



Choose Community

"It really is simple. The best way to make sure that this business community survives is to

Stay Local

Shop Local

Support Local

Love Local

Make sure that every marketing message you are putting out right now reinforces this mantra. It's just that simple."

Liz Holt

Executive Director



SHOP LOCAL OPRF

A community digital gift card program

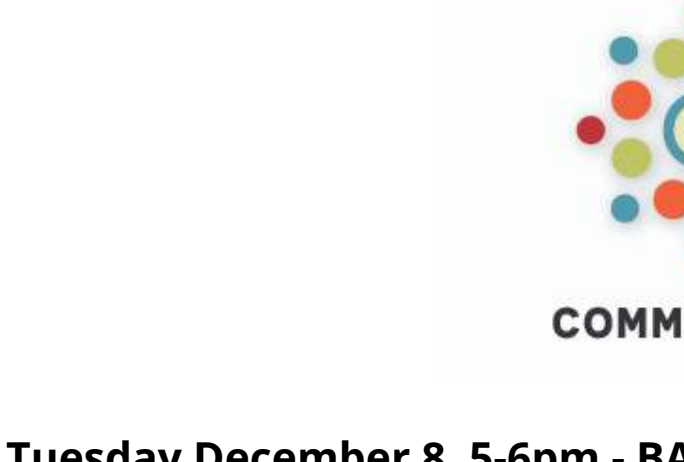
Support Small Business

Great gifts for teachers, tutors, and more...

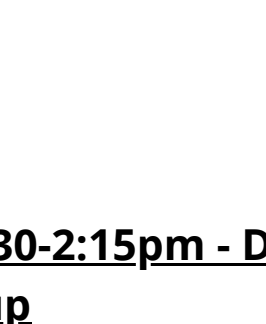
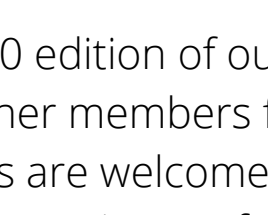


Want to be a Participating Vendor in the

Shop Local OPRF Digital Gift Card?



The transactions fees at launch
have been generously
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COMMUNITIES

Tuesday December 8, 5-6pm - BAH Humbug, a Virtual Holiday

Business After Hours

Welcome to BAH Humbug!, the virtual 2020 edition of our annual holiday party! Join us on Zoom to connect with other members for an hour of online fun. All members and non-members are welcomed. (Members are free, \$10 for nonmembers.) Our December Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by Zoom rather than an elegant historic building, because it's 2020! Just register and you'll receive the Zoom link in a confirmation email.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Thursday December 10, 1:30-2:15pm - Design Construction

***Real Estate* Zoom Meetup**

Every agent of a member real estate firm is considered a member of the OPRF Chamber - but very few leverage that strategically for success. Join us for tips on how to make that membership pay off. Join Chamber executive director Liz Holt and our Design Construction & Real Estate group leaders to learn how to make the most of Chamber membership as a Realtor! This will be a quick 45-minute Zoom gathering where we will dive right into the meat of the meeting and get right to the information that you need! We also want to hear from you! How can our Design, Construction & Real Estate affinity group help you in 2021? Come along and let us know how we can serve you better! How Do I get the Zoom Link? Just RSVP using the link here (green "register Now" button at the top!), and the auto-reply will send you the Zoom login info.

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Thursday December 10, 1-2:30pm - 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...?

Wednesday December 16, 8:30-9:30am - Young Professionals

Holiday Virtual Meetup

Join Young Professionals' monthly meet-up to share experiences, meet people facing similar career issues and discuss areas of professional development. **This month's topic: Free business resources available at the Oak Park Public Library with Bridget Opholt, Business Services Librarian.**

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Friday December 18, 9-10am - Women in Business Virtual Meetup

Join Women in Business for a casual presentation and round-table discussion, all relevant to doing business in today's world. Discussion Topics: **PLANNING FOR 2021.** We had a great time launching our Multi-Chamber collaborative in November and now we are coming back to Oak Park and River Forest for December to brainstorm what we want 2021 to look like! What topics would you like to see discussed or presented? Do you have a preferred format? What have you seen on other groups that would be fun to do here? Are there business topics that would really help you grow your business? Bring your expertise to the table and let us know how you could contribute! GOODBYE 2020! Let's all agree that we are thrilled to see the back-end of this year! Come along and share why you are happy to look forward to the new year.

