



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBERGRAM

September
October
2025



TAKE NOTE



CEO's Message

Dear Chamber Members,

What a summer it's been! From our annual Golf Outing on June 10th at Silver Lake Country Club to launching Tee Time, an evening of fun out on the course for Orland Women's Networking, we've been busy building connections with our members. We also debuted Bites, Brews & Blues at Orland Park Crossing on July 19th, an evening where the community gathered to enjoy craft beer tastings, live rhythm and blues, delicious eats, and unique retail finds.

Currently, we're gearing up for our next signature event, Viva la Vino, at Orland Park Crossing! This wine tasting celebration promises something for everyone to enjoy, including raffles, vendors, live music, deals at local shops, and classic casino games. A heartfelt thank you to our participating restaurants- Fogo de Chão, Seasons 52, Rocco Vino's, Vinny's Clam Bar, and Francesca's. Presented by the Orland Women's Network, this is the perfect night out! So mark your calendars for September 12th and gather up your friends to join us at 6 p.m.!

Our Monthly Membership Meeting (MMM) last month was a hit! We met at Rocco Vino's and heard from Jeff Otway of Edward Jones about protecting yourself, professionally and personally, from scammers. With over 40 members in attendance, it was a successful afternoon of networking, learning, delicious food, and great vibes. Our next MMM will be on September 24th at 12 p.m. The location is being confirmed, and the presenter will be a rep from Salt Smart. The presentation will explore responsible salt use and safety, highlighting how to balance environmental care with cost-effective winter practices.

Beyond our signature events, we've been active in the community. On June 18th, we stopped by the Orland Fire Protection District's Open House to show our support. Then on July 22nd, we teamed up with other area chambers to host a Young Professionals night at the Windy City Thunderbolts. We also celebrated new businesses with ribbon cuttings, including Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery on August 22nd and CVS Minute Clinic on August 28th.

We remain dedicated to delivering fresh ideas and meaningful value to your membership. As your go-to business resource, OPACC is planning even more educational programs, increased member visibility, and deeper collaborations in 2026.

And finally, we're thrilled to announce the return of the Chambergram! We hope you enjoy this edition, and the next one will arrive in November.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community. We're proud to serve you and excited for what's ahead!

Sincerely,
Sarah Stasukewicz
CEO



TAKE NOTE



Mayor's Message

Dear Orland Park Business Community,

It is a true pleasure to contribute to this return issue of the Chambergram. The re-launch of this publication represents not only the continued strength of our Chamber but also the renewed spirit of collaboration that drives Orland Park forward.

Our Village has long prided itself on being a community where businesses and residents alike can thrive. Today, we are building on that foundation with a number of new and ongoing incentives to support Orland Park businesses, whether through streamlined permitting, redevelopment opportunities, or targeted programs that help foster growth and innovation. These efforts are designed with one clear goal: to ensure that our local businesses have the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Just as important as the incentives are the partnerships we continue to strengthen. Rebuilding and expanding community collaboration is essential. The connection between the Village, the Chamber, and our business leaders is what makes Orland Park unique. Together, we share a vision of prosperity, opportunity, and a thriving local economy.

I am especially looking forward to joining you at the upcoming luncheon on October 22 at the Orland Park Civic Center. These gatherings not only provide a chance to share updates but also to celebrate the relationships that fuel our progress.

To all of our business owners, thank you. Your investment, your dedication, and your support for our community are what make Orland Park strong. The partnerships between the business community, the Chamber, and the Village ensure that all stakeholders have a voice in shaping our future. When we work together, we achieve more, for our businesses, our residents, and our community as a whole.

With gratitude and optimism,
Jim Dodge
Mayor, Village of Orland Park

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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President
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PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

Over the past month, the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce's Nominating Committee carefully reviewed submitted applications to shape the slate for the 2026 Board of Directors. Following careful review, the Committee is proud to share the following candidates for consideration.



