

Business Perspective

December 2018

Seeking endorsements for Forward OP

Forward OP's vision for Overland Park is complete! Now is your opportunity to review and endorse the plan as our community moves into implementation. The Overland Park Chamber's Board of Directors has already endorsed the Vision, and we encourage your business or organization to join us! Endorsement of the plan doesn't necessarily mean you agree with every single action, or that you're committing to something. It simply means you believe in the overarching vision and goals. To review a

Forward

Imagine Tomorrow ▶ Inspire Action

summary of the vision, goals and actions, [click here](#).

Please consider joining the growing list of endorsing community organizations to be presented to the City Council as the final endorser. For an easy-to-complete endorsement form, [click here](#).

Please return your signed endorsement form by January 25, 2019.

Overland Park leaders testify on U.S. 69

Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen joined Mayor Carl Gerlach, Councilmember Curt Skoog, City Manager Bill Ebel and developer Jon Stewart in testifying about the economic importance of the U.S. 69 Highway corridor before the Kansas 2018 Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force hearing last month. The task force is charged with developing strategies and projects for solving the state's transportation challenges – [click here](#).

The Overland Park leaders asked for help in finding a state strategy for expanding U.S. 69 to six lanes between I-435 and 159th Street, while fixing safety and congestion issues. U.S. 69

through Overland Park faces serious challenges that must be addressed.

“Over and over we hear from developers, business leaders and residents that mobility and the quality of our transportation system are why they choose Overland Park,” explained Osborne Oltjen. “More than 225,000 residents live within five miles of U.S. 69, relying on it as their primary connection to education, shopping and, above all, jobs. Our ability to move people and goods at low cost and within a reasonable commute time is a major reason more than 10,000 businesses operate within this corridor's trade area, allowing our

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Tracey Osborne Oltjen testifies before the Kansas 2018 Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force last month.

Our Mission:

To enhance the business environment and quality of life in our community.



Chamber Calendar

2018 Annual Meeting

Featuring best-selling author *Tommy Spaulding*
Sponsored by *Security Bank of Kansas City*
Wednesday, December 5 - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Overland Park Convention Center,
6000 College Boulevard
\$1,000 for Corporate Table Sponsor (members only & includes reserved table of 10); Standard table of 10: \$695 per member or \$850 per non-member; Individuals: \$65 per member or \$80 per non-member

Ribbon cutting

Thursday, December 6 - 9:30 a.m.
New Frontier Technologies, 9082 Bond Street

Young Professionals

Holiday Mix n' Mingle

Tuesday, December 11 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Big Whiskey's, 9100 West 135th Street
Free for Chamber members; \$10 for non-members

Wednesday Wake-up

2018 Series Sponsor: *Baker University*
Wednesday, December 12 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.
The Atriums, 7300 West 107th Street
Free and open to Chamber members only

To register for these events, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

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Thank you for a fulfilling year in 2018!

Thank you. As an attorney, I often have heard the joke that attorneys get paid by the number of words in a contract. But as I look back on my past year as Chairman, I could just stop with just those two words.

I am truly thankful for this opportunity. Don't tell anyone, but I really will miss it. You are all part of this wonderful community. You have heard the stats and seen the awards year after year telling you what a wonderful community Overland Park is, but I had a front row seat to experience it at a whole new level.

I am thankful I took over this office at last year's annual meeting, where we celebrated the Chamber turning 50. What a fantastic look back at the unbelievable things our leaders and businesses have accomplished in a relatively short time frame.

I am thankful to have started my first meeting with a champagne toast to our wonderful president in celebration of her wedding. I am thankful for Tracey and her team who made my job so much easier (they really do all the work) and make our Chamber a force in the community. And now that I look back at the exceptional work of our volunteer board members, I should have toasted their accomplishments on a regular basis as well.

I am thankful for the hundreds of people volunteering thousands of hours on the Forward OP visioning process that started at the beginning of the year. The Forward OP committee met frequently and looked at all areas that make our community special. They completed their process and crafted a vision with five goals to guide Overland Park for the next 25 years and beyond. Our board was proud to be the first organization to endorse this plan and I'm personally excited to see it move forward.