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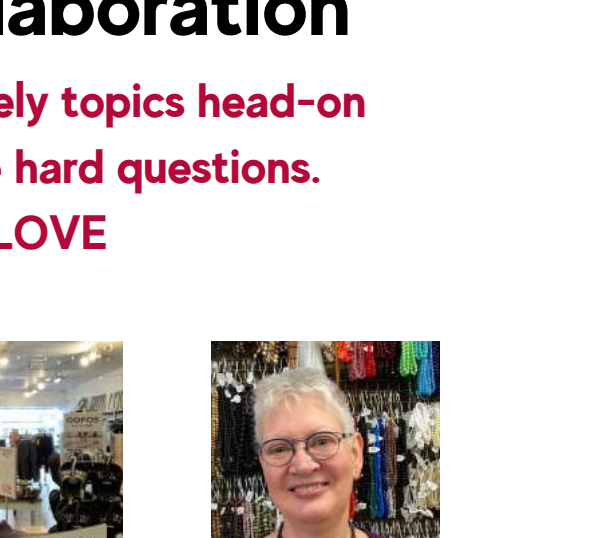
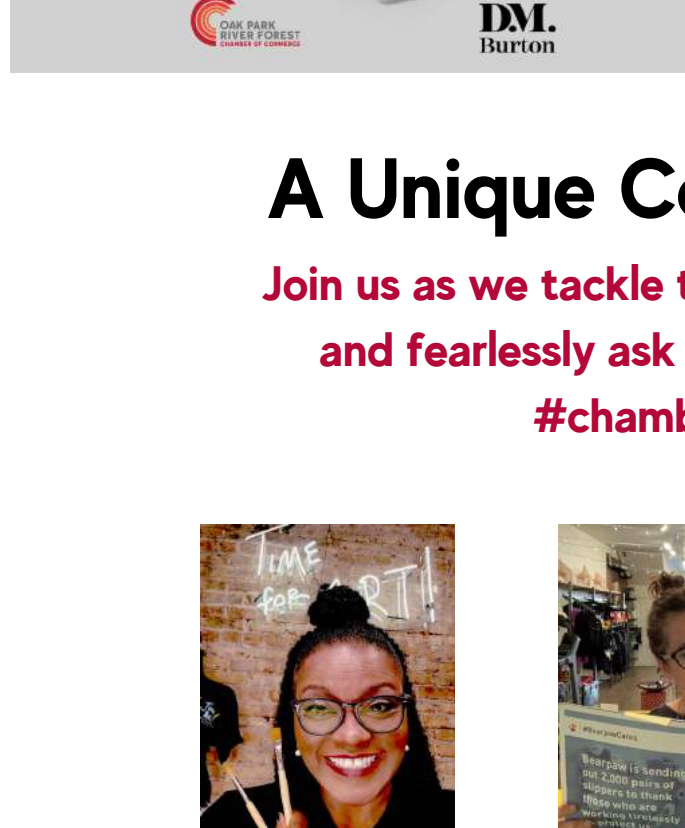
Friday December 18, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout at

Kettlestrings Tavern

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at **Kettlestrings Tavern!** 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. Lunch menu available at registration. We hope to see you there.

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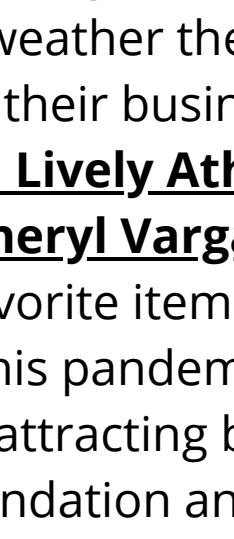
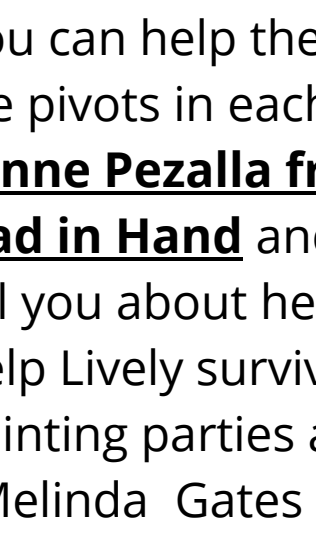
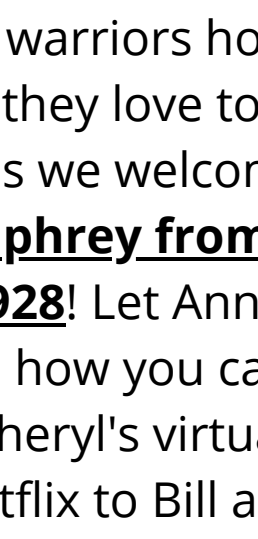


A Unique Collaboration

Join us as we tackle timely topics head-on

and fearlessly ask the hard questions.

