

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

September/October 2021

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.
5120 Museum Drive
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

PLEASE SHOP LOCAL!

Most businesses are now open at 100% capacity. Now is the time to step out and enjoy some of the great shops, restaurants, bars and stores that we have in Oak Lawn.

Remember—SHOP SMALL & SHOP LOCAL!

Chamber President's Message



"Since ancient times, September has been viewed as the beginning of the new year, a time for reflection and resolution." - Sarah Ban Breathnach, Simple Abundance

It's September, summer is waning, and children are back in school. We look forward to cool autumn weather, re-invigorated business growth and upcoming Chamber events and celebrations.

Join us to welcome new and prospective members at The Original House of Pancakes on September 8th, 8:00 a.m., a ribbon cutting at Shake Shack on September 13th at 10:30 a.m., and for our member luncheon at Rockefeller's, Oak Lawn on September 14th at noon.

Our Membership Directory Drive will take place beginning in September. Do you know of a business that could benefit from a Chamber membership? Reach out or let us know at the Chamber Office.

Save the date of October 8th at 6:30 p.m, Stony Creek, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 75 years in existence. What a splendid accomplishment! And we are still growing! Invitation included in this newsletter.

We have a unique networking opportunity at the multi-chamber event October 13th at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 5000 W 127th St, Alsip at 8 am. Catherine Johns will speak at a Zoom Lunch & Learn on October 20th, and a tentative Community Shred event on October 23rd. The flyer is included in this newsletter.

At Kerlin Walsh Law, we continue to grow as we help our clients with Wills and Trusts. If you're looking for a business boost, such as fresh ideas, more prospects, clients and revenue, join me for "The Turnaround Conference" on September 29-30 and October 1st. I attended this conference last year, and LOVED it! I'm a speaker and sponsor of the event this year. To learn more, click here (<https://gi294.isrefer.com/go/tbtac/EKW/>) or email me at Eileen@KerlinWalshLaw.com. The conference is about growing your business offline, online, virtually, more efficiently, and making it hugely profitable.

Also consider the ongoing marketing opportunities with the Chamber for your business, including Business Showcase, Membership in the Spotlight, Video Business After Hours, 2022 Directory, New Member Ribbon Cuttings and Member luncheons.

By attending Chamber events you get to know each other, get business referrals, get support for your challenges, insights to new businesses, and endless networking opportunities.

To do so, contact Executive Director Anne Fritz at 708-424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com.

Let's continue to promote each other for continued success!

Eileen Kerlin Walsh, J.D.

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)

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

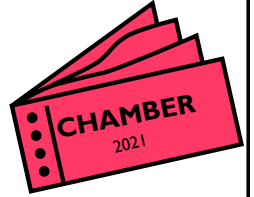
- **Ambassador Meetings**
- **Marketing Committee Meetings**
- **Video Business After Hours**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheon**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learn**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**

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!

July Winners ~ pulled at Golf Outing

Thanks to Great Clips

for donating coupons for free haircuts for our winners.

Monika Peterson—\$100

Eileen Kerlin Walsh—\$50

Cindy Deir—\$25

Ann Marie Lyons—\$25

August Winners

Frank Meile—\$100

Tom Fox, Jr.—\$50

Eileen Kerlin Walsh—\$25

Brian Anderson—\$25 (*Brian donated to OLCC*)

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 ongoing Oak Lawn's Farmer's Market, upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration, Business Showcase and the newly reopened Business After Hours.

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

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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<https://vitalityhydrationwellness.com/>



Business After Hours Are Back!

