



## TASTE OF ORLAND PARK

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce was proud to be a participant this year at the Taste of Orland Park held August 2 thru August 4 at the Orland Park Village Complex. **Dave & Buster's** provided volunteers and prizes for the Prize Drop game at the Chamber's booth.

Numerous restaurants dishing up mouthwatering food at the Taste of Orland Park are PROUD MEMBERS of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

Premier member, Nothing Bundt Cakes, along with Rocco Vino's, Burger 21, Papa Joe's, Smallcakes and more served up savory samplings all weekend long.



# TAKE NOTE



## President's Message

Summer is quickly fading away, the kids are back at school, our vacations are now memories, and we usher in my favorite season (football) fall. I hope you had a great and profitable summer! The Chamber sure did, the office stayed very busy, and we had a couple noteworthy accomplishments. If you live in or around the Orland Park area you should have received the 6th Edition of the Orland Park Shopping and Dining Guide. We have been lucky to partner with 22nd Century Media on this, well for six editions. Felicitas, former OPACC President Rob Wehmeier, and 22nd Century Media's Dana Anderson worked very hard putting the publication together and their efforts paid off. I had the pleasure of contributing a piece urging everyone to shop local. There are obvious financial reasons to do so, and I believe our "small" business community is a "big" part of what makes Orland Park and the surrounding area the great community it is. Our energy was on full display at the Taste of Orland. The Village set the bar high this year with a little help from mother nature. I hope you had a chance to swing by the Chamber's booth. Bonnie and Michele were drumming up excitement for OPACC and some of our upcoming events. Dave and Buster's setup shop and kept all our young guests entertained and on their way with treats. President Elect Ray Kowalski and I had a chance to walk the event early on Saturday and greet our members who were vendors. It was great to see all our proud OPACC businesses displaying their OPACC signs. I was also glad to hear it when yearly Taste supporter, Board Member Bob Feldman, told me it was the best Taste of Orland for Nothing Bundt Cakes that they have participated in.

We are about to get busy and have a lot to look forward this fall. Our September membership meeting is going to be different than anything we have done before. The Chamber is partnering with the Small Business Advocacy Counsel to host a town hall meeting on the PROS and CONS of our State's graduated income tax. Senator Bill Cunningham, Senator John Curran, and Dave Harris are confirmed to join us. This year the Chamber leadership set out to bring better value to you, our Chambers member, and stay ahead of issues that may impact our businesses and daily lives. We hope that this membership meeting on Tuesday, September 17, does offer you that value. On Saturday, September 28, Orland Park's "original" brew fest is back at Orland Park Crossings. Our Arts and Drafts event looks to be a highlight of the season. Make sure to come out, sip and shop, and enjoy Mike and Joe take the stage at 7 p.m. We will have live music from 3 p.m. on. The Community Expo returns on Saturday, October 19. This is an opportunity to promote your business directly to the community. It's a high paced, very fun day.

In closing, I want to personally thank you for your support of the Chamber. Our goal is to be your #1 resource to the Orland Park business community. Please always feel free to reach out to me, the Board, or the office if we can ever be assistance or if you would like to be involved in any of our upcoming events.

See you in the community-  
Mike Hardek  
First Secure Bank & Trust

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## Village President's Message

The Village of Orland Park has seen a spectacular summer season with the recent Taste of Orland Park showcasing some of the great businesses in the Orland Park community. Thank you to those who joined us and helped us celebrate another successful event.

There is a lot going on and great things happening here in Orland Park. I'll share some of them with you in this month's Chambergram, but feel free to attend one of the upcoming Coffee with the Mayor events, board meetings or co-hosted village/chamber events to hear more and ask questions.

### Orland Square Redevelopment

The Village of Orland Park is very proud to welcome Von Maur to Orland Square Mall. They plan a late October/early November 2019 opening.

Seritage has started the demolition and reconstruction of the former Sears location at the mall. The new AMC Theater will make its home in a portion of the space with a Fall 2020 opening date planned.

The redevelopment at Orland Square Mall speaks volumes about the strength and resilience of Orland Park. I am unaware of any other mall in America that has replaced two lost anchors within two years' time.

