



SOUPER BOWL 2020

Congratulations to our very own Executive Director Felicitas Cortez and her husband, Joe, who competed at the 3rd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge hosted by Orland Township and won the Golden Ladle Award for her Asian Noodle Soup with Quail Egg.

Pictured right: Senator Michael Hastings and Executive Director Felicitas Cortez

Several fellow Chamber members also competed. Pictured below left: Chuy's who won the Golden Ladle for the second time for their Chicken Tortilla Soup

Pictured below center: Smith Crossing who won the People's Choice Award for their Lobster Bisque

Pictured below right: State of Illinois 19th Legislative District Senator Michael Hastings' Office who served Beef Maria Rosa Soup.



TAKE NOTE



Executive Director's Message

Partnership. Collaboration. Connection. Different names, same results: its teamwork that grows your business.

An advantage of being a member of Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce is the ability to partner with the nearly 500 business who make up this wonderful organization—the premier Chamber of the Southland. The most successful businesses—and the members who make the most of their Chamber investment—are those that identify other businesses to complement their particular product or service. By doing so, they not only grow their business, but the community as well.

There is nothing more satisfying than learning of member-to-member partnerships and connections. Some recent examples include:

- Darwin Furniture partnered with Bonefish Grill to assist them with a decorating series/wine tasting. It was a win-win for both companies, and especially invited guests and community members. This successful collaboration continues on March 26 to celebrate Darwin's 100th Year in Business.

Tom McCabe, McCabe Financial Group, is the latest partner with Building Hope for the Future series, Gwen Sterk Family Law's initiative to help families navigate life's goals. Attend the seminar on March 25 to learn more about "Navigating Student Loans and Your Financial Future." More information can be found on the OPACC's social media pages and eblasts.

- 22nd Century Media and Orland Park Crossing partnered together to host a very successful Holiday Market this past December. Hundreds of local residents gathered for an evening of shopping, refreshments and entertainment at the most popular lifestyle shopping center in our area.

- When the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union needed to replenish important marketing materials, they connected with Minuteman Press-Orland Park for prompt service. In turn, Minuteman owner Bill Fabiano now has a new business to refer to his customers who seek financial options for business or personal needs.

- Vegan T'ease recently provided snacks for a teen trivia and game night at The Bridge Teen Center. The hungry teens who noshed on delicious meatless options are now Chef Tina Scott's newest fans.

- Nothing Bundt Cakes...need we say more? Bob Feldman is a true champion, proven by his generous sponsorships and partnerships with countless organizations and community causes.

- MidAmerica Orthopaedics is partnering with Buca di Beppo and Juicy Luzy Sangria to cater their upcoming multi-chamber Business After Hours on April 30. Members from five different Chambers of Commerce who will attend this event and tour the medical center's new expansion will certainly be well-fed!

Check the Chamber website for a list of member business, think outside the box and make that next connection happen. And don't forget to let the Chamber office know...we love to post about them on social media. It's time to partner up and grow your business!

2020 OPACC Leadership Team

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TAKE NOTE



Mayor's Message

There's been a lot of talk about safety in Orland Park lately. And that's ok. The great thing about this particular conversation is that it brings about awareness. The fact is that crime is found everywhere. It is also a fact that a vast majority of the crime happening here in our community is preventable. We can make a difference by removing the convenience from those who seek to commit crime in Orland Park. One way to do this by simply making sure your car is locked, valuables are taken indoors or are out of sight and garage door openers are not accessible.

It is also important that I recognize our police department's proactive efforts to prevent crime. At the last board meeting, the Village Board voted to approve the implementation of a collective task force as our police department partners with area municipalities to combat the recent rash of burglaries occurring throughout the region. This effort is critical to combatting the problem. The service the Orland Park Police Department provides to residents, businesses and visitors to our community is unparalleled.

In 2018, the Village of Orland Park had the lowest number of Index Crimes since 1994, when the population was only 44,000 and had far less retail/commercial tenants. This data represents a 43% drop in violent crime from 2017 and an overall reduction of 8% for all index crimes in 2018. In 2019, index crimes decreased another 6%.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released 2018 Crime in the United States report, the Village of Orland Park had the lowest violent crime rate of all municipalities in the entire state of Illinois for municipalities with over 50,000 residents. However, we are a large village and that still equates to two violent crimes per month.

