



Amazing outdoor dining. That will be our "take-away" from this long hot summer. Sitting on slow-streets, under huge trees and seeing friends walk by - it's the best way to experience our Villages. But we all know Chicago weather turns on a dime, and before you know it the snow will fly. You don't want to miss a second of it! So grab a mask and support our restaurants and cafes by getting out onto a patio today.

Liz Holt
Executive Director



REGISTER TO VOTE - Here

VOTE BY MAIL - Apply Here

Deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by)
Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Your ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received at
the Cook County Clerk's office within 14 days after Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS - Here

Click here for a list of dropboxes for mail-in ballots that will be located throughout Cook County. Please note that the dropbox at Oak Park Village Hall will be available beginning Oct. 19. Please check the Cook County Clerk's website for updates.



COMMUNITIES

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

Come join the Chamber's nonprofit affinity group for our monthly gathering, this month for Zoom learning about "Social Media for Nonprofits; Pro Tips"! Our resource person this month is Sarah Abboreno Corbin, Marketing Manager for Beyond Hunger, founder of Free Fly Marketing, and former account executive at Wilks Communication Group. Bring your questions, ideas, and experiences for the discussion!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Friday, September 4, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout Lunch Pickup at Q BBQ

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at Q BBQ! 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 is on the registration site.

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Tuesday September 8, 4:30-6pm - Business After Hours at The Sheridan at River Forest

- Our September Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by The Sheridan at River Forest, a new senior living Block Grant funding. Initially, the program was made available to Oak Park businesses with 10 or fewer employees that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Per the direction of the Village Board, after 30 days from its inception, the program is now being made available to Oak Park Businesses with 25 or fewer employees. A portion of the originally available \$300,000 in funding remains to be allocated for the program.

Beginning Friday, August 28, 2020, Oak Park Business Assistance Loans of up-to \$5,000 each will now be available to registered local businesses with 25 or fewer employees and average annual gross business receipts of less than \$2,000,000. To be eligible, businesses must have experienced a 30 percent or more loss in revenue due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Funds can be used for operating expenses including payroll and rent. Funds cannot be used for equipment purchases, construction or expansion-related costs. Businesses that are chains or franchises are not eligible.

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Loan applications may be submitted electronically to Business@oak-park.us. **Applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis until all of the designated \$300,000 has been allocated.**

The Village is happy to be able to offer Oak Park businesses the opportunity to apply for this loan. We encourage qualified Oak Park business to review the available loan materials and consider applying for this outstanding program.

Respectfully,

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK
Tammie Grossman
Director/Development Customer Services



Dear Oak Park Business,

On July 28th the Village of Oak Park began accepting applications for the **Oak Park Business Assistance Loan Program**. This program is funded utilizing \$300,000 in federal CARES Act Community Development Block Grant funding. Initially, the program was made available to Oak Park businesses with 10 or fewer employees that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Per the direction of the Village Board, after 30 days from its inception, the program is now being made available to Oak Park Businesses with 25 or fewer employees. A portion of the originally available \$300,000 in funding remains to be allocated for the program.

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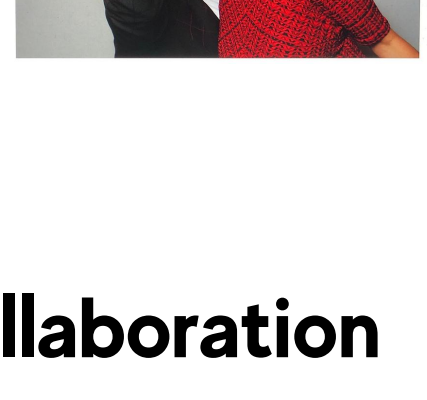
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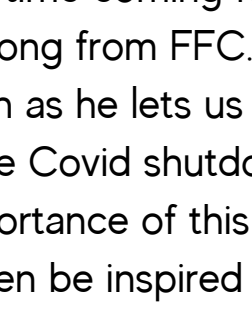


A Unique Collaboration

Join us as we tackle timely topics head-on

and fearlessly ask the hard questions.

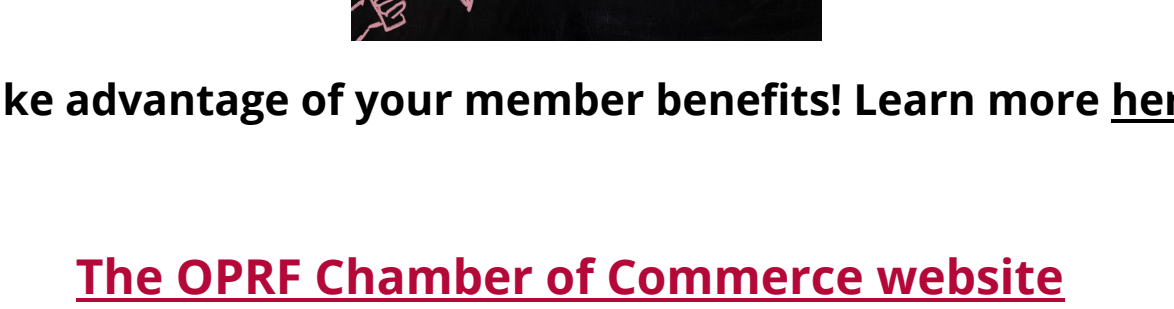
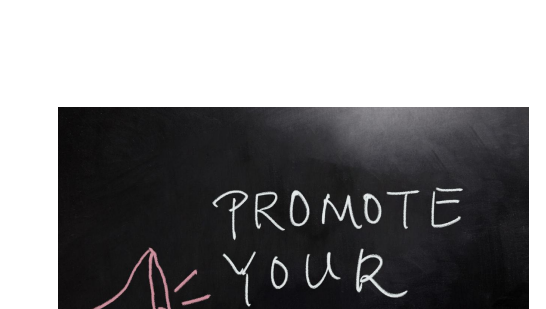
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LISTEN HERE to our new episodes 11
with Jeff Long - Layoffs, Hookups, & Sanitation!

Phase 4 of reopening was a long time coming for our indoor fitness facilities and nobody knows it more than Jeff Long from FFC. Join us as we talk to the General Manager of the Oak Park location as he lets us in on how the network of eleven gyms have been impacted by the Covid shutdown, what one does in an empty gym for four months and the importance of this community to the success of his facility. You might even be inspired to start working out!

Advertising opportunities available in our podcasts.



Helpful ideas from our business network to pivot, re-image, and make opportunities. Check it out on our website!



Take advantage of your member benefits! Learn more here!

The OPRF Chamber of Commerce website

lists ALL businesses in OPRF communities as a community resource. We have designated categories of **women-owned, diversely-owned, and veteran-owned** listed on our website. (Please click on links above to see.) If you would like your business to be part of one or all of those categories, please contact us at info@oprffchamber.org.