### Orland Park is #1 in the United States in Home Ownership

The Village of Orland Park takes top ranking for home ownership according to a recent study completed by 24/7 Wall St., a financial website. They reviewed data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey on the percentage of owner-occupied housing units to determine the cities where most occupied homes are owned by an occupant. According to the report, the home ownership rate nationwide has declined consistently since peaking at 69.1% in 2005 and is now 64.2%. But, not in Orland Park where the home ownership rate of 89.2% is the highest in the nation.

This is great news for Orland Park as homeowners tend to be more invested and involved in their communities and typically invest and then later re-invest in Orland Park through their homes. Residents tend to buy and build their homes here and support our Orland Park businesses. This leads to stability and is one of the reasons why Orland Park is consistently first or second for lowest violent crime rates for towns greater than 50,000 residents.

In addition to a wide variety of housing options for current and prospective homeowners, Orland Park has great school districts, vast recreational opportunities with 64 parks, 32 miles of bike trails, is the retail and dining powerhouse of the southwest suburbs with dedicated village-owned areas for open lands and over 15,000 acres of forest preserve in and around the village.

### New Business Welcome Meeting

This fall, the Village of Orland Park will host the first new business welcome meeting in conjunction with the Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC) and the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the meeting is to welcome businesses that have recently opened in Orland Park and give the opportunity for the new businesses to interact with some of our community organizations and resources. The first meeting will be held October 22, 2019 at 10 a.m., by invitation only.

Keith Pekau  
Village President  
Village of Orland Park

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*\* To be elected to new 3 year terms*

This slate will be voted on at the Monthly Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, October 23, 7:45 – 9:00am  
Consumer Product Dynamics, 10608 W. 163rd Place, Orland Park

# We're Growing...Welcome New Members

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# New Member Introductions



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## Midlothian Country Club

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# New Member Introduction



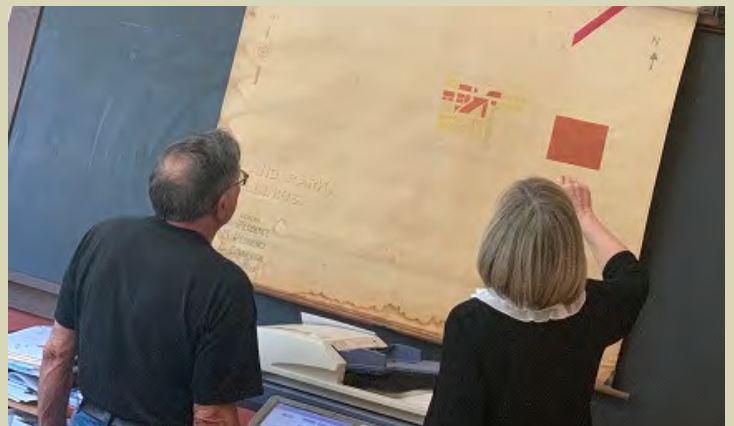
## Vegan T'ease

T's Cheese LLC, a provider of vegan cheese and other food products, announces the opening of its first restaurant, Vegan T'ease, located at 14600 Lagrange Rd. in Orland Park. Specializing in vegan fast food that appeals to seasoned vegans, as well as non-vegans looking for a great tasting, healthy alternative, Vegan T'ease features food typically not associated with healthy eating such as gyros, crab cakes, sloppy joes, and loaded "beef" nachos. Until now! "Just because you are vegan doesn't mean fast-food dining can't be a fun experience," says the restaurant's owner, Chef Tee. "There is a misconception that vegan food is just tofu, plants, and lettuce. But it's more than that," she contends. "It's flavor, texture, and great taste."

In addition to breaking the misconception that vegan food is boring and flavorless, Chef Tee also wants to educate diners that eating vegan can be an affordable. "It doesn't have to break the bank," she says. "If you are comparing vegan dining to other fast-food restaurants, it's only marginally higher—and traditional fast food can't compare to the flavor, texture, charisma, and touch of class vegan eating offers."