We work hard to ensure the safety and security of our residents and visitors in Orland Park. I am proud of the daily efforts of our Orland Park Police Department and the outstanding results of their hard work are quantifiable. Anyone can grandstand for their own personal benefit and attempt to destroy Orland Park's reputation when an incident happens. It is up to residents, business owners and elected officials to stand up to this demagoguery and respond with facts. I also ask that chamber members be vigilant in following the often-heard request of the Orland Park Police Department...**if you see something, say something.**

On another note, we have many great events this month that you should know about.

Area seniors are invited to join me for this year's Spring Senior Coffee on Tuesday, March 24 at the Orland Park Civic Center. Advocate South Suburban Hospital representatives will be on hand performing health screenings from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The Orland Park History Museum has a lot going on this month. *Lincoln's Generals* on March 7 is a great, live presentation by Generals Ulysses S. Grant, George Mead, William Tecumseh Sherman and Edward Ord discussing the last year of the Civil War. *Helen Keller, A Life Nearly Lost* welcomes those in attendance to hear the story of Keller and her innovative teacher Anne Sullivan on March 21. Join Clarence Goodman on March 27 as he presents *Devil in a White City* at the museum.

The Spring Special Recreation Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost to host a table is \$28. All proceeds from table fee directly benefit the Village's Special Recreation Program.

Last but not least, please join the Village of Orland Park as we promote the participation in the 2020 U.S. Census with our Everyone Counts in Orland Park campaign. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds to communities like ours to support vital programs that impact housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy. By making sure everyone living in Orland Park is counted, we secure this vital funding for our community.

Thank you and I hope to see many of you around town!

Keith Pekau
Mayor
Village of Orland Park

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We're Growing...Welcome New Members

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SAVE THESE DATES

You don't want to miss these
SIGNATURE EVENTS!

April 23, 2020 - OWN Luncheon

June 18, 2020 - Golf Outing

September 26, 2020 - Arts & Drafts

October 2020 - Community Expo

New Member Introductions



Aligned Modern Health

The integrative healthcare experts at Aligned Modern Health will be opening a new wellness center in Orland Park in early April, 2020.

Located in the Ravinia Shopping Plaza at 15222 S. Lagrange Road, Unit 008, Orland Park, IL, Aligned Modern Health will offer a range of non-invasive healthcare options including Functional Medicine, Clinical Nutrition, Acupuncture, Chiropractic Physical Medicine, and Massage Therapy.

The healthcare provider is focused on empowering patients with the highest standard of evidenced-based care and advancements in traditional modalities.

"We offer comprehensive solutions for every health concern - from pain to dietary imbalance," said Vice President of Operations Nicole Kress. "Using advanced diagnostics, our providers work to uncover the root cause of your health concerns and create individualized treatment plans - all without the use of drugs or surgery. The goal is to help you help your body work from its healthiest foundation."

Aligned Modern Health works with most insurance including Aetna, BlueCross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, and Medicare. Since opening in 2010, this will be Aligned Modern Health's eighteenth location. The company employs more than 150 professionals dedicated to improving people's lives. More information is available at alignedmodernhealth.com or email info@alignedmodernhealth.com.

ARCpoint Labs

Arcpoint Labs is a full-service provider, affiliated with DATIA (Drug & Alcohol Testing Industry Association) supporting both DOT and on-DOT testing programs. Our lab technicians carry the distinction of Certified Professional Collectors. This means our staff has been thoroughly trained in the collection process, follows proper procedure and protocol, and has the necessary experience to handle any type of collection.

