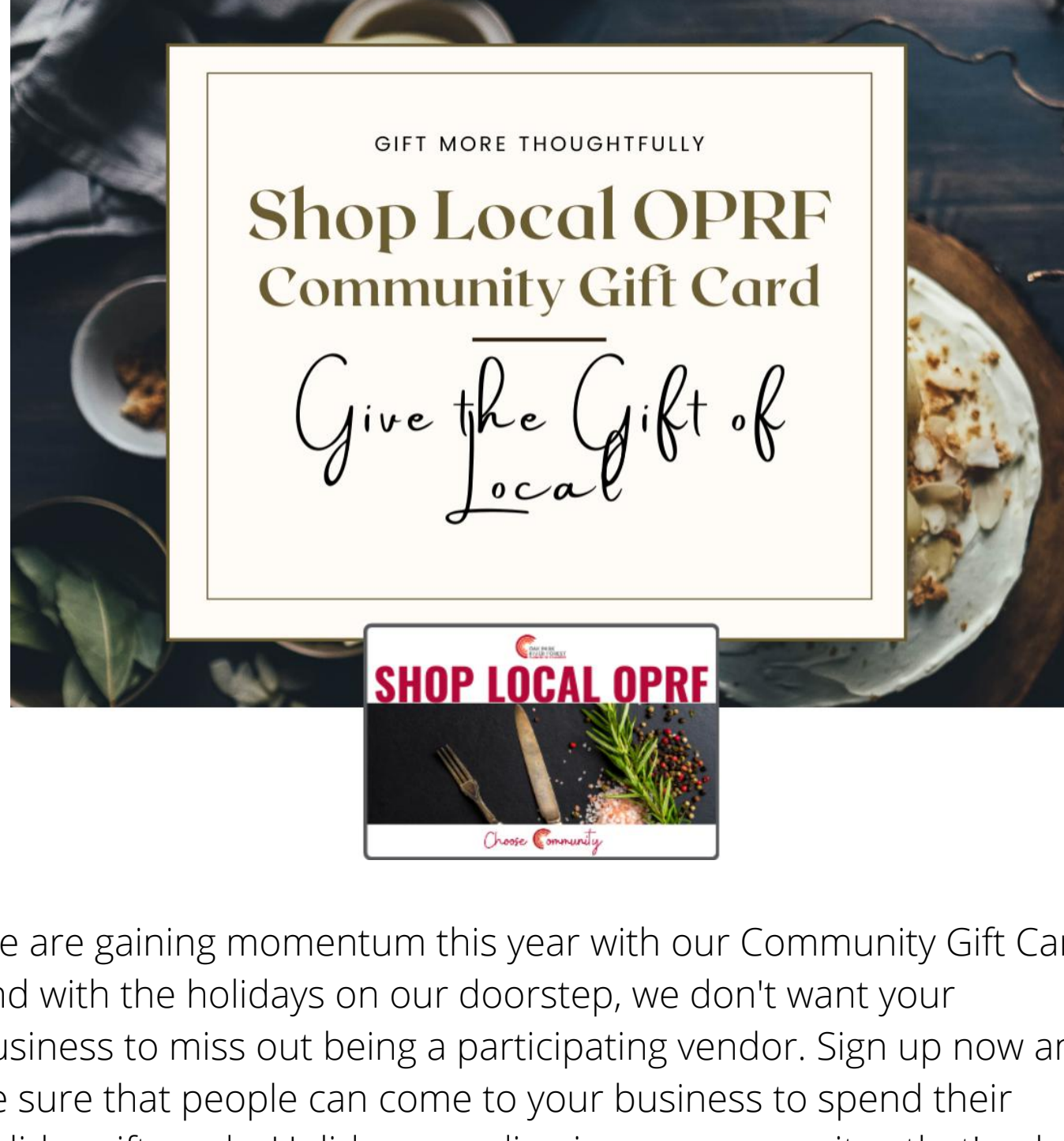


Support local



We are gaining momentum this year with our Community Gift Card and with the holidays on our doorstep, we don't want your business to miss out being a participating vendor. Sign up now and be sure that people can come to your business to spend their holiday gift cards. Holiday spending in our community - that's what we do!

