

# Business Perspective

March 2019

## Chamber reps meet with new Kansas leaders

Last month, Chamber staff and business leaders held meetings with Governor Laura Kelly and Congresswoman Sharice Davids to discuss issues that are important to our local business community including U.S. Highway 69 and other transportation matters, education and health care.



Leaders meeting with the Congresswoman included Beth Johnson, Chamber EDC; Chamber Chairman Mike Hess, **HNTB Corporation**; Carrie Sherer, **Black & Veatch**; Chamber President & CEO Tracey Osborne Oltjen; Diane Browning, **Sprint**; Kevin Walker, Chamber VP of Public Policy & Advocacy; Bill Ferguson, **Central Bank of the Midwest**; Mike Hockley, **Spencer Fane LLP**; Monique Thierry, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Bobby Olm-Shipman, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**; and Robin Harrold, **AdventHealth Shawnee Mission**. Not pictured: Dallas Polen, **Children's Mercy Hospital**.

## Mayor presents annual State of the City

Last month, Mayor Carl Gerlach (below) highlighted successes in Overland Park during his annual State of the City Address in a luncheon presented by the Overland Park Chamber. Attendees at the luncheon also heard about successful economic development projects from Mike Valentine (upper right), CEO of **Netsmart Technologies**; and Matt Druten (lower right), co-founder of **Edison Spaces** and co-developer of **Edison District** under construction in Downtown Overland Park.



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## State of the County Address & Luncheon

presented by Chairman Ed Eilert

**Tuesday, March 26**

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

**Olathe Conference Center**  
10401 South Ridgeview Road, Olathe

To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.



## Our Mission:

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



## Chamber Calendar

### EDC Honors Luncheon

Economic Development Council luncheon recognizing Overland Park businesses.

Sponsored by **Saint Luke's Health System**

**Thursday, March 7 - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Johnson County Community College**,  
12345 College Boulevard

### Wednesday Wake-up

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

**Firebirds Wood Fired Grill**, 6601 West 135th Street

Free and open to Chamber members only

### Executive Leadership Series

Featuring Ed O'Malley, Kansas Leadership Center

Sponsored by **First National Bank**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - 7:30-9:00 a.m.**

**DoubleTree by Hilton**, 10100 College Boulevard

\$30 per person for members; \$40 per person for non-members; \$330 for table of 10 for members; \$40 for table of 10 for non-members

### Legislative Breakfast #3

3rd in series of four legislative breakfasts presented by the Johnson County Public Policy Council

Featuring Senator Dinah Sykes and Representatives David Benson, Tom Cox, Jerry Stogsdill, Sean Tarwater and Brandon Woodward

**Saturday, March 23 - 7:30-9:00 a.m.**

**DoubleTree by Hilton**, 10100 College Boulevard

\$25 per person for members; \$30 per person for non-members

### State of the County Luncheon

Featuring Chairman Ed Eilert

**Tuesday, March 26 - 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.**

**Olathe Conference Center**,

10401 South Ridgeview Road, Olathe

\$35 per person; \$425 for corporate table of 10

To register for events, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

### Ribbon cuttings

**Tuesday, March 5 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Verizon Authorized Retailer-TCC**,  
8061 West 159th Street

**Thursday, March 7 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Maciel Wealth Management**, 8101 College Boulevard, Suite 100

**Wednesday, March 13 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Elite Martial Arts**, 8910 West 95th Street

**Thursday, March 14 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Edward Jones-Tracy Kunkel**, 7011 West 121st Street, Suite 102

## Chamber Board and Staff

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[2019 Chairman of Overland Park Chamber Economic Development Council]

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## U.S. 69 at the top of the list

U.S. Highway 69 once again took center stage at recent high-level meetings for our Chamber and Overland Park City officials. In the past few weeks we've met with Third District Congresswoman Sharice Davids and Kansas Governor Laura Kelly to discuss Federal and State priorities, with expansion of U.S. 69 at the top of our list.

