



Orland Park Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBERGRAM

September
October
2026



TAKE NOTE



Executive Director's Message

Dear Chamber Members,

As we move into fall, I continue to be incredibly grateful for the energy, involvement, and support of our Chamber members. September was a busy and exciting month, highlighted by our Annual Golf Outing at Silver Lake Country Club. It was a fantastic day of networking, relationship-building, and community support, and I am so thankful to every sponsor, golfer, volunteer, Board member, and member who helped make the event such a success.

One of the things I appreciate most about our Chamber is how many different ways members can become more involved. In addition to attending events, Chamber members are invited to participate in several committees, including our Ambassadors Committee, Marketing & Membership Committee, and Orland Women's Network Committee. These groups are wonderful opportunities to build stronger relationships, become more visible within the business community, represent both your company and the Chamber, and take on meaningful leadership roles. There is no additional cost to participate. For members interested in serving on the Chamber's Board of Directors, committee involvement is an excellent way to gain experience, become more engaged, and take that next step in leadership.

We are also looking forward to our next Monthly Membership Meeting on October 28 at Elements by The Odyssey, featuring Orland Park Mayor Jim Dodge. This is expected to be a very popular meeting, and seating is limited. Registration will be first come, first served, so I strongly encourage members and guests to RSVP early to reserve their space.

Our Monthly Membership Meetings continue to evolve based on member feedback, with more intentional time dedicated to networking and relationship-building. Our goal is for members to leave each meeting not only with useful information but also with new conversations, new connections, and new opportunities to grow their businesses.

As we head into the final months of the year, I want to sincerely thank every member who attends an event, makes an introduction, volunteers, joins a committee, sponsors a program, refers a business, or simply continues to support our mission. The strength of our Chamber comes from the people who choose to participate and invest in one another's success.

I am excited about what is ahead and look forward to continuing to build an even stronger, more connected business community together.

With appreciation,
Georgia Hicks
Executive Director, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce



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Mayor's Message

Dear Orland Park Business Community,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the events of the last month, including the Chamber's Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Golf Outing and the Veterans Golf Classic. It's gatherings like these that show what our business community can do when we come together.

As the holiday season approaches, I encourage everyone to shop local. Every purchase at an Orland Park business supports your neighbors, local jobs and the services our community depends on. From gifts to dinner out, you'll find what you need right here in Orland Park.

The busiest time of year is almost here. If you're planning a holiday promotion, seasonal signage, extended hours or a special event, please reach out early so our staff can help you with any permitting or licensing questions. I also encourage you to share your holiday hours, specials and events with the Chamber so they can help spread the word to residents.

I also want to repeat my invitation I've made since I was sworn in as your mayor; If there is a Village process that could work better, or you simply have an idea for how we can better support you, my office wants to hear it. Your feedback directly shapes the decisions we make.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Chamber's monthly membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28. It's a great opportunity for me to speak with members in person, share what's happening in the Village and hear directly from you.

Thank you for all you do to make Orland Park a wonderful place to live, work and do business.

Warm regards,

Jim Dodge
Mayor, Village of Orland Park

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PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2027 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 2027 Board of Directors. Following careful review, the Committee is proud to share the following candidates for consideration.

Reelection Candidates



Cindy Drew
BCD Enterprises



Susan Parisi
Elite Maintenance & Painting



Jeremy Slager
Ballet 5:8

New Nominees



Heinrich Alvarez
Farmers Insurance



Barbara Langnes
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Seasons 52
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WELCOME ABOARD!

We're excited to welcome all the new members who joined us in **July** and **August**. Thank you for being part of our growing community.

