



# TAKE NOTE



## Executive Director's Message

### Taking the Pulse of Membership

With the beginning of Phase III of the Reopen Illinois Plan, Chamber staff has had the recent privilege of speaking with members on their own reopening process. The common denominator is one of excitement and anticipation.

Business owners have thoughtfully planned out procedures to help keep their staff and clients safe with supplies of PPE and social distancing measures. They have ramped up their social media to help promote new store hours and procedures and specials. Many have taken advantage of the Chamber's social media groups to communicate their new offerings, complete with photos and videos. I encourage you to visit these groups, add a "like" and positive comment, or better, leave a great review on the business' website or page.

Restaurant owners are now able to offer alfresco dining. Just drive around town and you'll find many options available, from a giant tent at Papa Joe's or Girl In The Park, The Brass Tap's patio or the expanded outdoor seating section at Casa Margarita. Until we are able to enjoy in-dining, I encourage you to patronize as many of your favorite spots for outdoor dining, carryout or delivery.

I have also heard from members that they continue to see value in their Chamber investment, and from others who have found new worth in Chamber membership. Throughout these past few months, the Chamber Board of Directors and staff have worked diligently to be a catalyst for business growth and a champion for a strong and thriving community, often under circumstances far from the norm. We've turned face-to-face programs into virtual opportunities for members to be informed of new legislation, financial resources, business policies or hear first-hand from Village and State leaders. And there is more yet to come.

But I want to hear from ALL members. Are you satisfied with YOUR Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce? What do YOU expect from your Chamber membership? What can we do?

Please share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

WE ARE LISTENING.

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## Mayor's Message

First, I would like to recognize the efforts of the men and women of the Orland Park Police Department for their dedication to keeping the residents and businesses of Orland Park safe and secure during the recent threats of violence and vandalism throughout the region. I would also like to thank the Public Works Department and Orland Fire Protection District for their assistance throughout this crisis.

The Village's commitment to, and investment in, public safety was evident throughout these events. Everyone knows that crime is at its lowest level in 25 years, and the handling of this event further confirms that our efforts to prevent crime continue to be successful.

The Village of Orland Park recognizes the impact COVID-19 and closures have had on area businesses. The following Economic Development Incentive Programs were developed to help existing businesses through the economic recovery.

- **HOTEL INCENTIVE for existing hotels** -The Existing Hotel Incentive Program (EHIP) provides an economic incentive for existing hotels. Eligible applicants will receive 40% of hotel tax proceeds to be returned to existing hotel for a period of 12 months following the implementation of Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Program or July 1, 2020, whichever comes later. To apply for this program, an email must be received by June 30, 2020.
- **SALES TAX SHARING (Small Businesses)** - Small Businesses (utilizing Small Business Administration criteria) impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic can apply for a 90-day, 50/50 sales tax split following the implementation of Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Program. Applications for this program are available online and must be received by June 30, 2020.

The village has also implemented several programs to encourage economic development in Orland Park as well. These incentives include:

- **NON-TRADITIONAL SALES TAX SHARING PROGRAM** – The Village is desirous of local sales tax generating industrial development. This program shall entitle the successful applicant to share in enhanced sales taxes for a specified time, which shall not exceed ten (10) years, or until a specified amount is reached. (continued on next page)

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- **BACK-FILL VACANT RESTAURANT INCENTIVE PROGRAM** - The Village is desirous of back-filling vacant restaurant locations within the Village. This program shall entitle the successful applicant to share in enhanced sales taxes for a specified time, which shall not exceed ten (10) years, or until a specified amount is reached.
- **HOTEL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (New Hotels)** - The Hotel Incentive Program (HIP) provides economic incentives to develop 3 to 5 star quality hotels in the Village of Orland Park to generate additional Transient Occupancy Tax in an amount which shall not exceed forty percent (40%) and for a specified time, which shall not exceed ten (10) years, or until a specified amount is reached.
- **ORLAND PARK COMMERCIAL IMPACT PROGRAM** - The goal of the Orland Park Commercial Impact Program is to encourage new commercial growth and development through the temporary reduction and deferral of permit and impact fees. New commercial projects will receive a 25% reduction on permit/impact fees and a 25% reduction on water tap fees. Additionally, projects are allowed to defer payment until issuance of the final occupancy certificate. Applications for this program must be received by September 30, 2020. A project completion deadline will be established by agreement by the Village Board, in its discretion, in consultation with the applicant.
- **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INCENTIVE** - The Village is desirous of encouraging advanced manufacturing facilities to locate in Orland Park. As an economic incentive to induce potential applicants to construct advanced manufacturing facilities in Orland Park. These programs include a Property Tax Exemption for a minimum investment of \$5 million and a Large Business Property Tax Cap for businesses that invest a minimum of \$1 billion.

