

Business Perspective

December 2019

Chamber Board endorses school bond issue

The Chamber Board of Directors has endorsed Blue Valley Bond 2020, a bond election to issue \$186,835,000 in bonds.

Between January 8 and January 28, registered voters of the Blue Valley School District will be asked to complete a mail-ballot that authorizes the sale of bonds to reinvest in the district's facilities and technology, reinforce school safety initiatives and reimagine facilities and educational programs. It is a no-tax rate increase for Blue Valley taxpayers. Residents should register by December 27 to automatically receive a mail ballot. For more information: www.bluevalleyk12.org.



Our Mission:

To enhance the business environment and quality of life in our community.



Chamber Calendar

Public Policy & Advocacy Committee

Joint meeting with Kansas State Affairs Committee of the Kansas City Chamber
Tuesday, December 3 - 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street
\$15 per person for members only; appetizers included.

2019 Annual Meeting

Thursday, December 5 - 11:30-1:30 p.m.
Marriott Kansas City Overland Park, 10800 Metcalf Avenue
Chamber members: \$65 per person/\$695 for table of 10
Non-members: \$80 per person/\$850 for table of 10
Presenting Sponsor: Security Bank of Kansas City

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, December 11 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Fidelity Bank, 14435 Metcalf Avenue
Free and open to Chamber members only
2019 Series Sponsor: Fortune Financial Advisors

Young Professionals Holiday Party

Speakeasy Holiday Party benefitting HopeKids Kansas City
Tuesday, December 17 - 4:30-7:30 p.m.
The Cave at Promontory Apartments, 8961 Metcalf Avenue
\$10 per person for members; \$15 for non-members
Appetizers and 2 drink tickets included

To register for events, [click here](#).

Ribbon cuttings & groundbreakings

Tuesday, December 3 - 10:30 a.m.
Lion's Choice, 10313 Metcalf Avenue
Friday, December 6 - 10:30 a.m.
Falafel Express, 7805 West 151st Street
Thursday, December 12 - 11:00 a.m.
Tabard's Ale House, 12030 Blue Valley Parkway

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2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 2019

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OF KANSAS CITY™

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[2019 Chairman of Overland Park Chamber Economic Development Council]

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2019: The Year in Review

Thank you to all our Chamber members who engaged and helped drive a successful year. As a membership organization, it is our priority to deliver value to our members. The Overland Park Chamber strives to do that every day. As chairman, I have an opportunity to see how your Chamber staff performs and want to tell you it is at the highest levels every day. I also get to meet with owners and leaders of varying businesses doing business in Overland Park and leaders in the community.

For those of you who are engaged in the Chamber – I hear about the positives and value the Chamber brings to your companies and businesses. I would encourage everyone to pick one of the Chamber events you have not participated in and try it in 2020. I guarantee you will come away with new information and perspective. A key thing to know is that the Chamber is continually working for you with the goal of making you and our community prosperous.

This past year has been busy with completing the purchase of the Chamber building from our Chamber Foundation, continued work on Forward OP, and conducting a brand update for the Chamber. We will continue to move forward on these key initiatives that set the stage for future years.

I want to acknowledge the passing of Rick Worrel this year. Rick was past chairman of the Overland Park Chamber and tirelessly engaged in improving the community and advocating for businesses. There are very few people like Rick who have the passion and devotion to making a difference to all of those around them that Rick did. He will be missed.

As you read this column I ask that you consider how you are encouraging engagement in the community from yourself and your employees. We have a tremendous community that continues to improve every day, but it takes people who care and engage.

I hope 2020 is your best year yet.



Mike Hess
2019 Chairman
HNTB Corporation



Chamber leaders completed the annual DC Fly-in to meet with U.S. Congress members and U. S. Chamber representatives last month. Participating were Chamber Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy Kevin Walker; Chair-Elect Bobby Olm-Shipman, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**; Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen; Public Policy & Advocacy Co-Chairs Mike Hockley, **Spencer Fane LLP**; and Tony Rupp, **Foulston Siefkin LLP**; and Chairman Mike Hess, **HNTB Corporation**.