Access One Inc.
Avid Health at Home
Bloom Where Planted Designs
Eagles Media Enterprises
First Financial Bank
Freedom Home Care
Kiswani Law, P.C
MALA SWEETS
Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US LLC
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Popcones
Precision Heating, Cooling and Refrigeration, Inc
Rising Lotus Healing Center Inc
Royal Salt Cave & Spa
Steinhafels Furniture and Mattress (Premier Member)
Synergy HomeCare
Vital Care of Orland Park
Wells Fargo
Which Wich? Superior Sandwiches
Wonderland Scoops
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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, contact us at info@orlandparkchamber.org

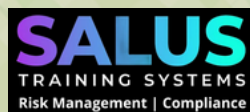


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Stay tuned for the event recap in our next issue of Chambergram!

BUSINESS OWNERS EXCLUSIVE DINNER WITH MAYOR DODGE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST GEORGIA HICKS

On July 30, 2026, we had the pleasure of joining Village of Orland Park Mayor Jim Dodge for a Business Owners Exclusive Dinner at Gaston's Bistro. OPACC Executive Director Georgia Hicks was honored to be the special guest, sharing insights and connecting with local business owners throughout the evening.

We are grateful for opportunities like this to come together, exchange ideas and strengthen our business community. A special thank you to the Village of Orland Park for being such a strong supporter of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce and for their continued commitment to local businesses. We look forward to continuing to work together to help Orland Park thrive!



ORLAND WOMEN'S NETWORK TEE TIME EVENT RECAPS

The Orland Women's Network (O.W.N.) gathered for two separate Tee Time events on July 8 and August 12. These Tee Time events brought together the perfect mix of golf tips, networking, and plenty of lighthearted fun at the beautiful Silver Lake Country Club! These events gave our ladies a great opportunity to sharpen their skills, connect with fellow Chamber members, and work on their swing in preparation for the Chamber's signature Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Golf Outing.



A special thank you to Silver Lake Country Club for providing the perfect atmosphere for the ladies. An extra special thank you to our event sponsors, Edwards Realty Company and Orland Park For All, for being such strong supporters of OPACC and OWN's mission to bring women together, foster meaningful connections, and create opportunities to thrive in our business community. We're grateful for your continued support in helping OWN grow and make a lasting impact!

TASTE OF ORLAND PARK RECAP



What a weekend at the Taste of Orland on July 31 – August 2! The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce was excited to have a booth all weekend, connecting with and getting to know so many wonderful residents of the Orland Park community. It was a great opportunity to promote our Chamber members, showcase the incredible businesses that make our community unique, and connect with new prospects interested in getting involved with OPACC.

A big thank you to the Village of Orland Park for putting together such a fantastic event and bringing our community together. Despite the inclement weather on Saturday, it was a memorable weekend filled with great conversations, connections, and community spirit! We're already looking forward to next year!



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OPACC HIGHLIGHTS

Take a look back at some of our favorite moments from July and August! From Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours to Monthly Membership Meetings and Young Professionals gatherings, it was a busy couple of months filled with connection, networking, and community. Here are a few highlights from the past two months!



07.09.26 - Peace Parlor Ribbon Cutting (Orland Park)



07.16.26 - Dave & Buster's Business After Hours (Orland Park)



07.16.26 - Aflac Ribbon Cutting (Orland Park)



07.28.26 - Young Professionals at Aurelio's Pizza (Mokena)



07.22.26 - Seasons 52 at Monthly Membership Meeting (Orland Park)



07.22.26 - Monthly Membership Meeting (Orland Park)

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08.06.26 - NutriBowls Ribbon Cutting (Orland Park)



08.11.26 - Walk Your Plans Business After Hours (Tinley Park)



08.20.26 - Ballet 5:8 Business After Hours (Orland Park)



08.22.26 - JNJ Complete Auto Repair Ribbon Cutting (Orland Park)



08.25.26 - Young Professionals at Beggars Pizza (Orland Park)



08.27.26 - Legato Financial Group Ribbon Cutting (Orland Park)



08.26.26 - Monthly Membership Meeting with Kevin Davenport of The Ideal Candidate (Orland Park)



08.26.26 - MMM Lunch Sponsors GMI Mechanical & Rich Dykstra (Orland Park)

WHY JOIN THE CHAMBER?

