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Photo courtesy of Luke Mahanes.

I am thrilled to welcome our new 2022 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors! This incredible group of local business owners, entrepreneurs and executives will be working for you, and this business community, throughout the year. Check out who they are on our website and feel free to reach out. They would love to hear from you!



Liz Holt
Executive Director

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COMMUNITIES

Friday February 3 , 1-2pm - Nonprofit Affinity Group TBD

Come join the Chamber's nonprofit affinity group for our monthly gathering. This month's virtual meetup topic and presenter are still to be determined, but it is sure to be a helpful and informative topic. Bring your questions, ideas, and observations for the discussion! Come for the content, and enjoy a little networking with local nonprofit peers as well. See you via Zoom!

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Friday February 4 , 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout 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 \$16 including tax and tip.

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Amanda Young
Mindset Coach &
Energy Healer



February Women In Business

**Love Your Business:
How to Shift Challenges
& Fears to Your Benefit**

Friday February 11, 2022
9:00am - 10:30am

Women In Business is excited to continue our monthly series with **Amanda Young, founder of AHY Energy Healing**. In honor of Valentine's Day, Amanda will be speaking on *Love Your Business: How to Shift Challenges and Fears to Your Benefit*. Fall in love with your career, your business, your journey and your company all over again!

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As always we will start our gathering with our regular guests from Riveredge Hospital with their *Mindful Ten* segment - nourish your soul and feel the **LOVE** of the group before we dive into the heart of the discussion.



Member Benefits Series

New to the Chamber?

Meet other new Chamber members, staff and Board Members!

New Member Breakfast

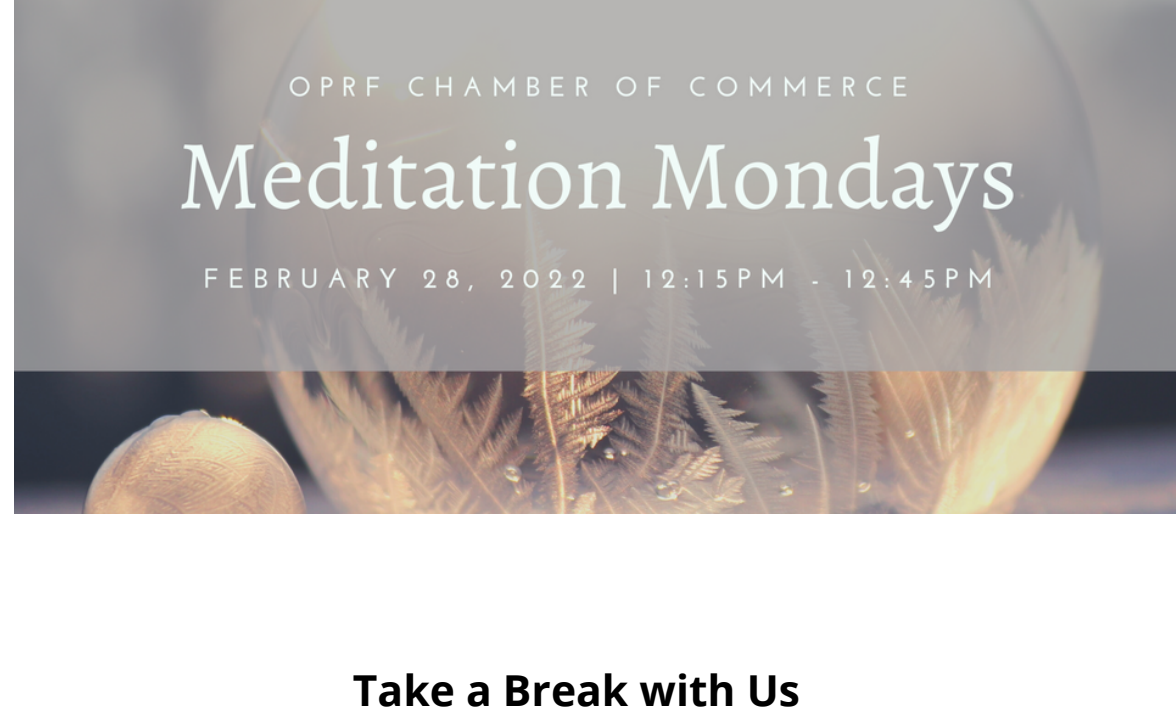
Thursday | February 17, 2022
8:00am - 9:30am

Oak Park Arms
408 S Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL



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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!



Take a Break with Us

We know that owning or working in a business has been particularly hard this past year and we are guessing that you could use some TLC!

Join us as we launch our **NEW Chamber program** aimed at taking care of you, our small business community. Welcome to our monthly Meditation Mondays! All it takes is half an hour (that's only 30 mins!) for us to help you put your to-do list aside, empty your head of all the chatter and truly look after yourself.

Who will lead the meditation?

We are thrilled to partner with the **Kadampa Meditation Center in Oak Park** to bring you this monthly meditation. The fabulous Kelsang Chogo will lead the meditation and talk you through every step. You don't need to do anything but show up and breath!

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Workshops planned for non-profits seeking federal grants

Non-profit organizations that serve Oak Park and are interested in applying for federal *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)* funding are required to attend one of two virtual workshops hosted by the Village. Workshops are scheduled for **3 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25** and from **11 a.m. to noon on Jan. 26**. Attendance at one of the workshops is required to apply for funds during Program Year 2022, which runs from October 2022 through September 2023. The workshops will provide details about the application process, including an overview of required documents, timelines and reporting requirements. Email grants@oak-park.us to receive the registration link or for more information. Visit www.oak-park.us/cdbg to learn more about the CDBG program in Oak Park.



Village of Oak Park Public Forum Set to Review Finalists for Village Manager

Oak Parkers can learn more about the finalists vying to be **Village Manager** at a virtual public forum set for 7 p.m., Tues., Jan. 25. The candidates will respond to questions curated from input gathered by the Village's professional search consultant, **GovHR USA**. Residents are invited to submit topics and question suggestions to oakpark@govhrusa.com by 5 p.m., Fri., Jan. 14. GovHR will review the submittals and create a bank of questions for the candidates. More information about the selection process is posted at www.oak-park.us/managersearch.

Shrubtown

by Marc Stopeck

