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TAKE NOTE



President's Message

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Golf Outing!

Despite the many new challenges placed on this event due to COVID, our committee, volunteers and staff did an outstanding job in planning a safe and fun day on the course. A special thank you to our presenting sponsor **MidAmerica Orthopaedics** and other major sponsors for their continued generosity and support of the Orland Chamber.

We wanted to show off the day's event, so take a peek inside the newsletter for a multi-page spread of photos. Heather Warthen, H1 Marketing, did a great job on capturing our foursomes in action.

New this year, we held a Ball Drop 50/50 game to benefit the Chamber Scholarship program. It was exciting to watch the basket of balls drop from a cherry picker (thanks Jondec Painting and RentalMax!) and even more exciting to have the ball I purchased drop closest to the pin!

Yes, the next round of drinks is on me!

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Mayor's Message

The Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees is responsible for over 22 square miles of infrastructure including roads and 66 parks and open spaces. We balance the needs of all our approximately 60,000 residents and try to be fiscally prudent and responsible while doing so.

The Village Trustees and I have worked to implement several changes and improvements that benefit residents and businesses, including:

- Prioritizing spending on infrastructure to catch up with our capital needs.
- In 2019, doubled spending on our road program over 5 years which will allow us to catch up.
- Increased investment in our major parks – initially John Humphrey beginning in the fall of 2019.
- Increased spending on our local parks to allow us to catch up. This was approved in 2019.
- Developed a Master Plan for our 3 major parks, Centennial, John Humphrey and Schussler, to identify needed improvements and develop a long-term phased plan for redevelopment.
- Developed a 5-year capital plan for all the capital needs of the village and ranked those needs based on several factors including current condition and importance.
 1. This plan will address all the items that the park study identified as being in poor condition.
 2. Rather than replacing items simply to “put in something new”, we are replacing the items that are in poor condition and more wisely spending our capital dollars.
 3. Our buying processes have changed to allow for more bulk purchases. For example, resurfacing multiple tennis courts in one year is much cheaper than doing one at a time in the one park that was being overhauled.

These investments have already paid dividends with our road program and park repairs already four years of schedule.

Recently, as you are aware, the region has seen several nights of rioting and looting. To date, our proactive approach has prevented issues here in Orland Park. Of course, many of our neighboring communities and certainly Chicago have not fared as well.

With many of the region’s shopping areas damaged or still closed, Orland Park has become even more of a regional draw than it was previously. This is good for our businesses and residents benefit from the economic boost from visitors coming here to shop, dine and play.

Of course, the fact that we are open has the potential to attract those that want to commit crimes such as theft. We are well aware of this and remain proactive to prevent crime. We work closely with our retailers including Simon Properties, the owners of the mall, to keep Orland Square and other areas safe. The Village of Orland Park and its police department do an outstanding job of keeping these areas safe. Orland Square remains the safest regional mall in Chicagoland according to Crimecast, which tracks these statistics.

We track this information because it is important for us to benchmark our success, and the village working with Simon Properties and our other businesses does a great job!

We all know what a great police department we have. The 2019 FBI Index crime statistics show that we have the lowest number of crimes since we have been tracking this in 1994. That follows 2018, which was the previous record low. Keep in mind that in 1994 we also had 20,000 fewer residents.

Also, for at least the last 6 years, Orland Park has had either the lowest or 2nd lowest violent crime rate for towns over 50,000 in Illinois. We are a large town so we will have incidents from time to time, but our police department does an outstanding job. I am very proud of the work they do and for keeping Orland Park the safe community it has always been.

The Village Board will continue to work to keep Orland Park safe and invest in our infrastructure to keep Orland Park a thriving community where people live, work and play.

Keith Pekau
Village President



Proposed Slate for the 2021 Board Officers and Directors

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** To be elected to new 3 year terms at
the October Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 28
Orland Park Civic Center
10am*

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SAVE THE DATE

THE ORLAND PARK AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HOSTS

The Orland Park State of the Village & Business Community

featuring
Village President Keith Pekau

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2020

10:00AM - 11:30AM

ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER * 14750 RAVINIA AVENUE

New Member Introductions



Duluth Trading Co

It's not just a store, it's an experience! At Duluth, we don't do anything the usual way. And that includes our stores. Sure, you'll find all our incredibly useful clothing and accessories, but you'll also find historical images of the Orland Park's hardworking men and women, found objects, AND our incredibly helpful and knowledgeable associates. Yup, it's a store like no other – just the way you wish all stores could be!

