OAK LAWN NETWORKER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 EDITION

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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 Schedule) Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$75 for members.

Luncheon Sponsorship - (Call for the 2025 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. Call the Chamber office.

Website Digital Ads Available now—Check out our website for more information.

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 , 708-424-8300

REMEMBER
SHOP SMALL & SHOP LOCAL!

September/October 2024

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Chamber President's Message



Dear Fellow Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Members,

I can't believe it's already fall! This is such an exciting time for the Chamber and for businesses. Fun fact: fall is known

as the best season for networking and building new business relationships. With fresh energy in the air, I'm happy to share all the exciting things we've got lined up for the coming months.

First up, a quick reminder—it's time to renew your membership for 2025. Keep an eye out for your renewal materials coming to you via email, and if you have any questions or just want to chat about all the perks of being a Chamber member, don't hesitate to reach out to our office, me, or any of our board members. We're happy to help.

Now, let's talk events....We can't wait for our **Fall Family Fest** on **September 22** at Stony Creek Golf Course. It's the perfect time to bring your family, enjoy a fun-filled day, and connect with others in our community. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the **October 12 Business Showcase**.

Chamber Members can reserve a table on the event website.

We're also thrilled to debut

our **#MemberStoriesVideos**, launching throughout September and October. Filmed by the talented students at Richards High School, these videos will shine a light on our members' journeys and highlight the incredible value of our Chamber.

Finally, keep your eyes open for more information on our new Website Digital Ads available for purchase later this month!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and finishing the year on a high note together.

See you around the Village! Warmly,

Natasha

2024 Officers & Directors

President – Natasha Williams, Three20 Media
1st 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
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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
- Luncheon Sponsorships
- Website Digital Advertising

Please check the calendar on page 16 for the Chamber website for time and location. All events are posted on our web-

site: www.oaklawnchamber.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.



Winning tickets are placed back for even <u>more</u> chances the following month!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

July Winners

\$100-

\$50—Eileen Desmond

\$25—Allegra Marketing

\$25—Michele Govea

August Winners

\$100—Kenwood Liquors

\$50—Kim Snyder

\$25—Rob Reichardt

\$25—Tom Fox

Welcome our NEWEST Members!

AYR Wellness

Samantha Miklovic 4140 Southwest Highway Hometown, IL 60456 (708) 549-0420 www.ayrdispensaries.com

BetterWorld Technology

John Jordan
Oak Lawn, II. 60453
office: 312-414-0206
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jjordan@betterworldtech.com
www.betterworldtechnology.com

Club Pilates Evergreen Park (set to open October!)

Mina Amedoski 9500 S. Western Ave. Evergreen Park, IL 60805 (708) 887-7371 evergreenpark@clubpilates.com h

evergreenpark@clubpilates.com https://www.clubpilates.com/location/EvergreenPark

Country Financial ~ Samantha Ingles

Samantha Ingles (773) 937-2024 PO Box 34404 Chicago, IL 60634 samantha.ingels@countryfinancial.com http://www.WhosUrAgent.com

Durable Roofing

Joe Richards
3836 W 148th Street
Midlothian, IL 60445
(708) 371-5325
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www.chicagoroofer.com/

GPT Solutions

Kate Gory 4809 W. 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (773) 679-7572 kate@engagegbt.com www.engategbt.com

Individual Tax Service

Hank Gory 4809 W 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (708) 952-9219 deb@individualtaxservice.com www.individualtaxservice.com

Licensed Financial Provider (Life Producer)

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(985) 445-8259
brenda.edrada@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?
id=61560639452848&mibextid=LQQJ4d

Luxury Hand Wash

Maher & Hiba Monsour 9755 Southwest Highway Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (708) 424-4679 luxurywash123@gmail.com www.luxuryhandwash.com

McQueen Historic Properties, LLC.

Mike McQueen 4550 & 4544 W. 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (541) 786-1133 mcqueenprop@gmail.com https://mcqueenprop.com/

MK All Around Travel

(re-activated membership!)

Karen Daly

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Pixelate Design

Nick Rathert (708) 312-6414 4809 W. 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453 hello@pixelate.design https://pixelate.design/

Southwest Messenger Press, Inc.

CHAMBER

Dana Mayfield (708) 388-2425 3040 W 147th Street Midlothian, IL 60445 Info@southwestmessengerpress.com www.southwestmessengerpress.com

That 1 Painter Naperville

Leilanie Vongdara
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Scheduling: (630) 439-7172
Direct: (630) 885-3317 leilanie.vongdara@that1painter.com https://
naperville.that1painter.com/

The Ancestral Oven

Expected to open Fall 2024 Sourdough Bakery & Cafe' George & Holli Gaitan 4616 W. 103rd Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453 info@theancestraloven.com

 $\underline{https://www.facebook.com/TheAncestralOven}$

The Smoothie Bar

Moe Abbadi 4843 W. 111th Street Alsip, IL 60803 (708) 930-5820 smoothiebaralsip@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?