#chamberLOVE



Episode 19 - Village Gems, Holiday Shopping, &

Business Warriors

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Come and spend some time with three owners of some of the most visible businesses in Oak Park and learn right from these business warriors how you can help them weather the storm and why they love to hate pivots in each of their businesses.

Join us as we welcome **Anne Pezalla from Lively Athletics**, **Kim Humphrey from Bead in Hand** and **Cheryl Vargas from Studio 928!** Let Anne tell you about her favorite item in her store and how you can help Lively survive this pandemic. Find out how Cheryl's virtual painting parties are attracting bookings from Netflix to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and help connect you with friends and family across the country. She even enlightens us about Google Business. And let Kim's plans for at home beading projects save your family holidays in lockdown. Nothing is predictable anymore in the retail world and these women know it. It's going to take a Village to make sure our shops are around next year - listen-in so you can do your part this holiday season.

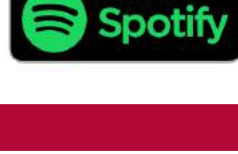
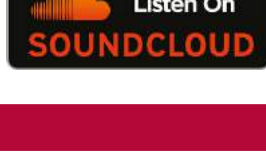
Look for our upcoming episode topics focused on

supporting LOCAL during this holiday season.

Gifted Ideas (Corporate & Personal)

Local Restaurant Panel

& More...



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](#)



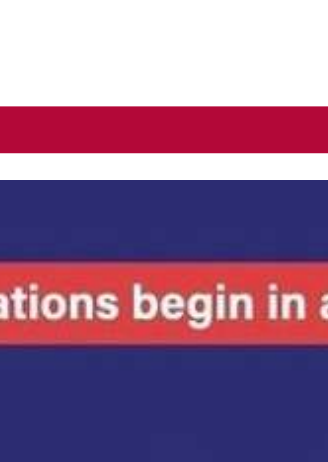
Keep Calm & Carry Out

Oak Park is STILL open for Business!
Support your local businesses!
(scroll down for listings/submit to add)

It's Good to Be
OPEN
OP

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

Friday Dec. 18



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




RESTORE ILLINOIS

Tier 3 mitigations begin in all regions on Friday, Nov. 20.

OPEN

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BARS AND RESTAURANTS
OUTDOOR SERVICE, PICKUP & DELIVERY | 
CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADES | 
GROCERY
AT 50% CAPACITY |
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HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTERS
AT 25% CAPACITY | 
HOTELS
LIMITED TO REGISTERED GUESTS | 
MANUFACTURING
WITH SAFETY GUIDELINES |
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OUTDOOR SPORTS & RECREATION
WITH 10 PERSON GATHERING LIMITS | 
PERSONAL CARE SERVICE
AT 25% CAPACITY | 
PHARMACY
AT 50% CAPACITY |
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RETAIL
AT 25% CAPACITY | 
SCHOOLS AND DAY CARE
(LOCAL DECISION) | |

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BANQUET HALLS & EVENT SPACES | 
CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS |
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GAMING AND CASINOS | 
INDOOR FITNESS CLASSES |
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INDOOR GROUP SPORTS & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES | 
OFFICES SHOULD WORK REMOTELY IF POSSIBLE |
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LIMIT GATHERINGS TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD | |



Financial Assistance Options

NEW BILL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE for ComEd Small-Business Customers

We understand this is a challenging time for many of our valued small-business customers struggling in the face of COVID-19. To proactively support our communities, we now offer to all eligible small-business customers, for a limited time, a one-time grant through the Small Business Assistance Program.

For Small-Business Customers Who Received a Disconnect Notice

These customers may be eligible to apply for a one-time grant and special payment arrangement.

- One-time grant equal to 30 percent of their ComEd balance – up to \$1,000 – applied to the account
- Payment plan option to spread remaining balance over as long as 6 months

For Small-Business Customers Recently Disconnected

These customers may be eligible to apply for a one-time grant which could help service be reconnected.

- One-time grant equal to 30 percent of their ComEd balance – up to \$1,000 – applied to the account
- Customer must make a payment for the remaining balance due

ComEd urges all eligible small-business customers to take advantage of this new financial assistance program now. Grants are available for a limited time and until funds run out.

CUSTOMERS SHOULD ACT QUICKLY.

For eligibility, visit or call

[ComEd.com/SmallBizAssistance](#)

1-877-4-COMED-1 (1-877-426-6331)



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