Glen Borkowski
Vice President
DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen



Michael Buck
Secretary
Law Office of Michael A. Buck



Michele Cruse
Office & Marketing Manager
Edwards Realty Company



Andrzej Nosal
Owner
IT Unified

MEMBER SURVEY



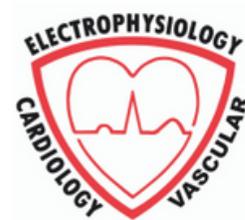
We'd love to hear from you! Please take a few moments to complete our short survey and share your experience as an active Chamber member. Your feedback is instrumental in guiding the development of our programs, events, member benefits, and resources. It also plays a pivotal role in guiding our strategic planning efforts, allowing us to better serve the Chamber community. As a thank-you, all survey participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift card!

VILLAGE CONNECTION



As we continue to shape a strategic plan for the Chamber, we're also deepening our collaboration with the Village of Orland Park. As of this month, OPACC will be featured in a dedicated "Chamber Corner" within the Village's newsletters, providing updates, event highlights, and member news. Additionally, OPACC will be providing monthly reports during Village Board Meetings to keep our community informed about area businesses.

WE APPRECIATE OUR PREMIER MEMBERS



Heart, Vein, & Vascular Clinics



WELCOME ABOARD!

We're excited to welcome all the new members who joined us this year. Thank you for being part of our growing community.

- Assisting Hands Orland Park
- Astound
- Behold Studio
- Being Seen 360
- Blackbird Construction Group
- BMO Bank
- Chesterfield Designs
- Chicago Fire FC
- Class 101 College Planning
- Community Connections Group of @properties
Christie's International Real Estate
- Compass Lending - Team Bobbie
- Creamery
- Cruise Planners - Memorable Trips and Cruises LLC
- **Crystal Cove Family Dental***
- Dr. Kim Today Health and Wellness/Dr. Kim Today Academy
- Edward Jones - Colleen La Ha
- Egg Harbor Cafe
- Fatties Pub
- Femme Beauty Lounge
- Floor'd
- Fogo de Chão
- Fossys LLC
- Francesca's Fortunato
- Francesca's on 95th
- Francesca's Vicinato
- Goldleaf Enterprises, Inc.
- Good Shepherd Center for Exceptional Children
- The Great Mortgage Team of Marie & Tobias
- **Heart Vein & Vascular Clinics Consultants
in Cardiology & Electrophysiology***
- Hicks Insurance Group
- Howlin Owl Coffee Roaster
- Jet's Pizza
- JNJ Complete Auto Repair
- Joint Relief Institute
- Keller Williams
- Kenzie's Playhouse
- **Lekas Accounting, LLC***
- Lilas Eyecare and Associates
- Linden Group Architects, PC
- MDK Healing LLC
- MEM Design, Inc.
- Mindful Healing Counseling
- MinuteClinic
- Natalija Portraits
- New York Life
- North Creek Dental Care
- Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources
- The OCD & Anxiety Center
- Old Orland Heritage Foundation (Twin Towers Chapel)
- Oliveri Real Estate, LLC
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of Chicago
- Orland Ale House
- P.F. Chang's
- **Pavlov Media***
- Peak Profit Partners
- Pete's Market
- PNC BANK
- Red Robin
- Reliable Fire & Security
- Robert F Jilek & Associates
- RowCal Homeowners Association Management
- Season's 52
- Sherwin Williams Orland Hills
- Smartcorr Systems Inc.
- SPENGA
- Sport Clips
- Steinhafels Furniture
- Tracing Strategies LLC
- Trinity Services Living Room
- U.R. Duly Noted Mobile Public Notary
- Valor Jiu-Jitsu
- The Well Dressed Window
- Window World of Joliet

* = Premier Member

Did you know OPACC offers account credit when you refer a new member? It's a great way to share the benefits and earn a little something in return. For details, reach out to Andy at andy@orlandparkchamber.org

BITES, BREWS & BLUES RECAP



Bites, Brews & Blues debuted at Orland Park Crossing on Saturday, July 19th, from 3-10 P.M., drawing in a great crowd for a day of community fun. Over 20 vendors and local businesses showcased their products and services, from kid-friendly activities like face painting and caricature drawings to a stylish cigar trailer with lounge. Craft beer lovers enjoyed tasting opportunities from Hailstorm, Nik & Ivy, Soundgrowler, Fogo de Chão, The Irish Patriot, and Orland Ale House, while foodies indulged in mouthwatering bites from Chik-fil-A, Cousins Maine Lobster, Nothing Bundt Cakes, PollyAnn Cakes, Ben's Soft Pretzels, Mi Taquito, Te'Amo Boba Bar, Poppin' Lemonade, Sugar Plum 365, and P.F. Chang's.

