



Summer Bash Celebration

MidAmerica Orthopaedics was the Celebration Sponsor for the 2021 OWN Summer Bash Celebration held on August 26 at Chicago Gaelic Park. Attendees enjoyed snacks sponsored by Joe Rizza Ford Lincoln Porsche and signature cocktails sponsored by Aesthetica Day Spa, ArcPoint Labs of Orland Park, Jeffrey LaMorte Salon, NuMark Credit Union and Sterk Family Law Group. In addition, Edwards Realty Company sponsored the stylish swag bags and live entertainment was provided by "Peace Out"(pictured left) and "Late Night Coffee" from the House of Music. Wonderful raffle baskets were won and some attendees participated in the wine pull.

The 2022 OWN Luncheon is scheduled for April 21 at Chicago Gaelic Park. Mona Purdy, Share Your Soles, is a partner for the event and Heather Warthen will be honored as the "Trailblazer in the Community".

Mark your calendars now for the 2022 OWN Luncheon on April 21, 2022. You don't want to miss this event!

TAKE NOTE



President's Message

We had a wonderful OWN Summer Bash Celebration on August 26th at Chicago Gaelic Park. It was so nice to get together with professional women of the chamber again. This event gave a sneak preview for next year's OWN luncheon with our trailblazer of the year announced and speaker from Share Your Soles. Can't wait for next year!

Arts and Drafts is quickly approaching. This will be Saturday, September 25th from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. So come on out for great music, art, food and taste the local breweries at this dog friendly event. Still looking for volunteers and sponsors so if you are interested in either of these, please contact the chamber office and let them know.

Included in this Chambergram is the proposed slate for the 2022 Board Officers and Directors. We will vote on this proposed slate at our Membership Meeting on October 27 at the Orland Park Public Library.

I would like to wish Shannon Rocha good luck in her future endeavors as she embarks on a new path. We will miss her great personality and high energy. With that being said, we have an Interim Executive Director, Renee Crews, who will be filling this role and helping with training. Renee is a long standing member of the chamber and a past president.

Furthermore, I welcome Claudia Thornton, our new Executive Director, who will begin on September 20. She brings a wealth of experience with her as she was the Director of Marketing/Special Events/Membership for the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce.

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Mayor's Message

Over the last month Orland Park hosted several successful events including the Taste of Orland and the Centennial Park West Concert Series. I want to thank all of the chamber members who participated or attended these events. Your participation is critical to the success of these events.

Unfortunately, during the month of August, we again faced several developments regarding Covid-19. By the time this goes to press we will not yet have had a board meeting to address the governor's mask and vaccine mandates that were made on August 26th.

However, the Village Board did hold a special meeting on Friday August 6th. We held this meeting to pass a resolution that again encouraged the Illinois General Assembly to convene to address COVID-19 and oppose the governor's mandates. Specifically, the board of trustees called for the Illinois General Assembly to:

- 1) end its abdication of responsibility and reconvene and exercise its authority to legislate regarding COVID-19
- 2) reexamine the governor's mandate to require universal masking in schools and allow parents with advice from their pediatricians to make masking and vaccination choices for their children
- 3) reexamine the governor's executive orders and provide for fact-based mitigation measures
- 4) afford adequate due process for any municipal corporation, any individual or any business in the State of Illinois to appeal restrictions or orders based on their individual circumstances
- 5) significantly enhance efforts to protect vulnerable populations in long-term care facilities
- 6) require the governor and executive branch to increase transparency by providing to the general public the data, models and assumptions used as part of its pandemic response decision making

By this time the board will have passed a similar resolution opposing the August 26th mandates as well. After eighteen months, it is time for the Illinois General Assembly to address COVID-19. The people and businesses of Illinois and of Orland Park deserve and expect it.

I encourage everyone to watch and or attend our Village Board meetings to stay apprised of Orland Park's actions regarding COVID. Unlike the Illinois General Assembly, the Orland Park Village Board regularly debates COVID issues in a public forum that is fully transparent and allows the community to engage.

We will continue to make every effort to keep the community informed of the latest developments with COVID. We will also do everything in our power to allow your businesses to continue operating and allow you to make the decision on how to best serve your customers. We know that, like us, nothing is more important than keeping your customers and employees safe and healthy and that you know your business operations better than we do in this regard.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the fall at one of our concerts or the Brewfest.