As a lab diagnostic collection facility, we offer a comprehensive list of more than 10,000 diagnostic tests through our accredited partner labs. Physicians and consumers can choose individual tests, select any of our test panels, or create their own unique test panel. Below are a few of the more popular tests available at ARCpoint:

- Cholesterol panels
- Metabolic panels
- Liver function
- Lipids panels
- Thyroid testing
- Vitamin/mineral deficiency
- Titters
- STD testing
- Men's and Women's health panels
- Hepatic panels

We are an Illinois family-owned and operated business. As local owners we are always available 7 days a week/ 24 hours a day. As part of the ARCpoint franchise network, we are one of over 110 locations in the US, providing us with expanded support, expertise and reach to support clients not just locally, but across Illinois and the US.

Our mission is to equip and empower individuals with the tools they need to manage their healthcare proactively, while supporting our community in the fight against opioid and substance abuse. At the forefront of our business, we are passionate in our ploy to increase overall health and wellness among student athletes through preventive health screenings and routine toxicology testing platforms.



Drug



Alcohol



DNA



Wellness



Lab Tests



Background



Maka Homes Inc

Dan Maka has been in construction in one fashion or another for his whole life. He started over thirty years ago as a young boy renovating his first kitchen at age 8 with his father. Dan was learning how to do everything from demolition to welding as a young boy. He went on to college while also being a part time firefighter and then into a plumbing and pipe fitting career managing jobs. He's even worked as a subject matter expert in construction test development.

Dan has never been afraid of hard work, by the time he was 30 he was able to start up "Maka Homes". His business has grown to about a dozen employees and he's now building a kitchen, bath, and flooring showroom where he will be able to craft custom designs for his customers. He accounts his success at being focused on customer satisfaction.

Free weekends are always spent with Jake whether it's a ball game or a little time roller skating Dan and Jake can always be spotted together. In fact, Dan has a lot of pride in teaching his 12 year old son his trade and like his father, Dan isn't afraid to let Jake work at his side occasionally.

Maka Homes feels duty bound to support local nonprofits. From delivering used kitchen cabinets and countertops to Habitat ReStore, to personally volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, The Bridge Teen Center, and Operation Nehemiah. Dan also enjoys assisting with coaching his son Jake's sports teams and volunteering at Parkview.

Maka Homes is Dan's pride and joy. His customers always have his attention. He has an artistic side and loves to help a customer realize their vision. Maka Homes specializes in kitchens and finishing basements and their customers often find a little "something extra" in their designs that they delight in! Living in the area his entire life Dan plans to stay rooted here. Looking forward, he would like to continue to contribute to the community in any way that he can, he is grateful to have become a member of the Chamber giving him greater opportunity to network while providing support to his neighborhood.

New Member Introductions



PLOWS
Council on Aging

PLOWS Council on Aging

Founded in 1975, PLOWS Council on Aging is South Suburban Cook County's premier leader and connection to aging information and resources. We are a 501(c)3 human service organization providing comprehensive community services to more than 16,000 individuals navigating the aging life cycle.

We provide critical programs and services for people 60 years of age and specific services for adults with disabilities 18 years of age living at home. Our team is focused on bringing innovative opportunities and integrated solutions that help older adults maintain their health, independence, dignity and self-worth in their community. Our nonprofit serves people in 20 communities throughout Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth (PLOW) Townships.

Our core programs and services include:

· **Adult Protective Services:**

Investigates reports of abuse, neglect, exploitation and self-neglect. Reporting a potential abuse situation is confidential and reporter information remains anonymous.

· **Advocacy & Benefits:**

Assistance applying for benefits such as Medicare Part B & D subsidies, energy assistance, senior property taxes, reduced-fare transit cards, SNAP, Medicaid, and license plate discount.

· **Caregiver Support:**

Educational events and support for those caring for someone aged 60+, as well as Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Grandchildren. We can also arrange respite -- temporary care for an older adult to give a caregiver a much needed break.

· **Care Planning:**

Guidance to create the best plan of care possible to help people age well in the community once a need is identified.

· **Choices for Care Program:**

Professional assessment to provide options for home and community-based services following discharge from a hospital or rehabilitation stay.

· **Home-Delivered Meals:**

Nutritional meals delivered to the home daily, Monday through Friday, for people who are unable to manage meal preparation.

· **Information & Assistance:**

Guidance to aging resources and connections from supportive specialists.

· **In-Home Services:**

Assistance managing daily household activities such as personal care, meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry and grocery shopping.