Valencia's World of Beauty

(Permanent Makeup including brows, scars & cancer survivors)
Dominique Spillman
4821 W. 103rd Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(312) 508-2824 v.worldbeauty@gmail.com https://www.valenciasworldofbeauty.com/

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Annual Chamber Golf Outing Stony Creek Golf Course Oak Lawn Bank & Trust ~ Hole in One Sponsor







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Las Cerezas Taco Shop & Café Grand Re-Opening





And tell me I'm pretty



Las Cerezas Taco Shop & Café

9513 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn 708-634-2454

Lunch & Learn Midwest CPR



AYR Wellness

Ribbon Cutting









AYR Wellness

4140 Southwest Highway
Hometown
708-549-0420

Children's Museum Oak Lawn Business After Hours









Children's Museum Oak Lawn

5100 Museum Drive Oak Lawn 708-423-6709





August Chamber Member Luncheon

Sponsored by: Solix Business Services











Welcome New Members!

AYR Wellness ~ Mike Kinnaman
MG19 Salon Suites ~ Sarah Tyree
Oak Lawn Living ~ Erica Coci
Coldwell Banker ~ Kelly Rosales
White Willow Bookkeeping ~ Bridget Regan
The Ancestral Oven ~ George Gaitan









New & Prospective Member Breakfast

Les Brother's Restaurant







OSF OnCall Urgent Care

Business BEFORE Hours









OSF OnCall Urgent Care

5660 W. 95th Street
Oak Lawn
708-634-0950

MG19 Salon Suites Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening



Who Will Be There?

empowerment!













What's in Store!

Ribbon Cutting - 10:30am with the
Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce
Tour Our Stylish Suites
Local Small Businesses
Vibrant Music
Exciting Raffles
Delicious Samples

708-548-0576

mg19salonsuites.com

@mg19salonsuites

September Chamber Member Luncheon

Hilton Oak Lawn

Sponsored by: Shark Shredding & Document Management



HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN 11:30 AM REGISTRATION/ 9333 S CICERO AVE **OAK LAWN, IL 60453**

NETWORKING 12:00 PM LUNCH \$25.00

SPONSORED BY:



SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SHREDDING DEMO

Walk-ins are limited **RSVPs - Strongly Recommended** 708-424-8300 or www.oaklawnchamber.com



Hilton Oak Lawn

Business After Hours

NETWORK WITH THE OAK LAWN CHAMBER ~ HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN

Business After Hours



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
FROM 5PM TO 7PM
NETWORKING AND DOOR PRIZES
CHEF PICKS & SPECIALTY DRINK
SOUTH SIDE SOCIAL

HILTON OAK LAWN SOUTH SIDE SOCIAL 9333 SOUTH CICERO AVENUE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 708-425-7800





Fall Family Fest

Stony Creek Golf Course



Luxury Hand Wash

Ribbon Cutting



YOU ARE INVITED!! RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 10:00 AM

> Luxury Car Wash 9755 Southwest Highway Oak Lawn, IL 60453

> > (708) 424-4679 Raffles for attendees!





October Chamber Member Luncheon

Sponsored by: Richards High School Richards High School Fine Arts Center



Lunch & Learn

Oak Lawn Public Library

CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Google Gebusiness Workshop



Bring your... **DIGITAL DEVICE**



Wednesday October 16, 2024 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Oak Lawn Public Library 9427 Raymond Ave. Oak Lawn IL.









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Bank Financial

Business After Hours



Seize this golden opportunity to connect with our team of experts and fellow local business professionals and other business members of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy delicious appetizers, wine, and beer—all on us.

Mingle and forge new connections while discovering how our innovative banking and financing services can propel your business to new heights. Whether you seek funding solutions or guidance on business growth, we've got you covered.

We hope you'll join us for an evening of valuable networking opportunities!

Meet Our BankFinancial Team:

Register Today Call: **630-425-5687**

- Matthew Howe, AVP Branch Manager
- Vince Bailey, Wealth Advisor



Scan to Register







1.833.894.6999 | BankFinancial.com



Business Showcase

Oak Lawn Community High School



Flow Right Plumbing

Business After Hours

@ The Copper Top



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 MG19 Salon Suite Ribbon Cutting
8	9	10 Chamber Luncheon	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Fall Family Fest	23	24	Luxury Hand Wash Ribbon Cutting	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Chamber Member Luncheon	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	Lunch & Learn Google Profile	17 Bank Financial BAH	18	19 Business Showcase
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Flow Right Plumbing BAH	30	31		



Office Hours Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

9/7, 10:30 AM
September Chamber Luncheon
9/10, 1:30 AM Check-In
Fall Family Fest
9/22, 3—6 PM
Luxury Hand Wash Ribbon Cutting
9/25, 10 AM
October Chamber Luncheon
10/8, 11:30 AM Check-In

Lunch & Learn 10/16, 11:30 AM Bank Financial BAH 10/17, 5—7 PM Business Showcase 10/19, 10 AM—3 PM Flow Right Plumbing BAH 10/29, 5—7 PM



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