

# OAK LAWN NETWORKER

## MAY/JUNE 2024 EDITION

Presented by 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 2024

**Business After Hours - (Call for 2024 Schedule)** BAH's are after work networking events that provide the opportunity for Chamber Members and others to visit your business “after hours:” to learn more about your products and services while networking with fellow members.

**Member in Spotlight - (Call for 2024 Schedule)** 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 900+ registered email subscribers. Your email can include logo, photos, even links to your website! These blasts go out each Monday and spots are reserved in advance and taken on a first come, first-served basis. The cost to participate is \$30 a week.

**Metra Station Stacks** - 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 hundreds of commuters each day. This is free to all members.

**Metra TV Ads—(Call for the 2024 Schedule)** Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$75 for members.

**Luncheon Sponsorship - (Call for the 2024 Schedule)** Luncheon Sponsorship opportunities available. One sponsor per luncheon for \$250. Sponsorship includes chance to present at luncheon plus a marketing table.

**Membership Directory** - Advertising available for 2025 Directory.

**Brand New Website** - All members are listed for free on our website. 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.

**Weekly Email Blasts**—Free to all members! If you have event information to share with our community, email it to the Chamber office and it will be shared for the weeks leading up to the date.

Please call the chamber office with any questions or  
If you wish to advertise with us.

708-424-8300

## March/April 2024

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**REMEMBER  
SHOP SMALL  
& SHOP LOCAL!**

# Chamber President's Message



Hello Fellow Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Members,

I hope this message finds you well as we stride into the vibrant summer months. Our chamber has many wonderful initiatives taking place and I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates and highlights with you all.

Firstly, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all those who joined us for our recent breakfast meeting. It was a refreshing change of pace from our usual luncheons, and I appreciate everyone's flexibility and enthusiasm. Later this year, we'll offer an evening format to try and reach those of you with busy daytime schedules.

In line with our commitment to bring more information to all members, I'm delighted to announce that this year we've incorporated board of director committee reports into our monthly networking meetings. This addition has not only fostered a deeper understanding of our chamber's initiatives but also new participation in our committees. Please continue to give us feedback to share the direction of our chamber.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members ( 16 since January). Whether you have questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our board of directors. We're here to help in any way we can.

Our luncheon on May 14 is at the Hilton, sponsored by Moraine Valley Community College. We are partnering with our Oak Lawn Park District and hosting our New/Prospective Member Breakfast on May 15 and the June luncheon at beautiful Stony Creek Golf Course.

As we gear up for the summer season, I want to acknowledge the many businesses that will be extending job opportunities to students. Please share those job opportunities with the Oak Lawn Chamber office so we can help spread the word. Thank you for your commitment to the skill development of our youth.

Speaking of summer, get ready for some fantastic events! The Village of Oak Lawn will resume their popular Concerts on the Green and the annual Fourth of July parade will take place on June 29. Our very first Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Week from June 12-26 will showcase the dining excellence within our membership. Plus, mark your calendars for our annual golf outing on July 10 at Stony Creek Golf Course. This year our golf event will honor Anne Marie Casey, a cherished chamber member whose legacy continues to inspire us. For more details on chamber happenings, just reach out to our chamber office.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and dedication to our chamber. Together, we continue to shape the best chamber and wonderful opportunities for growth within our community.

See you around the Village!

Warmly,  
Natasha

## 2024 Officers & Directors

President – Natasha Williams, Three20 Media  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Nick Gulino, JP Architects, Ltd.  
Treasurer – Nicole Wetzell, NEW Marketing Solutions  
Secretary – Susan Latocha, Advocate Health Center  
Immediate Past President – Jeff Reynolds, Nothing Bundt Cakes

## Board of Directors, Term Expiring 12/31/24

Dr. Sandra Bury, Complete Vision Care  
Shannon Dahlman, Grace Point Place  
Joseph Eaton, Shark Shredding  
Dr. Paul Enderle, OLHS District 123  
Dr. David Finklestein, Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle  
Dr. Mike Jacobsen, CHSD 218  
Erin Molek, BEDS Plus Care  
Steven Pappageorge, Moraine Valley Community College  
Jill Stetson, SkinTrust  
Mike Sutko, World Travel Mart  
Justin Waters, Oak Lawn Park District  
Michelle West, The Children's Museum Oak Lawn

## Board of Directors, Term Expiring 12/31/25

Dr. Shaheh Bagdasarian, CHSD 229  
Karen Boll, Napleton Ford  
David Dewar, Tax-Free Retirement Solutions  
Elizabeth Lawler, OSF Healthcare  
Ginger Morgan, Thompson Kuenster  
Rob Reichardt, JDog Junk Removal  
Daniel Stidham, Calvary Church  
Sharon Vetsch, The QuickBooks Queen  
Carol Williams, Oak Lawn Public Library  
Linda Wong, Express Employment Professionals

## Chamber Staff

Anne M Fritz - Executive Director  
Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

## Your Chamber at a Glance

- **Business After Hours**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**

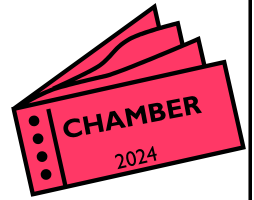
Please check the calendar on page 16 for the Chamber website for time and location.

