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Executive Director's Message

For the past three decades, the Orland Park Chamber's Community EXPO has been a go-to event for community members to learn about businesses and organizations in the area. We will continue this tradition for the 31st year but, for the first time ever, our EXPO will go virtual!

Yes, this new format is in response to the many ongoing restrictions brought on by the pandemic. But it is also a modern approach to better promote local businesses and cast a wider reach in terms of audience and attendance.

Get your business or organization in front of the community!

WHEN: November 22 to December 19. Replacing the half day event as in previous years, our 2020 Community EXPO will be "live" for four weeks. And just in time for the holidays!

WHERE: orlandparkchamber.org/events/2020CommunityEXPO. There will be a dedicated event page on the Chamber's website so audience members can have access to browse through our virtual gallery of exhibitors at their convenience, day or night!

HOW: Exhibitors will receive an enhanced webpage to promote their business, service, products and staff with content including photos, videos with direct links to their own website. Want to change your content to feature special packages or promotions? Absolutely!

WHY: Our virtual platform will allow a variety of businesses and organizations to participate, regardless of their budget. In return, the Chamber will promote the 2020 Community EXPO through social media campaigns, weekly prize contests and a grand prize raffle to keep the audience coming back throughout the month.

More details to come! But until then, call the Chamber office and we will be more than happy to answer all your questions.



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Mayor's Message

As we head into October, things continue to look up for Orland Park. An inducement agreement was unanimously approved at the September 21, 2020 Village Board meeting welcoming plans for a new Pete's Fresh Market.

Pete's Fresh Market is anticipating a Spring 2021 groundbreaking and plans to open their newest location in Orland Park by Spring 2022. The proposed project includes the redevelopment of the former Art Van building into a 65,000 square foot, full service Pete's Fresh Market grocery store in the Orland Greens Shopping Center located at 15080 South LaGrange Road.

Stephanie Dremonas, Executive Officer at Pete's Fresh Market, was present at the September 21, 2020 Village Board meeting. "We're excited, we're Southsiders," said Dremonas about the plans to open a new store in the former Art Van Furniture location. "We're off to the races...we hope to have all plans in for review by the end of the year."

We are just as excited as the Pete's Fresh Market representatives to have them as a part of our business community. I had the pleasure to meet with Stephanie and her father, James "Jimmy" Dremonas recently. You can tell the passion and love that the Dremonas family has for their business. This is a great addition to the Village of Orland Park. It shows everyone that Orland Park is the place businesses want to be, even during a pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the recent Village of Orland Park Veteran's Golf Classic at Silver Lake Country Club. We had a great turnout, lots of fun and most importantly, were able to raise funds for local veterans' organizations.

Our restaurant owners who plan to offer outdoor dining into the colder months will want to join us on October 7 at 9 a.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center to hear about the Village's plans to help assist in the safe and proper implementation of outdoor dining as we move forward this year.

Representatives from the Village's Development Service Department, local vendors for heating and tent service will be on hand to offer advice, guidance and answer any questions attendees may have regarding the topic.

Our local businesses are an integral part of the Orland Park community and we will continue to do all that we can to assist in your success as we navigate these restrictions and uncertain times together.

Keith Pekau
Village President



Proposed Slate for the 2021 Board Officers and Directors

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***Daniel McMillan**

Rizza Auto Group

***Tina Scott**

Vegan T'ease

Kyle Treglown

Keller Williams

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

We Appreciate our PREMIER MEMBERS



We're Growing...Welcome New Member

Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra

Janet Kuester
12 W. Sauk Trail
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www.suburbanyouthsymphony.org
Children's Entertainment & Activities



Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra is a 501c(3) non profit operated by a talented team of classically trained musicians, instructors, and board of directors who are dedicated to providing students of the south suburbs of Chicago with the opportunity to develop necessary skills, instrumental music education, and inspiration to play and enjoy music, and to build a community of string players.

Currently, we offer two programs:

Incredible Opportunity Program

The Incredible Opportunity Program (IOP) is our beginner ensemble, a group instruction class, for students ages 8-13 who do not have a string program offered at their school and who do not already play a string instrument, but would like to learn to play a violin. To be considered for IOP, students must submit a short essay titled, "Why I Want to Play the Violin" to thesyso@gmail.com.

General Program Description: for 2020-2021, if accepted, students receive weekly instruction via Zoom on Sunday afternoon and a weekly streamed class on our Facebook page

Total program cost for 2020-2021 season is \$280 plus a \$15 materials fee (book and shoulder pad). A rental violin will be provided if needed at no additional cost. Financial aid is available to qualified students. For more information email thesyso@gmail.com.

Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra

Our top performing ensemble provides orchestra training for students that already play a string instrument with confidence. Students play different styles of music and further develop reading, rhythm, and ensemble skills, and learn how conducting works.

In addition, they receive a master class as well as coaching from highly trained classical musicians during a chamber music segment mid-season.