Keith Pekau
Mayor
Village of Orland Park



Proposed Slate for the 2022 Board Officers and Directors

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Webbed Feet

** To be elected to new 3 year terms at the
October Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 27
Orland Park Public Library*

We Appreciate our PREMIER MEMBERS



GREAT FOOD BRINGS US TOGETHER



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We're Growing...Welcome New Members

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New Member Introduction



Eddie Woods Jr. is the founder and owner of Dominion Designs, a leading content digital marketing and media production company that specializes in creating high quality online content as well as powerful digital marketing campaigns for restaurants and hospitality businesses. They create innovative multimedia solutions ensuring the growth and success of their client's businesses. Eddie and his team are passionate about connecting clients with their target audience using a combination of proven marketing services and content creation to ultimately convert prospects into customers. Their techniques are proven effective to build positive growth for their clients.

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

OWN SUMMER BASH CELEBRATION



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Arts & Drafts - SEPTEMBER 25



Save the Date

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH**

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

143rd & LaGrange Road, Orland Park, IL

- **12+ Local Breweries -**
- **Local Artists -**
- **Local Food -**
- **Music All Day -**

Featuring



7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Beer Tasting Tickets Available for Purchase

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VOLUNTEERS FOR ARTS & DRAFTS-SEPT 25

VOLUNTEERS make big events
like ARTS & DRAFTS possible!
We need **YOU** to help make this
year's event a huge success!

Multiple shifts available,
FREE t-shirt & lots of FUN!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Click **HERE** to sign up

Questions? Contact michele@edwardsrealtyco.com



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Saturday, September 25, 2021
11:00am to 9:00pm
Orland Park Crossing
143rd & LaGrange Road, Orland Park



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Imperial Stout Level – \$3,500 – 1 Available

- Company name/logo will have premier location 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 in fast food class
- Company name/logo will appear on event map
- Company will receive 4 social media shout outs prior to event
- 5 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, Ticket Booth, or Volunteer T-shirts
- 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

For more information visit www.orlandparkchamber.org or call 708-349-2972

Enjoy a fun day of unique art, craft beer, good eats & entertainment!



Saturday, September 25, 2021
11:00am to 9:00pm
Orland Park Crossing
143rd Street & LaGrange Road
Orland Park

ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Website: _____ Facebook: _____
Art Medium: _____

EXHIBITOR FEES

Booth Space – 10' X 10' _____ \$80.00
Electricity- MUST reserve in advance _____ \$ 25.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – September 10, 2021 - NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN

- This NON-JURIED OUTDOOR ART FESTIVAL will be held, RAIN or SHINE, in the center parking lot of Orland Park Crossing.
- SET-UP: begins at 9:00am, Saturday, September 25. Early set-up is NOT allowed.
- Must provide your own Tents, Tables & Displays.
- TEAR DOWN: begins at 9:00pm on Saturday, September 25 & MUST be completed by 9:30pm.
- ALL artists agree to exhibit and sell their work for the entire festival.

Payment Information - FULL Payment Required To Secure Your Registration.

Amount Due \$ _____ ☐ Check - payable to Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce (OPACC)
Credit Card Payment: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Discover Card _____ AMEX
Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____ Security Code: _____
Cardholder Name: _____
Card Billing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Return completed Registration Form with Payment no later than Friday, September 10th:

2 Photos of Artwork MUST be included with Registration Form & Payment

email to bonnie@orlandparkchamber.org

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



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OPACC HAPPENINGS



Tiffany Kent and 7030 Centennial Center, hosted our "Donut You Want To Reconnect With Chamber Members" Membership Meeting on August 11. Of course, breakfast was sponsored by Stan's Donuts, donut you know! OPACC President Joyce Bibeau presented membership plaques to (pictured at top): Patrick Hammer - Dive Right In, Matthew Dixon - Dixon's Dirt Stoppers, Ryan Hesslau - ForeverU and Dan Winkler - Western Governors University. Reconnecting with fellow members was made easy because of two planned ice-breakers. Pictured above, members wrote only an interesting fact about themselves on a paper airplane. Next, all members flew their planes at once, then retrieved a different colored one from theirs. One person read the fact and the person who wrote it then introduced himself to the group. The process continued until all had spoken. Pictures below, for the second ice-breaker, members had a name of a city or a name of a football team on their name tags. They then had to locate the corresponding team to their city or city to their team. Needless to say, the room was buzzing with lots of conversation and a good time was had by all!



