

OAK LAWN NETWORKER

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Mission Statement:

“The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.”

Marketing Opportunities in 2025

Business After Hours - (Call for 2025 Schedule) BAH's are after work networking events that provide the opportunity for Chamber Members and others to visit your business “after hours:” to learn more about your products and services while networking with fellow members.

Member in Spotlight - (Call for 2025 Schedule) Member in Spotlight is a program designed to put **YOU** in the spotlight, this program allows information about your business, upcoming events, specials, and more to be sent to 900+ registered email subscribers. Your email can include logo, photos, even links to your website! These blasts go out each Monday and spots are reserved in advance and taken on a first come, first-served basis. The cost to participate is \$30 a week.

Metra Station Stacks - The Chamber office is located in the Oak Lawn Metra Station. As a member, you can provide brochures/info about your business inside the station. The Metra station has hundreds of commuters each day. This is free to all members.

Metra TV Ads—(Call for the 2025 Schedule) Advertise in the Metra Patriot station 24/7/365. Quarterly ads \$75 for members.

Luncheon Sponsorship - (Call for the 2025 Schedule) Luncheon Sponsorship opportunities available. One sponsor per luncheon for \$250. Sponsorship includes chance to present at luncheon plus a marketing table.

Membership Directory - Advertising available for 2025 Directory. Call the Chamber office.

Website Digital Ads Available now—Check out our website for more information.

Weekly Email Blasts—Free to all members! If you have event information to share with our community, email it to the Chamber office and it will be shared for the weeks leading up to the date.

Please call the chamber office with any questions ,
708-424-8300

REMEMBER

SHOP SMALL & SHOP LOCAL!

November/December 2024

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Oak Lawn, IL 60453

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Chamber President's Message



Fellow Chamber Members,

As we head into the holiday season, I can't believe how quickly the year has flown by—and with it, my term as president. It's been an exciting year working with our awesome Chamber Office, Executive Board and Board members, and

I know next year is going to be even better!

It's also **renewal season!** Your membership keeps so many great events and initiatives going, so be sure to renew and stay part of our growing Chamber community.

We've got a busy couple of months ahead with plenty of chances to connect and support our local businesses.

First up, save the date for **November 12th**—our *Network with Your Neighbor* event in collaboration with the Village of Chicago Ridge at **Jenny's**. It'll be a fun evening of networking starting at 5 pm!

Next, don't miss our **New & Prospective Member Breakfast** on **November 20th** at **Oak Lawn Bank & Trust**. It's a perfect chance to welcome new members and get a sneak peek at what's ahead in 2025.

In December, we're getting into the holiday spirit with our **Holiday Luncheon** on **December 10th** at the Hilton. We'll have **Santa Adam** and the talented **OLCHS Choir** joining us—it's always such a joyful event!

We also have several **Ribbon Cuttings** and **Business After Hours** lined up:

- **11/1** Acorn to Oak Studios, 5 pm
- **11/6** Advocate Business After Hours
- **11/19** Baba Saj, 11 am
- **11/21** The Place for Children with Autism, 5 pm

12/12 Kerlin Walsh Law Business After Hours
Let's show up to support these local businesses as they celebrate big milestones!

And of course, don't forget our **Installation Dinner** in January! Save the Date, January 31st—details coming soon!

It's never too early to say Happy Holidays, so here's wishing everyone a festive season ahead!

Warmly,
Natasha

2024 Officers & Directors

President – Natasha Williams, Three20 Media
1st Vice President – Nick Gulino, JP Architects, Ltd.
Treasurer – Nicole Wetzell, NEW Marketing Solutions
Secretary – Susan Latocha, Advocate Health Center
Immediate Past President – Jeff Reynolds, Nothing Bundt Cakes

Board of Directors, Term Expiring 12/31/24

Dr. Sandra Bury, Complete Vision Care
Shannon Dahlman, Grace Point Place
Joseph Eaton, Shark Shredding
Dr. Paul Enderle, OLHS District 123
Dr. David Finklestein, Oak Lawn Foot & Ankle
Dr. Mike Jacobsen, CHSD 218
Erin Molek, BEDS Plus Care
Steven Pappageorge, Moraine Valley Community College
Jill Stetson, SkinTrust
Mike Sutko, World Travel Mart
Justin Waters, Oak Lawn Park District
Michelle West, The Children's Museum Oak Lawn

