

THE OAK LAWN NETWORKER

Brought to you by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement:

“The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.”

Marketing Opportunities in 2021

Member in Spotlight - Member in Spotlight is a program designed to put **YOU** in the spotlight, this program allows information about your business, upcoming events, specials, and more to be sent to nearly 1000+ registered email subscribers. You can even include logo, photos, even links to your website! These blast go out each Monday and spots are reserved in advance and taken on a first come, first-served basis. The cost to participate is \$25 a week.

Oak Lawn Farmer’s Market—The Village of Oak Lawn hosts an annual Farmer’s Market every Wednesday from 6/9/21—10/13/21. The Oak Lawn Chamber has a table in a key central location that is available to Chamber Members for \$25 per week. Contact the Chamber Office if you would like to sign up.

Website - All members are listed for free on our website. So don’t forget to claim your page. You can post videos, pictures and even blog! If you don’t know how to use any of these free marketing tools, contact the Chamber Office. This is free to all members. www.oaklawnchamber.com

Metra Station - The Chamber office is located in the Oak Lawn Metra Station. As a member, you can provide brochures/info about your business inside the station. The Metra station has over 1000 commuters each day. This is free to all members.

Annual Golf Outing - The Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing is 7/14/21 at Stony Creek Golf Course. It is the biggest marketing opportunity for its members. There are ways to advertise your business by golfing and sponsorship.

Membership Directory - Your business information is listed categorically and alphabetically in the directory which is distributed annually to all members and made available to residents.

Fire/Safety Coloring Book - For the past 41 years, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has collaborated with the Oak Lawn Fire Department, on the production of the Fire Safety Coloring Book, the primary tool used to educate children about the dangers of fire and the importance of escape procedures and fire safety. Advertising starting at \$75.

Please call the chamber office with any questions or if you wish to advertise with us. 708-424-8300

MAY/JUNE 2021

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5120 Museum Drive
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Coming Back Strong!

We welcome our new and veteran members into the new year. The Chamber’s success is due to its members and supporters. We look forward to partnering with you in 2021 to make this another successful year.

Chamber President's Message



We are almost mid-year and already our Chamber has great stories to tell. Our community and businesses are starting to open up as COVID restrictions ease and more events are held in person rather than virtually.

Last month, the Chamber hosted its first in-person luncheon in six months. Held at the Chicago Hilton in Oak Lawn, 39 attended including 6 via Zoom; the Mayor-Elect Terry Vorderer and his wife Linda, Village Clerk Jane Quinlan, Village Trustee Bud Stalker and his wife Mary Ellen. Dr. Katherine Tynus spoke about how JenCare Oak Lawn has responded

and pivoted during this past year. The Hilton did a fabulous job ensuring the safety of attendees, while offering an opportunity for getting reacquainted and networking.

I, too, am hosting an in-person event at the Hilton on May 18th, *The Soul of Your Business: Forging Lasting Relationships for a Rich Personal & Professional Life*. I invite all entrepreneurs, financial planners, CPAs and insurance agents. Join me as I inspire us all to push our lives and businesses into better shape, form deeper bonds with prospects and clients, stay connected to the people we love, keep alive the goals we cherish, and have a terrific time in the process. Space is limited to 20 attendees. [View more information here](#).

Our Chamber office offers these upcoming marketing events: Member in the Spotlight, a table at the Oak Lawn Farmers' Market, marching in the 4th of July Parade and the upcoming annual Chamber Networking Golf Outing at Stony Creek Golf Course on 7/14/21. These are great opportunities to increase exposure for your business.

I encourage businesses to rejoin the Chamber! We know this past year has been challenging for our local businesses. You may have hesitated to spend the money to join in 2021 because of lost revenue. With our state slowly reopening and loosening restrictions, now is the time to rejoin. The Chamber office can help increase visibility for your business using the marketing tools that come with your membership, including: your business webpage on Oak Lawn Chamber website, Chamber social media pages, Member in the Spotlight, Oak Lawn Farmers' Market and 4th of July Parade, Video Business After Hours, Business Showcase and the upcoming Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing.

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing is at Stony Creek Golf Course on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. This event has always been well attended in the past and frankly, a lot of fun. This year's outing will focus on networking with your fellow Chamber members. Because of the challenging past year, the Chamber office will not be soliciting donations but if you would like to use this outing to market your business, reach out to the Chamber office to learn about sponsorship opportunities.

Last, but certainly not least, let's celebrate mothers everywhere, as well as our soon-to-be graduates. Let's all continue to Shop Local and support our community businesses.

Wishing you continued growth and success.