Please contact the Village's Development Services Department at 708/403-5300 or visit [orlandpark.org/EDIP](http://orlandpark.org/EDIP) for more information.



THANK YOU to Senator Michael E. Hastings for presenting a legislative update during the Chamber's Virtual Membership Meeting on May 27!

We would also like to acknowledge our meeting sponsor, Data Display Systems-Orland Park!

Join us for our next Virtual Membership Meeting on June 24.

Registration can be found on [orlandparkchamber.org](http://orlandparkchamber.org)



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# New Member Introductions



## Camphouse Country Landscaping

Camphouse Country Landscaping is a family owned business that was established in 2007. We offer a wide range of services from landscape design, installation, and property maintenance. We also offer Snow and Ice Management for commercial, residential and condo associations. Our services can be customized to meet the needs of your home and/or business. The team at Camphouse Country Landscaping works directly with you to come up with the best solution for your residential and/or commercial landscape, property maintenance, and snow and ice management needs.



## H1 Marketing

With more than 20 years experience in communications and marketing, H1 Marketing offers a variety of services for small businesses who do not have the financial capabilities of having their own marketing department. We have programs and services that can fit any budget.

For the past 15 years, CEO and Founder Heather Warthen worked for a local media group, moving from editor to managing editor to chief events officer and finally chief marketing officer. During her time there, she developed several advertising campaigns for their events division as well as for special projects and company initiatives. She has also been invited on several occasions as a public speaker to share her knowledge on digital advertising and strategy with business and events.

"Starting this company seemed a natural fit for me as I am passionate about small businesses and would love to use my skills to help them grow and succeed," Warthen said.

H1 Marketing's services include: social media management; social media content; Facebook and Instagram advertising campaigns; marketing and event planning; photography; and consulting. "A good marketer always knows how to tell a story - let us help you tell your story," Warthen said.

Warthen, however, is no stranger to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. She served on its board of directors from 2007-2016 and is a past president (2015) of the chamber. Additionally, Warthen serves on Meeting Professionals International - Chicago Area Chapter's Board of Directors as Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

For more information on how H1 Marketing can help your business, call or text (815) 545-8728, email [heathermarketing1@gmail.com](mailto:heathermarketing1@gmail.com) or visit [www.h1-marketing.com](http://www.h1-marketing.com). You can also follow H1 Marketing on Facebook and Instagram.



## Data Display Systems

DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS TO KEEP EMPLOYEES, VISITORS, PATIENTS, BUSINESSES AND THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY SAFE.

Leveraging our fifty-plus year history as a US-based technology provider to the point-of-purchase display industry, our team continues the tradition of developing custom products to educate, protect and serve the community.

By combining a broad range of sensor technologies with Data Display's video, audio and lighting product line we're able to deliver products that keep employees, visitors and patients in the know, allowing businesses to safely get back to work. Coupling this with our Remote Content Management system allows businesses to securely access a wide range of critical engagement data.



# 2020 GOLF OUTING

Thursday, September 3  
Silver Lake Country Club



## BALL DROP Sponsor - \$2,000 - 1 Available

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name/logo on signage
- 5 social media shout outs prior to event

## GOLF CART Sponsor - \$1,500 - 1 Available

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name/logo on placard on all golf carts
- 4 social media shout outs prior to event

## EYE OPENER COCKTAIL Sponsor - \$1,000

- Company name/logo on signage
- 3 social media shout outs prior to event

## 19TH HOLE COCKTAIL Sponsor - \$1,000

- Company name/logo on signage
- 3 social media shout outs prior to event

## BEVERAGE CART Sponsor - \$1,160 - 2 Available

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name/logo on beverage cart
- 3 social media shout outs prior to event

## OASIS Sponsor - \$860 - 2 Available

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name/logo on oasis signage
- 2 social media shout outs prior to event

## STAFFED HOLE Sponsor - \$810 - 18 Available

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name on signage at the hole
- 1 table & 2 chairs provided
- up to 2 employees may staff hole
- giveaways encouraged - NO alcohol please
- FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

### STAFFED Hole Only - \$275

## UNSTAFFED HOLE Sponsor - \$785

- FOURSOME Included
- Company name on signage at lunch site

### UNSTAFFED HOLE Only - \$250

## GOLF COURSE GAME Sponsor - \$500

## GOLF FOR ONE - \$140

### FOURSOME - \$560

- Golf with Cart
- Breakfast Bundle
- Boxed Lunch
- Beverages on course
- Steak Dinner (Dine-In or To-Go)

## DINNER - \$45

- Staffed Hole Personnel
- Guests

A portion of the event proceeds will help fund the Chamber Scholarship Program  
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*Congratulations*



# Orland Park Chamber Scholarship Recipients

*Class of 2020*



*Michael Bonaminio*



- Graduated from Carl Sandburg High School with honors
- High School & Community Service Accolades: National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish National Honor Society, Academic Challenge in Engineering & Science, Mathletes, Illinois Shotokan Karate Club Assistant Sensei Instructor
- Will attend Notre Dame University, with a major in Aerospace Engineering.

