



We are excited to bring you a full slate of Chamber programs over the next few weeks! From Friday takeout lunches to learning about LinkedIn and our Economic Outlook, there is a lot going on in our community. And don't forget to join us to meet the candidates from both River Forest and Oak Park - the upcoming election is not far off! So grab your dayplanner, sharpen your pencil and get us into your schedule. There is something for everyone.

#chamber**LOVE**

**Liz Holt**  
**Executive Director**



**COMMUNITIES**

**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.

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

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

Our Open Office Hours will be held virtually. Email [mwalden@oprchamber.org](mailto: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.

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**Thursday March 4, 1-2pm - Nonprofit Virtual Gathering**

Come join the Chamber's new nonprofit affinity group for our monthly gathering, for a discussion of how virtual events are going. What's working and what's not working for you? What are great ideas you've seen? How do you engage people with it getting chaotic? What events adapt well to virtual, and what just don't?

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**Thursday March 4, 2-3pm- Chamber 103: Your Nonprofit Advantage**

Perfect for new members and those who need a refresher, this fast-paced seminar will review all of your member benefits to maximize your non-profit advantage. What will You Learn? In this seminar we will go over all of the benefits that come with your non-profit membership, including:- how to significantly increase your SEO and your digital presence locally and beyond.- how to leverage your Member Profile to boost traffic to your own website- how to use your benefits to better connect with the local business network

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**Friday March 5, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout Lunch Pickup at Starship Restaurant**

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at Starship Restaurant! 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. Menu choices will be soup and sandwich combos - details coming soon! Choose your lunch options when you register or email us.

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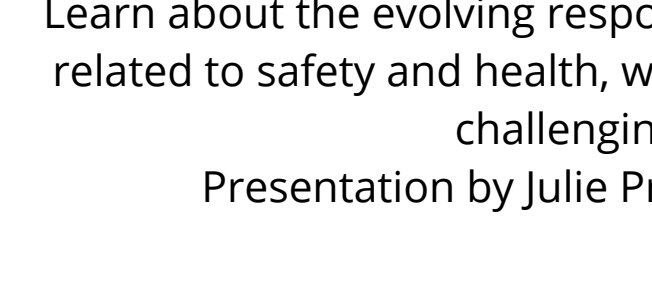
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**



**Wednesday March 3, 2021 10-11am Economic Outlook Presentation from the Reserve Bank of Chicago**

Note: Registration deadline is 3/1/21.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) to register & learn more



**Thursday March 4, 12-1pm LinkedIn for Business Development**

Now that you joined LinkedIn, how are you using it to leverage business and client relationships? Learn why LinkedIn should be a part of your sales strategy.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) to register & learn more



**Did you miss the COVID-19 Vaccines & Employer Responsibility?**

[\*\*CLICK for Video HERE\*\*](#)

Learn about the evolving responsibilities of employers in the workplace related to safety and health, with a particular focus on the increasingly challenging issue of vaccines.

Presentation by Julie Proscia, SmithAmundsen Attorney

**ADVOCACY**

**OPRF Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invites you to:**

**Meet the Candidates for Village Trustee in River Forest**

**Tuesday March 2, 2021  
5:00pm - 6:30pm**



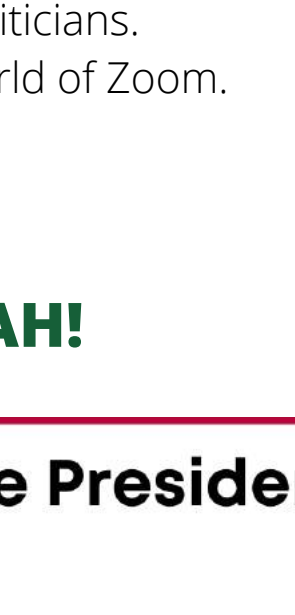
Johann Buis



Ken Johnson



Lisa Gillis



Respicio Vazquez



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

Due to Covid this meeting will be in the virtual world of Zoom.

**Don't miss our MARCH BAH!**

**Meet the Candidates for Village President in Oak Park & River Forest**

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



Cate Reading (OP)



Cathy Adduci (RF)



Patty Henek (RF)



Vicki Scaman (OP)

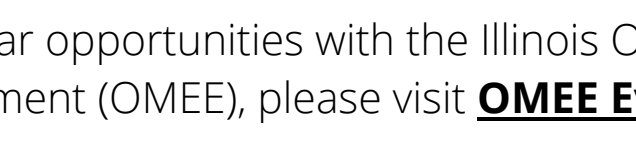


**REGISTER HERE**

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.

