

We are so sad that we cannot all gather together for our annual Retail Warehouse Sale this year - hundreds of people shopping hard over two days and getting the best sales of the year! But even though we won't be gathering together, the same fabulous retailers are all having huge sales from February 18-21, 2021. So get online and check-out what they have! It's been a tough year so show some love for our local businesses and make sure we are all around for our next sale event in 2022!

#chamber**LOVE**

Liz Holt
Executive Director



COMMUNITIES

Wednesday February 17, 2-3pm - Chamber 102: Your Marketing Advantage

Let's meet via Zoom. Confirmation with link will be sent once you register.

Perfect for new members and those who need a refresher, this fast-paced seminar will review all of your member benefits to maximize your marketing advantage. In this seminar we will go over all of your marketing benefits that come with your membership, including:

- **how to maximize your e-blast benefits.**
- **the role of your Member Profile in your marketing advantage and how to track digital traffic.**
- **how to generate marketing collateral that can be shared in your social media**
- **how to tap into our Affinity Groups to grow your network and feature your business.**

[**CLICK HERE**](#) TO REGISTER

Friday February 19, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout Lunch Pickup at Khyber Pass

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our Takeout Stakeout, this time at Khyber Pass! 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. If you're ready, come out of hiding for a few minutes and join us at Khyber Pass for our next Takeout Stakeout!

Choose your lunch options when you register or email us.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) TO REGISTER

Tuesday February 23, 1:30-2:30pm - New Member Virtual Get-together

We can't wait to meet you! An afternoon, New Member get-together.

Come along, get to know us and share a little about yourself.

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Friday February 26, 9:30-11am - Chamber Virtual Open Office Hours

Our Open Office Hours will be held virtually.

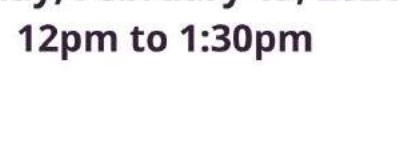
Email mwalden@oprchamber.org to set up a consultation via phone, Facetime, Messenger or...?

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.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) TO REGISTER

Women in Business February 19, 2021, 12-1:30pm [REGISTER HERE**](#)**

**Friday, February 19, 2021
12pm to 1:30pm**



Featured Speakers:
Doris Davenport
The Doris Davenport Show
&
Lynn Allen
Tri-Star Gymnastics founder



Featuring an African drum performance by Kuumba Kids

The OPRF Chamber will host this month's fabulous lunch-time program with radio host Doris Davenport in conversation with Lynn Allen, founder of Tri-Star Gymnastics and multi-cultural specialist. These two amazing women will talk about how our communities have changed over the past few decades, what it's like to start a black-owned business and their vision for the future.

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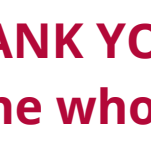
Meet the Candidates for Village Trustee

in Oak Park

**February Business After Hours (BAH)
Tuesday February 9, 2021
5:00pm - 6:30pm**



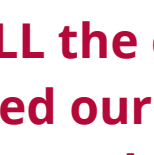
Anthony Clark



Chibulike Enyia



Dena Andrews



Juanta Griffin



Lucia Robinson



Ravi Parakat



Stephen Morales

Choose Community

THANK YOU TO ALL the candidates and everyone who attended our AMAZING BAH this past Tuesday.

To view the session please [**CLICK HERE**](#).
Thank you to our Board Member, **Emily Haglage of Centre Physical Therapy** for leading this video session with our candidates.

Don't miss our March BAH! ALL are invited.