With vegan restaurants popping up in Downtown Chicago and the north side of the city, Chef Tee wants to fill the void present in the South suburbs. "We wanted to choose a place that was homogenous," says Chef Tee. "There are vegan restaurants in Downtown Chicago and the north side, but very little representation on the south side of the city. Orland Park is the perfect location to serve South Suburban residents looking for vegan options. And because we are fast food, it differentiates us from many of the restaurants in the Chicagoland area." For more information on Vegan T'ease or T's Cheese LLC, visit [www.vegantease.com](http://www.vegantease.com)

Established in 2017, T's Cheese LLC was created by founder Chef Tee after a diagnosis of pre-type 2 diabetes and high cholesterol provided her a new mindset—one that yielded better eating habits and an overall better approach to health and wellness. T's Cheese was developed to help individuals make a healthy lifestyle change; without sacrificing their yearning for food with great flavor. The company's motto: "If we didn't make it, you probably shouldn't eat it."



On July 15, Village of Orland Park maintenance employees removed school desks, maps and framed pictures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln which were donated by Orland School District 135 for their exhibit at the Orland Park History Museum.

### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 7 noon - 1:00p.m.

Grand Opening

Orland School District 135 Exhibit

Orland Park History Museum

14415 Beacon Avenue, OP





# Taste of Orland Park



More PROUD Chamber members participating in the Taste of Orland Park

- 1 - OPACC Board Member, April Koerber, represents new member, The Barrel Club
- 2 - City Barbeque
- 3 - Chuy's
- 4 - Orland Park Bakery
- 5 - Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
- 6 - Tradycja Polish Fusion
- 7 - Pita Pita Mediterranean Grill

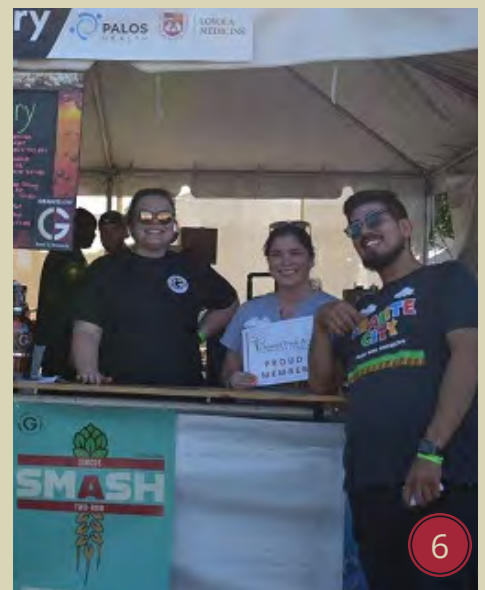




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- 1 - Lisa & Olivia Kacerovskis, State Farm Insurance - Tim Kacerovskis, agent
- 2 - Peoples Bank
- 3 - Beggars Pizza
- 4 - OPACC Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez, joined by husband, Joe & Chamber member Sharon Vetsch, the Quickbooks Queen
- 5 - Brass Tap
- 6 - Granite City



# ARTS & DRAFTS

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Juicy Luzy Sangria  
Siam Marina

### FEATURED ARTISTS

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Jennifer Bullard  
Mark Feigl  
Megan & Michele  
Galbraith  
Gerald Gustavson  
Vicky Hallberg  
Brigitte Haney  
Christian Jankowski  
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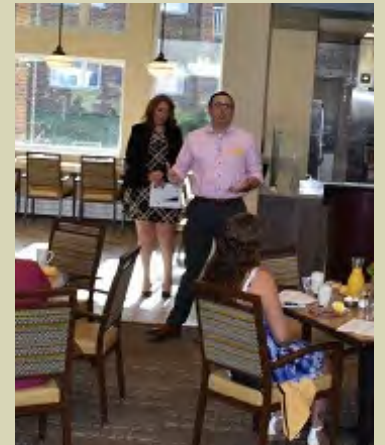




# OPACC HAPPENINGS



Nancy Smeraldo, Director of Sales and Marketing at Peace Village, graciously hosted the Chamber's Monthly Membership Meeting on August 28. OPACC President Michael Hardek welcomed Orland Park Village President Keith Pekau who provided updates on construction and new businesses. Adam Czerwinski, chair of our Ambassadors, introduced Ambassador Nicki Biesiada as the top Ambassador for member contacts for third quarter. The following new members in attendance were presented their official membership plaques:  
Amber Motes - Blackhawk Properties, LLC,  
Tina Scott - Vegan T'ease and  
Russell Scalise - Orland Park Fit Body Boot Camp.