**If you missed our Feb BAH, check out this video and learn more about your Oak Park Trustee Candidates.**



To view the session please [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#).



**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.**

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

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

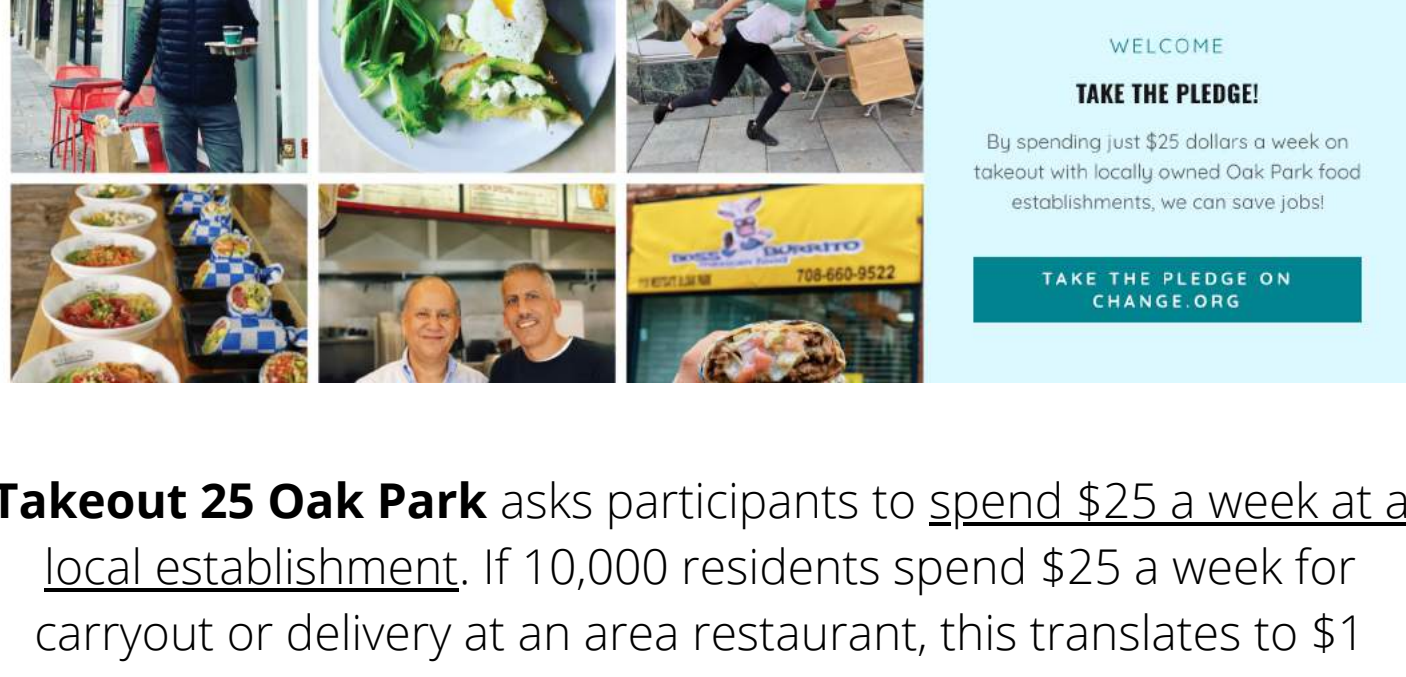
For additional webinar opportunities with the Illinois Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE), please visit [\*\*OMEE Events\*\*](#).