Meet the Candidates for Village President

in Oak Park & River Forest

**Tuesday March 9, 2021
5:00pm - 6:30pm**



Cate Readling (OP)



Cathy Adduci (RF)



Patty Henek (RF)



Vicki Scaman (OP)

Choose Community

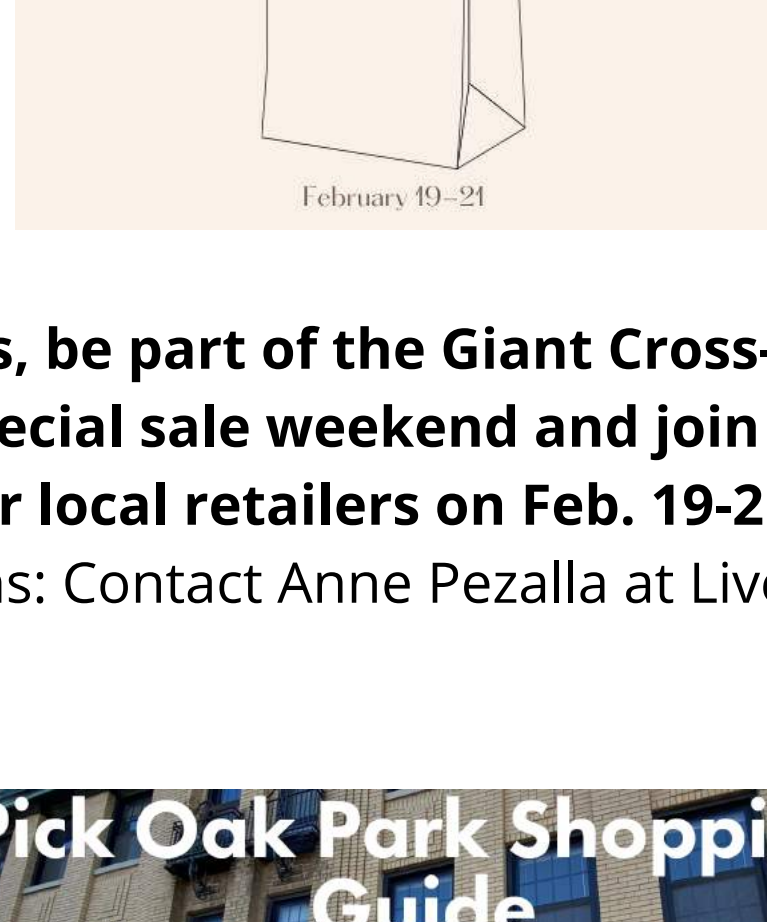
[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

OPRF Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invites you to our March BAH.

A casual gathering where members of the business community can get to know the Village President candidates as people as well as politicians.

Due to Covid we have been having our BAH's in the virtual world of Zoom.

Support our Retailers

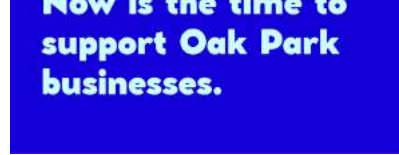


Retailers, be part of the Giant Cross-Town Sale. Have a special sale weekend and join the crowd of other local retailers on Feb. 19-21, 2021.

Questions: Contact Anne Pezalla at Lively Athletics.

Pick Oak Park Shopping Guide
Introducing the Winter 2021 Pick Oak Park Shopping Guide!
Explore products and offerings from 50 Oak Park businesses, learn stories from local business owners and discover the importance of supporting local.
OPEN THE WINTER 2021 SHOPPING GUIDE

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for the Winter 2021 Shopping Guide.



Learn more about Pick Oak Park at:

pickoakpark.com

facebook.com/pickoakpark

instagram.com/pickoakpark



The Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) celebrates Black History Month with a series of focused webinars to promote opportunities for all minority communities across the state through targeted programs, resources and advocacy.

