



It's been two months of shelter in and our communities have stayed strong. We are working together to be resilient and come back stronger than ever. The OPRF Chamber is teaming up with the Chambers of Berwyn, Forest Park and WSCCI to share ideas, update businesses on procedural documents and standards, and keep you up to date on what is happening locally and at the State level. Please join me and check out our schedule below. Meetings to continue through June. We would love to hear from you.

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Also, coming soon... Inside the Chamber



Business Recovery Task Force for the Village of Oak Park

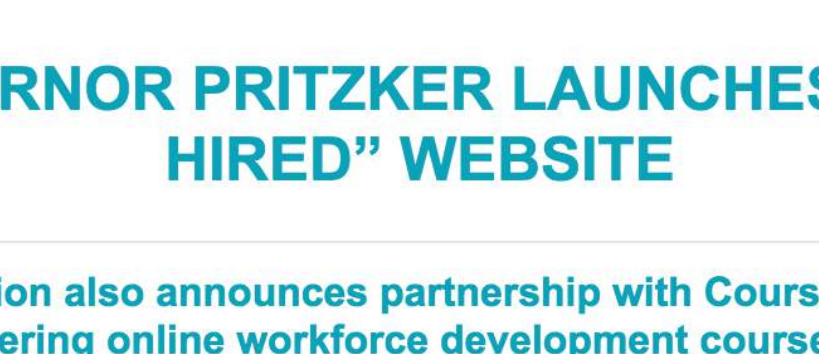
May 4, 2020

The Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees approved to create a **Small Business Recovery Task Force** that will work with Oak Park's Small Business Community to Support them during the Covid-19 Emergency.

First set of recommendations from the Task Force are on the agenda for the Board meeting on this Monday, May 18, 2020 6:30pm. Please see here the Board agenda for the night where the Task Force recommendation will be included. [CLICK HERE](#) The Task Force items can be viewed when you scroll down to Item M and click on the hyperlink. or [CLICK HERE](#).

For public comments, please email Publiccomment@oak-park.us. Deadline for comments: 6pm on Monday May 18, 2020.

For more info about the Task Force formation, [CLICK HERE](#), a Wednesday Journal article dated 5/6/20..



GOVERNOR PRITZKER LAUNCHES "GET HIRED" WEBSITE

Administration also announces partnership with Coursera to launch in June, offering online workforce development courses for Illinois job-seekers

Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Illinois Department of Employment Services (IDES) today launched Get Hired Illinois – a new portal designed to connect workers with available job and career training opportunities across the state of Illinois. Governor Pritzker also announced that beginning in June, Illinois residents will have free access to online workforce development courses via a partnership with Coursera. With Illinois facing record unemployment as a result of COVID-19, the Coursera partnership and Get Hired page will serve as important measures in the state's overall efforts to get people back to work.

Click Below to learn more:

[**"GET HIRED" WEB ANNOUNCEMENT**](#)

[**"GET HIRED" WEBSITE**](#)



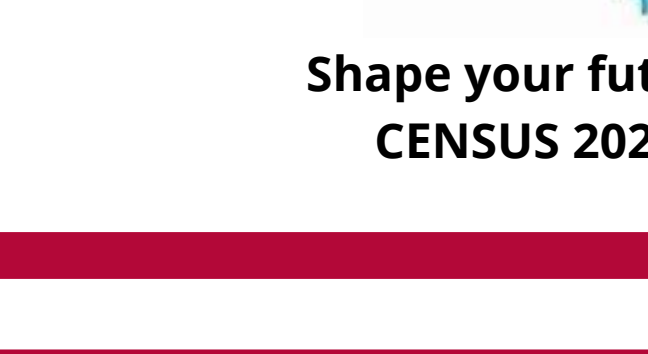
If you haven't already, please fill out the **OPRF Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 SURVEY**. [CLICK HERE](#). This survey will be used to inform our local, elected officials on what is needed to support our businesses moving forward.

For **up-to-date COVID-19 INFO, RESOURCES, & GRANTS** please reference our [**OPRFChamber.org**](http://OPRFChamber.org) homepage.

