



Choose Community

As we head into November (how can it be November already?) and we begin the season of thanks, let us all be thankful for beautiful weather and for the outdoors! Fresh air and the ability to see other people, at a distance of course, but real human beings non the less! So get out there and enjoy these last warm days. Explore our parks, take in the changing leaves, visit your favorite shops and find an outdoor patio to take it all in. Our community is all there for the taking - you just have to get outside!

Liz Holt
Executive Director



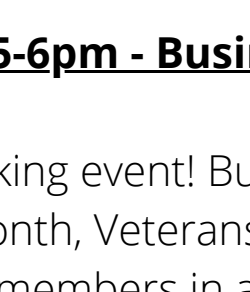
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Letter to the Village of Oak Park Trustees and Staff

11/6/20

Re: Small Business Support From Village

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COMMUNITIES

Wednesday November 11, 5-6pm - Business After Hours at One Lake Brewing

Join us at our monthly networking event! Business After Hours (BAH) takes place on a Wednesday this month, Veterans' Day to be exact. This is your chance to connect with other members in a more casual setting. All members and non-members are welcomed.

This month's Business After Hours (BAH) will be **hosted by One Lake Brewing on their rooftop deck**, above their beautifully rehabbed historic building where they brew several tasty beers on-site!

This being the COVID-19 era, this event will be modified in many ways to be COVID-safe. We'll gather, seated, at tables on the deck and will practice social distancing, with the interior space open for restroom access. We ask participants to keep masked when not eating or drinking. Hand sanitizer will be available, and we'll use pre-printed name tags so no one need share markers. Registration is capped at 25 guests; RSVPs are required. We'll have a wait list going - if you have registered but are unable to attend, please let us know so we can open the spot to someone on the wait list.

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Thursday November 12, 5-6:30pm - Boost Your (Health Care) Business Virtual Event

We are all so sad that we cannot have our usual Health & Wellness Fair this year, and even more sad that we won't be pre-gaming in person to learn to how to work our booth to the max! But not to worry, we know that all of our Health&Wellness Businesses need help to maximize their digital marketing - now more than ever!

So please join us on Thursday, November 12, from 5-6:30pm as our **Premium Chamber Members host an exciting virtual seminar for our Health & Wellness businesses.**

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Friday November 13, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout at Madison Park Kitchen (with the Forest Park Chamber)

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at **Madison Park Kitchen in Forest Park!** In this event, we convene at a designated restaurant to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meetup.

Like our Tuesday Tasting lunch series from which this springs, lunch is a flat \$15 including tax and tip. This week we visit this classic dinner with a wide-ranging menu, and we get to meet some neighbors in the joint event co-organized by the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Park-River Forest Chamber of Commerce. **Pick your entree from the menu [right here](#)** - any entree is available except for the ribeye steak. Choose an omelette or skillet, a burger, an entree salad, one of the many sandwiches - it's up to you! Email us with your menu choice, or include it in your registration form.

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Saturday November 14, 11:30am-12pm - Ribbon Cutting at Chi Browtique

Come congratulate the newest addition to the local business community, **Chi Browtique**, we are celebrating their grand opening! Come get to know other Chamber members, and check out the latest addition to the Oak Park beauty scene! Join us to meet Carmen, and learn about all the services Chi Browtique has to offer!

At the ribbon cutting we will take pictures of the actual ribbon cutting with the staff, photos of their "first dollar", and visit the inner workings of the business. It'll be a great time to network. Join us!

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Wednesday November 18, 7:30-9pm - Young Professionals Online Trivia for Charity

Come join the Chamber's Young Professionals for an evening of online trivia, in a fun competition to raise funds for local nonprofits! Proceeds from this event will go to cover Chamber 2021 memberships for our beneficiary nonprofits: Medical Ambassadors Haiti, the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, the OPRF Museum, and Wonder Works Children's Museum.

Our trivia night will ease the cash flow for each of these nonprofits, while allowing them to benefit for another year from the marketing, networking, professional development, and other advantages of being part of the OPRF Chamber of Commerce. And if we raise enough money, we can cover membership for additional nonprofits!

We've booked an evening with TriviaHub, who provide all the setup for a team trivia competition. Your team members can Zoom in from anywhere to compete for prizes and the glory of victory! We'll have an online auction of gift certificates for Oak Park-River Forest area businesses as well, so plan to bid to support our local nonprofits. Pull your team together and sign up now for some fall fun for a cause!

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Thursday November 19, 8-9:30am - New Member Breakfast at 19th Century Club

Welcome New Members! Join us at our New Member Breakfast to learn the Chamber's history and culture, to meet its staff and board leadership, learn about all of your benefits, and find opportunities to get involved. Board members and staff are on hand to meet new members and answer any questions! Wondering what a New Member Breakfast is like? Come take a look!