# OPACC HAPPENINGS



On August 28, The Barrel Club, located at 4910 W. 111th Street in Oak Lawn, hosted their inaugural Business After Hours. They boast "a fine collection of spirits in a comfortable yet classy atmosphere to compliment our mouth-watering menu". Pictured top center: Kyle Treglown, April Koerber-Barrel Club's Director of Operations and Events and Kurt Lindemann. Pictured above left: Chris Fischer, OPACC Board Member Monika Sestakauskaite, Mike McKeown, John Zawaski, Jr-Barrel Club's Assistant General Manager, OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez and Dana Anderson.

## COMMUNITY EXPO 2019

CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for vendors to exhibit at their 30th annual Community EXPO from 9 AM to 1PM on Saturday, October 19 at Carl Sandburg High School, 13300 S LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

This upcoming event is a perfect opportunity for businesses and organizations to promote

their products or services to the community. Last year nearly 1,500 people attended this free event.

"The Orland Park Chamber Community Expo is a unique event that combines opportunities for businesses to showcase their products and services and also provides a fun experience for families and children of all ages," said Vivette Payne, owner of Avery Payne Group and Expo committee chair. "We encourage business exhibitors to network with potential customers and for families to enjoy a

range of activities."

Planned entertainment at the EXPO include performances by local school children, a Culinary Corner featuring food samples from area restaurants and caterers, raffles, face painters, balloon artists and other family friendly activities.

The Early Bird Rate to reserve a booth is \$250 for current Chamber members and \$400 for non-Chamber members. After September 13, reservation rates go up to \$300 for members, \$450 for non-members.

Promotional inclusion in the EXPO Welcome Bag—distributed to each attending family—is available to Chamber members only for an additional charge. Representatives from each business will staff individual booths; all mascots are welcome!

For more information, or to download a 2019 Community EXPO registration form, please visit the Chamber's website at [orlandparkchamber.org](http://orlandparkchamber.org) or call the Chamber office at 708-349-2972.

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# COMMUNITY EXPO 2019

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# OPACC BUSINESSES



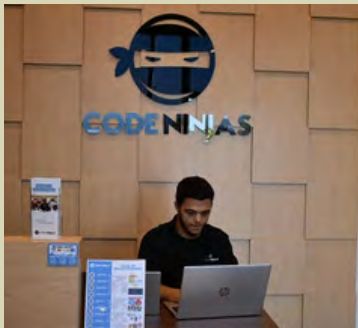
Andy's Frozen Custard celebrated their new location at 14555 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park with a Ribbon Cutting on August 2. Elizabeth Hanahan, PR and Marketing Rep, was joined by Gregg Summers, Orland Park Assistant Village Manager, Village Trustees William Healy and Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, OPACC President Elect Ray Klosowski, OPACC Board Members Monika Sestakauskaite and Kurt Lindemann and numerous employees. Even Andy Kuntz, President of Andy's Frozen Custard, made an appearance!



On August 9, Renew Family Health Center celebrated their Grand Opening at 11975 W. 143rd Street in Orland Park with a Ribbon Cutting. Dr. Gretchen Martinez and Dr. Francis Puzon (holding the scissors), were joined by Felicitas Cortez, OPACC Executive Director, Tom Dubelbeis, Orland Park Interim Village Manager, Gregg Summers, Assistant Village Manager, Cynthia Nelson Katsenes, Village Trustee, Michael Hardek, OPACC President, Ray Klosowski, OPACC President Elect and numerous family and friends.



# OPACC BUSINESSES



Code Ninjas, located at 9293 W. 159th Street in Orland Hills, celebrated their Ribbon Cutting and Business After Hours on August 22. Melissa Potempa cut the ceremonial ribbon as numerous Chamber members, family and friends looked on. Pictured top right: OPACC Board Member Monika Sestakauskaitė, Jerry Potempa & Melissa Potempa (Code Ninjas Franchisees), Village of Orland Hills Mayor Kyle Hastings, Sarah Mazzulla (Code Ninjas Area Director) and OPACC President Michael Hardek.