· **Shared Housing:**

This innovative roommate matching program provides affordable housing and/or companionship. Adults of all ages can participate as long as one participant is aged 62+ or has a disability.

For more information, call 708-361-0219, visit plows.org and check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PLOWSCOA/>



SWCCASE Transition Program

The SWCCCASE Transition Program facilitates the successful transition of 18-21 year-old young adults with diverse abilities into the postsecondary world. Students are provided with realistic vocational training experiences throughout the surrounding communities. Furthermore, the program offers a variety of in school vocational training opportunities for students to practice and further develop solid work habits. Through the Transition Program, our students can fulfill entry level positions at businesses in our community. Employers receive extra, reliable help at their place of business at no cost. All students work at the job site under the direct supervision of a job coach. We are always looking to build our partnerships with businesses and hope that you may consider partnering with us. You can become a partner by providing opportunities through:

Work Site Training Experiences:

Students are placed at your business to learn various employment skills each semester during the school year with the assistance of a job coach.

Competitive Employment:

At the end of the training experience, if you feel the student has reached their maximum potential and can be a valuable asset to your business, you have the opportunity to hire this student as a competitive employee.

Tours:

Small focus group tours to build students knowledge of local businesses

Please contact the Vocational Team if you would like more information or are interested in partnering with us at 708-873-1600

SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE



FOOD PREP



CONGRATULATIONS



Awards Presentation



Chuy's employees celebrate success



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Orland Women's Networking Luncheon

STEPPING INTO SUCCESS

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

Honoree - Heather Warthen

Chief Marketing Officer & Chief Event Officer - 22nd Century Media
2020 Trailblazer in the Community

Thursday, April 23, 2020

10:00am - 1:30pm

Chicago Gaelic Park, Inc

6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest

TICKETS: \$45.00 pre-sale by 4/13/20

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Orland Women's Networking Luncheon



STILETTO - \$2400

- Preferred logo placement on event marketing materials, signage, program and website
- Introduction at the event
- Complimentary exhibition/vendor space
- 30-second promotional commercial played during the event
- Complimentary reserved table for 8 at the event
- 4 social media posts highlighting your business as an event sponsor
- Inclusion in event Swag Bag-provide 300 promotional items or coupons



PLATFORM - \$1200

- Logo placement on event marketing materials, signage, program and website
- Complimentary exhibition/vendor space
- Preferred group seating at the event with 4 complimentary luncheon tickets
- 3 social media posts highlighting your business as an event sponsor
- 1 complimentary Member of the Week eblast
- Inclusion in event Swag Bag-provide 300 promotional items or coupons



PUMP - \$750

- Business Name included on event marketing materials, signage, program and website
- Preferred group seating at the event with 2 complimentary luncheon tickets
- 2 social media posts highlighting your business as an event sponsor
- Inclusion in event Swag Bag-provide 300 promotional items or coupons

EXHIBITOR/VENDOR \$200 MEMBER \$350 NON-MEMBER

- Business Name will appear in program
- One skirted table for display & 2 chairs
- 1 social media post highlighting your business as exhibitor/vendor
- 1 complimentary luncheon ticket
- Inclusion in event Swag Bag-provide 300 promotional items or coupons



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LAST CALL - FREE MONEY

Do You Have A High School Senior Graduating in 2020?



The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce will award three \$1000 educational scholarships to high school seniors whose parents are either the owner of or employed by a current Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce member business in good standing.

High school seniors who are employed by a current OPACC member business in good standing are also eligible to apply.

The member's dues must be current and verified by the Executive Director.

Applications & documentation must be returned to

the Orland Park Area Chamber or
emailed to fcortez@orlandparkchamber.org
on or before **FRIDAY, MARCH 6.**



Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce \$1000 College Scholarship Application - 2020

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce will award three \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parents are either the owner of, or employed by, a current OPACC member business in good standing. High school seniors who are employed by a current OPACC member business in good standing are also eligible to apply. Fillable PDF applications and documentation must be returned to the Chamber office or emailed to fcortez@orlandparkchamber.org on or before **Friday, March 6, 2020**.