Where Are We Meeting? New Members Breakfast will be hosted by the Nineteenth Century Charitable Association, in downtown Oak Park.

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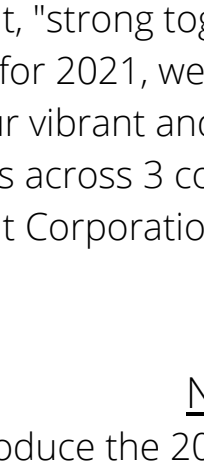
Women in Business - Multi-Chamber Collaborative Launch!

Friday, November 20, 2020, 9-10:30 AM

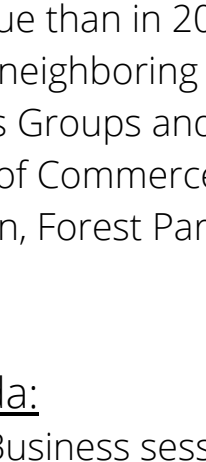
WOMEN IN BUSINESS
MULTI-CHAMBER COLLABORATIVE

Please join us as we kick off our collaborative of Women in Business in the near west suburbs.

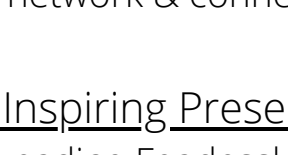
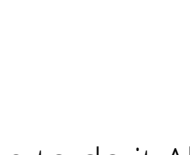
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 9:00AM



Carey Carlock
LCPC – Chief Executive Officer,
Riverview Hospital



Maura Mitchell
Managing Director,
Entrepreneurial Services,
Women's Business
Development Center



What is a Multi-Chamber Collaborative?

The Sentiment, "strong together" couldn't ring more true than in 2020! As we look to planning for 2021, we have joined forces with our neighboring Chambers to combine our vibrant and diverse Women in Business Groups and expand our networks across 3 communities. OPRF Chamber of Commerce, Berwyn Development Corporation - Chamber Services Division, Forest Park Chamber of Commerce

November Meeting Agenda:

Introduce the 2021 schedule for Women in Business sessions;
establish a set day & time that most suits the group for the 2021 meetings;
listen to two inspiring speakers to set the stage for 2021 in a key-note presentation;
and (if there is time) we will use break-out rooms to get to know each other better,
network & connect.

Our Inspiring Presentation

"You Don't Have to do it Alone: Leading Fearlessly in 2021" Nobody can say that this has not been a tough year. And I'm sure you can all agree that we are exhausted, and the thought of all the unknowns of the upcoming year are enough to make you want to crawl back into bed! Please join us as two fabulous leaders help you to see light at the end of the tunnel and help us look to the new year with light, inspiration and anticipation.

This is a Virtual Event

Zoom log-in information will be sent to you with your registration confirmation.
Free for OPRF Chamber Members, \$10 for Non-members

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Cook County DEPT. of
Public Health

Promoting health. Preventing disease. **Protecting you.**

10/26/20

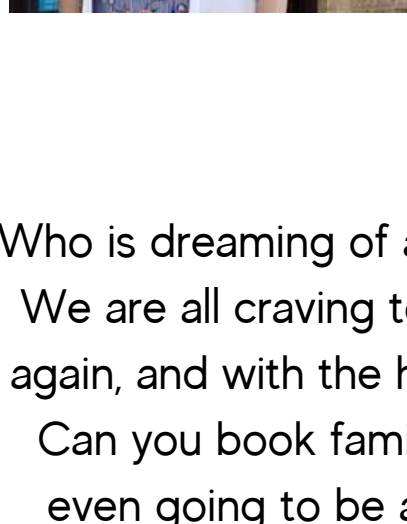
State to implement additional mitigation measures in suburban Cook County

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A Unique Collaboration

Join us as we tackle timely topics head-on
and fearlessly ask the hard questions.
#chamberLOVE



LISTEN HERE
to our most recent episode 18
with Lydia Villanueva-Soto
Beach Vacations, Deserted Airports
& Crystal Balls

Who is dreaming of a beach vacation or some time away with friends? We are all craving to get out of our Covid bubble and see the world again, and with the holidays around the corner, is it safe to travel yet? Can you book family vacations? Should you travel? Is Spring break even going to be a thing next year? We checked in with our local travel expert, Lydia Villanueva-Soto from Tan Travel to bring you the inside scoop on everything from middle seats, getting your credits & refunds and where you can still travel in Mexico! And don't miss the tips and tricks to find the perfect Mimosa in a deserted airport. Our crystal ball says there could be a return of the Travel Agent - get ahead of the curve and meet Lydia!
Hear it here first and get connected!