Around Town



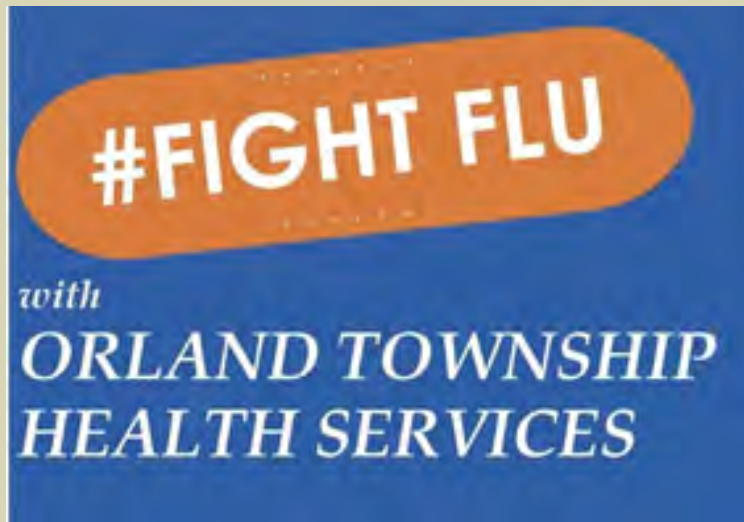
TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Flu Shot Clinics to Start

Orland Township Health Services Department will provide Flu Shots during September and October. Starting on September 1st, 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.; with the only exceptions being Monday, September 6th (in observance of Labor Day), and 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 Ave., Orland Park
Saturday, October 2 • 9 a.m. to Noon

Local Churches:

Sunday, September 19 • 8 a.m. to Noon

St. Francis of Assisi Church

15050 Wolf Road, Orland Park

Sunday, October 10 • 8 a.m. to Noon

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

9300 W. 167th St., Orland Hills

Around Town



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS - CONTINUED

Pet-Palooza

Bring the family and your furry friend(s) to Orland Township on Saturday, September 25 from noon to 3 p.m. for Pet-Palooza! Pet-Palooza will have vendors, live entertainment, pet adoptions, pet products and information, free food samples from local eateries, pet contests, kids' games and more!

No pet? No sweat! All are invited to Pet-Palooza, and with the various rescue organizations in attendance, you might just find your next best fur-friend! At the 2019 Pet-Palooza, there were five successful adoptions on site!

Activities, vendors, and attractions are added daily, so to keep up-to-date, visit: orlandtownship.org or facebook.com/orlandtownshippetpalooza.

Admission is FREE, however a donation of a five-pound bag of pet food or a cash donation to the Orland Township Pet Pantry is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated. All proceeds of Pet-Palooza benefit the Orland Township Pet Pantry, which provides pet food and supplies to families in need.

For additional information, including how to become a participating vendor, please call Lindsay Trost or Robin Kassis at (708) 403-4222.



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.



Member Spotlight



Local Teens Get Exclusive Look at High-Tech Dentistry

Students at The Bridge Teen Center recently paid a visit to the office of Inspire Dental Wellness, located at 14512 John Humphrey Drive in Orland Park, to learn more about high-tech dentistry. Inspire Dental chose to give their undivided attention to the students, opening exclusively to teach them about the different pieces of technology they use to care for their patients.

During the free program, students learned about smile simulations, created a 3D recreation of a mouth, and used the office's special laser to write their names on a tomato. "That was my favorite part of the program," said eleventh grade student Alex Coe. Furthermore, students tested the pH levels of different brands of bottled water, learning that certain pH levels are more likely to cause cavities. "It was interesting," said Coe. "They took the time to [tell us about how bottled water affects your teeth], rather than focusing on things that physically get in your teeth."

Inspire Dental Wellness owner and lead dentist Dr. Erica Zolnierczyk was happy to open her office to share some new experiences, and hopes that they were able to inspire the students to further explore a career in the dental and/or medical field. "It may be cliché, but [teens are] our future," she said. "It's a time when [they're] learning and figuring out some likes and dislikes, so exposing students to all those things is important. We're happy to help in any way we can."

Inspire Dental and The Bridge Teen Center have had a wonderful partnership since Dr. Erica first toured the teen center in 2019. "We were super impressed and we wanted to take all the classes (programs) that were offered," said Dr. Zolnierczyk. "We think it's super important to have a fun, safe place for teens to go to hang out." Inspire Dental has supported The Bridge Teen Center in many ways since 2019. In addition to the wonderful tech program they recently led for students, the entire Inspire Dental team has regularly served at The Bridge Thrift Store sorting donations during The Bridge Teen Center's October Drive Out Bullying Initiative. They are also a frequent sponsor for The Bridge Teen Center's educational support after school programs.