I am thankful we graduated 37 more alumni in the Leadership Overland Park program, and we have a record number of applicants for 2019. Encouraging leadership in our community is a vital role your Chamber continues to fulfill. This is further evident in our Executive Leadership Series. Wow, am I thankful I got to hear those incredible speakers!

I am thankful for our community's fantastic educational opportunities. From pre-K to post-graduate programs, our education system assists the business community with its number one issue – workforce development. We certainly would not have the ability to attract and grow successful businesses without our fine educational institutions.

I am thankful for the support of each Chamber member – big and small, companies that have been around for decades as well as younger entrepreneurs willing to take a chance. Each adds to our community and makes this a special place, with an unbelievable quality of life.

I am thankful and blessed for my family's health and well-being. Finally, I am thankful that my firm, and my family have been supportive over the last year. Without their support, I wouldn't have had this opportunity.

God Bless. And thank you.



Brett Bogan
2018 Chairman
[Spencer Fane LLP](#)

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2019 Chamber Board Officers

The Chamber Board of Directors announces the following board officers for 2019:

Chairman: Mike Hess, **HNTB Corporation**

Chair-Elect: Bobby Olm-Shipman, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**

1st Vice-Chairman: Bill Ferguson, **Central Bank of the Midwest**

2nd Vice-Chairman: Steve Troester, **PGAV Architects, Inc.**

Secretary: Doug Lynn, **Sprint**

Treasurer: Chris Wally, **Wally & Co.**

Past Chair: Brett Bogan, **Spencer Fane LLP**

We welcome these new Board of Directors in 2019:

- Tim Danker, **SelectQuote**
- John Fuller, **DLR Group**
- Tom Herzog, **Netsmart Technologies**
- Jim Hemenway, **Chicago Title**
- Cindy Rock, **DexYP**
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- Matt Sheets, **First National Bank**
- Joan Wells, **Wellington**
- Lori Wright, **Kansas City Power & Light** [2019 Chair of the Chamber Economic Development Council]



Holiday Mix 'n Mingle

Tuesday, December 11

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Overland Park young professionals are invited to our annual holiday party for appetizers, happy hour specials and prizes!

Hosted by



9100 West 135th Street

Free to Chamber members; \$10 for non-members
Registrations are due by December 8

To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600

Chamber Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 5

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Overland Park Convention Center



Keynote Speaker:
Tommy Spaulding

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A Business Before Hours

Wednesday, December 12

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



7300 West 107th Street



Join us for networking and breakfast and see how Tütera Family Communities is changing the look of retirement living. With luxury apartments for both independent and assisted living, a full schedule of activities and a catered dining experience, The Atriums make residents feel like they're on a landlocked cruise every day.

Free and open to Chamber members only.

To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600

Diplomat Q&A

Trish Reedy, PrimeLending

Q: What is your company and describe your position?

A: I'm a loan officer for PrimeLending. We are the #1 purchase lender in the Kansas City area, four years running! If you are looking to buy a home or refinance your current mortgage, I'm your point person!



Q: Who do you find is a best connection / partner for you in business?

A: Anyone looking to move! Realtors are a great source of business as well.

Q: Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?

A: I want to give back to this community and stay in touch with what is happening. Dips is a great way to do both!

Q: Where are you from / what brought you to Overland Park?

A: I grew up in Wichita, went to K-State and have been in OP ever since!

Q: What is your hidden talent or ability?

A: I have a huge jukebox in my head... all the songs for which I know the lyrics!

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement so far?

A: Completing for Ironman Wisconsin in 2009. And my kids!

Q: Who is somebody you look up to as a role model and why?

A: Ben Craig! He made such an impact on Overland Park and truly cared about his family and community.

To find out more about becoming a Chamber Diplomat, contact Stacey Cowan at scowan@opchamber.org or (913) 766-7604.



Lisa Ginter, CEO of CommunityAmerica Credit Union, was the featured speaker in our latest Executive Leadership Series program. Our thanks to the Event Series Sponsor: [First National Bank](#).