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2020 Chamber Board Officers

The Chamber Board of Directors announces the following board officers for 2020:

Chairman: Bobby Olm-Shipman, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**

Chair-Elect: Bill Ferguson, **Central Bank of the Midwest**

1st Vice-Chairman: Tony Rupp, **Foulston Siefkin LLP**

2nd Vice-Chairman: Joan Wells, **Wellington**

Secretary: Doug Lynn, **Sprint**

Treasurer: Chris Wally, **Wally & Co.**

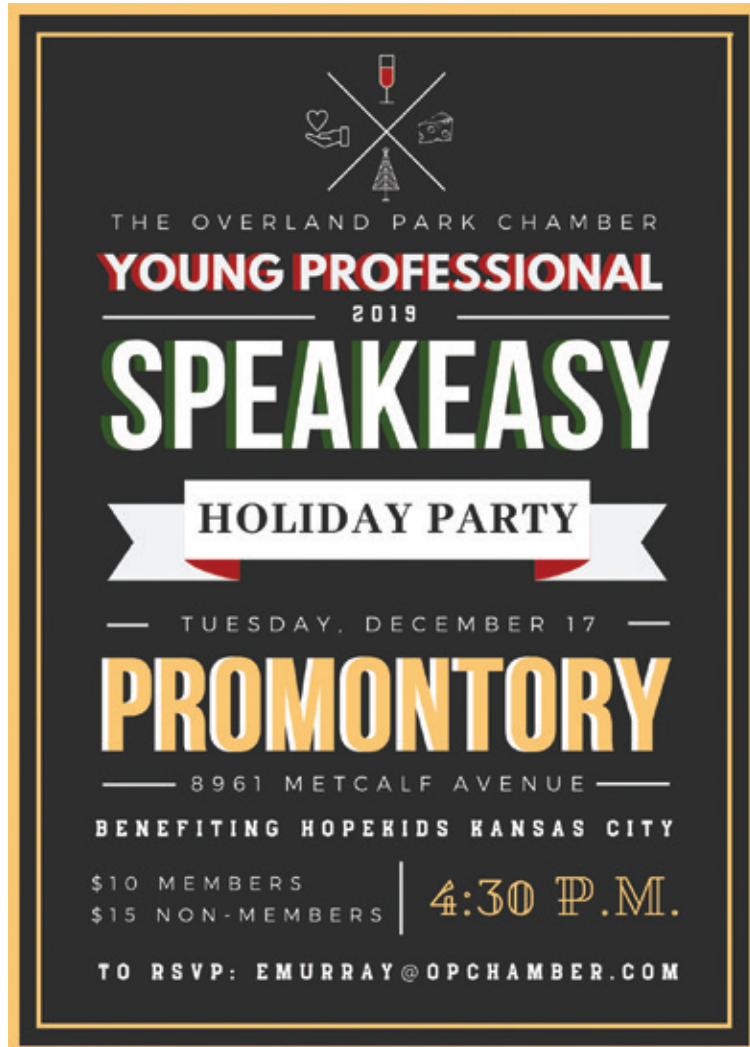
Past Chairman: Mike Hess, **HNTB Corporation**

2020 sponsorships available!

Gain visibility by partnering with the Chamber to sponsor events and programs in 2020. Sponsorships include Corporate Sponsor and Leadership Circle levels, two of the Chamber's top sponsorship opportunities.

For information: Celia Fritz-Watson at (913) 766-7603 or cfritzwatson@opchamber.org.

Click below for details



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 2019
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 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
PROMONTORY
 8961 METCALF AVENUE
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 \$10 MEMBERS | 4:30 P.M.
 \$15 NON-MEMBERS
 TO RSVP: EMURRAY@OPCHAMBER.COM

Build your business network!

Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

Wednesday, December 11

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Join us at **Fidelity Bank** for warm conversations and hot coffee. Fidelity Bank is a fourth generation, family-owned institution with locations across Kansas and Oklahoma. Its commercial team helps businesses, large and small, meet challenges with confidence and empowers their progress through cash management, credit and capital services.

