bill amount in the bottom right corner on the front of the bill. If the hologram doesn't change colors while moving the bill the bill may be fake.

If you are taking in several of the same bill and they all have the same serial number, they're probably fake.

The watermark is located on the right when looking at the front of the bill. If the watermark does not appear when tilting the bill from light, it may be fake.

The US Secret Service website has diagrams and illustrations of where to find all of these features on bills.

Retail Theft is also a very common crime for the retail establishments in Orland Park. With the increased amount of people in stores it will probably see an increase during the holiday season.

### **These are some indicators of retail theft:**

Customer has bags that look worn or appear old.

Customer is carrying bags with items in them and the bags are not near your store or in the same shopping area.

Customer appears to be selecting many of the same items. Customer is selecting items rapidly without looking at price.

Customer is watching the locations and actions of employees that are close by. Customer is avoiding direct contact with employees.

Customers ask for an extra bag without making any purchases.

A group of customers is huddled closely together by items for sale.

**LOCK YOUR DOORS** Car burglaries have been on the increase in the recent months. In many cases the items were taken from an unlocked car. Locking your doors and not leaving items visible will greatly reduce your chances of being a victim of a car burglary.

**KEEP YOUR WALLET CLOSE** Wallet thefts from persons and shopping carts has also seen an increase in recent months. While the majority of these crimes are crimes of opportunity there are people out there who excel at this and go to retail areas for this purpose. Keeping these items close to you and being aware of who is around you will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this crime.

While these things are indicative of retail theft and fraud activity, none of these make those crimes certain. We take the safety of our retail stores very seriously and as always we appreciate any information that our retailers can give us on suspicious persons.

We are always just a phone call away. 708-349-4111

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING NOW!**

# Around Town

## TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Submitted by Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor



### **Orland Township's Pet-Palooza**

Orland Township's 8th Annual Pet-Palooza hit the trifecta of

success – beautiful weather, record attendance and more than triple the donations from previous years! Thank you to all the residents and their furry family members who came out and spent a wonderful Saturday afternoon with us and donated food to our Pet Pantry! We also want to thank NBC Chicago's Andy Avalos for emceeding the pet contests and of course, for the perfect weather that day!

### **Orland Township Job Fair**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Orland Township Fall Job Fair! Nearly 100 eager job seekers came to talk to the 40 local businesses that came to recruit new employees. We hope that everyone who attended was able to leave with some promising new job/new employee prospects! Our next job fair will be in the Spring of 2020.

### **Orland Township Holiday Programs**

If your organization is looking for a holiday program to participate in this year, please consider the Orland Township Adopt-A-Family and/or Giving Tree programs. Both programs are designed to enhance the holiday season

enhance the holiday season for Orland Township's neighbors in need.

The Adopt-A-Family Program, which is a great way for a group to participate, provides an entire family with items from their wish lists, from toys to clothing.

The Giving Tree ensures that no child is forgotten during the holiday season. When you choose a tag from the Giving Tree, it will list the age, sex and desired items for the child.

Whether you choose to get into the holiday spirit by helping an entire family or a single child, you will certainly brighten the holiday season for our neighbors in need!

Both programs open on Nov. 1st. If you would like to participate in either program, please contact Robin Kassis (Robink@orlandtownship.org) or Lindsay Trost (LindsayT@orlandtownship.org) or by phone at (708) 403-4222.

For more information on events and programs offered by Orland Township, visit our website (orlandtownship.org), follow Supervisor O'Grady on Facebook (facebook.com/supervisorogrady/) or call (708) 403-4222.

On behalf of the staff at Orland Township, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

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Email your flyer to [bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org](mailto:bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org)



# Upcoming Programs & Events

## NOVEMBER 2019

### **Ambassador Club Meeting**

Wednesday, November 6 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

### **Membership Orientation**

**"Learn How to MAXIMIZE your Membership"**  
Friday, November 8 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

### **Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union**

**Ribbon Cutting**  
Saturday, November 9 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
**Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union**  
15108 S. LaGrange Road, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 12:15 pm**

### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 13 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
**Orland School District 135 - Board Room**  
15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

### **Young Professionals Meet-Up**

Wednesday, November 13 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
**Buca di Beppo**  
15350 S. 94th Avenue, OP

### **Young Living Essential Oils - Dan & Rosemary Konz- Multi-Chamber BAH**

Thursday, November 14 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Tinley Park Business Lounge**  
16557 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park

### **Monthly Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, November 20 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**First American Bank**  
14245 LaGrange Road, OP

### **Marketing Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 26, 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## DECEMBER 2019

### **Ambassador Club Meeting**

Wednesday, December 4 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

### **NovaCare Kids Ribbon Cutting**

Tuesday, December 10 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
**NovaCare Kids**  
14315 S. 108th Avenue, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 12:00 pm noon**

### **Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 12 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
**Palos Country Club**  
13100 Southwest Highway, OP

### **OPACC Annual Holiday Party**

**Join us for "The VEST Holiday Party Ever"**  
Thursday, December 12 5:30 pm - 7:30 PM  
**Palos Country Club**  
13100 Southwest Highway, OP  
**RSVP Required - [www.orlandparkchamber.org](http://www.orlandparkchamber.org)**