New Chamber members were recognized at last month's Wednesday Wake-up networking event. Membership Director Stacey Cowan and Chamber EDC Senior Vice President Beth Johnson presented plaques to Mickey Levey, **Mickey "The Cotton Candy Man;"** Kendra Hunter, **StaffBridge Technology;** Luis Jimenez, **Trinity Nursing & Rehab Center;** Lettiann Southerland, **Lettiann & Associates Real Estate Services;** Heather Hobbs and Kyle Steppe, **KC Hemp Co.;** Nathan McKinney and Karen Gilliland, **House of Real Estate, LLC;** Roseann Newcomer, **Serenity Homestead;** Lisa Ragan, **Safely Delicious, LLC;** Sharonne McGee, **CareNow Urgent Care;** Priscilla Gitombo, **Sparkling Fountain Adult Care Homes;** Elizabeth Malone, **WW**.

Sponsorships available!

Gain visibility by partnering with the Overland Park Chamber to sponsor events and programs in 2019. Sponsorships include Corporate Sponsor and Leadership Circle levels, two of the Chamber's top sponsorship opportunities.

Target select groups of Chamber reps by sponsoring programs such as Leadership Overland Park, Overland Park Young Professionals, Economic Development Council Luncheons and Public Policy & Advocacy Committee Meetings.

You'll receive year-long visibility as the presenting sponsor of one of our popular event series.

For information: Celia Fritz-Watson at (913) 766-7603 or cfritzwatson@opchamber.org.

Member Renewals

We thank these companies for reinvesting in the Overland Park Chamber in October 2018:

50+ Years

Mize Houser & Company

40-49 Years

Better Homes and Gardens
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Sprint
Varnum/Armstrong/Deeter, LLC.

20-39 Years

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We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:

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The Chamber helped Kurt Kovach, District Manager; Brian Wolf, General Manager; and their team at **ALDI** celebrate the re-opening of the newly renovated store at 8640 West 135th Street. Aldi is investing \$30 million to update 20 stores in the Kansas City metro area by the end of 2019. For more information: (913) 768-1119 or www.aldi.us.



The Chamber helped **BIOMIN America Inc.**, celebrate a ribbon cutting for its North American headquarters at 10801 Mastin Boulevard. Part of the ERBER Group, BIOMIN is a leading research company and producer of feed additives, premixes and services that help maximize animal health and performance. Participating in the ceremony were Simon Walley, Managing Director, Biomin North America; Michael Prinster, Managing Director, Romer Labs North America; and Jan Vanbrabant, Chairman of the Executive Board, ERBER Group. For more information: www.biomin.net.

Please support fellow Chamber members who have made investments to enhance the prosperity of our community!

RECENT EVENTS

GOOD MORNING GMOP OVERLAND PARK!

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Mayor Carl Gerlach was presented with his own 3D miniature from **doob KC**.

Thank you to these contributors:

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Longtime GMOP emcee Greg Musil, **Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes, P.C.**, was joined by a co-emcee, Aaron Attebery, **Black & Veatch**.



Tim Danker, **SelectQuote**.



Tom Herzog, **Netsmart Technologies**.



Brenner Holland, **Hunt Midwest**, talks about The Vue in Downtown Overland Park.



Scott Woods, **Shawnee Mission Health**.

Testimony continued . . .

region to be competitive regionally and nationally." A U.S. 69 Preliminary Concept Study, funded by the city, found that the corridor carries more traffic than any other four-lane highway in Kansas. Traffic volumes are projected to double by 2040, with travel times tripling from eight minutes to nearly 30 minutes.

"We have a strong, working relationship with KDOT that has led us to contribute \$61 million for design and construction on U.S. 69-related transportation projects over the past few years," said Mayor Gerlach. Overland Park leaders also recently met with U.S. Secretary Elaine L. Chao and Congressman Kevin Yoder to address the need for Federal funding for local transportation projects.