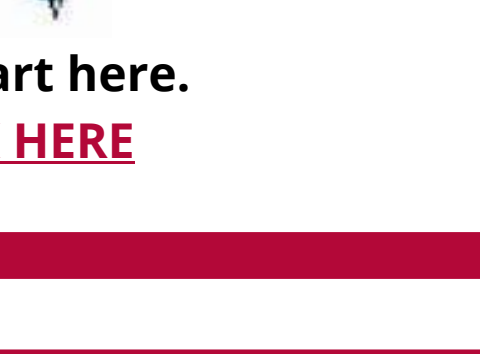


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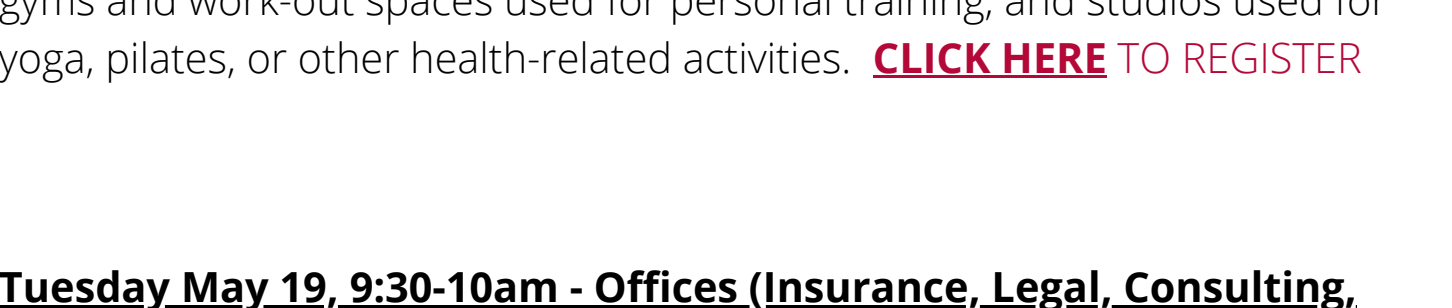
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RECOVERY & REOPENING SERIES

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PLEASE JOIN US AND LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.

Monday May 18, 9:30-10am - Gyms (Personal Training/Small Group/Yoga/Pilates) - In this fifth session in the series we will focus on small gyms and work-out spaces used for personal training, and studios used for yoga, pilates, or other health-related activities. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

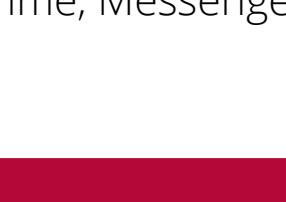
Tuesday May 19, 9:30-10am - Offices (Insurance, Legal, Consulting, Professional, etc.) - In the last session in the series we will focus on professional offices and meeting spaces. We will discuss strategies for getting your staff back into the office safely while maintaining high standards of personal safety. When is a good time to ask staff to come back? Should your employees continue to work from home? What are the protocols that you should put in place if you have clients visiting you in the office? [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

MORE SESSIONS TO COME & SOON DISCUSSIONS WILL BE POSTED ON OPRFCHAMBER.ORG



Wednesday May 20, 9:30-10am - CASH FLOW - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Please join the OPRF Chamber and the Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) as we host Abigail Scanlan from the Women's Business Development Centre. Abigail has helped countless businesses understand exactly how their money is coming in and where it is going out. She will be chatting with our group about how any business can easily get a handle on their cash flow to make sure that they can effectively plan for the future.



Thursday May 21, 9-10 am - Virtual New Member Breakfast

Welcome new members and non-members! Join us at our virtual New Member Breakfast to learn the Chamber's history and culture, to meet its staff and board leadership, learn about all the benefits membership carries, and find opportunities to get involved.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Friday May 22, 9:30-11 am - Virtual Open Office Hours: Drop-In Help Center with Chamber Professionals

Coronavirus UPDATE: As our office is temporarily closed, our Open Office Hours will be held virtually. Email mwalden@oprchamber.org to set up a consultation via phone, FaceTime, Messenger or...?

