

# Business Perspective



**OVERLAND PARK**  
K A N S A S  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 2017

## Chamber endorses single-terminal airport



The Overland Park Chamber joined the Greater Kansas City Chamber, the Kansas City Area Development Council, the Civic Council and many other regional organizations when our Board of Directors unanimously voted to endorse the "A Better KCI" plan for a single-terminal at Kansas City International Airport. This approach ensures maximum efficiency, capacity, expanded air service and future economic growth of our region.

Key points of a single-terminal airport:

- Increased access and destinations
- Economic driver for regional growth and jobs
- Improved conveniences and amenities
- Stronger security and technology
- Maintains Kansas City as a major-league city
- Paid for by the users of the airport

For more information: [www.betterkci.org](http://www.betterkci.org).

## Our Mission:

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



## Chamber Calendar

### OP After Hours

**Thursday, August 3, 2017** - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center,**  
8788 Metcalf Avenue

*This networking event is for Chamber members only*

### Public Policy & Advocacy meeting

**Friday, August 4, 2017** - 12:00 p.m.

**Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street**

### Wednesday Wake-up

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017** - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

**Shawnee Mission Health-Overland Park,**  
7820 West 165th Street

*Free and open to Chamber members only*

### Community Blood Drive

*Hosted by Overland Park Young Professionals*

**Thursday, August 10, 2017** - 12:00-4:00 p.m.

**Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street**

### Ribbon cutting

**Thursday, August 17, 2017** - 4:00 p.m.

**Peer Technical, 8801 Ballentine Street**

### Working Lunch

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017** - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

**Dave & Buster's, 6811 West 135th Street**

*\$25 per person for Chamber members only*

*To make reservations, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.*

REMEMBERING THE SUMMER OF LOVE

Make Fore Not War!

## 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Friday, September 15, 2017**

St. Andrews Golf Club

Sponsored by HCA MIDWEST HEALTH

MENORAH MEDICAL CENTER  
OVERLAND PARK REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

For details, see page 3

# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## Chamber Board and Staff

### BOARD OFFICERS:

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Karsten Randolph, **Shawnee Mission Health**  
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Dana Markel, **Visit Overland Park**  
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Tracey Osborne, CCE, Overland Park Chamber  
Dr. Joe Sopcich, **Johnson County Community College**  
Greg Wolf, **Dentons**

### CHAMBER STAFF:

Tracey Osborne, CCE, *President*  
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Tom Robinett, *Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy*  
Amy Stock, *Member Services Coordinator*

## The questions we should be asking

I and several members of our team just returned from an energizing convention of Chamber professionals from around the world. We enjoy the chance to get together with our peers to explore our commonalities, exchange best practices and discover “what’s next” in economic and community development. Top of mind for me in these discussions and in the sessions I attended was the community visioning process we’re getting ready to embark upon with the City and Visit OP. How can we maximize this opportunity to plan for the coming decades as Overland Park matures and grows?

One of the crowd-favorite speakers over the past 15 years has been futurist Rebecca Ryan. The final morning of the convention she crystallized some thoughts for me that I think are appropriate not only for our vision-mindset but also for this election season we’re in.

It’s easy to forget local elections in the hustle of squeezing in vacations before the start of school, but don’t forget Johnson County has a number of primaries on Tuesday, August 1, such as Shawnee Mission School Board and Overland Park’s Ward 1. Candidate and voting information can be found at [www.votejoco.com](http://www.votejoco.com), the site for all Johnson County chambers.

One of our most critical responsibilities as business leaders is to cast an informed vote, and to encourage those around us – family, friends and co-workers – to vote. Local elections determine the policies that most closely impact the business environment and quality of life crucial to the success and prosperity of our businesses.

We’re at a cross-road in Overland Park as we prepare to enter our sixth decade. Growth will continue, but what will it look like, and how can we best prepare? How do we ensure that the quality of life and business environment created by the public/private partnerships of the past continue into the future? Your decisions at the ballot box matter. The Chamber has been, and remains, the City’s partner in the development of our community since our inception, and it needs you, our members, to send pro-business, pro-quality of life officials to our local governing bodies.

In Overland Park’s infancy, President John F. Kennedy extolled in his 1961 inaugural, “...ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.” Bringing this question more local, Rebecca Ryan asked a standing room only crowd of chamber execs to take a similar message home. She reminded us to not ask what our Chamber needs from the community. Rather, the more salient questions are:

- What does my community need from business leaders?
- How can we build on what we’ve already done?
- Are we future-ready?