All events are posted on our website:

[www.oaklawchamber.com](http://www.oaklawchamber.com)

## 2024 Bonanza Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!

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



**Buy now!**

Winning tickets are placed back for even more chances the following month!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

#### March Winners

\$100—Eileen Kerlin Walsh

\$50—David Finkelstein

\$25—Mike Sutko

\$25—Kritan Taylor

#### April Winners

\$100—Dr. Sandy Bury

\$50—Karen Davis

\$25—Eileen Kerlin Walsh

\$25—Michele Govea

*When you support a small business, you are supporting a Dream!  
Thank you for shopping local!!*

#### Arden Courts of Palos Heights

Ingrid Grant  
(708) 361-8070  
7880 W. College Drive  
Palos Heights, IL 60463  
ingrid.grant@promedica.org  
<https://www.arden-courts.org/locations/arden-courts-promedica-memory-care-community-palos-heights/?cid=18605>

#### Edward Jones

Tiondra Purnell  
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8146 W. 111th Street  
Palos Hills, IL 60465  
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<https://www.edwardjones.com/us-en/financial-advisor/tiondra-purnell>

#### Home Companion Solutions

Teresa Gorassini  
(773) 779-8889  
566 W. Adams Street, Suite 550  
Chicago, IL 60661  
tere-sa@homecompanionsolutions.com  
[www.homecompanionsolutions.com](http://www.homecompanionsolutions.com)



**Welcome**  
Glad you're here!



# JDog Junk Removal & Hauling Business After Hours

**JDog Junk Removal & Hauling**

(708) 940-0615

<http://www.wwwjdogjunkremoval.com/>





# March Chamber Luncheon

## Oak Lawn Community High School



**New Members:**  
**Cesar's Landscaping**  
**Healthy & Delicious Smoothie Spot**  
**Riviera Hair Salon**





# Ridgeland School District 122—Fine Arts Center

## *Business After Hours*





# April Chamber Member Breakfast

## *Hilton Oak Lawn*



**NEW MEMBERS:**  
A-Guy Heating & Air  
Comparison Insurance Agency





# Flair with Hair Salon Ribbon Cutting



**Flair with Hair Salon**  
5924 W. 111th Street  
Chicago Ridge  
(708) 425-2299



# Health & Safety Expo





# May Chamber Member Luncheon

*Hilton Oak Lawn*



## OAK LAWN CHAMBER MAY LUNCHEON

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Tuesday      14      -----  
                 May      11:30 AM  
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                 2024      -----

HILTON  
OAK LAWN/CHICAGO  
9333 S CICERO AVE  
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

11:30 AM REGISTRATION/  
NETWORKING  
12:00PM LUNCH  
\$25

**Sponsored by:**



WALK-INS ARE LIMITED.  
RSVP-STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
708-424-8300 OR [WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM)



**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**



**New & Prospective Member Breakfast**  
*Stony Creek Golf Course*



***New & Prospective Member Breakfast***

**May 15, 2024**

**8:30AM**

**Stony Creek Golf Course**

**5850 W 103rd St**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**\$10 ~ Current Members**



**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 2024 new members. \$10 for current members.**

**Kindly RSVP to the chamber office 708-424-8300.**

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**



# Healthy & Delicious Smoothie Spot *Ribbon Cutting*



## YOU ARE INVITED!! RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024  
9:30 AM**

**Healthy & Delicious Smoothie Spot  
10804 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn  
(708) 581-4113**



**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**



**Grace Point Place**  
***Business After Hours***



**GRACE POINT PLACE**  
AN **ANTHEM** MEMORY CARE COMMUNITY

JOIN US FOR A  
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WITH  
OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

**WEDNESDAY**

JUNE

**5<sup>th</sup>**

5-7PM

- Heavy Appetizers
  - Martini Bar
  - Beer & Wine

5701 W. 101<sup>st</sup> St, Oak Lawn, IL  
60453

RSVP: Shannon at 708-304-8443

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

**June Chamber Member Luncheon  
Stony Creek Golf Course**



**Oak Lawn Chamber**

**JUNE LUNCHEON**

**Stony Creek Golf Course**

**5850 W 103rd St**

**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**JUNE 11, 2024**

**11:30 AM Registration**

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**\$25**

**Walk-ins are limited.**

**RSVP-Strongly Recommended**

**708-424-8300 or [www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)**

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**



**Oak Lawn Chamber Restaurant Week  
June 12th—26th!**

*Oak Lawn Chamber Restaurant Week!*



**KICK - OFF TO**

**SUMMER**

**FOR MORE INFO:**

**WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM**

**JUNE 12-JUNE 26  
2024**

*Shop Local ~ Shop Oak Lawn*

(708) 424-8300 office@oaklawnchamber.com

**[More Information!](#)**

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 May Chamber Luncheon	15 New & Chamber Member Breakfast	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Healthy & Delicious Smoothie Spot Ribbon Cutting	30	31	



## Office Hours Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Tuesday, May 14th, 11:30 am  
May Chamber Member Luncheon  
Hilton Oak Lawn

Wednesday, May 15th, 8:30 am  
New & Prospective Member  
Breakfast  
Stony Creek Golf Course

Wednesday, May 29th, 9:30 am  
Healthy & Delicious Smoothie Spot  
10804 S. Cicero Ave.

Wednesday, June 5th, 5-7 pm  
Grace Point Place  
Business After Hours  
5701 W. 101st Street

Tuesday, June 11th, 11:30 am  
June Chamber Member Luncheon  
Stony Creek Golf Course  
5850 W. 103rd Street

Oak Lawn Chamber  
Restaurant Week!  
June 12th—June 26th

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Grace Point Place Business After Hours	6	7	8
9	10	11 June Chamber Luncheon	12 Oak Lawn Chamber Restaurant Week!	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Restaurant Week ends!	27	28	29
30	31					



## Follow The Chamber!



[www.oaklawnchamber.com](http://www.oaklawnchamber.com)