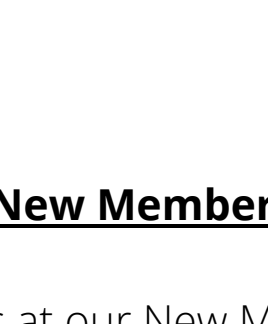




Tamekia Swint, Styles 4 Kidz, NFP & Julianne Neely, Individual & Family Connection

Ribbon Cuttings! Welcome New Businesses & Connect #chamberLOVE



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

It's that time again. You did this thing about, say, three years ago. It might be in a binder someplace, proverbially collecting dust on a shelf. It's your "strategic plan." As a nonprofit, you're told you need one. And you're told you need to update it, or you need to create a brand new one every so often. It's essential to set direction, "get everyone on the same page," create goals for growth, and so on. You're supposed to share it with your funders, new board members and staff, and partners.

There's just one thing: the strategic plan is dead.

In this session, **Jason Cascarino, Oak Parker and Strategic Advisor and Consultant in the nonprofit space, will facilitate a discussion on how social sector organizations should think about strategy in ways that fit today's world.** Members of the Nonprofit Affinity Group will learn some of the latest research literature in the field of nonprofit management and practice specific to developing organizational strategy. Members will also get an overview of using the "Strategic Choices Cascade" framework for strategizing, engaging stakeholders in that process, and communicating about it.

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Friday June 4, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout at Mulata

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our fourth Takeout Stakeout, this time at **Mulata!** 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. Choose your lunch when register.

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Tuesday June 8, 5-7pm - Business After Hours at FFC

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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WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Menstrual Products & Diaper Drive

TO STOCK THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE

DONATION BOX

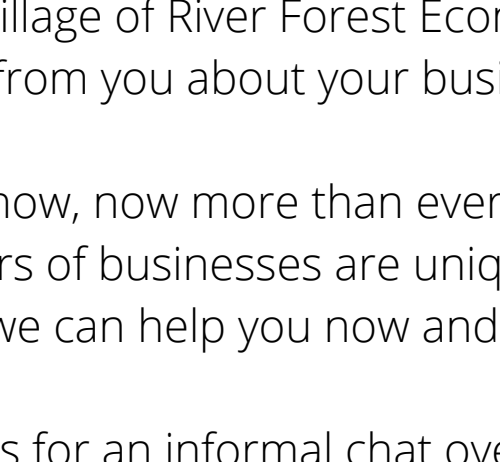
WE ARE ACCEPTING

- DIAPERS - ALL SIZES
- PADS - ALL SIZES
- TAMPONS
- WIPES

For a dignified family life

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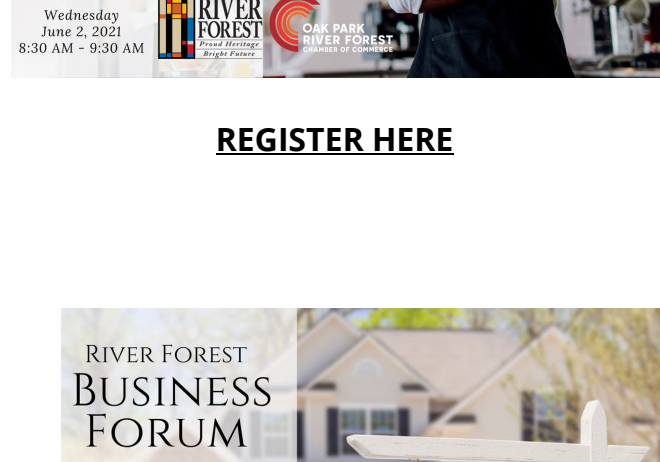
June 2021 BUSINESS FORUMS

Calling River Forest Businesses!

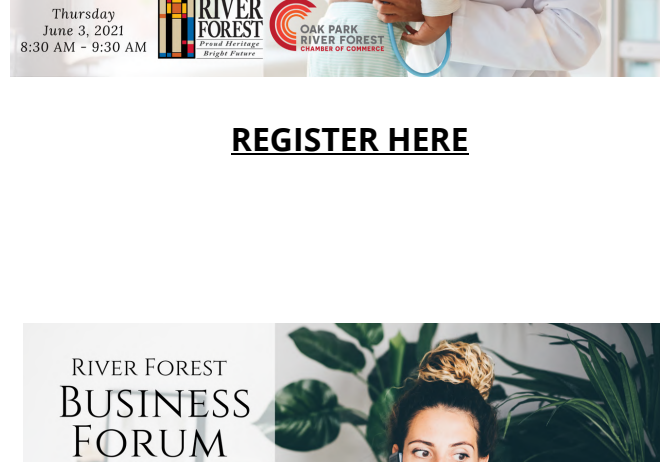
The Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission wants to hear from you about your business concerns.