1) Applicant Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2) Home Address _____
(Number and Street, Apt. #)

(City, State, Zip Code)

3) Telephone Number _____

4) High School _____

5) Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Cumulative G.P.A. _____

6) Parent or Student Employer _____

7) In chronological order, list your high school extracurricular activities and organizations.
Include elective offices held and other awards and honors received.

8) In chronological order, list and describe clubs, activities, service organizations, and/or civic groups with which you have participated outside of school.

- 9) List and describe all part-time or full-time employment positions held.

- 10) Have you volunteered at the Chamber office or Chamber event? Please list your Chamber-related volunteer history. _____

- 11) Where do you plan to continue your education?

- 12) Personal Narrative: Please attach a separate essay which describes your desire to pursue post high school education/training. What are your college plans or intended major? What, or whom, influenced your choice? Tell us how you plan to finance your education and whether or not you have received notification of other scholarships, grants or financial aid. What are your personal interests, hobbies or talents? Why should you be considered for this scholarship?

- 13) Teacher Recommendation: Along with this application, please submit a recommendation letter from a current or former teacher. This letter should describe your character, academic or leadership accomplishments as a student in their classroom.

- 14) Other Recommendation: Also submit a recommendation letter from one other adult leader (may also be a teacher) who has supervised you as an employee or volunteer. This letter should comment upon your character, maturity and work ethic.

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that I have read and understand all the qualification criteria for the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, that I am an eligible applicant under each of the listed criteria, and that all of the information given on this form is true and correct to be the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I receive a scholarship award it will go towards the cost of my education and for no other purpose.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Counselor Certification

I certify that the above named applicant's class rank, GPA and anticipated graduation date are accurately reported.

Counselor's Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received _____ Membership Verification _____

OPACC HAPPENINGS



Guest speaker, Dan Patlak, Cook County Commissioner, presented information to Chamber members about commercial property assessments and appeals at the Monthly Membership Meeting held on February 26, 2020, at the Orland Park Civic Center.

OPACC President Ray Klosowski presented the official membership plaques to three new members in attendance.
Pictured below left: Jen Petterson - PLOWS Council on Aging
Pictured below center: Veronica Torgerson and Linnea Daugherty - Coldwater Creek
Pictured below right: Kathy Repsis - Keller Williams Real Estate



Census 2020



MAKE SURE ILLINOIS COUNTS.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 25

7:45AM to 9:00AM

Orland Park Civic Center

14750 S. Ravinia Avenue

REGISTER online at
www.orlandparkchamber.org

Guest speaker: Amjad T Assi
Partnership Specialist, Chicago Region
US Census Bureau

MAKE YOURSELF COUNT

Join us to learn the importance of the 2020
Census and how it will impact you,
your business and you community.

The official logo for the 2020 United States Census. It consists of the words "United States" in a small, white, sans-serif font, followed by "Census" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font, and "2020" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font below it. The entire logo is set against a solid blue rectangular background.

Member News



Will Harris is the new President of Darvin Furniture & Mattress. Beginning his tenure with Darvin in January 2020, Will is a fourth-generation family-owned business executive with more than 17 years' experience as part of the 56-year-old Harris Family Furniture operation located on the East Coast. Will holds an MBA from the Graduate School of Business at Bentley University, Waltham, MA. Will is an avid hiker and skier who enjoys attending his children's sports activities.

Dykstra Home Services

Jennifer Milazzo, President of Dykstra Home Services, and her brother Rich Dykstra will be featured throughout the year on Home Sweet Home Chicago WGN radio show. Consumers can call in and ask any questions they want. Prior topics included energy saving tips and also the benefits of duct cleaning. With spring right around the corner, this is the perfect time to be scheduling cleanings. Dykstra Home Services is also featured with Mr. Fix—Lou Manfredini. Dykstra Home Services is enjoying the opportunity to answer consumers' questions on the radio.



Craig Toepfer, local Comcast Business Account Executive for Orland Park, ranks in the top 1% of the company for 2019. Congratulations on a job well done!