*Emma Kein*

- Graduated from Lincoln-Way East High School with honors
- High School & Community Service Accolades: National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, LWE Student Ambassador, Robotics Club, International Club, Badminton, Volleyball, Peer Helper, Lincoln-Way Special Rec, Ultimate Volleyball Assistant Coach
- Will attend St Louis University to pursue Occupational Therapy



*Victoria Quinlan*



- Graduated from Providence Catholic High School with honors
- High School & Community Service Accolades: National Honor Society, Volleyball, Student Council, Habitat for Humanity, Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan, Manteno Veterans Home Volunteer, Daybreak Shelter Soup Kitchen Assistant & Volunteer
- Will attend Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, to study Elementary Education

# Past Scholarship Recipients

## Logan Lochow - Class of 2017

I just finished my Junior year of college at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. All is going well and I love school down here! Quite a change from living in Chicago. I am majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. The OPACC Scholarship has helped me purchase textbooks for my studies, which, as we all know can be quite a financial burden so I am very thankful for the extra help that the OPACC has given me. I am about to start interning with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for this upcoming summer (starting on June 1 actually) in Lawrenceburg, TN. Aside from my studies, I am or have been involved in various clubs and organizations on campus. This past year I was a senator for the Junior Class in UAH's Student Government Association. I am also a member of the UAH Beekeeping Club and UAH Green Club. Most of my extracurricular time is spent on my fraternity on campus, Pi Kappa Alpha - Theta Pi Chapter. I am hoping to concentrate in either Environmental or Structural Engineering, which are both subsets of Civil Engineering. Once I graduate, I am hoping to work for a smaller engineering firm in which I can help to see projects all the way through, rather than working on just one portion of a project. Thank you again to the OPACC for helping me get to where I am today! I couldn't have done it without your support.



## Leah (Hollaway) Clancy - Class of 2009

I was incredibly fortunate to receive one of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce's scholarships in 2009. I graduated from Carl Sandburg High School and was accepted to Loyola University Chicago. In order to help pay for college expenses, I worked during the summers as a lifeguard at Centennial Park Aquatic Center. The money I earned, along with assistance from my parents and student loans, is how I planned to finance my college education. Receiving the scholarship money was a welcome source of additional funds which I used to purchase a new laptop and my textbooks. It was so incredible to have those expenditures taken care of.

I graduated from Loyola with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry in 2013. I had always been interested in dentistry and while at Loyola, I was involved with the Pre-Dental Association. By learning more about dentistry and shadowing dentists in Chicago and Orland Park, I knew that I had found my passion. I was accepted to the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics and in 2017, I earned my DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery) degree. For the past three years since graduation, I've been practicing dentistry at Grand Avenue Dental Care in Hartford, Wisconsin. It is such an honor to be a past OPACC scholarship recipient – thank you so much for your contribution to my education!

# Member Spotlight



## Darvin Furniture Starts Community Hero Program to Honor First Responders, Frontline Workers

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the entire nation, the incredible challenges facing first responders and frontline workers have made a lasting impact on many of us who may feel like we can only watch and offer our sincerest gratitude for their unselfish efforts, says Darvin® Furniture & Mattress President Will Harris, who recently announced a new program to recognize local community heroes.

The Darvin Community Hero Program offers anyone the opportunity to nominate someone they feel is a hero during these challenging times. Every week, the nominations are posted on the Darvin website and Facebook. Visitors can vote for that week's favorite hero. Each week, the winning nominee will be announced. They will receive a Darvin Furniture gift card as recognition and move on to the Grand Prize drawing. A new group of nominees will be added for the upcoming week.

"Unprecedented times require unprecedented responses," says Harris. "The jobs these community heroes do for all of us is very hard on them and their families. Nominating one of them is easy to do and my hope is that the full impact of recognizing so many will in some small way let them know how much we appreciate what they sacrifice."

Nominating someone as a Community Hero is easy, just go to [Darvin.com](http://Darvin.com). Fill out the nomination form and submit it with your comments explaining why they should be recognized.