Our Duluth Trading store, located right in the heart of Orland Park, boasts enough space to showcase our innovative and problem-solving men's and women's workwear and daily wear. Plus, we've got ingenious tools, gadgets, organizers, apothecary and useful specialty gear you need to get the job done.

Stop in today to See, Touch and Try on Fire Hose® Work Pants, Longtail T®-Shirts, No-Yank® Tanks and everything else in our store!

Conveniently located off of South LaGrange Road near the Orland Square Mall - 29 Orland Square Drive, Orland Park.

"We are excited to open our third Duluth Trading store in the Chicago metro area. Duluth Trading fans around Chicago have been shopping with us for years, and now they have a new location convenient to the south suburbs. We are delighted that our loyal customers can now enjoy three ways to shop – in-store, curbside and online – to experience our innovative solution-based apparel for men and women."

– Steve Schlecht, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Duluth Trading Co.



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DULUTH TRADING CO



On August 20, 2020, Duluth Trading Co hosted their Ribbon Cutting at their location at 29 Orland Square Drive in Orland Park. Mayor Keith Pekau, Village Trustees Michael Milani, Cynthia Katsenes and Kathleen Fenton joined Mercedes Nagel, Store Manager as she cut the ceremonial ribbon. Village Manager, George Koczvara, Assistant Village Manager, Greg Summers, OPACC President-Elect Joyce Bibeau, OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez and numerous Chamber members joined store employees in making this a special celebration!

OPACC BUSINESSES



Little Milano's Wood Fired Pizza hosted their Ribbon Cutting on August 25 at their location, 15866 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Village Trustee Michael Milani, Village Manager George Koczwara, Assistant Village Manager Greg Summers, OPACC President Ray Klosowski, OPACC President-Elect Joyce Bibeau and OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez joined Yahia and Sue Alzghier as they cut the ceremonial ribbon. Several Chamber members joined store employees in making this a special celebration! The the pizza was DELICIOUS!



Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Drive-Thru Grocery Distributions

Orland Township held six drive-thru grocery distributions between April and August of this year to assist residents experiencing financial difficulty due to the pandemic. I want to again say thank you to everyone who so generously donated time, food items, money and gift cards to these distributions. All the support from our wonderful community members, businesses and organizations ensured that those in need received carloads of nutritious food. This outpouring of generosity and support makes me proud to a part of Orland Township!

Flu Season

It's hard to believe that the Summer of 2020 is now behind us and that it is time to start thinking about the Fall and about flu season. Orland Township's flu shot clinics began on Wednesday, Sept. 2 and will be held at the Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., every Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., through the end of October. The exceptions being Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day) and Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day) when the office is closed for holiday observances.

The Township will also host its convenient Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Drive over to the Township and get your flu shot while running your weekend errands, you don't even have to leave your vehicle.

Flu shots will also be available during early voting. Please see our website, orlandtownship.org for more information, including when Township nurses will be at area churches administering flu shots and applicable fees.

Early Voting

Another sign of Fall is early voting. The Orland Township Administration Building, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., will serve as an early voting site in the two weeks leading up to the election. The health and safety of everyone - voters, election volunteers and staff - is of utmost importance. During early voting, mask wearing, social distancing and other measures will be strictly enforced to help prevent the spread of the virus.

For voters taking advantage of the state's vote-by-mail program, the Cook County Clerk's Office will have a secure drop box on-site for those who would like to deliver their ballots directly to the Cook County Clerk's Office. All aspects of the drop box will be managed by the early voting judges appointed by the Cook County Clerk's Office, including the location within the Township building and the evening pick-up from the drop box.

With so many options to cast your ballot, I encourage everyone to be sure to exercise their right to vote.