Eileen Kerlin Walsh
Principal Attorney, Kerlin Walsh Law

2021 Officers and Directors

President

Eileen Kerlin-Walsh (Kerlin-Walsh Law)

1st Vice President

Jim Makina (Allegra Marketing * Print * Mail)

2nd Vice President

Phil Costello (Oak Lawn Park District)

Treasurer

Jeff Reynolds (Nothing Bundt Cakes)

Secretary

Natasha Williams (Three20 Media)

Immediate Past President

Dr. Katie Narbone (Premier Vision Care)

Term Expiring 12/31/21

Mike Abdallah (Style 95 Barber Shop)

Joe Cwiklinski (Century 21 Affiliated Pro Team)

Bernard Deir (Midwest Business Consulting)

David A. Dewar (Tax-Free Retirement Solutions)

Greg Greiman (Hayes Local Marketing)

James Huelsman (Christ Medical Center)

Tom Javorcic (Oak Lawn Public Library)

Jeremy Marek (Marek Lawn & Landscape, Inc)

Ginger Morgan (Thompson & Kuenster F.H.)

Charlie Shirk (Hilton Chicago / Oak Lawn)

Sharon Vetsch (The Quick Book Pro Advisor)

Term Expiring 12/31/22

George Cachares (Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center)

Mary Downing (Complete Vision Care)

Paul Enderle (Oak Lawn Hometown School District 123)

Kathleen Farrell (Oak Lawn Bank & Trust)

Dr. David Finkelstein (Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle)

Dr. Casey Hogan (Advance Eye Care Professionals, P.C.)

Ryan Lichter (Evergreen Park Web Solutions)

Mike Riordan (Oak Lawn Community High School)

Aaron Schiappa (ADP)

Nael Shalabi (Republic Bank)

Jill Stetson (Skin Trust)

Mike Sutko (World Travel Mart)

Chamber Staff

Anne M Fritz - Executive Director

Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

Your Chamber at a Glance

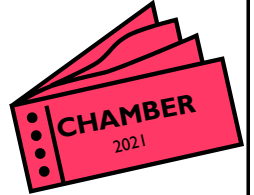
- **Ambassador Meetings**
- **Marketing Committee Meetings**
- **Video Business After Hours**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheon**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learn**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**

Please check the calendar on page **15** for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:
www.oaklawchamber.com

2021 Bonanza Raffle on Sale!

Each ticket price is \$10 and four winners are picked each month: one \$100 winner, one \$50 winner and two \$25 winners.



Buy now! Every ticket has 4 chances to win each month!
Winning tickets are place back for even more chances!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

March Winners

Jim Gorney—\$100

Alyssa Spies—\$50

Les Brothers Restaurant—\$25

Dr. Sandra Bury—\$25

April Winners

Joe Cwiklinski—\$100

Oak Lawn Lions—\$50

Jeff Dencek—\$25

Gabriela Suarez—\$25

NOW is a GREAT time to JOIN or REJOIN the CHAMBER!

We know this last year has been really challenging for some of our small and local businesses. NOW would be a great time to re-join the Chamber with our upcoming Golf Outing, Oak Lawn's Farmer's Market, 4th of July Parade and our new offering of the **Video** Business After Hours.

Call or email Anne Fritz at the Chamber Office for more information.

(708) 424-8300 office@oaklawchamber.com



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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2021 "Member in the Spotlight" Spots Available!

Member in Spotlight 2021

Sign up today



Registration for 2021 Member in a Spotlight is now open. This is your chance to digitally promote your business to our members for only \$25. If you would like to sign up please contact the chamber office 708-424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com

These spots fill up fast so call today!

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT CLICK HERE.](#)



ANNOUNCING OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VIDEO BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Give your customers an inside look at your business with a high quality promotional video.

Join the list of businesses featured in our video directory series.

Business Promotional Video offered at \$400 Special Chamber Member Price. Non-Member pricing also available.

Video Package Includes:

- Owner interview
- Footage inside of business
- Custom options available

 [VIEW THIS SAMPLE VIDEO HERE](#)

CONTACT THE CHAMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION


OAK LAWN
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(708) 424-8300
 office@oaklawnchamber.com
 Oaklawnchamber.com

2021 March/April Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Sports & Ortho Physical Therapy
5540 W 111th St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-330-5540



Silencer Athletics
4038 W 111th St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
773-614-8933



Supercuts
9532 S. Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-425-4434



Oak Lawn Fire & Safety Coloring Contest Winners



Congratulations
to our
Winners!

Fire Safety Coloring Contest

1st Place:
Michael Wos
Grade 3rd—St. Gerald's

2nd Place:
Aubrey Imala
Grade 2nd—St. Linus

3rd Place:
Jimena Alvarez
Grade 2nd—Harnew Elementary

Public Safety Coloring Contest

1st Place:
Fatima Alkhulaqi
Grade 1st—Harnew Elementary

2nd Place:
Vincent Rodriguez
Grade K—Harnew Elementary

3rd Place:
Salma Alqaisi
Grade 3 – Harnew Elementary

A special **THANK YOU** to
Oak Lawn Bank & Trust,
and
The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
for providing the
Gift Certificates.