We know, now more than ever, that the needs and concerns for all sectors of businesses are unique. So we want to hear from you about how we can help you now and in the future.

Join us for an informal chat over Zoom with Village and Chamber staff so we can learn about your business, your challenges over the last year and your vision for the future. Come and share your ideas! We want to hear from you. See below specific dates for each business sector.



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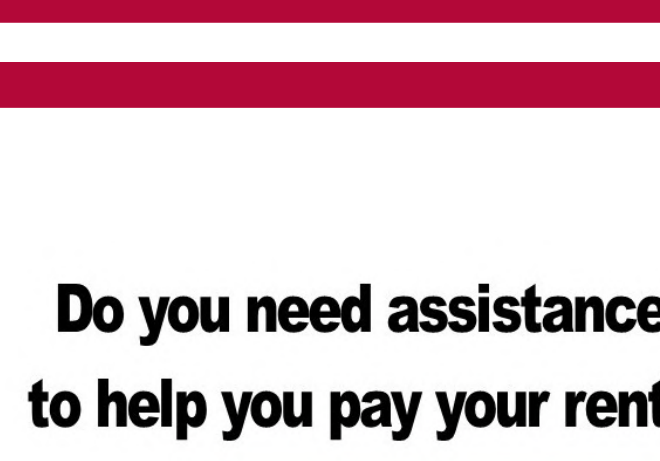
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Do you need assistance to help you pay your rent?

Do you need someone to help you talk to your property owner to help you avoid eviction?

Do you need just a little help to get you on track with your utility bills?

Has your income changed and you need to check your "real" credit score or need help budgeting your bills?

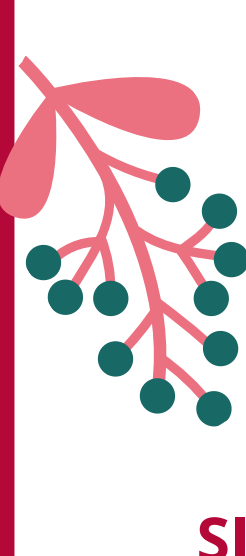


Are you a homeowner who may need assistance with your mortgage payment or may need foreclosure prevention services?

DON'T LET COVID-19 GET YOU DOWN! CALL US FOR HELP!

If we can't help you, we will find someone who will!
No matter where you live, or who you are!
Contact us by phone: 773-887-5187; or by email: info@westcookhomeownership.org

West Cook Homeownership Center is a program of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center. Athena Williams, Executive Director.



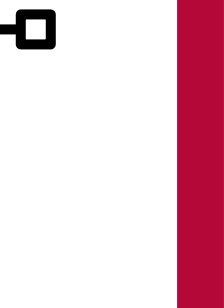
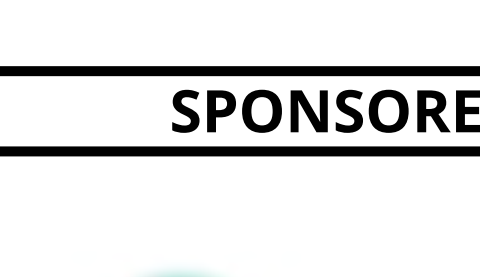
TEACHER'S GIFTS

SIGN UP NOW to be a SHOP LOCAL OPRF vendor as we will promote to purchase and redeem gift cards!

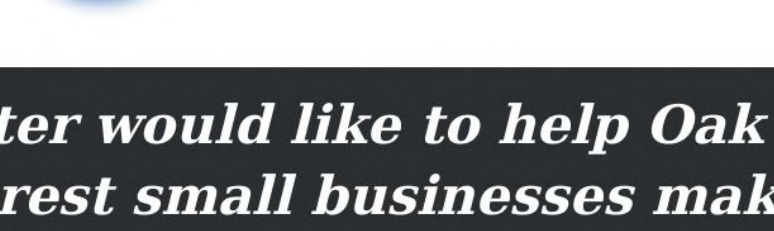
\$7600+ cards sold to date. \$5000+ still to be redeemed. SIGN UP NOW!



How to be a Participating Vendor in the Shop Local OPRF Digital Gift Card? CLICK BELOW.