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Thank you for your participation!

Thank you to these members who provided door prizes for our Good Morning, Overland Park! breakfast:

- Chick-fil-A 135th & 69 Highway
- Cosentino's Market - Blue Valley
- DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park
- Downtown Overland Park Partnership, Inc.
- Elite Martial Arts
- Employee Benefit Professionals
- Fortune Financial Advisors, LLC
- Goldfish Swim School
- Grease Monkey
- INTRUST Bank
- Jason's Deli
- Johnson County Community College
- KC Hemp Co.
- KC Pretzel Boy's
- Nifty Promotions
- Oak Park Mall
- Paint Nail Bar
- Parisi Coffee
- Q39
- Riordan Clinic
- Safely Delicious, LLC
- Scheels
- Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.
- Slush Your Mouth!
- Smart Home Lending
- The Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park
- The Brass Onion
- Villa Medici
- Yoga Six
- Zaxby's

CHAMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diplomat Q&A

Chris Curtis, Candlewood Suites

I work as the Director of Sales and Marketing for [Candlewood Suites](#) off I 35th Street.

Building relationships, and creating value for our clients, is the best part of the job. It's really all about solving a problem that our clients face on a continual basis.



Q: Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?

A: I love the depth this Chamber offers its members. There is so much to do, it may seem daunting, but it is really an opportunity to explore which programs work best for your company.

Q: What has been your favorite benefit or moment as a member of the OP Chamber?

A: Being able to connect people. Networking is the name of the game, and helping different members connect with the right people, at the right time, is an awesome feeling.

Q: What is the best advice you've received?

A: "What does that have to do with me?" Best line I ever heard from a client. No matter how much stuff is going on in everyone else's lives, you should always focus on what's in front of you. It is easy to get distracted with things.

Q: What is your hidden talent or ability?

A: I speak Mandarin. Studied in high school, and I have stuck with it ever since.

Q: What book/movie are you recommending?

A: The 4 Disciplines of Execution. Great book. Really gets down to the reality of setting – and achieving – goals. A must read for anyone in Sales/management.

Q: What are you passionate about in life?

A: Food. I love everything about the combination, style, technique, or process used for great food. Add great company to that, and you've got a winning combination.

Q: Who is a role model for you?

A: My Mom. She has always been a positive role model for me. Pushing me, when I didn't know I needed it, and supporting me even more when I did. It has never been a smooth road, but she will always be a beacon for me at the end. This one's for you, Mom.

To find out about becoming a Chamber Diplomat, contact Stacey Cowan at (913) 766-7604 or scowan@opchamber.org.

Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

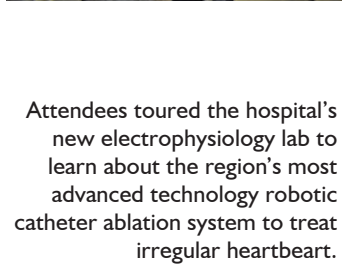
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Melissa Dacus and Michelle Phillips, **Hampton Inn & Suites Overland Park South**; Bekki Diefendorf, **Panera Bread**; Jake Akehurst, **Johnson County Community College**.



Attendees toured the hospital's new electrophysiology lab to learn about the region's most advanced technology robotic catheter ablation system to treat irregular heartbeat.



Member Renewals

We thank these companies for reinvesting in the Overland Park Chamber in October 2019:

50+ Years

AT&T

40-49 Years

JE Dunn Construction Company
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20-39 Years

Axcet HR Solutions
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United Way of Greater Kansas City

10-19 Years

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5-9 Years

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KeyBank
Lansing Trade Group
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Santa Fe Tow Service Inc.
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Welcome new members!