# Support our Restaurants

## TAKE OUT 25 OAK PARK

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**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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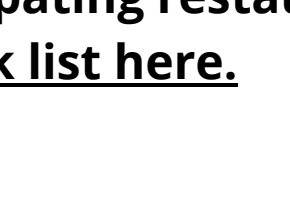
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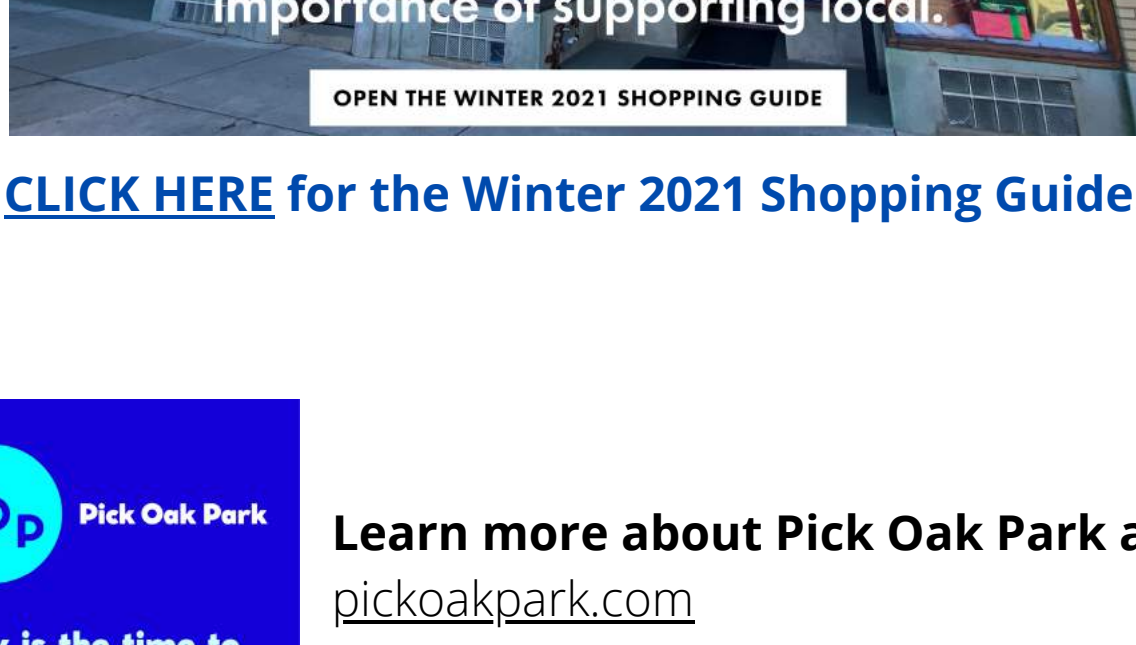
**Friday March 19, 12-12:30pm**

[Register HERE](#)

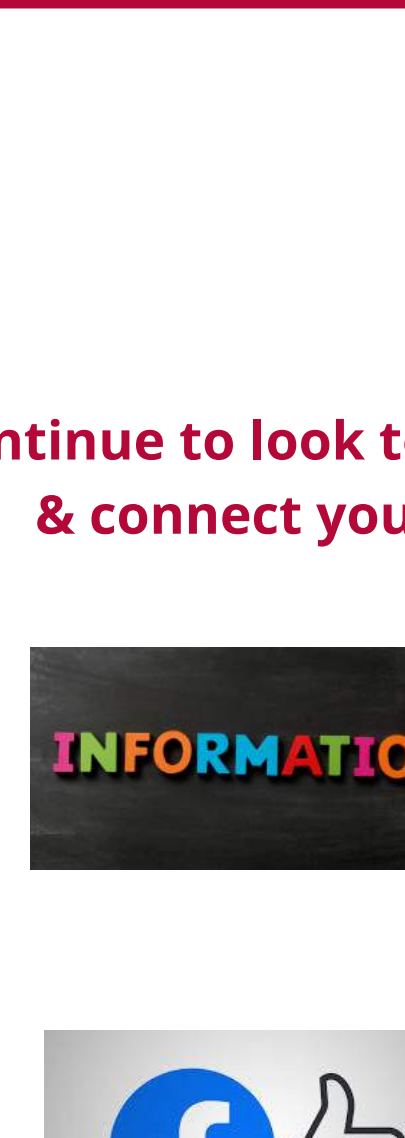


Use our community digital gift card at participating restaurants.

[Check list here.](#)



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

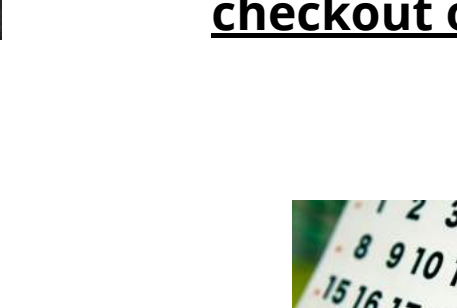


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