CREDIBILITY

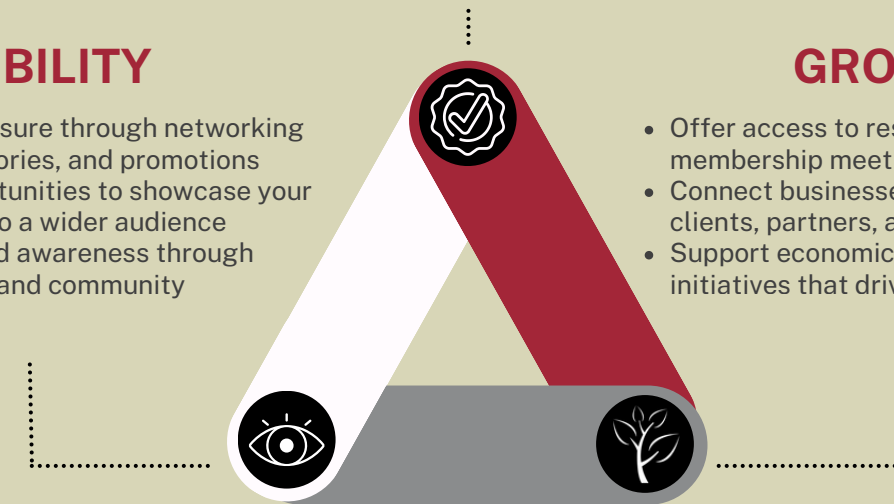
- Establish trust and legitimacy through chamber membership
- Enhance reputation by associating with a respected organization
- Provide advocacy and support to strengthen business standing in the community

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



Education



Collaboration



Integrity



Inclusivity

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.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Benefits & Services	Premier \$2,025	Executive \$725	Pro \$400	Classic \$300
Membership Plaque & Window Decal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brochure Display in Chamber Office	✓	✓	✓	✓
Subscription to Bi-weekly Chamber Email Blasts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Category Listing in our Online Member Directory	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Referrals by Chamber Staff	✓	✓	✓	✓
Publicized Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chamber Member Logo for your Website, Social Media & Advertisements	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Info Hub: Post Events, Hot Deals, Job Postings and more	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi-Chamber Events & Networking Opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Member Onboarding and Welcome Posts Online	✓	✓	✓	✓
Host a Business After Hours	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Lunch & Learns, Legislative Updates and Webinars	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted Pricing for Signature Events	✓	✓	✓	✓
Events Advertised on Community Calendar	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibitor Table at Signature Events	1	Discounted	Full Price	Full Price
Monthly Social Media Content Promotion	Unlimited	4 per Month	2 per Month	1 per Month
Signage at Monthly Membership Meetings	✓	✓	-	-
Ribbon Advertisement on Chamber Website	✓	✓	-	-
Member Spotlight Video (Tier 1: \$150 Tier 2: \$300)	Tier 2	Tier 1	-	-
Business Spotlight Article and Logo in Our Community Guide	✓	-	-	-
Business Logo in Weekly Email Blasts	✓	-	-	-
Business Logo on Signature Event Signage	✓	-	-	-
Business Logo on Chamber Staff Email Signatures	✓	-	-	-
Chamber Credit *Not Eligible Towards Annual Membership Fees	\$500	-	-	-
Additional Marketing Opportunities				
Social Media Post (One every other week)	Free	Free	\$25	\$25
Graphic Design Assistance	Free	\$50	\$75	\$75
Member of the Month (Once per year)	Free	\$75	\$150	\$200
Member Spotlight Video (Tier 1: \$150 Tier 2: \$300)	Free	Free	\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Mailing Labels	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
Membership Spreadsheet	Free	Free	Free	\$100

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a story worth sharing? Collaborated with a fellow member and want to highlight the experience? Interested in offering a testimonial about your journey with OPACC? Curious about a topic you'd love to explore further?

We'd love to hear from you! Your insights, experiences, and ideas help us grow stronger together. Please contact us at info@orlandparkchamber.org to share!



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