Online with OMEE - An open online conversation with all OMEE constituents

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Register [HERE](#)

Black Access to Capital: How Black Economic Trailblazers are Closing the "Racial Wealth Gap"

Thursday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. Register [HERE](#)

Advancing the Development of Minority Entrepreneurship (ADME): Longevity in Business

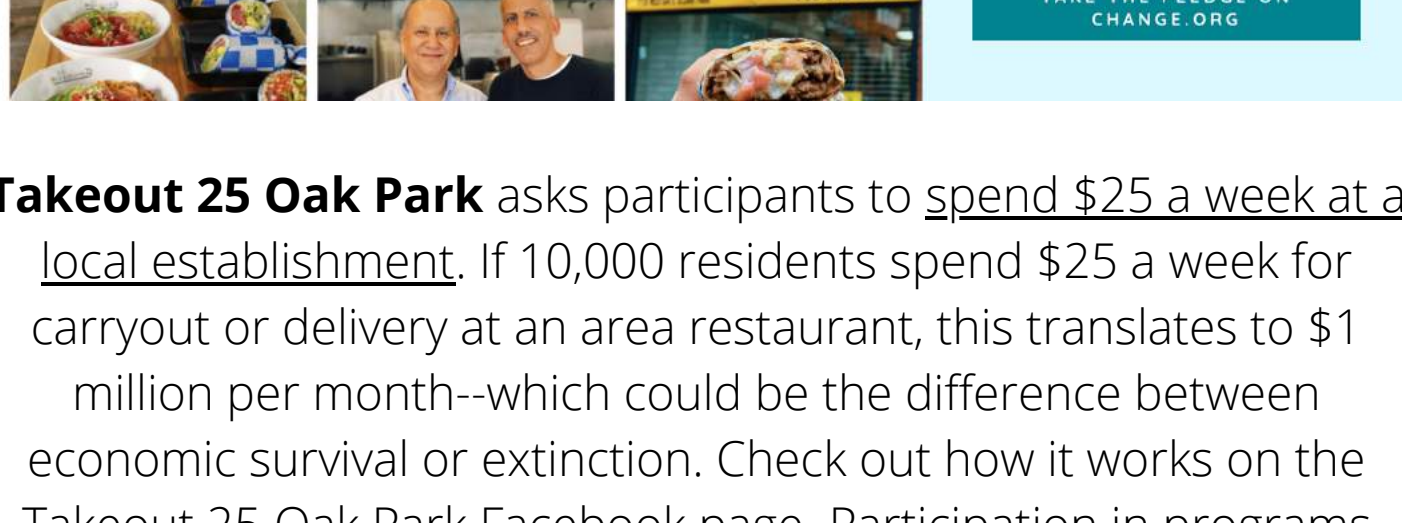
Wednesday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. Register [HERE](#)

For additional webinar opportunities with the Illinois Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE), please visit [OMEE Events](#).

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.

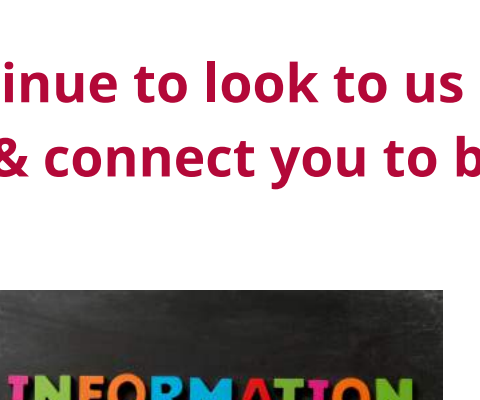
Please support Takeout 25 Oak Park and help sustain our beloved Oak Park businesses and those in the surrounding areas.



CHAMBER TAKE OUT STAKE OUTS
12-12:30pm \$15 lunch options

Friday Feb. 19, 12-12:30pm

[Register HERE](#)



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



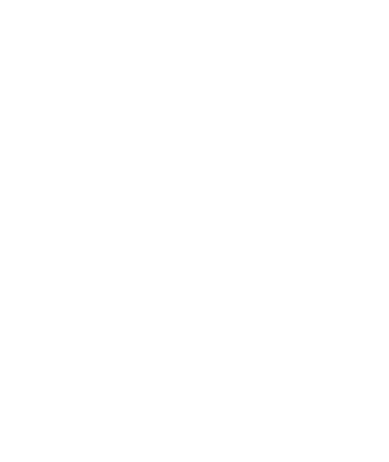
Continue to look to us as we provide critical information & connect you to business & community events.



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