Board of Directors, Term Expiring 12/31/25

Dr. Shaheh Bagdasarian, CHSD 229
Karen Boll, Napleton Ford
David Dewar, Tax-Free Retirement Solutions
Elizabeth Lawler, OSF Healthcare
Ginger Morgan, Thompson Kuenster
Rob Reichardt, JDog Junk Removal
Daniel Stidham, Calvary Church
Sharon Vetsch, The QuickBooks Queen
Carol Williams, Oak Lawn Public Library
Linda Wong, Express Employment Professionals

Chamber Staff

Anne M Fritz - Executive Director
Jennifer Villafan - Administrative Assistant

Your Chamber at a Glance

- **Business After Hours**
- **Member in the Spotlight**
- **Monthly Member Luncheons**
- **Quarterly Lunch & Learns**
- **Quarterly New & Prospective Member Breakfasts**
- **Ribbon Cuttings for New Members**
- **Luncheon Sponsorships**
- **Website Digital Advertising**

Please check the calendar on page 24 for the Chamber website for time and location. All events are posted on our website: www.oaklawnchamber.com

2024 Bonanza Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!

Each ticket price is \$10 and four winners are picked each month: one \$100 winner, one \$50 winner and two \$25 winners.

Buy now!

Winning tickets are placed back for even **more chances** the following month!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

September Winners

\$100—Lisa Zawaski

\$50—Michelle Giroux

\$25—Jim Christensen

\$25—Ryan Devlin

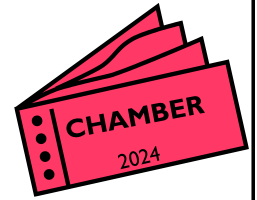
October Winners

\$100—Dr. Yerkes

\$50—Robert Kuenster

\$25—Jim Christensen

\$25—Tom Fox



Welcome our NEWEST Members!

Baba Saj

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Pledge to:

- ✓ Shop
- ✓ Dine In
- ✓ Take Out
- ✓ Stop By
- ✓ Support
- ✓ Browse
- ✓ Leave A Review For

A LOCAL BUSINESS



MG19 Salon Suites

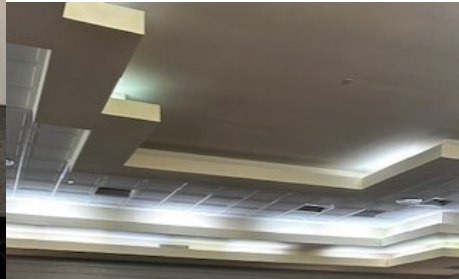
Ribbon Cutting



MG19 Salon Suites
11040 S. Kilpatrick Ave.
Oak Lawn
(708) 257-1327

September Luncheon

Sponsored by Shark Shredding!



Welcome New Members
Hiba Mansour ~ Luxury Hand Wash
Brenda Mendaros Edrada ~ Licensed Financial Professional

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

Business After Hours



Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

9333 S. Cicero Ave.

Oak Lawn

708-229-8901

Fall Family Fest Stony Creek Golf Course



**Thank You to
Stony Creek Golf Course!**

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Stony Creek Golf Course!***

Luxury Hand Wash Ribbon Cutting



Luxury Hand Wash
9755 Southwest Highway
Hometown
708-424-4679

November Luncheon

Sponsored by Richards High School District 218



Welcome New Members
Suleiman Abuawad ~ VRS Village Realty
Disabled American Veterans 84
Club Pilates

Lunch & Learn

Google Profile Workshop



CHICAGO SOUTHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Google

BUSINESS WORKSHOP



SOUTHLAND BUSINESS
OWNERS | MANAGERS | LEADERS

The Google Business Profile Workshop is a free event for Chicago Southland business owners and leaders.

Learn to optimize your:
MAPS | SEARCH | REVIEWS

JORGE NORRICK
GoogleTrusted Photographer
Google My Business Optimizer / Educator
Owner of New Frontera's, Inc.

Bring your...
DIGITAL DEVICE

Wednesday October 16, 2024
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Oak Lawn Public Library
9427 Raymond Ave. Oak Lawn IL.