Despite a brief weather scare, the skies cleared just in time for the festivities to kick off and rock under the summer sun. Blues bands including Dave Schmidt Blues Band, The Leafy Greens, and The Smiley Tillmon Band delivered soulful performances that set the perfect tone. The turnout, enthusiasm, and sense of community made Bites, Brews & Blues a success, and is a wonderful reminder of why we love bringing people together through events like these.



BITES, BREWS & BLUES RECAP



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VIVA



VINO



a casino-themed wine tasting event

PRESENTED BY THE ORLAND WOMEN'S NETWORK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

6-10 P.M.

ORLAND PARK CROSSING

14225 95TH AVE, ORLAND PARK, IL

FREE ENTRY

PREMIER SPONSORS



WINE VENDORS

FOGO
DE
CHÃO

Francesca's
EST. 1992



Seasons 52
FRESH GRILL | WINE BAR

VINNY'S
Clam Bar

Get ready for a lively new event presented by the Orland Women's Network! The evening will feature wine tasting, casino games, live music and plenty of shopping. Scan the QR code to learn more so you don't miss out!





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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Wine Connoisseur - \$2,000

- Logo on souvenir wine glass
- Logo on wine tasting cards
- Signage at wine tent
- Signage at check-in table
- Promotion on all social media platforms
- Logo on all marketing
- Logo on event website

High Roller - \$1,000

- Signage at each casino table
- Shout out by dealer
- Signage at check-in table
- Promotion on all social media platforms
- Logo on all marketing
- Logo on event website

Entertainer - \$600

- Signage near live entertainment
- Shout out from performer
- Signage at check-in table
- Promotion on social media platforms
- Logo on all marketing
- Logo on event website

Gambler - \$250

- Signage at check-in table
- Promotion on social media platforms
- Logo on event website

Wine Sipper - \$100

- Promotion on social media platforms
- Name listed on event website

Raffle Basket - \$150+ value

- Promotion on social media platforms
- Name listed on event website

Why become a vendor or sponsor at Viva la Vino? Because it's more than just visibility! It's a chance to actually connect with community members and local leaders in a fun, welcoming setting. If you're a woman-owned business, offer products or services that appeal to women, or simply want to support female empowerment, this is the perfect platform to showcase your brand. And yes, men are absolutely welcome!

OPACC HAPPENINGS

***Southland
Community Expo
2025***

Saturday, November 1 | 12-4 p.m.

SIMON
Orland Square Mall
288 Orland Square Dr
Orland Park, IL 60462

All Shoppers Welcome!

Frankfort chamber of commerce | MOKENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Orland Park Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Chicago Southland CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | TPCC Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce

The Southland Community Expo is back for another year! Stay tuned for more details on this multi-chamber event at Orland Square Mall on Saturday, November 1st.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m.

09.24 - Barraco's on Wolf

• Guest: Salt Smart Collaborative

10.22 - Orland Park Civic Center

• Guest: Mayor Jim Dodge

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
MOKENA & TINLEY
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

09.23 - Taco Tavern (Mokena)

10.28 - TBD (Orland Park)

OPACC HIGHLIGHTS



07.22.25 - Young Professionals at Windy City Thunderbolts



07.23.25 - Monthly Membership Meeting at P.F. Chang's



07.24.25 - Business After Hours at Odyssey Fun World



08.01.25 - Business After Hours at DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen



08.21.25 - Business After Hours at Holiday Inn Tinley Park



08.22.25 - Ribbon Cutting with Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery of Chicago

OPACC HIGHLIGHTS



08.26.25 - Young Professionals at Durbin's Harmony Square



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08.27.25 - Monthly Membership Meeting at RoccoVino's



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08.28.25 - Ribbon Cutting with MinuteClinic-CVS (11201 W. 143rd St.)