#chamberLOVE



Liz Holt
Executive Director

2021 November BAH

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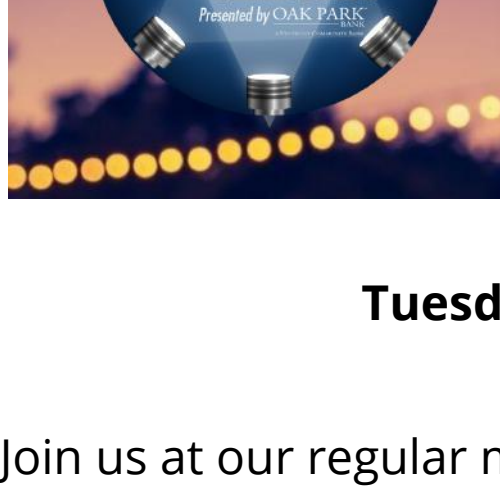


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Tuesday November 9, 5-7pm

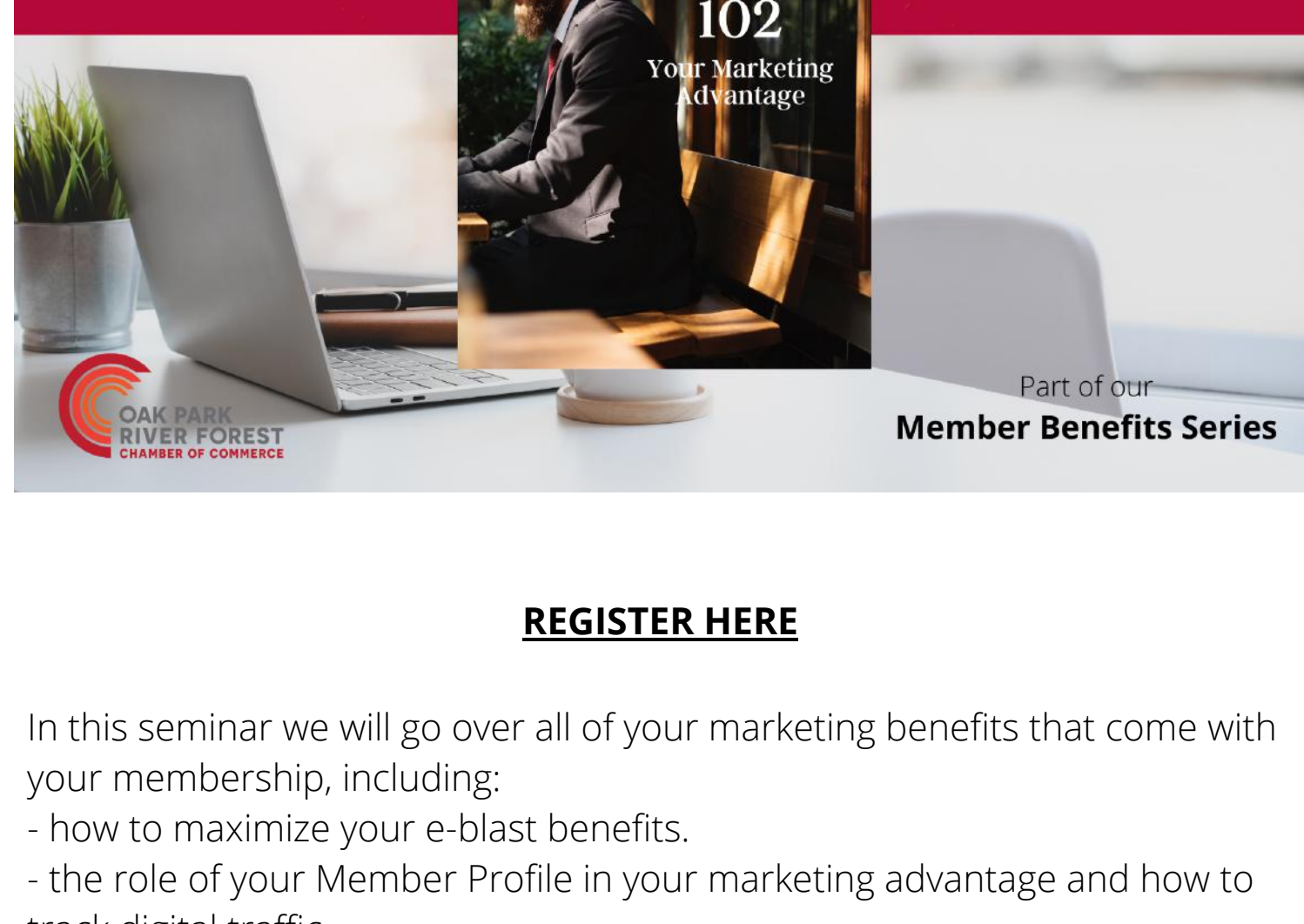
Join us at our regular monthly networking event, Business After Hours (BAH), on the second Tuesday of every month. All members and non-members are welcomed. (Members are free.) Our November Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by **Oak Park Bank**. Join us for a night of networking and hors d'oeuvres, and check out the repurposing of this space, while making connections for your business or organization!

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Member Benefits Series

Marketing Advantage Session

Perfect for new members and those who need a refresher.



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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.

New Member Breakfast

Thursday | November 18, 2021
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!