Elected officials at all levels recognize transportation infrastructure has provided the backbone to economic growth throughout the country but is particularly critical to our region. These meetings with Gov. Kelly and Rep. Davids emphasized plans presented to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao when she visited Overland Park in October and during the State's Transportation Vision Task Force Hearings the following month.

Businesses have made it clear to us that U.S. 69 is crucial to the safety of their employees and families, as well as to the growth of their companies. Over the past 20 years, more than \$375 million in improvements have been made in the corridor. That's a significant investment to accommodate our community's growth, but the fact remains that at 50 years old, the pavement is at the end of its designed service life. I think of highway age kind of like dog years – the time passes more quickly than we imagined and we have to plan for their replacement. This doesn't mean just layering on more surface. At some point it actually has to be completely replaced.

In addition to the aging out issue, here are some other critical facts we're emphasizing in discussions with elected officials at the local, state and federal levels:

- Our focus area is U.S. 69 from 435 south to 179th Street
- U.S. 69 is the economic backbone of Johnson County. This corridor generates nearly \$7 billion in annual economic activity
- U.S. 69 currently carries more traffic than any other four-lane highway in Kansas
- Traffic volumes are projected to double by 2040, with travel times tripling from eight minutes to nearly 30 minutes, choking local traffic
- Congestion on U.S. 69 is increasing, contributing to crash rates above the state-wide average

This project is so critical that when Mayor Carl Gerlach announced at the State of the City a few weeks ago that this is our community's top priority, the crowd of more than 500 erupted in applause. He made it clear we don't see this as a solely a state responsibility, but one that the City and Chamber are actively working together with developers, elected officials and the U.S. Department of Transportation on innovative ideas to secure support and funding to make this a reality.

Last month the City Council became the final endorser of more than 60 businesses and organizations to embrace the vision and action items of Forward OP. Among the top priorities were Connecting and Innovating which were defined as developing a state-of-the-art mobility system and creating smart and connected infrastructure. The next stage of improvements for U.S. 69 can do both, serving our residents, visitors, workforce and businesses for the next generation. Join us in this discussion by letting your elected officials know how important this corridor is to you, both in your personal life and for your business. Improvements will make a generational difference in our region.



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## EDC Honors Lunch Thursday, March 7

Johnson County Community Center  
Networking at 11:30 a.m. / Program at noon

The Chamber Economic Development Council will recognize contributions to our economy with these annual awards:

**NOVA Award** – recognizes fast-growing companies  
**Commercial Development** – recognizes significant investment and reinvestment in the local economy

**EDC Investors receive one complimentary registration.**

Chamber members can register by contacting Chris Jackson at (913) 766-7605 or [cjackson@opchamber.org](mailto:cjackson@opchamber.org).

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## Legislative Breakfast Series

The Johnson County Public Policy Council presents these upcoming breakfasts in which Johnson County legislators provide updates on legislative action at the Statehouse:

March 23                      May 18

Breakfasts are 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park**, 10100 College Boulevard.

The cost for a single breakfast is \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. **To register, [click here](#).**

## Build your business network!

# Wednesday Wake-up

**A Business Before Hours**

**Wednesday, March 13**

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



6601 West 135th Street

Join us for networking and sample the delicious foods at **Firebirds**, an American restaurant and steakhouse that offers top-notch service and upscale dining at a modest price.

Free and open to  
Chamber members only.

**2019 Series Sponsor:**

**To register, [click here](#)  
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## Executive Leadership Series

**INSIGHTS FROM THE TOP**  
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Join us for these programs featuring  
executive insight on business leadership.

Breakfast program: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park**  
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**Wednesday, March 20**

featuring

**Ed O'Malley, President & CEO**  
**[Kansas Leadership Center](#)**



A former state legislator and gubernatorial aide, Ed O'Malley is the founding president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center. He is the author of several books on leadership including "What's Right with Kansas" in which O'Malley gives hope for a better civic life in the future, showcasing everyday committed citizens who are helping transform our state. O'Malley is a Johnson County native who, early in his career, led the Overland Park Chamber's government affairs division. He has dedicated his career to making Kansas stronger for its citizens, its families and its future.