Dr. Erica Zolnierczyk (right) from Inspire Dental Wellness shows Bridge Teen Center student, Trinity Falls (left), how to use their high-tech laser by writing their name on a tomato during a free Bridge Teen Center program.



Inspire Dental Wellness team member, Breanna McCollum (right), distributes safety gloves to Bridge Teen Center students Alex Coe (Left) and Jayden Mallory (center) during The Bridge Teen Center's free program at the Inspire Dental office.

Member Spotlight



"The Bridge Teen Center has always been a place built FOR the community, but oftentimes people don't realize that it was and still is being built BY the community, as well," said Priscilla Steinmetz, Bridge Teen Center Founder and Executive Director. "We are so grateful to have the support of so many amazing local businesses, like Inspire Dental Wellness. They are the reason why we can invest in the lives of our teens."

Coe also had a special message to share with Inspire Dental after their program: "Thank you. Just thank you. [You] took the whole day...just for us to come through and get that experience. So just a really big thank you to [you] and I wish you guys nothing but the best."

All programs and events at The Bridge Teen Center are FREE to teens currently in 7th-12th grade with an approved student membership. Students that are not members can apply for a free student membership at www.thebridgeTeencenter.org.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or ways to partner with The Bridge Teen Center investing in the lives of local teens, visit <https://thebridgeTeencenter.org/donate> or email info@thebridgeTeencenter.org.

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The Bridge Teen Center is a nationally-recognized nonprofit community center that is designed around the needs and interests of teens in the suburbs, providing free holistically-designed afterschool programs and a safe environment for Friday night entertainment. Over 10,500 different students from 128 different communities have been served by The Bridge since 2010. The Bridge is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and is funded by individuals, businesses, and foundations in the community.



Bridge Teen Center student Amber Wojciak showcases a tomato with her name freshly engraved after using Inspire Dental's high-tech laser during a free Bridge Teen Center program.



Becky Soukup (left), of Inspire Dental Wellness, demonstrates their "smile simulations" technology with Bridge Teen Center students Alesandra Dambrauskas (center) and Gabby Dambrauskas (right) during a free Bridge Teen Center program.

Member Spotlight



Bowling Event Gives Away Thousands in Prizes at Darvin® Furniture & Mattress

Customers efforts earn \$800 donation to Crisis Center for South Suburbia

It was meant to bring people together to have a little fun, to celebrate with some great music, and to enjoy some of the best deals of the year, explains Darvin President Will Harris of the recent Darvin Furniture & Mattress Best Brands Big Bowling Event held August 7-9. Many of the families who came in to bowl left with gift cards, concert tickets and more.

In addition to the thousands of dollars in prizes given out to customers throughout the event, Darvin committed \$25 to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia for every person who rolled a strike on the showroom lanes. More than 30 times customers tossed a strike, netting \$800 for the regional Crisis Center.

"Our friends at Darvin understand the need to help and generously support their community," says Lorri Nagle, Director of Development Crisis Center for South Suburbia. "They've been there for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia by providing mattresses, donating furniture and recently hosting a bowling fundraiser that will provide 16 nights of safe and welcoming shelter to a family victimized by domestic violence."

At Darvin, we believe there's nothing wrong with having a little fun and this Best Brands Big Bowling Event gave us the chance to help out a really great community partner at the Crisis Center for South Suburbia," says Harris. "In addition, we love our customers and it was a great opportunity to give out some great prizes and say thank you."

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About Darvin Furniture

More than 100 years old, Darvin® Furniture is an industry leader and Chicagoland's largest furniture and mattress store. One of the top 100 furniture retailers in the country, Darvin Furniture's showroom is located on 11 acres in Orland Park, Illinois. The showroom features more than 200,000 sq.ft. of furniture on display, with 35,000 sq.ft. dedicated to a Clearance and Outlet Center, a 10,000-sq.-ft. Mattress Center and Rug Gallery. Additional information is available at Darvin.com. Stay up to date on the latest news as a member of the Darvin social community by following us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube.

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The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Upcoming Programs & Events

SEPTEMBER 2021

Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Orland Park Public Library

14921 S. Ravinia Avenue, OP

Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 22 7:45 am - 9:00 am

Orland Square Mall - Food Court

288 Orland Square, OP

2021 ARTS & DRAFTS

Saturday, September 25 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Orland Park Crossing

143rd Street & LaGrange Road, OP

Enjoy a fun day of unique art, craft beer, good eats & entertainment!

7030 Centennial Center Multi-Chamber

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, September 28 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

7030 Centennial Center

7030 Centennial Drive, Tinley Park