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# Southwest Hospitality Expo



Chris Craven and The Daily Herald Business Ledger held their 5th Annual Southwest Hospitality Expo on July 11 at the Orland Park Civic Center. Many of our Chamber members participated in showcasing their business and services. Pictured below left to right: Nothing Bundt Cakes, BankFinancial, Chiro One, Burger 21, Chuy's, Orland Park Bank & Trust, City Barbeque, Cacao Cafe, Houlihan's, Doc's Smokehouse & Crafft Bar and Dave & Buster's.





# Member Events



On July 11, Republic Bank of Chicago hosted the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock at Elements Conference Center, 16235 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

Pictured right: OPACC Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez, with Republic Bank Branch Manager, Monika Sestakauskaite. Numerous Chamber members and Board members joined in the fun of reliving the concert that changed our culture and redefined music.



"Summer Fun" was the theme for the 8th Anniversary celebration of Aesthetica Day Spa on July 12 at their location at 18700 S. Wolf Road, Suite 204 in Mokena.

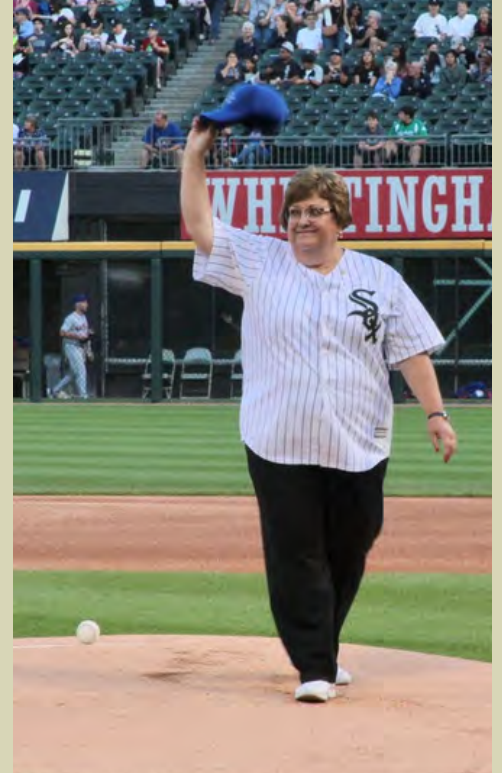
Pictured above center: Sk and Meghna Patel, spa owners, hosted the festive event and thanked attendees for their support of another successful year.

Pictured above right: OPACC Events Coordinator, Michele Pierson and OPACC Executive Director, Felicitas Cortez.





# Member Events



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME, TAKE ME OUT WITH THE CROWD....  
On July 30, former OPACC President debi Ross, now Rotary District 6450 Governor, attended Rotary International Family Fun Night at Guaranteed Rate Field for the Chicago White Sox VS New York Mets. Over 450 Rotarians and guests hosted 100 veterans from Jesse Brown VA and raised money to End Polio Now. debi Ross had the honor of delivering the game ball to the pitcher's mound. Great evening for food, friends and fun!  
FOR IT'S ONE, TWO, THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT,  
AT THE OLD BALL GAME!



Heather Warthen, Chief Events Officer and Chief Marketing Officer for 22nd Century Media, hosted the second of four Ladies Night Out events, to be held this year, on August 8 at Georgio's Banquets and Conference Center. More than 800 ladies rolled through this event with the first ones lining up more than an hour before it opened.

Several Chamber members participated - Gwendolyn J. Sterk and the Family Law Group, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Cacao Cafe and Aesthetica Day Spa. Linda Aceves, owner of Cacao Cafe, demonstrated cake decorating,



# Come Celebrate

## Our 5th Birthday!



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### MONDAY, September 9

#### STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

Students, with their school ID, will receive a Free Bundtlet with the purchase of a Bundtlet on this day

### TUESDAY, September 10

#### SCHOOL STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Teachers, school staff and aides with their ID or business card will receive 15% off their total purchase on this day

### WEDNESDAY, September 11

#### POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, EMTS & CITY EMPLOYEES DAY

First responders and those who work for our great city will receive 15% off their total purchase on this day

### THURSDAY, September 12

#### CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA BENEFIT DAY



20% of sales will be donated to this organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence

### SATURDAY, September 14

9 a.m.