**Friday, April 26**

featuring

**Marshaun Butler, Vice President**  
**[Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas](#)**



As Vice President for Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas and Regional Medical Practices, Marshaun Butler is responsible for overseeing facility operations, guiding and directing planning activities and coordinating resource utilization and management. She has direct responsibility over three medical practices in the region. She has been active in health care for more than 20 years with extensive leadership, strategic planning and business development experience. She is a past chair of the Chamber Economic Development Council.

Cost per program – Members: \$30 per person or \$330 for a reserved table of 10 / Non-members: \$40 per person or \$440 for a reserved table of 10

**To register for these breakfast programs, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600**

## Diplomat Q&A

**Joe Lillian, [SERVPRO of Leawood / Overland Park](#)**

My wife Beth and I co-own two SERVPRO franchises. We provide emergency



restoration services for fire/water/mold losses to residential and commercial properties. We also provide specialty cleaning services for buildings and contents.

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

**A:** We focus much of our local marketing efforts on insurance, property management, senior living facilities, and real estate professionals. We also seek mutually beneficial referral relationships with plumbing, roofing, and general construction companies.

**Q:** Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?

**A:** After a few years as a member and doing the usual activities, getting more engaged was a goal. I felt being a Diplomat was the best way to get involved in a way that would benefit the Chamber and SERVPRO.

**Q:** What has been a favorite moment as an Overland Park Chamber member?

**A:** We still have photos from our ribbon cutting on our wall. It was so well supported by the Chamber, and it was an outstanding capstone event after relocating to our new building.

**Q:** Where are you from / what brought you to Overland Park?

**A:** I am an Overland Park native. After a few years away, my family and I relocated back here more than 20 years ago. There's no place like Overland Park to work and raise a family!

**Q:** What recent book or movie are you recommending to others?

**A:** I NEVER stop watching or recommending *The Princess Bride*!

**Q:** What has been your favorite journey?

**A:** Two weeks in the Canadian Rockies on our honeymoon.

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

## Welcome new members!

We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:

### The Art of Dentistry

Kory Kirkegaard, Dentist/CEO  
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Overland Park, KS 66085  
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## Forward OP

Imagine Tomorrow ▶ Inspire Action

Last month the Overland Park City Council unanimously endorsed the Forward OP plan and a reception was held to celebrate the end of the year-long city visioning process and to recognize the many volunteers (at right) who helped drive it. Staff is working on a detailed implementation plan to be finished in the next 90-100 days.

For more information about the Forward OP plan, visit [www.forwardop.org](http://www.forwardop.org).



Commemorative street signs were presented to Forward OP volunteers including co-chairs Brenda Sharpe, **REACH Healthcare Foundation**; and Greg Musil, **Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes, P.C.**



## Member Renewals

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

### 50+ Years

Capitol Federal Savings Bank  
Overland Park Funeral Chapel  
Security Bank of Kansas City  
UMB Bank n.a.  
Wallace Saunders  
WaterOne

### 40-49 Years

Bodker Realty, Inc.

### 20-39 Years

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas City  
Blue Valley Recreation Commission  
Commerce Bank  
CommunityAmerica Credit Union  
Gary C. Richter, C.P.A., P.A.  
HMN Architects, Inc.  
Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City  
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Overland Park Place  
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United Community Services of Johnson County  
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### 10-19 Years

Consolidated Communications  
Continental Title Company  
Dentons US LLP  
Heartstrings Community Foundation  
Hilton Garden Inn Overland Park  
Johnson County Funeral Chapel and Memorial Gardens  
Kansas City Chiefs Football Club & Arrowhead Events  
MidAmerica Rehabilitation Hospital  
Principal Financial Group  
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The UPS Store-Oak Park Commons

### 5-9 Years

CBRE Group Inc.  
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### 1-4 Years

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Ball Conference Center  
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Fogel-Anderson Construction  
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InQuest Marketing  
Kansas Christian College  
Kansas City Audio Visual Inc.  
Kansas Regenerative Medicine Center