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ASK AN EXPERT:

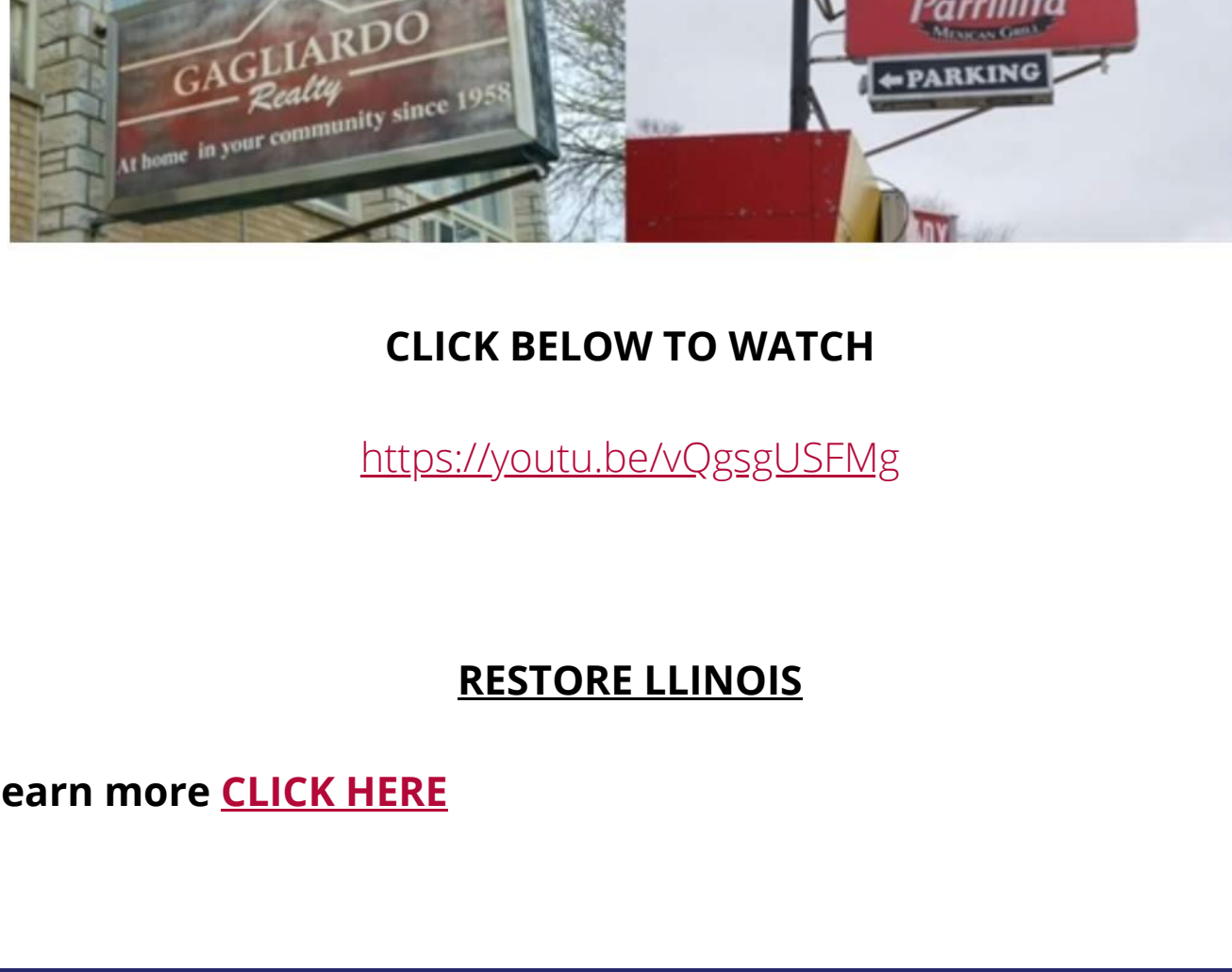
Face Masks and Hearing Loss: How to Effectively Communicate

Learn more from Cyndie Chow AuD, PhD, Consulting Audiology Associates, LLC on how we can effectively communicate in this "new face mask world"

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Check out River Forest's campaign:

Shop Safe. Shop River Forest. We've got you covered!



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A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>



RESTORE ILLINOIS HEALTH REGIONS