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Providing Access. Fostering Growth

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Bank Financial *Business After Hours*



Bank Financial
6415 W 95th Street
Chicago Ridge
630-425-5687



Kelly Nissan

Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting



Kelly Nissan

4300 W 95th Street

Oak Lawn

708-499-1000

Flow Right Plumbing *Business After Hours*



Flow Right Plumbing
13947 Kildare
Crestwood
708-388-9729

The Ancestral Oven *Ribbon Cutting*



The Ancestral Oven
4616 W. 103rd Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Acorn to Oak Studios Ribbon Cutting



Acorn to Oak Studios
9411 S 51st Ave., North Wing Pilgrim Faith
Oak Lawn
708-620-4263

Advocate Health Center

Business After Hours

Business After Hours

Advocate Physical Therapy Open House

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2024

Time: 5-7 pm

Location: 2210 W. 95th ST., Chicago

- Meet the Staff.
- Chat with a therapist 1:1 concerning your condition.
- Tour the Facility.
- Learn about orthopedic injuries and treatment.
- Enjoy healthy snacks.



**Join the Raffle
to win a
Blue Tooth Speaker!**



 **ADVOCATE HEALTH**

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

November Network with Your Neighbors

Cocktail Hours

Jenny's Grill & Banquet



The Village of **Chicago Ridge Illinois**

JOIN THE
OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
& THE VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE

COCKTAIL HOUR

Network with you Neighbor

Jenny's Steakhouse
11041 Menard Ave
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

November 12, 2024
5:30PM Registration
6:00PM Heavy Appetizers Served
Cash Bar

This will replace our monthly Luncheon

Space is limited please RSVP
oaklawnchamber.com
or 708-424-8300



REGISTER HERE!

Baba Saj Restaurant

Ribbon Cutting



YOU ARE INVITED!!

RIBBON CUTTING

CEREMONY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

11:00 AM

Baba Saj Restaurant

11026 S. Cicero Ave.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(708) 952-4959

Food for attendees!



REGISTER HERE!

New & Prospective Member Breakfast

Oak Lawn Bank & Trust



New & Prospective Member Breakfast

November 20, 2024

8:30AM

Oak Lawn Bank & Trust

5300 W 95th St

Oak Lawn, IL 60459

Breakfast Catered by Hashtag 95

\$10 ~ Current Members



This will be a great opportunity for new & prospective members to learn about the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce's activities, to be given the chance to join committees and to network with chamber leadership. You'll get an overview of the chamber and the many benefits and opportunities that we offer to our members.

Free for prospective members and one complimentary for 2024 new members. \$10 for current members.

Kindly RSVP to the chamber office 708-424-8300.

REGISTER HERE!

The Place for Children with Autism

Ribbon Cutting



The Place for Children
with Autism

YOU ARE INVITED!!

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

5:00 PM

The Place for Children with Autism

9400 S. Cicero Ave.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

(224) 218-5365



REGISTER HERE!

December Chamber Member Luncheon

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn

OAK LAWN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December Luncheon

Performance by
Oak Lawn Community High School Choir

DEC
10TH

HILTON CHICAGO/OAK LAWN
9333 S CICERO AVE
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

NETWORKING 11:30
LUNCH 12:00PM
\$25

SPONSORED BY :

SPACE IS LIMITED PLEASE RSVP
WWW.OAKLAWNCHAMBER.COM
OR 708-424-8300

Next Stage
SENIOR
DOWNSIZING LLC

Register Here!

Kerlin Walsh Law
Business After Hours



**Save
the Date!**

December 12th - 5 to 7 PM

Kerlin Walsh Law
Business After Hours

11757 Southwest Highway
Palos Heights, IL

See you there!
Love, Eileen!

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	4	5	6 Advocate BAH	7	8	9
10	11	12 Cocktail Hour	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Baba Saj Ribbon Cutting	20 New & Prospective Member Breakfast	21 The Place for Children with Autism Ribbon Cutting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29	30



Office Hours Monday—Thursday 9 am—3 pm

Advocate Business After Hours
November 6th, 5-7 PM
Chamber Cocktail Hour
November 12th, 5:30 PM
Baba Saj Ribbon Cutting
November 19th, 11 AM
New & Prospective Member
Breakfast
November 20th, 8:30 AM
The Place for Children with Autism
Ribbon Cutting
November 21st, 5 PM
December Chamber Luncheon
December 10th, 11:30 AM
Kerlin Walsh Law Business After
Hours
December 12th, 5-7 PM

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Chamber Luncheon	11	12 Kerlin Walsh Law BAH	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Chamber Office Closed	25 Christmas	26 Chamber Office Closed	27	28
29	30 Chamber Office Closed	31 Chamber Office Closed				



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