We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:

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Some of our newest members were recognized with plaques at last month's Wednesday Wake-up hosted by **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**. Receiving plaques from Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan were Tara Markley, **Johnson County K-State Research and Extension**; Jonathan and Kaela Braswell, **Strauss Peyton**; Clark Thompson, **Network Tech**; Mollie Lothman and Kayla Cacy, **McLain's Market**; Neal Huston, **Genesis Health Clubs**; Jessica Foster, **Revolve at OneFifteen**; Dr. Callan Martin, **Back On Track Chiropractic + Acupuncture**; Margaret Bedwell and Nicole Satterwhite, **Willoughby Design**; Phillip Miller, **Overland Aero**; Mallory Hirner, **Award Decals, Inc.**; Jana Kaiser, **Golden Belt Beef**; **Alan R. Stetson, Estate Planning Attorney**; Mary Kaye Faubion, **The Great Frame Up in Overland Park**; Erin Moffet, **Worlds of Fun**.



The Chamber joined several businesses in participating in **Scheel's Trick or Treat** event, which was attended by about 1,300 children and parents.

Diplomat Q&A

Heidi Williams, Spectrum Business

I am a small business account executive for [Spectrum Business](#). I help small businesses with their phone, internet and cable needs.

Q: Who do you find is a best connection / partner for you in business?



A: Honestly, anyone who needs internet, phone, and/or cable ... or that has a business service that uses those products.

Q: Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?

A: I love meeting new people and finding ways I can help them beyond what I can provide from Spectrum. Connecting people is the best part of my job/day.

Q: What has been your favorite benefit or moment as a member of the OP Chamber?

A: Meeting others who are like-minded in business/personal goals is a huge benefit of the Chamber.

Q: What is the best advice you've ever received?

A: Don't give up! Make that extra call. Walk in that additional door. Believe in yourself! Fav quote: "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right" by Henry Ford.

Q: What is your hidden talent or ability?

A: I actually grew and trained in ballet with ballet companies throughout the United States. Retired young and now I teach choreography around KC.

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement (so far)?

A: My daughter, Deanna ... even though she's in her terrible threes, she is my world and I love every minute I have with her.

Q: Who is somebody you look up to as a role model and why?

A: JK Rowling, not just because I love the whole Harry Potter world ... but she does so much for others and uses her success to bring good to the world.

Q: What is your motto?

A: Don't let someone else dull your sparkle!

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Sponsor Spotlight:



BLACK & VEATCH

A fixture in the Kansas City region for more than a century, global engineering, construction and consulting leader **Black & Veatch** continues to burnish its reputation for striving to make a world of difference in its hometown.

With more than 11,500 employees – some 3,000 of them around Kansas City – the 104-year-old company last year made worldwide headlines for studying the feasibility of a “hyperloop” transit mode between Kansas City and St. Louis – the first such study examining the high-speed system in the U.S. The conclusion: Transportation technology company Virgin Hyperloop One’s concept of using pods to whisk passengers and goods through tubes at hundreds of miles an hour was commercially doable, reducing the 250-mile trek to just a half hour.

For that exhaustive, independent evaluation, Black & Veatch won the BMO Harris Bank St. Louis Spirit Award – a coveted regional honor recognizing the company’s work to advance innovation.

More recognition would follow, largely for the company’s focus on diversity and inclusion.

In July, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce honored Black & Veatch with the “Champions of Diversity” award, given to a regional business “that has made a durable commitment to embracing diversity” at work, with suppliers and in the community. Two months later, Black & Veatch won the Mid-America Asian Culture Association’s “Employer Diversity Excellence Award” for cultivating an inviting multicultural workplace

and “committing to inclusion.”

Both honors came after Steve Edwards, Black & Veatch’s chairman and CEO, signed the CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™ pledge, committing the company to nurturing a trusting, inclusiveness-prizing workplace.

The company also received a 100 percent score from the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index – a benchmarking tool on corporate policies and practices pertinent to LGBTQ employees – and was named by Forbes as a top employer for diversity. Last May, Ingram’s named Black & Veatch as one of the publication’s best companies to work for, among other things for its diversity and inclusion.

All the while, Black & Veatch pressed on with its push to inspire tomorrow’s engineers. The company’s foundation continued its 10-year commitment to the Museum at Prairiefire, with Black & Veatch serving as that site’s global science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education partner. The company also continued its financial pledge to the local “Black & Veatch MakerSpace” innovation laboratory at Johnson County’s Central Resource Library.