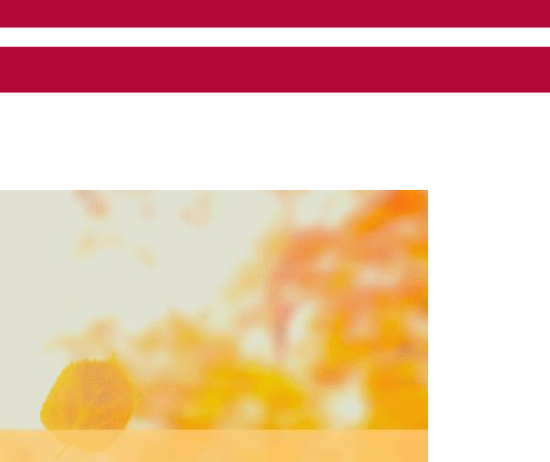
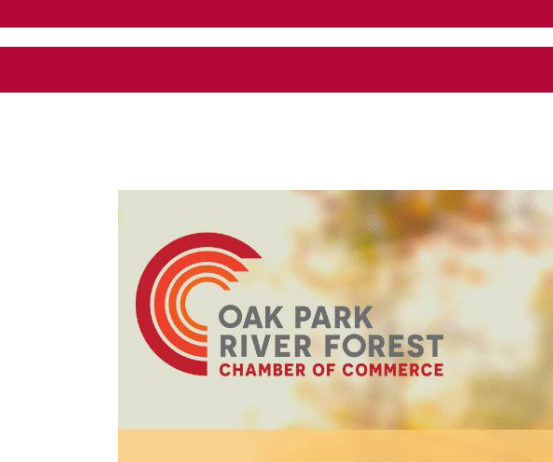
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Great gifts for corporate, teacher, & holidays gifts, & more...

\$10,000 in gift cards purchased to date!



Be a Participating Vendor in the Shop Local OPRF Digital Gift Card Program.



Take a Break with Us

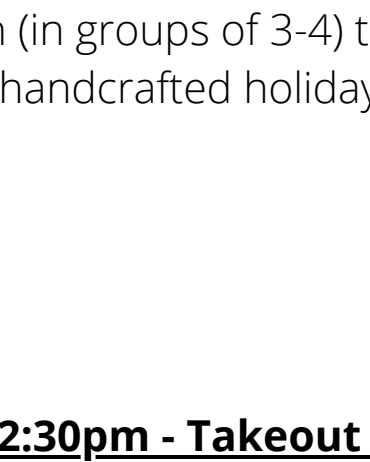
We know that owning or working in a business has been particularly hard this past year and we are guessing that you could use some TLC!

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. Our great friend **Dave Murphy** will lead the meditation and talk you through every step. You don't need to do anything but show up and breathe!.

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COMMUNITIES

Tuesday November 16, 6-8pm - Young Professionals Candle Making at EINNIM

This month the Chamber's Young Professionals head to **EINNIM** for a fun evening of candle-making! We'll mingle and nosh on some tasty appetizers, and each of us will get a turn (in groups of 3-4) to create a candle - which could be a great, personally-handcrafted holiday gift!

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Friday November 19, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout Lunch Pickup

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout! We'll convene at a designated location 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. Lunch is a flat \$16 including tax and tip. Choose your meal at registration. Hope to see you there!

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Friday November 19, 12-1:30pm - Women in Business Lunch Meetup

We have joined forces with our neighboring Chambers to combine our vibrant and diverse Women in Business Groups and expand our networks across 5 communities. Join Us for for Lunch!

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WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS



Welcome to the Chamber's newest project to help market and connect our member Health & Wellness businesses with clients, customers and community.

What are Wellness Wednesdays?

Wellness Wednesdays are a monthly e-newsletter that focuses on tapping into local expertise to support every-day health and well-being in our community.

Each month there will be one specific topic that is timely and relevant to the community.



November 2021 Issue:
Keeping Your &%@# Together - Managing Stress
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Next Issue: December 1, 2021
"Surviving the Holidays: How to Stay Happy and Healthy"
[VENDOR REGISTRATION HERE](#)
DEADLINE Wed. 11/24/21



ILLINOISE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

TAKE THE FIRST STATEWIDE BLACK BUSINESS SURVEY

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Office of Minority Economic Empowerment has joined the Chicago State University and the The Chicago Urban League to launch a new survey to collect feedback from Black and African American business owners across the state. The survey is aimed at capturing the challenges and opportunities small businesses are facing amid the pandemic and current economic climate. Through the survey, the State of Illinois and its economic development arm, DCEO, wants to learn about the pandemic resources that have helped businesses meet their needs and how to improve resource allocation, outreach and business related programs and services in the future.

To take the survey, go here:
https://www.csu.edu/collegeofbusiness/il_black_survey.htm