General Program Description: Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoons at St. Peter's Church in Frankfort, Illinois, currently in small group format adhering to Covid protocol 3-5:30PM, beginning in September and running through the beginning of May.

Total program cost is \$420 for September through April or \$235 per semester. Financial aid is available to qualified students.

Audition required. Videos and audition application may be submitted to thesyso@gmail.com.

Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra
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OPACC

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Membership Benefits

Looking to advertise a special offer?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

Post your **HOT DEAL** on the Chamber's website
It's a FREE benefit of your membership.

- Click onto the Member Login found in the upper right-hand side on the home page of www.orlandparkchamber.org
- Enter your login name & password. Forgot password? Click on forgot password to reset your password.
- Don't have a login username? Call the Chamber office 708-349-2972.
- Click the Hot Deals link in the Shortcuts navigation panel on the left.
- Click Add Hot Deal from upper right
- Complete the fields:
 - Title** - This is the name of your Hot Deal that will be displayed - grab consumer's attention with this phrase
 - Tagline** - Appears on the Hot Deal Listing page - quick phrase to grab attention
 - Category** - Select a category from the drop down list.
 - Description** - Enter the Hot Deal description.
 - Meta Description** - One to two sentence summary of your content, often visible in search engine results, social media posts and shares - gives you the opportunity to better target your message
 - Short Description** - Will display "teaser text" in the deals search results on our website
 - Offer Start & End Dates** - Enter first and last dates offer will be valid
 - Image** - Click the Add Image icon to load in your digital flyer, coupon or business logo
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 - Active Dates** - These dates determine when your Hot Deal will display on our website. Dates may be modified by Chamber staff later, if needed
- Click Submit for Approval

Once approved by the Chamber office, the hot deal will appear on our website. Click on COMMUNITY HOT DEALS under MEMBER SERVICES on the tool bar on the home page of our website, orlandparkchamber.org, to see all hot deals posted by our members. In addition, the hot deal will appear on your business page on our website, under the NEWS tab.

Looking to hire a new employee?

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Post your **JOB LISTING** on the Chamber's website
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- Click the Job Postings link in the Shortcuts navigation panel on the left.
- Click Add Job Posting from upper right
- Complete the fields:
 - Title** - This is the name of the job posting that will be displayed.
 - Description** - Enter the job description.
 - Category** - Select a category from the drop down list.
 - Contact Information** - Review organization information & update any information as needed.
 - Active Dates** - Click the dates you would like to have this Job Posting active on the website. NOTE: Active dates cannot be changed once the Job Posting has been submitted. Job Postings are on a week by week basis, beginning on Sunday.
 - Image** - Click the Add Image icon to load your business logo to show on the Job Posting.
- Click Submit for Approval

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Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Orland Secretary of State's Office

Orland Township welcomed the Secretary of State's Office to the Administration building last month. Since announcing in June that they would be relocating to the Township building, my office has fielded numerous calls every day asking when it would open, what services would be available, etc. The Secretary of State opened to the public a few weeks earlier than anticipated and Orland Township is very happy to be able to accommodate their relocated facility. Based on the number of clients they serve on a daily basis and the positive feedback from residents, sharing our building space was the right thing to do for the community. The Orland Secretary of State Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the services available, go to cyberdriveillinois.com.

Flu Season

Don't forget to get your flu shot! Orland Township's flu shot clinics began in early September 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 (except Monday, Oct. 12 when the office is closed in observance of Columbus Day).

Flu shots will also be available during early voting. Please see our website, orlandtownship.org for more information, including applicable fees.

Early Voting

The Orland Township Administration Building, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., will serve as an early voting site from Monday, Oct. 19 through Monday, Nov. 2. Early voting hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The health and safety of everyone - voters, election volunteers and staff - is of utmost importance. During early voting, mask wearing, social distancing, hourly cleaning of high traffic areas and other measures will be strictly followed 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

OPACC HAPPENINGS



Guest speaker, Heather Warthen, CEO/Founder, H1 Marketing, presented information to Chamber members about the dos and don'ts of social media marketing at our Monthly Membership Meeting held on September 23, 2020, on the West Patio at Silver Lake Country Club. Check out Heather's tips on the next page.

OPACC President Ray Klosowski was joined by OPACC President Elect Joyce Bibeau, OPACC Board Members Michael Buck and Amy Coghill and numerous Chamber members for a beautiful morning of networking.



Resource Corner

Dos & Don'ts of Social Media Marketing

Submitted by: Heather Warthen, CEO/Founder - H1 Marketing

With the holiday season coming quickly, local businesses should start working on their game plan to have a strong social media presence. Below are a few tips to help them have a successful holiday season.

The Dos

- **Do** post consistently to your social media channels.
- **Do** use photos or video that are engaging and reflect your brand.
- **Do** check your insights to ensure you are posting at times that will yield higher engagement.
- **Do** remember to update your hours or any service changes or closures on social media as well as your Google listing on your Google My Business page.
- **Do** keep in mind that nearly 46%* of Facebook users never log in to the desktop site so make sure your page is optimized for mobile devices. *Source: Buffer.com
- **Do** have a plan! Determine what type of content you want on your social channels and create a monthly calendar.

The Don'ts

- **Don't** post just to post. Posting content unrelated to your brand can be a turnoff to your customers which can lead to them unfollowing you.
- **Don't** engage with customer issues online. Get it offline as quickly as possible. Ask for an email or phone number, and handle outside your social media channels.
- **Don't** post during your off-hours (8 p.m.-8 a.m. for most businesses).
- **Don't** give yourself another job title as social media coordinator if you are the business owner or manager. Have an employee or hire a reputable company or freelancer to help you.
- **Don't** forget to practice before filming a video post. Don't be that person that is giving us a view up their nose.
- **Don't** forget to read through the fine details of any marketing contract. Know what you are signing up for with your business.

With more than 20 years experience in communications and marketing, H1 Marketing is a boutique marketing agency offering a variety of services for small businesses who do not have the financial capabilities of having their own marketing department. For more information, call (815) 545-8728, email heathermarketing1@gmail.com or visit h1-marketing.com.



OPACC BUSINESSES



On September 18, 2020, The Simple Greek hosted their Ribbon Cutting at their location, 14225 95th Avenue #410 in Orland Park. Mayor Keith Pekau, Village Trustee Cindy Katsenes, Village Manager George Koczvara, OPACC President Elect Joyce Bibeau and Jim Berka joined owner Peggy Mishos-Gibbons as she cut the ceremonial ribbon. OPACC Executive Director Felicitas Cortez, several Chamber members and restaurant employees helped make this a special celebration!

OPACC BUSINESSES



On September 24, 2020, Tommy's Express Car Wash celebrated the Grand Opening of their Orland Park location at 15819 Wolf Road. OPACC President Ray Klosowski presented the official Chamber plaque. He was joined by Board President-Elect Joyce Bibeau, Village Trustee Michael Milani, Village Manager George Koczwara, Assistant Village Manager Greg Summers and numerous Chamber members in support of this new business. Family members and employee surrounded owners, Matt McCullough and Dan Elliott, as they cut the ribbon.



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Member Spotlight



City Barbeque is proud to support the Health Care heroes in our communities and recently donated a total of 500 meals to Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox and Palos Hospital in Palos Heights. City Barbeque would like to thank all of the Health Care workers who selflessly work around the clock to save lives. You are true heroes.



Resource Corner

The Sitting Epidemic

Submitted by: Dr Alex Georgiou, Medi Health & Wellness

In today's climate, many of us find ourselves sitting in front of a computer or tablet for hours at a time. This includes those who are working from home, completing e-learning, or performing Telemedicine visits like myself. The human body is not built for prolonged periods of sitting. Most of us also enjoy getting comfy in a slouched position in our seats, which puts a lot of pressure on our low back and spine in general. Additions to your daily lifestyle will help resolve or prevent back pain associated with prolonged periods of time. My first tip would be to properly position yourself when seated. Take a seat at the end of your chair and scoot your hips all the way to the backing of your chair, so they are the first thing to contact the back of the chair. Next you lean back into the chair and maintain an upright posture. This position is called supported neutral, which occurs when the back of your chair supports your spine. Another tip to maintain the curve in your low back is to use a lumbar support pillow. If you don't have one, you can easily make one by rolling up a towel. When you have your lumbar support, scoot back into your chair and place it just above your hips. Sit upright and you are all set to go. Furthermore, make time to get up and walk around, as the human body was created to move! Walking helps decrease the build up of pressure in the discs of your spine that is caused from sitting. Lastly, stretching will also help prevent low back pain. End range loading exercises have been proven to be very efficacious to help with low back pain. On a hard surface, lay on your stomach, and then push up only using your arms. Your pelvis and legs should remain on the floor at all times. Perform this movement for 15 repetitions a couple times a day to break up prolonged periods of sitting. For more information visit www.medihealthwellness.com!



OCTOBER Programs & Events

ArcPoint Labs of Orland Park Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, October 6 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

ArcPoint Labs of Orland Park

11006 W. 179th Street, OP

Ribbon Cutting at 5:00 pm - outdoors, weather permitting
Face Coverings are required

Is Your Restaurant Winter-Ready Webinar

Wednesday, October 7 9:00 am

Presented by Jeannie Kotsiovos, A+ Food Training

Topics include: equipment & set-up, curbside & delivery options,
creative menus and much more!

VRS Realty Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, October 7 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

VRS Realty

9540 W. 144th Place, OP

Ribbon Cutting at 3:30 pm
Face Coverings are required

Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 21 8:15 am - 9:15 am

Virtual Meeting

Revving Up Your Social Media Holiday Edition Webinar

Wednesday, October 21 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Presented by Dan Peterson, FlipSwitch Social Media

Learn tips and tricks to help your business navigate the holidays
AND propel your business into the New Year!

Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 28 7:45 am - 9:00 am

Orland Park Civic Center

Annex Room

14750 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

Face Coverings are required