Metcalf 108  
MONARCH  
Oades Brothers Tire & Auto  
Outpost Worldwide  
Platinum Realty-Bharthi Reddi  
Riordan Clinic  
State Farm Insurance - Alex Langford  
Sunflower Bank  
Town Center Apartments  
Westlake Ace Hardware-Santa Fe Drive  
Westlake Ace Hardware-151st Street



City Councilmember Paul Lyons, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats joined the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to help Jonathan Salter, general manager, celebrate a ribbon cutting for **EVRNU**, 4061 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 330. EVRNU provides intimate health optimization for men, women and couples. For more information: (913) 730-7801 or [www.evrnuclinics.com](http://www.evrnuclinics.com).



Receiving new member plaques last month from Chamber Board Member Steve Troester, **PGAV Architecture**; Membership Director Stacey Cowan (both on left); and Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen (far right) were Jonathan Salter, **EVRNU**; Matthew Reynolds, **Reynolds Services LLC**; Patty Robb, **Patty Robb Consulting**; Samantha Shepherd, **Shepherd Elder Law Group, LLC**; and Valerie Farris, **H-Wave**.



City Councilmember John Thompson, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped Charles Laird, **Menorah Medical Center**, and Joey Palguta, Market Manager, and other company reps celebrate a ribbon cutting for **CareNow Urgent Care**, 13761 Metcalf Avenue. For more information: (913) 814-3788 or [www.carenow.com](http://www.carenow.com).



## Diplomat Q&A

Patrick Wertzberger, [Farmers Insurance – The Wertzberger Agency](#)



I own the agency and oversee all of the day-to-day; from originating new home, auto, business, or life insurance to monitoring claims and supervising our 5 staff members.

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

**A:** We love partnering with mortgage lenders and real estate professionals as part of the home buying process; making sure it continues to go smoothly when the buyer would need to set up new home insurance.

**Q:** Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?

**A:** I became a Chamber Diplomat to become more involved within the Chamber. I see it as a program to assist in growing stronger relationships with other members of the Chamber and the Overland Park community.

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

**A:** Your attitude determines your altitude! Growing any business requires one to focus on the light at the end of the tunnel and not any darkness that may lie within it. Stay focused and positive through the journey and the light at the end of the tunnel will get brighter as you get closer to achieving your goals.

**Q:** What are you most passionate about?

**A:** I'm very professionally driven but it all is to the benefit of providing a great life for my family. I want to be able to spoil my wife and two girls as much as possible.

**Q:** What has been your greatest achievement?

**A:** Our agency received Farmers's President's Council Award in 2017. This is a production-based award given to the top .05% of agencies nationally and one we had a goal to obtain since opening in 2009.

**Q:** Who is your role model and why?

**A:** My Dad. He has always been able to maintain a great balance between being a father and a friend.

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## Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

hosted on February 13

St. Joseph Medical Center



Leann Northway, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**; Jodi Fincher and Nancy Ogden, **St. Joseph Medical Center**.



Mickey Levey, **Mickey "The Cotton Candy Man"**; Aly Smith and Abby Clem, **Foodsby**.



Matthew Reynolds, **Reynold Services**; Dolores Burke-King, **AAA Missouri**.

## LEADERSHIP

OVERLAND PARK

Class of 2019

Last month, the Chamber's 2019 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class studied health and social issues. During the day, they heard about key health care issues from a panel of experts and moderated by Dr. Dan Lorenz, **Specialists in Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation**. They also heard from a panel of social services professionals and toured the Pediatric Unit/ER and Heart Services Department at **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**.

This month the class will have a joint session with other Johnson County leadership programs in Topeka to learn about state government and also have City Day to learn about city government.





# SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT / CHAMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Chamber was pleased to help U.S. Congresswoman Sharice Davids celebrate a ribbon cutting for the Third District office at 7325 West 79th Street in Downtown Overland Park. For more information: (913) 621-0832 or <https://davids.house.gov>.