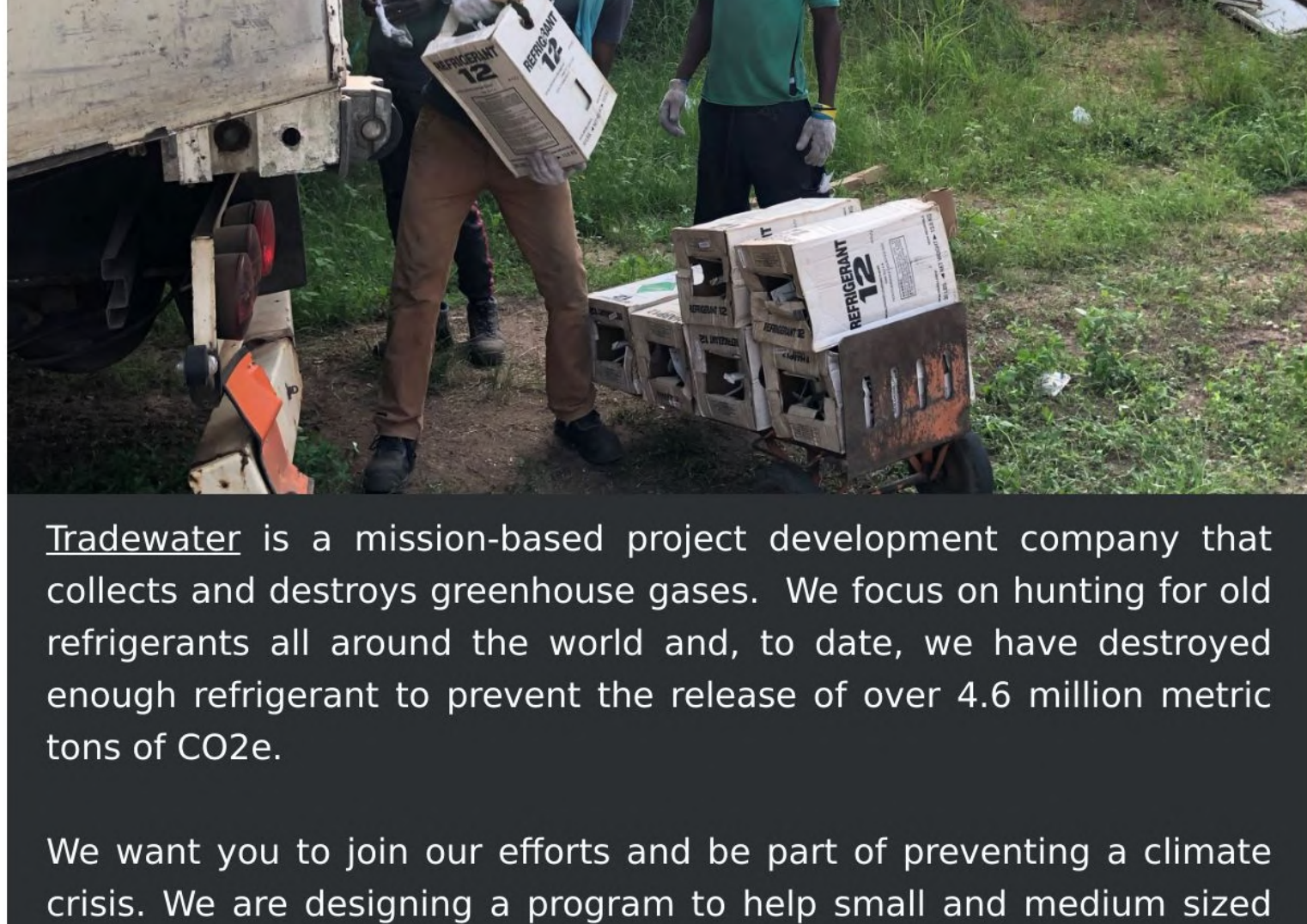


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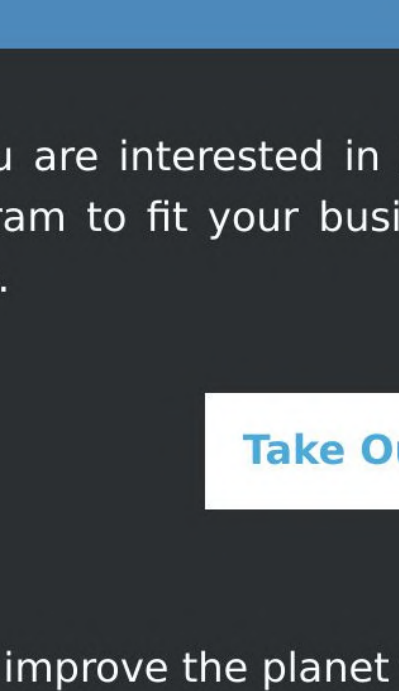
Tradewater would like to help Oak Park and River Forest small businesses make a large impact in the fight against climate change.