#### FREE BUNDTLETS FOR A YEAR\*

for first 50 guests with purchase  
\*one bundtlet per month for 12 months

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

#### SPIN TO WIN PRIZE WHEEL

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

#### SAMPLING FROM



### ALL WEEK, September 9-15

#### SIGN UP TO WIN A JONATHAN TOEWS SIGNED JERSEY!

eClub Members may show a Nothing Bundt Cakes email printed or on their mobile device to receive a giveaway ticket for a Jonathan Toews certified and autographed jersey! Limit one (1) giveaway ticket per eClub sign-up. Drawing will be held on Monday, September 16. Winner does not need to be present to win and will be contacted by the bakery on 9/16. Not an eClub Member? Sign up in-bakery and receive a giveaway ticket!



### PLUS, ENJOY 40% OFF SELECT RETAIL!

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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



On July 10, the Young Professionals checked out Miller's Ale House located at 15630 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Those in attendance enjoyed light refreshments and an evening of casual networking. Join the Young Professionals at their next meet up on Wednesday, September 11 at The Barrel Club, 4910 W. 111th Street in Oak Lawn.

# AMBASSADORS

Adam Czerwinski, chair of the Ambassadors, continues to reinforce the goal of the Ambassadors to help our members make **Chamber Connections**.

Each Ambassador contacts current members by email, phone or in person to gain further information about them, their business and their goals. in order to assist in making those valuable connections.

Current Ambassadors pictured right: Vivette Payne (back to us), Roy Crews, Adam Czerwinski, Marisol Martin, Lou Pinto and Glen Borkowski.



# Maximize Your Membership



Our Member Orientation - Maximize Your Membership - was held on August 9 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 how to email other members via the website. 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!

## SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 13 Membership Orientation MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Join us at our next Membership Orientation  
Friday, September 13  
Chamber Office, 8799 W. 151st Street, Orland Park,  
9:30 - 10:30am

Executive Director Felicitas Cortez will present an overview of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce - its history, structure and purpose. Member Services Coordinator Bonnie Hollaway will present hands-on tips and tricks for navigating the Chamber's website and the Member Information Center.

### Upcoming Sessions

October 11

November 8



# Around Town

## TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Submitted by Paul O'Grady, Orland Township Supervisor



Orland Township is proud to provide programs and services that enrich the lives of our

residents and community as a whole. We are also grateful that so many businesses in our area believe in giving back and investing in the community. Because of the partnerships we have formed with many of you, we continue to provide quality services and programs to our residents. On that note, I would like to invite chamber members to join Orland Township at our upcoming events and stay in touch with our community members.

### 8th Annual Pet-Palooza

Does your company provide provisions for pups or cater to cat-lovers? Or do you just love animals? Either way, join Orland Township for its 8th Annual Pet-Palooza! Herds of happy people, many with

their favorite four-legged friend in tow, will stroll through the grounds of Orland Township perusing local vendor booths. For a small fee of \$30 (\$50 if you rent a table and chairs), your company can be represented during this family fun event. If you don't have staff available to attend Pet-Palooza, there are plenty of sponsorship opportunities available that include publicity for your business. Orland Township's Pet-Palooza is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, from noon – 3 p.m. on the Township grounds, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. Please contact Lindsay (LindsayT@orlandtownship.org) or Robin (RobinK@orlandtownship.org) or call (708) 403-4222 for details and to reserve your spot. All proceeds from Pet-Palooza will benefit Orland Township's Pet Pantry, "Crashy's Closet."

### Orland Township's Fall Job Fair

Does your business need additional staffing due to

expansion or extended hours? Good news: space is still available at Orland Township's Fall Job Fair. More than 150 eager job seekers attended our Spring Job Fair to meet recruiters from a variety of companies. Orland Township's Fall Job Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave. The job fair is free but space is limited so please contact Alexis (AlexisO@orlandtownship.org) or call (708) 403-4222 to reserve your spot today.

### Senior Dating Game

Is your company's target audience our older residents (55 years and better)? If so, Orland Township has numerous opportunities for you to introduce your company to this wonderful group.