Unemployment

	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2017
Overland Park	2.7%	2.7%
Johnson County	2.6%	2.7%
Kansas City Metro MSA	2.8%	3.4%
State of Kansas	3.3%	3.5%

(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)
– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)

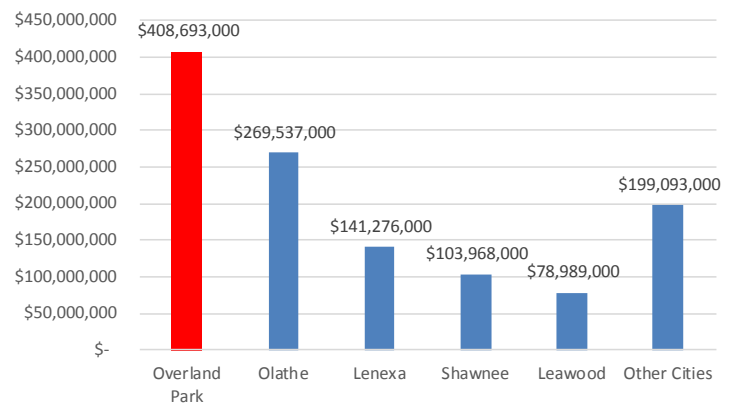
Building Permits in Overland Park

	New Commercial	New Non-Commercial	Other Commercial	Totals
Oct. 2018	0	0	59	59
Square Feet	N/A	N/A	20,921	20,921
Value	N/A	N/A	\$25,138,262	\$25,138,262

– City of Overland Park

Overland Park Retail Sales

August 2018



Member Orientation on November 8



Justin Hubbard talks about his company, **Tiger-Rock Martial Arts of Overland Park.**

Erin Ronan, **Enterprise Bank & Trust**; Jim Edwards, **Nothing Bundt Cakes**; Lisa Ragan, **Safely Delicious, LLC.**



Erin Seager talks about her business, **Office Evolution.**



Katie Cornwell talks about her business, **Kinesphere Physical Therapy & Pilates.**

Diplomat Q&A

Derek Sommerer, [Academy Bank](#)

Q: What is your company and describe your position.

A: Academy Bank offers a futuristic banking model, out to challenge conventional banking. Our bankers are mobile, coming to your home, your office, or to the local coffee



shop nearest to you. I personally focus on business development through home equity lines of credit, business and consumer money market accounts, and small business equipment loans and lines of credit.

Q: Who do you find is a best connection / partner for you in business?

A: I enjoy finding ways to help any new potential business partner with their business, but frequently see my partnerships with mortgage loan originators, financial advisers, and contractors providing maximum benefit to all involved.

Q: What has been your favorite benefit or moment as a member of the Overland Park Chamber?

A: One of my first events as an active member of the Chamber was with the Young Professionals group, hosting a barbecue for a local women's shelter. Coming together that night and solely focusing on serving those women and children in need was incredible.

Q: What is the best advice you've ever received?

A: There is a distinct difference between a male and a man, strive to be the type of man you want your daughter to marry.

Q: What is your hidden talent or ability?

A: Country music karaoke... *shhhhh!*

Q: What is your motto?

A: Treat others better than how you want to be treated!

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Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

hosted on November 14 by



Joy Broils, **SLCKET**; Joe Riedel, **Straub Construction Company, Inc.**; Jess Lohrey, **Capstone Insurance Agency.**



Mariem Ruiz Martinez, Morgan Young and Camille Kaldahl, **Shawnee Mission Health.**



Karen Gilliland and Nathan McKinney, **House of Real Estate**; Morgan Young, **Shawnee Mission Health**; Kelly Belk, **Baker University.**

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Member News & Events

The 19th annual Holiday Luminary Walk at the **Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens** continues on **December 7-8**.

The **Overland Park Convention Center** is accepting donations for Toys for Tots, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Sunday through **December 14**.

Mike Lewis was appointed by the **Blue Valley School District** Board of Education as a new commissioner representing the northeast district with the **Blue Valley Recreation Commission**.

Gary Anderson, D.V.M., Ph.D., has joined the faculty at **Kansas State University Olathe** as director of the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute.

The City of Overland Park is looking for Overland Park's most-spirited holiday home. For details, [click here](#).

To submit company events, [click here](#).

To submit company news, [click here](#).