City Councilmember Logan Heley and Councilmember Fred Spears, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Chamber Diplomats helped Sean Barnard and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the third location of **Bamboou Salons & Spas**, 11156 Antioch Road. For more information: (913) 341-1976 or <https://bambousalons.com/antioch-college>.

## Partner Spotlight: **Kansas Gas Service** A Division of ONE Gas

At **Kansas Gas Service**, the company's mission is straightforward and simple: Deliver natural gas for a better tomorrow to more than 636,000 customers. And that starts with employees and their commitment to provide safe and reliable natural gas service to 360 communities throughout Kansas.

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For more information, visit [www.kansasgasservice.com](http://www.kansasgasservice.com) or [www.onegas.com](http://www.onegas.com). For the latest news about Kansas Gas Service, follow on Twitter at [@KansasGas](https://twitter.com/KansasGas).



## Unemployment

	Dec. 2018	Dec. 2017
Overland Park	2.6%	2.6%
Johnson County	2.6%	2.6%
Kansas City Metro MSA	3.1%	3.3%
State of Kansas	3.3%	3.0%

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

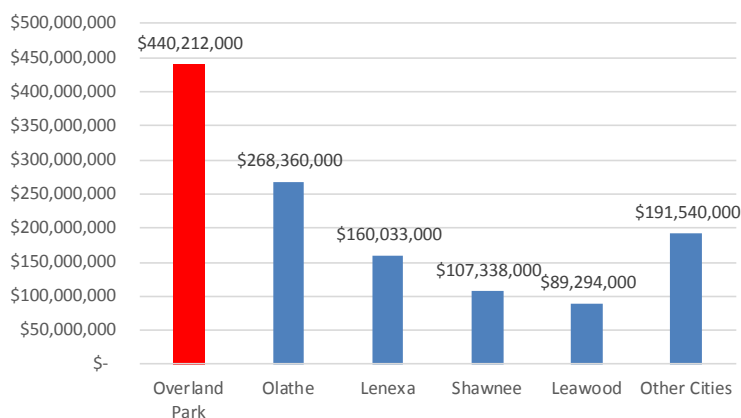
## Building Permits in Overland Park

	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools	Other Commercial	Totals
Jan. 2019	1	0	44	45
Square Feet	79,076	N/A	10,463	89,539
Value	\$9,114,916	\$0	\$16,671,785	\$25,786,701

– City of Overland Park

## Overland Park Retail Sales

November 2018



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## Member News & Events

USA Today ranked **Johnson County** the 18th best county to live in the United States in its 2019 rankings.

Ground will break this fall to expand **AdventHealth South Overland Park** into a 85-bed hospital with a full suite of hospital and emergency services.

Twenty-nine students received scholarships from donations to **The Builders' Association** Scholarship Foundation.

**Johnson County Community College** is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a variety of events.

**Menorah Medical Center** has named Katie Bruels, DNP, RN, as Chief Nursing Officer.

James Finch has been named a **First National Bank** 2018 Circle of Excellence award winner.

Cindy Sims, **SIMSDirect LLC**, seeks votes for her nomination as Creative Print Champion in this year's PIA MidAmerica Graphic Excellence Awards.

**Digital Maelstrom** is being recognized with a 25 Under 25 Award from Thinking Bigger Business Media.

**BHC RHODES** has promoted Randy Gorton, P.E., to vice president.

New hires at **TPP Retirement Plan Specialists, LLC**, include Kimberly Ancona as a daily operations recordkeeper, Leann Saffell as a senior retirement plan administrator and Heather Davidson, CPA, as a senior tax manager.

Daniel B. Vater has joined **The Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park** as Development Director.

Ralph C. Richardson announced plans to retire as dean and CEO of the **Kansas State University Olathe** campus.

Dave White, **Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford P.C.**, received the 2019 Excellence Award from the National Conference of Bar Foundation.

**Olsson's** Jessica Lay and Alex Griffiths have passed the standard required exam to become professional engineers.

**United Way of Greater Kansas City** is offering free tax e-filing for households that made \$66,000 or less in 2018.

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