Voting is as easy as nominating. To vote each week on the Community Heroes, visit Darvin's Facebook page and like the picture of the nominee you want to vote for.

"Whether it's nominating community heroes each week or voting on those who have been nominated, our hope at Darvin is we can help shine a light on those who have, during these very tough times, been an inspiration to us and helped protect us," says Harris.

Darvin Furniture is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2020. Darvin is an accredited business with the Better Business Bureau, a recipient of the national 2018 Leadership Award from Furniture Today Magazine and the Illinois Retailer of the Year Award from the Illinois Retail Merchants Association.





Saturday, September 26, 2020  
11:00am to 9:00pm  
Orland Park Crossing  
143rd & LaGrange Road, Orland Park



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## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### ***Imperial Stout Level - \$3,500 - 1 Available***

- Company name/logo will have premier position on entertainment main stage
- Company will receive one reserved booth spot at event
- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 5 social media shout outs prior to event
- 8 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

### ***IPA Level - \$2,000 - 2 Available***

- Company name/logo will appear on choice of Tasting Glass or Koozie
- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 4 social media shout outs prior to event
- 6 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

### ***Malt Level - \$1,000 - 6 Available***

- Company name/logo will appear on choice of Wristband, Volunteer T-shirts, Photo Wall
- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 3 social media shout outs prior to event
- 4 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

### ***Lager Level - \$500 - 12 Available***

- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 2 social media shout outs prior to event
- 2 complimentary passes to the event--includes 1 glass with 10 drink tickets per pass

### ***Pale Ale Level - \$250 - Unlimited Available***

- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 1 social media shout out prior to event

**A portion of the event proceeds will help fund the Chamber Scholarship Program**

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## Sponsorship Application

Return completed application by September 1 to guarantee all benefits:

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce  
8799 W 151st Street  
Orland Park, IL 60462

## Sponsor Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event Arts & Drafts is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, your sponsorship will be considered a donation to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

Will you be taking advantage of all perks included in your sponsorship package? \_\_\_\_\_

No sponsorship package at this time, but we are willing to donate:

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# Around Town



## TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Orland Township continues to work for you during the COVID-19 pandemic. While still adhering to the social distancing and mask wearing guidelines, we are still able to provide services to the community, including senior rides to necessary medical visits, such as dialysis and cancer treatment and access to our food pantry, using a drive-thru format, to minimize contact.

As you may recall, in April, Orland Township held a mass grocery distribution drive-thru to assist residents experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That first drive-thru provided groceries and other basic necessities such as water, toilet paper and paper towels to nearly 300 families, demonstrating the need throughout our community. To continue serving the community, we held two more drive-thru grocery distributions during May. With the continued support, generosity and kindness of many community members and groups, after all three mass grocery distributions, nearly 1,400 families received groceries and other basic necessities. Of course, these events could not have happened without the assistance of so many wonderful volunteers. Huge thanks to the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Parkview Christian Church, Orland School District 135 board member Dave Shalabi, Mike and Kendall Schofield and so many others that made these distributions run so efficiently.

Just before the start of the third distribution, which was held on May 22, I was proud to be able to provide over 300 masks to first responders from the Orland Park, Orland Hills and Tinley Park police and fire departments. These masks were made by some of our senior volunteers over the course of approximately two months as part of our Operation PPEP (Personal Protection for Essential Personnel).

Also before the start of the third distribution, Orland Township Food Pantry was the recipient of two cash donations. One donation was from Jane's Warriors, the Jane Caliendo Memorial Foundation and was presented by Jim Caliendo; the other from former Cook County Commissioner Liz Gorman. These donations are greatly appreciated and needed to continue the mission of the Orland Township Food Pantry, especially in these trying times. If you would like to assist the Orland Township Food Pantry, please consider donating through our Stock the Pantry Donation Drive by going to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/orland-township-food-donation-drive>.

Orland Township is getting ready for the next phase of Restore Illinois, making the appropriate adjustments to operations to begin reintroducing programs and services on a limited and reduced basis. One event we do have planned is a summer job fair on June 23rd. The job fair will be held in the Township's parking lot, under tents, with everyone required to follow current CDC guidelines for safe interactions and social distancing. If your company is or will be hiring soon, please consider attending our free job fair. For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Alexis at (708) 403-4222 or by email at [AlexisO@orlandtownship.org](mailto:AlexisO@orlandtownship.org).

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well, and remember, we are all in this together.

Sincerely,  
Paul O'Grady  
Orland Township Supervisor





# Orland Township Summer Job Fair

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Orland Township 14807 Ravinia Ave Orland Park, IL 60462

Located outside in main parking lot under tents

Orland Township is offering this FREE job fair opportunity to meet with possible future employers. There will be companies from various industries attending the fair—all will be following the latest CDC recommendations for safe interactions and social distancing requirements.