[Click Here to Make a Difference Today](#)



Tradewater is a mission-based project development company that collects and destroys greenhouse gases. We focus on hunting for old refrigerants all around the world and, to date, we have destroyed enough refrigerant to prevent the release of over 4.6 million metric tons of CO2e.

We want you to join our efforts and be part of preventing a climate crisis. We are designing a program to help small and medium sized businesses reduce the emissions their businesses generate and begin a path to carbon neutrality through offsetting. The program would make it easy and cost-effective to calculate emissions, take steps to reduce them, and buy offsets in a way that makes you a carbon neutral business. It would also provide you with the marketing materials to advertise to your customers and clients that you are part of the solution – not the problem.



REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT. ONE STEP AT A TIME.

If you are interested in learning more, or want to help us build the program to fit your business, please click the link below and let us know.

[Take Our Small Business Survey](#)

Let's improve the planet together.

Best,
Gabe Plotkin

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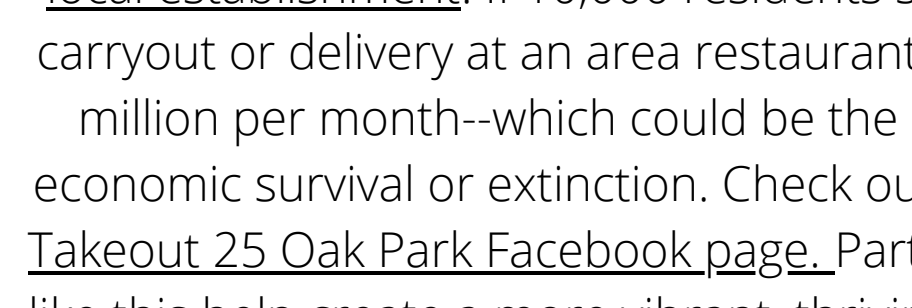


New banners installed in the Southtown District to help you discover all that's good around South Oak Park Avenue. Use one-way northbound access between Harrison and Van Buren to reach the Carnival parking lot or take advantage of ample customer parking in Public Parking Lot 1. See more detailed maps and parking information [HERE](#).

Support our Restaurants

TAKE OUT 25 OAK PARK

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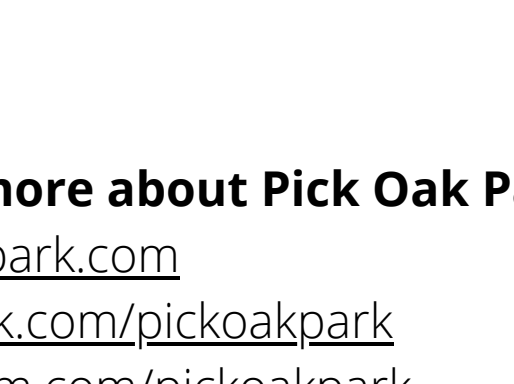
WELCOME
TAKE THE PLEDGE!
By spending just \$25 dollars a week on takeout with locally owned Oak Park food establishments, we can save jobs!
TAKE THE PLEDGE ON CHANGE.ORG

Takeout 25 Oak Park asks participants to spend \$25 a week at a local establishment. If 10,000 residents spend \$25 a week for carryout or delivery at an area restaurant, this translates to \$1 million per month--which could be the difference between economic survival or extinction. Check out how it works on the [Takeout 25 Oak Park Facebook page](#). Participation in programs like this help create a more vibrant, thriving Village that offers a wide array of choices for visitors and residents.

Please support Takeout 25 Oak Park and help sustain our beloved Oak Park businesses and those in the surrounding areas.

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12-12:30pm \$15 lunch options

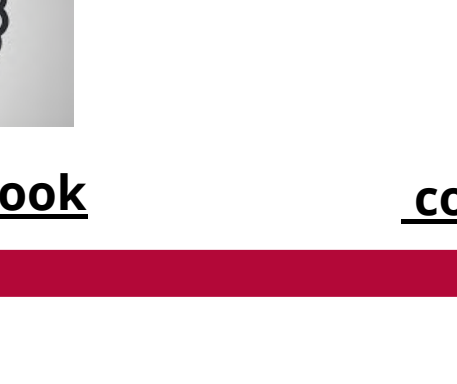
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Use our community digital gift card at participating restaurants. [Check list here.](#)



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