Starting in September

If you're interested in hosting
a Business After Hours in 2021
please contact the

Oak Lawn Chamber 708-424-8300



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



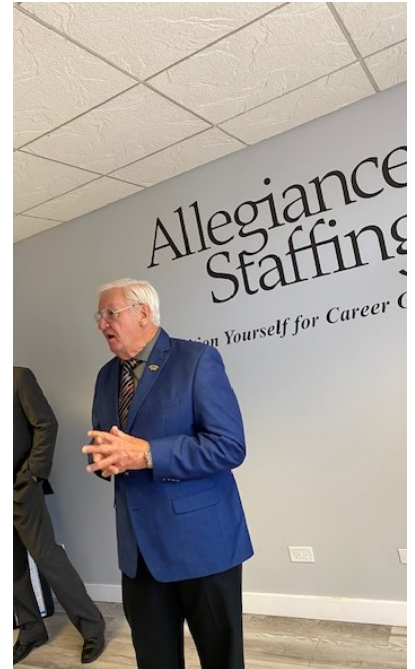
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2021 July/August Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Primary Staffing, Inc.
5665 W 95th Street, Suite A
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



Allegiance Staffing
5667 W. 95th Street, Suite A
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



2021 July/August Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Oak Lawn Gulf Gas Station
9855 South Cicero Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



The Flow Foundation
9501 New England
Oak Lawn, IL 60453



Oak Lawn Farmer's Market ~ Come out Wednesday's to the Farmer's Market Member of the Week!



August Luncheon ~ Hilton Oak Lawn Welcome new members!!



2021 Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing

Major Sponsor—Oak Lawn Bank & Trust



Thank you Stony Creek for a great event!

September New & Prospective Member Breakfast



You're invited!

New and Prospective Member In-Person Breakfast



Wednesday
September 8, 2021
8:00 AM

Original Pancake House
10900 S Cicero Ave
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!



OAK LAWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Oak Lawn Chamber September Luncheon

Come out to network

September 14 11:30 Registration 12:00 Lunch \$20	ROCKEFELLER'S 4642 W 103RD ST OAK LAWN, IL 60453
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DON'T FORGET TO RSVP 708-424-8300
OR OFFICE@OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

October Chamber Member Luncheon—Hilton Oak Lawn



OAK LAWN CHAMBER OCTOBER LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN
9333 S CICERO AVE
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

11:30AM REGISTRATION/NETWORKING
12:00 LUNCH
\$20

Please don't forget to RSVP 708-424-8300
or office@oaklawnchamber.com

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce 75th Anniversary Celebration



OAK LAWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

75th
ANNIVERSARY

Join us to celebrate the
Chamber's 75th Anniversary
at Stony Creek

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 • 6:30PM

Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

TICKETS \$30

Past Chamber Presidents \$20

Please RSVP to (708) 424-8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com by 10/1/21

REGISTER HERE!

Breakfast with the Mayor's

October 13, 2021

**SIGN-UP
TODAY**



Alsip Industrial Association Presents:

Breakfast with the Mayor's

OCTOBER 13TH 2021

\$35 Members

\$50 Non-Members

JOIN US

Hosted by Alsip Industrial Association with the the Oak Lawn Chamber, Alsip Chamber of Commerce, Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce

Breakfast with the Mayor's

- ✓ **John Ryan**
Alsip, IL
- ✓ **Terry Vorderer**
Oak Lawn, IL
- ✓ **Lou Presta**
Crestwood, IL
- ✓ **Bob Straz**
Palos Heights, IL



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
5000 W 127th St, Alsip, IL 60803

Check-in 8:00 | Breakfast Buffet 8:30

Introductions, Directors/Presidents 8:30

Program begins 8:30 | Program ends 10:00



SCAN HERE

To make registration visit
www.alsipindustrial.org

Virtual Lunch & Learn

Virtual Lunch & Learn

Oak Lawn Chamber Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

11:30 AM via Zoom

Catherine Johns

"Magnetic Introductions:
How to Have Them at Hello"



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 New & Prospective Member Breakfast 8 am	9	10	11
12	13	14 September Luncheon 12 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Business After Hours Multi-Chamber Members 5:30 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
9 am—3 pm

Monday, September 7th
Labor Day—Office Closed

Wednesday, September 8th
8 am
New & Prospective Member
Breakfast

Wednesday, September 22nd
Multi-Chamber Member
Metra Train Station
Business After Hours
5:30—7:30 pm

Saturday, October 16th
10 am—3 pm
Business Showcase


Wednesday, October 20th
11:30 am
Lunch & Learn via Zoom

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 October Luncheon 12 pm	13	14	15	16 Business Showcase 10 am—3 pm
17	18	19	20 Lunch & Learn 11:30 am	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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