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Ribbon Cuttings!

Welcome New Businesses & Connect

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COMMUNITIES

Wednesday May 26, 12-12:30pm - Ribbon Cutting at Byline Bank in River Forest

Celebrate with us at **Byline Bank** celebrating their reopening at their new location, taking pictures of the actual ribbon cutting with the staff, and enjoying a great networking opportunity!

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Thursday May 27, 8-9:30am - New Member Breakfast at the Oak Park Arms

Welcome New Members! Join us at our New Member Breakfast to tell us all about your business, to meet Chamber 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!

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Friday May 28 9:30-11am- Chamber Virtual Open Office Hours

Held twice monthly at the Chamber HQ, "Office Hours" is a drop-in help center for all Chamber Members looking to beef up their member ePage, better understand Chamber benefits or just talk business. RSVP to make an appointment with us, or just come on in!

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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Wednesday June 2, 11:30am-12pm - Ribbon Cutting at Styles 4 Kidz

Join us this week as we celebrate and welcome **Styles 4 Kidz**. We will be taking pictures of the actual ribbon cutting with the owner, photos of their "first dollar", visiting the inner workings of this nonprofit, and enjoying a great networking opportunity!

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Thursday June 3, 1-2pm - Nonprofit Affinity Group Virtual Meetup

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Tuesday June 8, 5-7pm - Business After Hours at FFC (Fitness Formula Clubs) Oak Park

Our June Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by **FFC (Fitness Formula Clubs) Oak Park**. Join us for a night of networking, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres in this high-energy setting, to enjoy spring on the outdoor deck!

Business After Hours (BAH) occur on the second Tuesday of every month. This is your chance to connect with other members in a more casual setting. All members and non-members are welcomed. (Members are free.)

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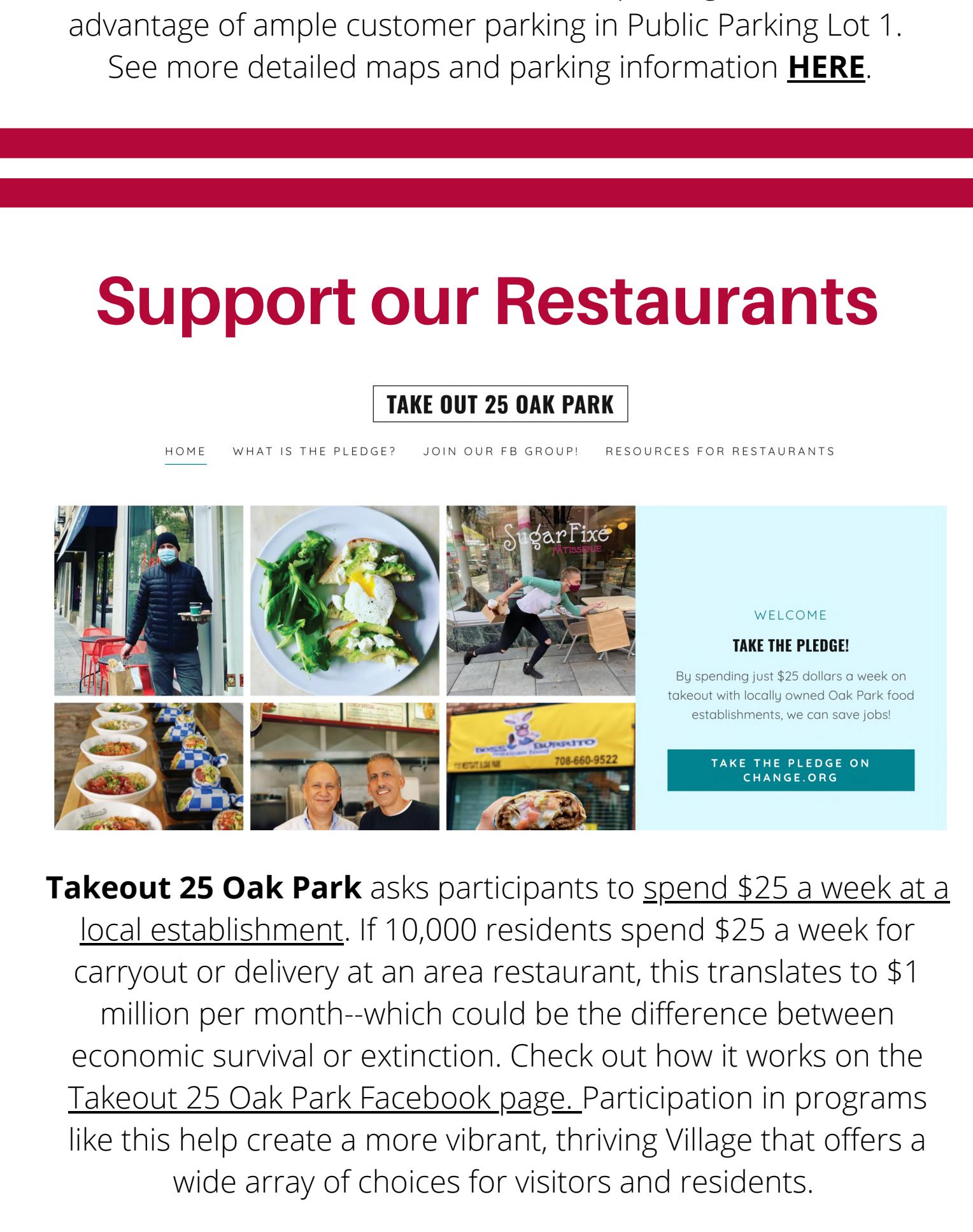
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Friday June 4, 12-12:30pm [Register HERE](#)

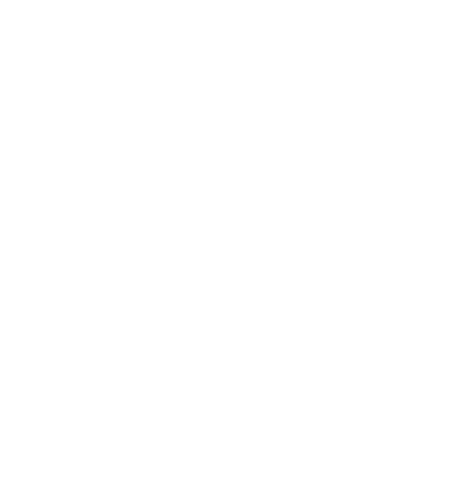
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