Business casual attire recommended, and bring several copies of your updated resume. All jobseekers welcome!

For more information, call Alexis at (708) 403-4222.

- ✓ *Meet employers*
- ✓ *Gather information*
- ✓ *Apply for jobs*
- ✓ *Part-time, Full-time, and temporary positions*



# Resource Corner

## Outdoor Furniture & Rugs

Submitted by: Jeanie Harrison  
Darvin Furniture

At a time when COVID-19 restrictions are keeping the vast majority of us at home, many days cooped up in the house as spring temperatures fluctuate between frigid and summer-like, there is a definite movement to get outdoors, even if you cannot entertain friends and family just yet.

Entertaining at home was already a 'thing' for those who have opted to expand their living space from under the roof to outside on the deck or patio. Making the choice to purchase outdoor furniture starts with recognizing there are many options and styles to choose from and, just like indoor furniture, design, quality materials and durability all are important considerations that impact price.

### Here are five factors to consider before buying:

**1-DURABILITY:** Outdoor furniture must be durable enough to withstand the daily beating brought on by the sun, wind and weather. Modern fabrics used in the construction of cushions and umbrellas, whether it's a sofa or a swing, provide protection from harsh UV rays that can fade colors.

**2 - STYLE:** An ever-expanding selection used in construction of many types of outdoor furniture have advanced the choices significantly over the last few years. Many new options, like the popular 'sling' styles, provide great comfort along with the integration of quick-dry cushions that add to the convenience of entertaining outdoors. Deep seating is another popular choice for patios.

**3 - SHOPPING:** Similar to the approach you might have going into the showroom looking for your family room furniture, shopping for outdoor furniture requires some of the same considerations. Who will be using it? How big are the people sitting in it? How many people do you need to account for? How often will you be using it? What material is it built with? Materials such as rust-resistant aluminum make a difference in quality and cost. For instance, a wicker chair without an aluminum frame will quickly rust.

**4 - TRENDS:** In addition to the overall increased popularity of outdoor entertaining at home, several trends are clearly emerging in 2020. Deep seating is very popular. It's incredibly comfortable and looks great in sets that include sofas, chairs and tables. Many families are opting for these sets in lieu of formal dining sets. Multi-purpose items like tables that include fire elements are space savers that work really well for smaller outdoor areas.

**5 - MAINTENANCE:** While outdoor furniture certainly employs the use of high-tech materials that help it endure daily exposure to harsh elements, the best way to take care of your investment is to cover it up when not in use or to take it indoors during the winter months. If possible, have a place to store cushions during the outdoor season. Outdoor furniture is built to be easily cleaned. The better the quality, the better the surface finish, the better it will hold up over time.

When people first see an outdoor area rug, two things typically come to mind. Often, the first thought they have is a recognition of the color and texture the rug added to the deck or patio. The second thing they think is it must be expensive to have a special outdoor rug. But they are surprisingly affordable.

Area rugs are really affordable when you consider the impact they have and the small amount of maintenance they require. Today's area rugs are offered with tremendous variances in style and design. You can opt for solids or patterns, or capture a part of your personality with a Dog or Nautical theme. There are endless options out there.

The infusion of modern outdoor rugs to homeowner's exterior entertaining spaces is a relatively new trend that has become more mainstream over the last decade. It is not a coincidence that it mirrors the same explosion of popularity for well-defined and stylish patios and decks.

A lot of homeowners are looking for a way to make their outdoor areas more comfortable and more memorable – a real extension of their home. The area rug, not unlike its role inside the home, is a great way to add some color and style, while also adding some comfort for bare feet that might otherwise be in contact with hot surfaces.

What makes the outdoor rug so nice is the use of modern materials that dry quickly, resist mold and dirt, do not bleach out in the sunshine and are extremely easy to clean. While these rugs are incredibly durable and hold up under tough weather conditions, they do require a small bit of maintenance to ensure they provide years of protection on your deck or patio.

### Tips for choosing and caring for an outdoor area rug:

- Use the same concepts as for choosing an indoor rug
- Understand the space available, you want to accent, but not overwhelm, the patio or deck area with the rug
- Recognize function and traffic patterns
- Do not put an area rug near a firepit
- Clean rugs by hosing them down and air drying
- Don't leave area rugs out all winter

The low-maintenance approach to area rugs does not mean they can be ignored all year. They do require occasional cleaning, which involves a little bleach, hosing off and hanging over a fence or table to air dry.







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