For more information: www.bv.com.





City Councilmember Chris Newlin helped Tim Burkholder, store manager, and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of the newest **ALDI**, 15891 Metcalf Avenue. For more info: www.aldi.us.



City Council President Terry Happer Scheier, Councilmember Chris Newlin and Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan helped Megan Tjernagel, CEO of Eller Enterprises; Jeremy Murray, executive director; and other hotel reps celebrate a ribbon cutting for **My Place Hotel**, 8983 West 135th Street. For more info: (913) 897-8996 or www.myplacehotels.com.



City Councilmember Faris Farassati, Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan and Chamber Diplomats helped Liverpool Jeans founder Ron Perilman and Oak Park Mall reps celebrate the opening of **Liverpool Los Angeles**, a pop-up store in **Oak Pak Mall**. For more information, [click here](#) or [click here](#).



City Councilmember Faris Farassati and Chamber Senior Vice President Beth Johnson helped Denise Kruse, CEO; Stacy Rose, COO; and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new offices of **AdamsGabbert**, 10975 Benson Drive, Suite 100. For more info: (913) 735-4390 or www.adamsgabbert.com.

Building Permits in Overland Park

	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools	Other Commercial	Totals
Oct. 2019	0	0	73	73
Square Feet	0	0	0	0
Value	\$0	\$0	\$12,134,513	\$12,134,513

– City of Overland Park

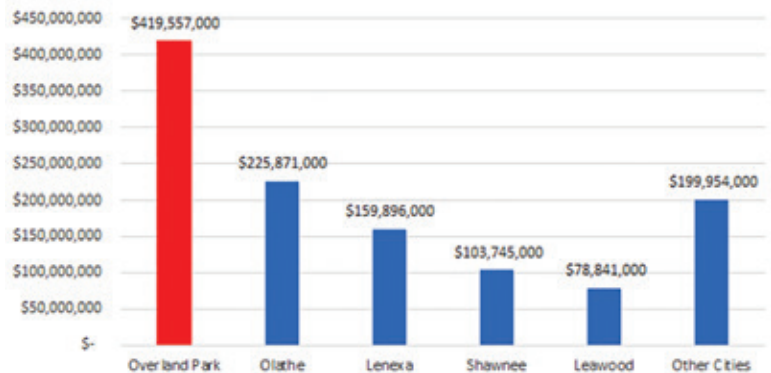
Unemployment

	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2018
Overland Park	2.4%	2.7%
Johnson County	2.5%	2.7%
Kansas City Metro MSA	2.5%	2.8%
State of Kansas	3.1%	3.3%

(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)
– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)

Overland Park Retail Sales

August 2019



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Member News

During one of her "Sharice's Shifts," U.S. Representative Sharice L. Davids visited **YRC Worldwide** and traveled with a YRC driver to the Kansas Highway Patrol in Olathe to deliver child car safety seats donated by YRC for distribution to needy families.

During the holiday season, **Harvesters** encourages you to add a Check-Out Hunger donation to your grocery bill when shopping at **Hy-Vee** and **Price Chopper** stores.

Cleveland University-Kansas City has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to construct a teaching and learning center on its Overland Park campus.

Johnson County Community College has received a grant for its Commercial Driver's License training program to provide tuition-free scholarships for veterans and their immediate family members.

FNBO-First National Bank of Omaha recently awarded \$1.04 million in

community development grants, and more than \$70,000 went to Kansas organizations to support workforce initiatives.

WaterOne has been recognized with a Sustainable Water Utility Management award.

George Katz is the new general manager of the **Marriott Kansas City Overland Park**.

Veracity Consulting, Inc., has hired Chris Barr as vice president of federal operations to lead a new office opening in Washington, D.C.

TPP Certified Public Accountants, LLC, has hired Hallie Webel as a staff accountant.

Steve Anchord, **AdventHealth Shawnee Mission**, received Premier Inc.'s annual Illuminating Excellence Award.

To submit member news, [click here](#).
To submit events, [click here](#).