I wish everyone the best and hope you continue to stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Paul O'Grady
Orland Township Supervisor

Member Spotlight



Marcus Theatres is OPEN and the big screen feeling is BACK! Robert Boelman, general manager of the **Marcus Theatre-Orland Park**, and his staff celebrated the theater's re-opening in August. The venue has been redesigned to meet all health and social distancing guidelines. Check out the latest blockbuster and enjoy a safe and entertaining day at the movies! For information on showtimes, visit marcustheatres.com



Local business lends a helping hand!
When a local senior citizen had difficulty removing weather driven debris on her lawn, the Orland Park Chamber connected her with **College Hunks Hauling Junk and Moving**. Owner Tim Ibraimi kindly donated his services and took care of the matter. Thank you, Tim, for your fast service and support of the community! Do you have a project that is too big to handle? Call CHJM at 708-292-0751

Resource Corner

Employee Payroll Tax Deferral

Submitted by: Robin D. Linklater, MST, CPA - Mueller & Co., LLP

The IRS issued Notice 2020-65 on Friday, August 28, 2020, giving preliminary guidance on the payroll tax deferral ordered on August 8, 2020, by a Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of Treasury to defer the withholding, deposit, and payment of certain payroll tax obligations.

IRS guidance:

- The Memorandum and the Notice do not require the employer to defer the taxes.
- Employers can opt to not withhold the 6.2% Social Security payroll taxes from their employees' paychecks from September 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.
- Employers can only defer the Social Security tax for employees who earn wages less than \$4,000 on a biweekly basis.
- The employer must "ratably" withhold any deferred tax from the employee's wages from January 1, 2021, to April 30, 2021. This effectively doubles the employee's Social Security tax for the period.
- If an employee leaves a company before April 30, employers may make arrangements to otherwise collect the tax from the employee.
- Any deferred withholding that is not repaid as of April 30, 2021, will be subject to interest, penalties, and additions to tax and will begin to accrue on May 1, 2021, with respect to any unpaid taxes.

Prior to the release of the IRS notice, Secretary Mnuchin had publicly stated that the payroll tax deferral announced in the Presidential Memorandum would be optional for all employers. Although the IRS notice does not explicitly state that the guidance is optional, the postponement of the withholding and payment due dates would appear to provide such a result as there is no provision in the notice that would preclude employers from continuing to withhold and pay the Social Security tax using the regular due dates.

Remaining questions:

After the release of the Presidential Memorandum, many businesses raised concerns about the collection of deferred taxes from employees that leave employment before the deferred taxes are repaid. The notice appears to place responsibility for remitting the deferred taxes with the employer, rather than the employee. However, the notice states that, if necessary, the employer may make arrangements to collect the total amount of deferred taxes from the employee.

Unfortunately, the notice is silent in regard to what shape or form those arrangements may take. Employers that decide to participate in the deferral may want to consider implementing a policy to address such situations and communicating said policy to their employees.

The notice is also silent related to the applicability of the Trust Fund Recover Penalties. This authorizes a penalty against any responsible person required to collect, account for, and pay over certain taxes, including the employee portion of social security taxes, held in trust who willfully fails to perform any of these activities. The responsible party may be (but not limited to) a corporate officer or employee, a member of a partnership, corporate director or shareholder.

Caution:

Based on these identified risks and the limited information provided by the US Treasury notice we strongly suggest that employers consider whether or not they want to participate in the deferral program. If you feel comfortable with the program, we're happy to assist you in considering the appropriate manner to navigate and report the deferral.

Visit <https://www.muellercpa.com/insights/covid-19/employee-payroll-tax-deferral>

SEPTEMBER Programs & Events

Board Meeting

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

Virtual Meeting

The Simple Greek Ribbon Cutting

Friday, September 18 10:15 am - 11:00 am

The Simple Greek

14225 95th Avenue #410, OP - in Orland Park Crossing

Ribbon Cutting at 10:30 am

Masks are required

Monthly Membership Meeting

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

Silver Lake Country Club

West Garden Patio

14700 S. 82nd Avenue, OP

Tommy's Express Car Wash Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, September 24 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tommy's Express Car Wash

15819 Wolf Road, OP

Ribbon Cutting at 6:30 pm

Masks are required

Resume Webinar

Wednesday, September 23 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Presented by Lauren Milligan, ResuMayDay

Learn from this industry leader how to write a resume that will be noticed!

ZOOM link will be sent to all registrants the day of event

\$10.00/registrant