Member Visits

In honor of Freddy's 95th birthday, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers in Orland Park offered 95 cent cone or dish. Executive Director Felicitas Cortez stopped in to celebrate with Manager Rachel Carvalho. Pictured below: OPACC staff enjoyed afternoon tea at new member, Pekoe & Bean Inc in Tinley Park. Owner Audrey Maher was a most gracious hostess!



Special thanks to our friends Grazyna Pikul and Robert Radkowski from the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union for treating the OPACC staff to delicious Polish cuisine at Tradycja Polish Fusion Cuisine in Orland Park.



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



2020 GOLF OUTING

Whether you are a scratch golfer or double digit handicapper, join us for a great day of golf and networking with local businesses and organizations.

JUNE 18, 2020

SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

8AM - REGISTRATION | 9AM - SHOT GUN START

TIME TO PAR - TEE

AMBASSADORS



Our Ambassadors gathered on February 5, at the Chamber office, to discuss their role in the Chamber and their focus for the new year.

Pictured above left: Adam Czerwinski, last year's chair of the Ambassadors, congratulates Victoria Walker as she becomes the Ambassador's new chair for 2020.

Pictured above right: Board Members Glen Borkowski, Adam Czerwinski and Roy Crews stand ready to support and assist Victoria Walker in her new role!



DON'T MISS Maximize Your Membership

Our next Member Orientation will be held on March 20 at the Chamber office, 8799 W. 151st Street in Orland Park.

Learn about the history, structure and purpose of the Chamber from Executive Director Felicitas Cortez.

Tips and tricks for navigating the website and Member Information Center will be presented by Member Services Coordinator Bonnie Hollaway.

Upcoming 2020 sessions:

5/15/2020

7/17/2020

9/11/2020

11/13/2020



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



On February 12, 2020, the Young Professionals gathered at Girl in the Park, located at 11265 W. 159th Street in Orland Park, for an informal networking evening. Nothing better than good food, good drinks and good friends!

The YOUNG PROS meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Mark your calendar to meet them on March 11 at Rocco Vino's at 11255 W. 143rd Street in Orland Park!



Michele Pierson joined the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce January 26, 2017, as our Events and Social Media Coordinator.

It is bittersweet that we are now bidding her farewell and wishing her all the best as she begins a new career adventure.

Thank you for your service to our Chamber, Michele!

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!

Resource Corner

Become "Spot On" For Winter Area Rug Care

Submitted by: Tara Walano
Darvin Rug Specialist

Area rugs can be an investment both visually – and financially. They can instantly enhance the way a room feels and provide decades of beauty and durability. The best way to take care of them is to understand they are not all created equal and require some care to ensure they last.

Basic Care

Whether your area rug is in a high-traffic family room or set off in a formal dining room with seasonal traffic, all area rugs require vacuuming on a regular basis. Based on factors such as traffic patterns, children and household pets, area rugs can require more frequent vacuuming.

Different types of rugs require different treatments. When vacuuming taller pile, or shag style rugs, never use the beater bar and only employ the suction function. This will help protect the viability of the more vulnerable, longer strands of fibers.

When vacuuming area rugs, always be especially cognizant of the fringes and edges of the rug. These can be especially vulnerable to splits or other damage and a harsh vacuuming process can damage the edges.

Spills

Spills may be the most common enemy of the area rug. Whether it's food or drink, it is critical to always blot mild spills. Depending on the spill type, you should employ a recipe that will eliminate the stain but protect the rug. *(See recipes at <https://www.darvin.com/p/rug-cleaning-guide>)*

Fabrics such as Viscos and Polyester are made up of especially fine strands of fibers. This means they require more care when cleaning and are more easily affected by water. In case of stains, always spot clean these rugs.



Because of their inherent durability, consistent color permeation through the entire fiber strand, and ease of clean up, Polypropylene Rugs are some of the most popular with consumers. They are easy to maintain and easy to keep clean.

Shampooing

When it comes to shampooing area rugs, it is easily accomplished with standard shampooing equipment. Frequency is a matter of common sense: if you have a lot of traffic or a lot of activity in the area, more frequent cleaning will be necessary.