*Snacks & Goodies provided by:
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce
and
Nothing Bundt Cakes!*

Thank you to OLCHS Art Students for their artwork.
Thank you to Oak Lawn Fire Department and Police Department, and the Village of Oak Lawn for their support of this important collaborative effort to promote Public and Fire Safety!

Honorary Joan & Jim Buschbach Way



May Chamber Member Breakfast—Hilton Oak Lawn



Getting the 'band' back together!

May New & Prospective Member Breakfast



You're invited!

New and Prospective Member In-Person Breakfast



Wednesday
May 19, 2021
8:00 AM

Stony Creek Golf Course
5850 W 103rd St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



This will be a great opportunity for new & prospective members to learn about the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's activities, to be given the chance to join committees and to network with chamber leadership. You'll get an overview of the chamber and the many benefits and opportunities that we offer to our members.

Free for prospective members and one complimentary for 2021 new members. \$5 for current members. Kindly RSVP to the chamber office.

REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR BREAKFAST

June Luncheon



OAK LAWN CHAMBER JUNE IN-PERSON LUNCHEON

JUNE 8TH, 2021
11:30 REGISTRATION
12:00 LUNCH
\$20
LOCATION: TBD



Space is limited please don't
forget to RSVP 708-424-8300
No Walk-Ins you MUST be registered

Click [HERE](#) to register for our luncheon.

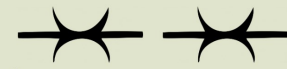
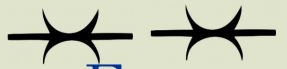


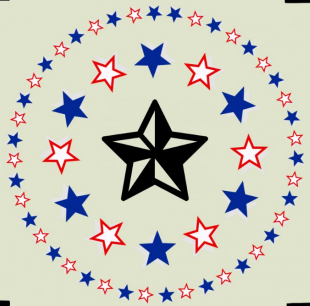

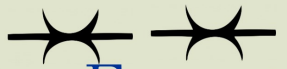
Village of Oak Lawn 4th of July Parade

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

 PARADE & CELEBRATION 


4TH of JULY


CELEBRATION

 Saturday 
 JULY 
3rd  From 
4p.m. until 
10p.m. 

PARADE KICKS OFF AT 4:00 p.m.
at 95th St. & LaCrosse Ave to 95th St. & 55th Ct.

Post Parade Entertainment on the Village Green
Free Concert Performance

South Side Revival Band 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Food and Fun!

Bring your Lawn Chairs or Blankets and Refreshments!

**Don't forget on Sunday, July 4th FIREWORKS
at Richards High School 107th & Central at dusk**


The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will be marching in the parade.

We will be handing out 'swag bags' with Chamber members marketing materials. If you would like to march with the Chamber, please contact the office. If you would like to put materials in the bags, please contact the office.

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

SAVE THE DATE

Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing

**JULY 14, 2021
STONY CREEK
GOLF COURSE**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
YOU DONT WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!



The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is sensitive to the fact that this year and a half has been a struggle for many of our members because of the restrictions, shut downs and changes due to COVID-19. For this reason, we will not be soliciting donations from any of our members. This event is meant to focus on reconnecting and networking with your fellow Chamber members.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact the Chamber Office for more information.

Village of Oak Lawn Farmer's Market

Oak Lawn Farmers' Market

Summer is just around the corner, and once again the Village of Oak Lawn will host a Farmers' Market beginning Wednesday, June 9th at Cook and Dumke Drive.

Again this year, the Chamber will offer a spot for a member, once during the season at the Chamber table.

Spots will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations are now open.

The cost to reserve the spot will be \$25.00.

(The market is open rain or shine, so the fee is non-refundable.)

NOTE: The business must provide their own table and chairs.

They are welcome to bring a tent.

The Chamber has a tent available for use (at no charge) however, the business is responsible for transport, set-up and take down of the tent.

For more information, contact the Chamber office.

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Follow The Chamber!



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May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Member Luncheon 12 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 New & Prospective Member Breakfast 8 am	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day ~ Office Closed					

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Tuesday, May 11th
Chamber Member Luncheon ~
Hilton Oak Lawn, 12 pm

Wednesday, May 19th
New & Prospective Breakfast,
Stony Creek, 8 am

Monday, May 31st
Memorial Day
Office Closed

June 2021

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Tuesday, June 8th
Chamber Member Luncheon ~
Location TBD, 12 pm

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