Upcoming sponsorship opportunities include Orland Township's Senior Dating Game, based on the popular game show "The

Dating Game." Last year's event sold out and guests enjoyed an evening of dinner and great entertainment. Orland Township's Senior Dating game is scheduled for Thursday, October 3; contact Marie at MarieR@orlandtownship.org or call (708) 403-4222 for more information.

The Township also hosts a Senior Drop-In Center every Wednesday and Friday, where seniors come to socialize, play cards, have a light lunch or snack and play bingo. For information on sponsoring a bingo session, contact Marie (MarieR@orlandtownship.org) or call (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.

**GO DIGITAL & REACH THOUSANDS!**  
**Include your event or special offer flyer**  
**in our online Chambergram!**

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Last opportunity for 2019

Nov-Dec 2019 Issue - Deadline October 18

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

# Upcoming Programs & Events

SEPTEMBER 2019

## **Ambassador Club Meeting**

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

## **Orland Park Fit Body Boot Club Ribbon Cutting**

Saturday, September 7 10:45 am - 11:45 am  
**Orland Park Fit Body Boot Club**  
8752 W. 159th Street, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 11:00 am**

## **Orland School District 135 Exhibit Grand Opening**

Saturday, September 7 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
**Orland Park History Museum**  
14415 Beacon Avenue, OP

## **Arts & Drafts Committee Meeting**

Saturday, September 10 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**The Brass Tap**  
14225 95th Avenue, #400, OP

## **Community Expo Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 11 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Young Professionals Meet-Up**

Wednesday, September 11 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
**The Barrel Club**  
4910 W. 111th Street, Oak Lawn

## **Membership Orientation**

**"Learn How to MAXIMIZE your Membership"**  
Friday, September 13 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Monthly Membership Meeting - Graduated Income Tax Townhall**

Tuesday, September 17 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Orland Park Civic Center**  
14750 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

## **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, September 18 8:15 am - 9:15 am  
**Orland School District 135 - Board Room**  
15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

## **Vegan T'ease Ribbon Cutting**

Saturday, September 21 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Vegan T'ease**  
14600 S. LaGrange Road, Unit 1, OP  
**Ribbon Cutting at 10:15 am**

## **Marketing Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 24 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
**Chamber Office**  
8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Arts & Drafts Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, September 24 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**The Brass Tap**  
14225 95th Avenue, #400, OP

## **Oak Forest Executive Center Multi-Chamber Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**

Wednesday, September 25 5:00 pm - 7:00 PM  
**Oak Forest Executive Center**  
5320 W. 159th Street, Third Floor, Oak Forest  
**Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm**

## **Arts & Drafts 2019**

Saturday, September 28 11:00 am - 9:00 pm  
**Orland Park Crossing**  
143rd & LaGrange Road, OP



# Upcoming Programs & Events

OCTOBER 2019

## **Gwen Sterk Annual Women's Event "Venetian Masquerade"**

Wednesday, October 2 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Fox's Pizza**

9655 W. 143rd Street, OP

**Registration Required - Cash Bar**

## **Community Expo Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 8 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### **Chamber Office**

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Ambassador Club Meeting**

Wednesday, October 9 8:15 am - 9:15 am

### **Chamber Office**

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Young Professionals Meet-Up**

Wednesday, October 9 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### **Doc's Smokehouse & Craft Bar**

19081 Old LaGrange Rd. Mokena, IL 60448

## **Membership Orientation**

### **"Learn How to MAXIMIZE your Membership"**

Friday, October 11 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### **Chamber Office**

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, October 16 8:15 am - 9:15 am

### **Orland School District 135 - Board Room**

15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

## **Community EXPO 2019**

Saturday, October 19 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

### **Carl Sandburg High School**

13300 S. LaGrange Road, OP

## **Community EXPO Wrap-Up Meeting**

Tuesday, October 22 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### **Chamber Office**

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

## **Village of Orland Park: New Business Meeting**

Tuesday, October 22 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**By invitation only**

## **Monthly Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, October 23 7:45 am - 9:00 am

### **Consumer Product Dynamics**

10608 W. 163rd Place, OP

## **WSCCE Multi-Chamber Luncheon**

Thursday, October 24

### **Abbington Banquets**

35002 Route 53, Glen Ellyn

## **Marketing Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 29 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### **Chamber Office**

8799 W. 151st Street, OP