09.01.25 - Ambassador Blitz with Susan Parisi

THE BUZZ AROUND CIVICS



In May, OPACC proudly hosted its inaugural National Civics Bee in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Designed for middle school students, the Bee invites participants to put their civics knowledge to the test. The first round of the competition required students to submit an essay in which they identified a local issue, proposed a civics-based solution, and outlined the partnerships they would build to create meaningful change. Top scorers advanced to a live, local Bee, where they answered multiple-choice questions and presented their ideas to a panel of judges. The Bee that took place in our community was held at the Orland Park Public Library.

Top winners from local Civics Bees across Illinois advanced to the State finals in July at the University of Illinois Springfield. After three competitive rounds, sixth-grader Aisha, the winner of OPACC's local Bee, was declared the State champion. This November, she'll head to Washington, D.C. to represent Illinois and compete for a \$100,000 grand prize!

And there's more news to share! OPACC has been selected to host the local National Civics Bee again in 2026, perfectly timed with America's 250th anniversary. A new planning committee, including leaders from Orland School District 135, the Village of Orland Park, and other community partners, will be working together to deliver an even more impactful experience for students.

Do you know a middle schooler interested in their community and wanting to make a difference? Now is the perfect opportunity to let them know about the National Civics Bee! Stay tuned as OPACC will be sharing updates about next year's exciting Civics Bee opportunity.

WHY JOIN THE CHAMBER?

CREDIBILITY

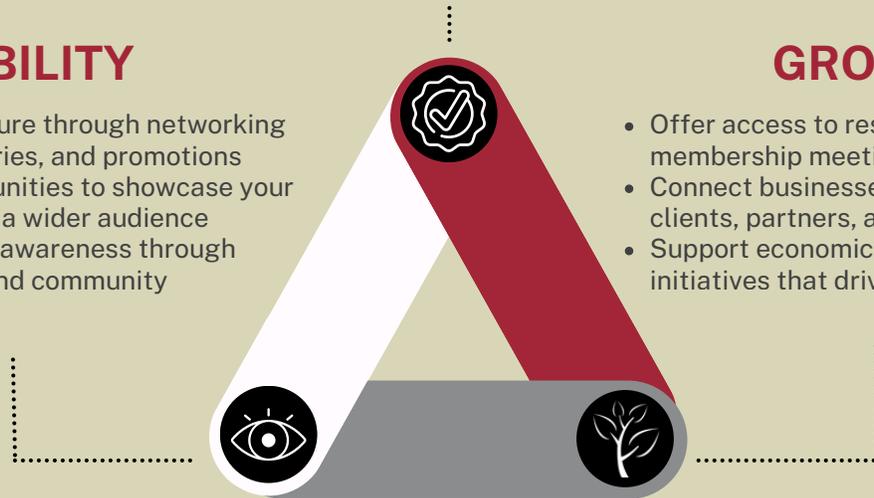
- Establish trust and legitimacy through chamber membership
- Enhance reputation by associating with a respected organization
- Provide advocacy and support to strengthen business standing in the community

VISIBILITY

- Enhance exposure through networking events, directories, and promotions
- Provide opportunities to showcase your organization to a wider audience
- Increase brand awareness through sponsorships and community involvement

GROWTH

- Offer access to resources through membership meetings and events
- Connect businesses with potential clients, partners, and investors
- Support economic development initiatives that drive success



Learn more about the OPACC membership at orlandparkchamber.org

OPACC MISSION

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting, supporting, and advocating for local businesses while fostering an environment of growth and collaboration. We empower our members through valuable resources, networking opportunities, and business development initiatives, ensuring a vibrant economic landscape for the Orland Park area.

OPACC CORE VALUES



Advocacy – We actively support pro-business policies and initiatives.



Education – We promote the continuing development of our members by providing access to knowledge, resources, and professional learning opportunities.



Collaboration – We believe in the power of partnerships and teamwork amongst our business community.



Integrity – We uphold the highest ethical standards, promoting transparency, honesty, and accountability in all our interactions, ensuring that trust is the foundation of our relationships.



Inclusivity – We embrace diversity, welcoming all businesses, to ensure that every voice in the community is heard.