If possible, when shampooing long-pile carpet, avoid using the beater brush on the equipment. This will protect the more vulnerable, longer strands of fibers on these distinct rug styles.

Pads

Pads are often overlooked but serve a very important function beyond simply cushioning the rug and preventing it from moving on slick surfaces. Since hard-surface floors have become so popular with homeowners, the pad will protect the backing on the area rug while also protecting the floor from any damage.

Experts agree that once a year is a good standard approach to performing maintenance on your area rugs. Whether it's a seasonal approach, after hosting parties, or to provide some relief from pet dander and dust accumulation that can trigger allergies, never wait too long to clean your rugs. Clean rugs will look great, last longer and do their jobs better.



Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Orland Township is always working for you -- here's what's been going on and what's coming up:

Souper Bowl Challenge

I want to thank everyone who came out for our 3rd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge! The turnout was bigger and better than last year with so many residents attending to sample and vote for their favorite soups. Congratulations to everyone who competed! Special congratulations go out to Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Felicitas Cortez for her Golden Ladle winning soup, Asian Noodle with Quail Egg, and to fellow chamber members Chuy's Tex Mex who took home the Golden Ladle for the second time for their Chicken Tortilla Soup and Smith Crossing who, in their debut appearance serving Lobster Bisque, won the People's Choice award.

To see a full list of winners, visit the Township's website: <http://orlandtownship.org/orland-township-touchdown-2/>. To view photos from the event, please visit the Township's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/OrlandTownshipIL/photos/?tab=album&album_id=186901216077497

We have some events coming up at the Township that chamber members may want to participate in to promote their organizations.

Spring Job Fair

Is your company looking for new employees due to expansion or for the busy summer months? Meet potential new employees at our Spring Job Fair. More than 150 job seekers attended each of our past job fairs, making it a great recruitment opportunity for area companies. Orland Township's Spring Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Township office, 14807 S. Ravinia. The job fair is free, but space is limited, so reserve your space early. Please contact Alexis O'Farrell either by email (AlexisO@orlandtownship.org) or phone (708) 403-4222, for more information and to register.

Orland Township Senior American Idol

More than a dozen seniors (55 and older) will compete for the title of Orland Township Senior American Idol on April 30. With an audience of nearly 200 people, it is the perfect event to promote your business or organization. For sponsorship information, contact Marie Ryan either by email (MarieR@orlandtownship.org) or phone (708) 403-4222.

Senior Health Fair

Join Orland Township for our annual Senior Health Fair and let our seniors know what your organization has to offer. The Senior Health Fair will take place on Tuesday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Township Office, 14807 S. Ravinia. There are no fees to participate but space is limited. Please contact Nora Tuzim either by email (NoraT@orlandtownship.org) or phone (708) 403-4222 for more information and to register.

Orland Township is proud to offer fellow chamber members opportunities to connect with our residents, after all, we are your Township and we are working for you!

Sincerely,
Paul O'Grady
Orland Township Supervisor

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Upcoming Programs & Events

MARCH 2020

Golf Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 3 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Chamber Office

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Ambassador Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 4 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Chamber Office

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Coldwater Creek Ribbon Cutting

Friday, March 6 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Coldwater Creek

9500 W. 143rd Street, Suite 202, OP

Ribbon Cutting 12:00 pm

OWN Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Chamber Office

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Young Professionals Meet-Up

Wednesday, March 11 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Rocco Vinos Italian Restaurant

11255 W. 143rd Street, OP

Pekoe & Bean Inc Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, March 12 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Pekoe & Bean Inc

17028 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park

Ribbon Cutting at 9:30 am

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 18 8:15 am - 9:15 am

D230 Administration Center Board Room

15100 S. 94th Avenue, OP

Membership Orientation - Learn How to "MAXIMIZE Your MEMBERSHIP"

Friday, March 20 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Chamber Office

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Arts & Drafts Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 24 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Brass Tap

14225 95th Avenue, OP

Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 25 7:45 am - 9:00 am

Orland Park Civic Center

14750 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

Marketing Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 26 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Chamber Office

8799 W. 151st Street, OP

Avolve Fitness Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, March 31 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Avolve Fitness

9234 W. 159th Street, OP

Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm