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2021 Arts & Drafts

Those who attended our Arts & Drafts on Saturday, September 25 at Orland Park Crossing, shopped local artist exhibitors for various types of arts, tasted new craft beers from local breweries, sampled yummy treats and enjoyed music provided by House of Music and Wedding Banned.

Many THANKS to all of the sponsors, committee members and volunteers who made this year's event possible. A complete list of our sponsors is on page 9. More photos are on page 10 and 11.

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President's Message

Arts and Drafts was a great success. There was amazing music, food, Art vendors and tasty drafts. Thank you to the committee and the office staff who made this event such a success.

Also in September we had our monthly membership meeting at the Orland Square Mall with a sneak peek into the 2022 Community Expo that will be located there. Then there was a ribbon cutting for 7030 Centennial Center. What a beautiful facility they have.

I can't believe it's October already. This year has been a rebuilding year for the chamber. We were fully remote for the first 3-4 months then able to have meetings and events in person. Now we are ready to get our Ambassadors back together. Wednesday, November 3rd, 8:00 a.m. will be our first Ambassadors' meeting of the year (location to be announced). If you want to meet our members and have an outgoing personality, then this group is for you. The Ambassadors are the face of the chamber and a few of them are at each event welcoming our members. They also help our members network with other members within our chamber.

This month, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia's Neat Repeats Grand Opening & Open House is on October 7th. Then our monthly membership meeting will be at the Orland Park Public Library on October 27th, 7:45 a.m. Hope to see you at these events.

Joyce Bibeau

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Executive Director's Message

Dear Chamber Members,

My name is Claudia Thornton and I am very excited to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Prior to being at the Orland Park Chamber, I was the Director of Marketing & Special Events at the Hinsdale Chamber for 4-1/2 years. My experience at the Hinsdale Chamber provided me with the knowledge of how to effectively run a Chamber and the importance of focusing on our Chamber members' businesses to network with other Chamber members and the community to ultimately grow their business.

Some of my successes at the Hinsdale Chamber include creating our 1st Annual Wine Walk Event in 2019 successfully (sold out our tickets in less than 1 week) and accomplishing our highest revenue sales in 2021 at our 10-Week Uniquely Thursdays Summer Series Event in our 19 years of existence. For all the events I managed, my goal was to continually strive to research opportunities to improve event processes and increase revenue and vendor sponsorships.

Prior to the "Chamber world," I worked at Foodservice supply companies for over 20 years ranging from Purchasing/Sourcing Manager, Merchandising, and New Product Development. Throughout my years in Foodservice, I traveled overseas many times to visit factories in China, India, and attended Houseware Shows nationally and internationally. I am grateful for my past experiences traveling overseas and learning other cultures. Finally, you will notice when you get to know me that I am a bit of a "foodie" and love to try new restaurants and various international cuisines.

On a personal note, I currently live in Glen Ellyn with my husband and we are currently empty nesters with our 2 dogs (mix terrier and mix pit). My oldest son is a senior at University of Illinois and is studying to be a veterinarian. My youngest son is at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo studying to be an Architectural Engineer. My husband is a high school teacher at South Elgin High School and coaches freshmen football (so I don't see him a lot in the Fall). His oldest son is a junior at Illinois State studying Political Science and his daughter is a freshman at Western Michigan University studying Dance.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting each of you and leading the Orland Park Chamber to many successes in the future!

Sincerely,

Claudia Thornton

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Mayor's Message

We are always looking for new ways to provide resources to our local businesses. One new development that we have implemented is the Village's new economic development website, buildop.org. The new site provides dynamic data and sophisticated mapping technologies to help expanding businesses.

Market data shows that more than 98% of site selectors and businesses are researching location data online, often before making contact with the public organization. With that in mind, the Village designed and launched buildop.org to be a digital resource for the business and development community.

The website's main feature is a data center powered by ZoomProspector. This tool gives users access to in-depth information ranging from demographic, labor force and industry data to available sites & buildings in the Village. Other features include a Developer's Toolkit that provides resources - such as the Village's GIS zoning map and development regulations - and an Initiatives page that highlights key projects and programs ongoing in the Village.

We hope that you will visit the site, take a look at the many available resources and data, and let us know if there is anything more you would like to see added that may be of benefit to local businesses.

Safety remains a top priority of the Village of Orland Park. We are blessed to have an outstanding police department in the Village that continuously upholds the highest standards and makes the safety of residents, visitor and businesses their top priority. The Chief of Police recently gave a semi-annual update on crime statistics at the meeting of the Village Board and I am happy to report that index crimes are down another 17% in 2021 after record low crime in 2020. Violent crime is also down 28% from last year. Aggravated battery against our officers and domestic battery crimes have dropped, driving this decrease. Additionally, property crimes are down substantially largely driven by the youth supervision policy was implemented at the mall. The Orland Square Mall remains the safest mall in the Chicagoland area, as it has been for years and the implementation of the new policy has made it even safer.

Motor vehicle thefts are slightly higher than they were at this time last year with the majority stemming from key fobs left in unlocked vehicles. The police continue their social media and marketing campaign, 9PM Routine, which encourages residents to lock their vehicles and take their keys/key fobs into their homes.

Remember, if you see something that just doesn't seem right, call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number (708)349-4111. Thank you for being partners in the effort to keep Orland Park safe.

Keith Pekau
Mayor
Village of Orland Park



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** To be elected to new 3 year terms at the
October Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 27
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Looking to hire a new employee?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

Post your **JOB LISTING** 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 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 of digital flyer to show on the Job Posting.
- Click Submit for Approval

Once approved by the Chamber office, the job posting will appear on our website. Click on Job Postings under MEMBER SERVICES on the tool bar on the home page of our website, orlandparkchamber.org, to see all jobs posted by our members. In addition, the job posting will appear on your business page on our website, under the NEWS tab.

JUST A REMINDER...

Please be aware that the Chamber utilizes various software to send our emails to our members. Our weekly email blasts and membership invoices are sent as mass email communications; therefore, please check your SPAM or BULK folder periodically so they will not be inadvertently overlooked.

If you are interested in contributing to the *Chambergram*, please contact Bonnie Hollaway at bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org

New Member Introductions



IT Unified

IT Unified is an IT solutions provider offering Managed IT Services and IT Consulting for small and medium-sized businesses. We specialize in cyber security as well as helping businesses achieve and maintain industry standard compliances, such as: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Service Organization Control 2 (SOC2), Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS), and more.

Opening our doors in 2018, IT Unified lives by the motto that we do business professionally, the right way, the first time. Our trained professionals are ready to quickly and efficiently work with your business to ensure that you are getting outstanding customer service, getting the newest up-to-date products and that there is a plan in place to keep your business secure.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide your business the most secure and best solutions to help you succeed. After all, when you succeed, we succeed.



Skin+ by Krushenka Miller

With over 15 years of beautification experience, Krushenka Miller is fully trained, licensed and certified esthetician.

"Being an esthetician allows me the opportunity to help people in a relaxing environment and offer a variety of services. Each day is a new day to enrich someone's experience. I have taken many steps to further my career and I provide my clients with the most professional and up to date services. I am always pursuing new techniques for the best results for my clients."

Skin+ is a Studio Spa offering premium beautification services, this boutique studio spa offers a welcoming and friendly experience to our guests that are looking to enhance their natural beauty.

The services offered are: Hadrafacial MD, Facials, Peelings, Waxing, Microblading, Lash Lifting, Ear Candling.

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OPACC HAPPENINGS



Dave Langlands - Area Director of Business Development, Jeff Burnett - General Manager, Cathy Mein - Director of Marketing & Business Development, Gail Sellers - Marketing Administrative Assistant and Orland Square Mall hosted our September Membership Meeting on September 22 and provided breakfast to those in attendance.

Orland Square Mall will host our 2022 Community Expo so watch for more details in the future.

Claudia Thornton, our new Executive Director, was introduced by former Interim Executive Director, Renee Crews. In addition, Renee presented Time Management Tips and Tricks to help us all become more efficient and productive.

OPACC President Joyce Bibeau presented membership plaques to Eddie Woods - Dominion Designs Media, LLC (pictured below left) and Andrzej Nosal - IT Unified (pictured below right).

Photo credit to Amy Melone



OPACC BUSINESSES



7030 Centennial Center celebrated their grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting at their location, 7030 Centennial Drive in Tinley Park on September 28, 2021. OPACC Executive Director Claudia Thornton was joined by OPACC President Joyce Bibeau, President Elect Meghan Preston, Board Members Mike Hardek and Matt Guglielmo and numerous Chamber members as Tiffany Kent, Manager of 7030 Centennial Center, cut the ceremonial ribbon, pictured above. Owner Hadi Fallah and Assistant Manager Katie Migawa also joined in the celebration. OPACC President Joyce Bibeau presented the official membership plaque to Tiffany and Katie, pictured below left. Welcome to our Chamber and to the community!
Photo credit Kathy Repsis and Claudia Thornton



Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Flu Shot Available

Orland Township Health Services Department will provide Flu Shots throughout October. Flu shots will be available every Monday and Wednesday at the Township offices, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park, from 3 to 6 p.m. (except for Monday, October 11th, in observance of Columbus Day).

Orland Township's 2021 Flu Shot Clinics are all walk-in (no appointment necessary) and for anyone 3 years of age or older. Pneumonia vaccines (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13) will also be available at the Orland Township Flu Shot Clinics to adults 19 years of ages or older.

Visit orlandtownship.org for more information on the Flu Shot and pricing.



Additional Flu Vaccine Clinics are:

Orland Township Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic

14807 S. Ravinia Avenue., Orland Park

Saturday, October 2 • 9 a.m. to Noon

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

9300 W. 167th Street, Orland Hills

Sunday, October 10 • 8 a.m. to Noon

Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS - CONTINUED

Senior American Idol

Senior American Idol Orland Township's Senior American Idol is back! On Thursday, Oct. 21, at Georgios, a group of talented seniors will light up the stage to benefit the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. YOU, along with judges decide who is Orland Township's Next Senior American Idol. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m., with entertainment to follow. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes a banquet dinner. Get your tickets for the biggest singing competition of the year at Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.



Holiday Program Begins

The Orland Township Food Pantry is providing Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners, and Holiday Dinners and gifts to Orland Township families in need. Eligibility for these programs is based on income guidelines. Families in need can begin to register Friday, Oct. 1.

Thanksgiving Turkey Dinners must register on or before distributions day, Saturday, Nov. 20. Dinners are while supplies lasts.

Holiday Program registration ends Wednesday, Dec. 1. Families should bring toy and gift ideas (gifts should not exceed \$30). Gifts are provided for ages 12 and under, gifts for over age 12 will be distributed upon availability. Adults are not promised gifts.

To apply for the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and/or the Holiday Program, residents must complete a brief application and provide the following:

- Proof of Residency. Must show picture ID with correct address for all family members ages 18 and older. (Driver's License or Secretary of State ID).
- Verification of Household Income. Income statement from last 30 days or unemployment documentation
- Birth Certificates of Child/Children Residing in the household. Medical card or school verification is also acceptable.

Member Spotlight



Teen Center Launching Empowering Teens Month in November

For the last 10 years, The Bridge Teen Center (in partnership with their sister organization, The Bridge Thrift Store) has recognized National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month through a variety of successful events and community-centered initiatives. Although bullying remains an active part of many teens' lives, The Bridge Teen Center's latest initiative is designed to celebrate and raise awareness of real solutions to the struggles teens are facing in our changed world instead of amplifying a single issue.

For the last decade, The Bridge's holistic perspective has helped students discover their gifts, talents, likes, dislikes and potential through a wide variety of free programs and events. This year, The Bridge, along with many individuals and businesses in the community, will celebrate this widespread impact.

Empowering Teens Month will be held in November with a goal of raising awareness of the importance of holistically-designed afterschool programs like those offered by The Bridge. Most importantly, this initiative will celebrate the undeniable impact effective afterschool programs have on teens locally and nationally. Since 2010, The Bridge has successfully engaged, connected and empowered more than 10,500 different students from 128 communities. The Bridge also stands as a model for afterschool programs all over the world, and continually provides support to groups and organizations with similar missions.

Empowering Teens Month will give the community the opportunity to show their support of The Bridge's mission through group volunteer opportunities and month-long sponsorship opportunities. In years past, large companies, small businesses, church groups and others have rallied together in support of our local teens. In addition to raising funds to support the Teen Center's free programs, a month-long awareness campaign will educate the public about how afterschool programs effectively empower teens. Special "on mission" themed programs for teens will also be offered by the Teen Center throughout the year.

During Empowering Teens Month, there are three ways for the community to get involved:

Shop - The Bridge Thrift Store processes hundreds of bags of donated goods each month, with a large volume expected in November. Store inventory is changing daily, and there are great finds every single day. Best of all, bargain-hunting will support the holistic programs at The Bridge Teen Center that provide students with hope, purpose and direction in their lives.

Donate/Sponsor - The community can donate gently used items at the back of The Bridge Thrift Store building at their touch-free donation trailer located at 15605 S. 71st Court in Orland Park, Illinois. Clothing, books, games, furniture, dishes and more are accepted. Donation hours are Monday through Saturday during store hours. Donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Sponsors are also being sought for the month-long initiative. For more info, visit thebridgeteencenter.org/news/empowering2021.

Volunteer - Business, schools, churches and family groups are encouraged to volunteer at The Bridge Thrift Store to sort donated items. Individuals and groups (age 10+) will be scheduled on Saturdays (and other days) throughout November. To volunteer, call 708.532.0500 or email volunteer@thebridgeteencenter.org.



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Upcoming Programs & Events

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**Crisis Center for South Suburbia Neat Repeats
Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**

Thursday, October 7 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Neat Repeats

15551 94th Avenue, OP

Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 pm

Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 20 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Orland Park Public Library

14921 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 27 7:45 am - 9:00 am

Orland Park Public Library

14921 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

**Not sure what the library has to offer businesses?
Learn about the various resources that are now available.**