Overland Park – as a city and as a business community – has had a brilliant past. Now is the time to ensure we provide just as brilliant a future, both in the short term, and the long term for those who come after us. First, by making informed decisions in local elections for those candidates who will reflect the values of investment, fiscal accountability, job creation and quality of life we have, and secondly, by engaging in the visioning process for our future. There will be opportunities to provide your voice in the vision project. Watch your e-mail for how.

Rebecca challenged and reminded us of our responsibility as businesses to engage, lead, convene, reinvent and effect change. I can’t think of a better time for this process than our 50th anniversary year.



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## Roll up your sleeves to save a life! **BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, August 10, 12-4pm  
Overland Park Chamber

Community  
Blood Center  
Save a Life. Right Here. Right Now.



The Overland Park Young Professionals invite you to participate in an emergency community blood drive where you can help save a life!

To schedule an appointment, [click here](#). **Sponsor Code:** OPCH.  
Or, contact Celia Fritz-Watson at (913) 766-7603 or [cfritzwatson@opchamber.org](mailto:cfritzwatson@opchamber.org).

## 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, September 15, 2017

12:30 p.m. shotgun start

St. Andrew's Golf Club

Sponsored by



MENORAH MEDICAL CENTER  
OVERLAND PARK REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER

The Chamber's annual golf tournament is a fun way to expand your business connections as a golfer or as an event sponsor.

To commemorate the Chamber's 50th anniversary, we're awarding prizes to the team and hole sponsor with the best 60s theme.

Beverage Carts Sponsor



Lunch Sponsor



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Soft Drinks Sponsor



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Hole Sponsors

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- [Security Bank of Kansas City](#)
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Sponsor a hole or a specific tournament activity, donate a door prize or provide registration bag items (150 like items).

To register, [click here](#)

or contact Celia: (913) 766-7603 or [cfritzwatson@opchamber.org](mailto:cfritzwatson@opchamber.org).

Join us at this networking event!

## Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

Wednesday, August 9

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



Shawnee Mission  
Health  
OVERLAND PARK

7820 West 165th Street



Join us for networking over coffee and breakfast at [Shawnee Mission Health's](#)

newest location in south Johnson County. In addition to the emergency department, laboratory and imaging center on campus, a new medical office building houses Shawnee Mission Primary Care-Blue Valley, SportsCare and Johnson County's only Women's Imaging Center.

Free and open to Chamber members only.

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

Maximize the time in your busy work day by combining lunch with the opportunity to cultivate new business relationships!



**Working  
Lunch**



Tuesday, August 22

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Expand your network while enjoying lunch at one of Overland Park's newest restaurants. Enjoy chef-crafted creations served in a fun, entertaining atmosphere!

Hosted by



6811 West 135th Street

\$25 per person for Chamber members only.

Space is limited. RSVP today!

To register, [click here](#)

# CHAMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click on the advertisements below for details.



**MOON SHINE**  
ON THE FARM

**It's a Barn Raiser!**  
August 26, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Good food, beer, wine and Signature Cocktail, Live Band featuring  
The Suburbans - All under the stars

**Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead**

Presenting Sponsor: **First State Bank MORTGAGE**  
Benefiting: **drfarmstead.org**

An evening at the Farmstead for guests 21 and older—Fundraiser for a Draft Horse & Discovery Barn.



**BrewFest 2017**

FOOD, BEER, MUSIC, GAMES & FUN ALL INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

**OCTOBER 14, 2017, 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**  
GENERAL ADMISSION - \$50, VIP - \$75  
VIP INCLUDES FIRKIN TAPPING AT 3:00 P.M.

**OVERLAND PARK ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS**  
8909 W. 179TH ST. • 913-685-3604

**OPABG.ORG**



## Your Vote Matters!

**Vote on November 7**

### Learn About the Candidates

For candidate surveys and videos of candidate forums: [www.VoteJoCo.com](http://www.VoteJoCo.com).

### Important Election Dates:

October 17 Last day to register to vote in the general election

October 18 Advance voting by mail begins

October 30 Advance voting in person begins

**November 7 Fall General Election**

## Chamber releasing Voting Record

The Overland Park Chamber of Commerce this month is releasing its 2017 Kansas Legislative Session Final Report and Voting Record for Johnson County legislators' performances on business-centric issues and votes related to the Chamber's legislative agenda.

Using feedback from Chamber members, the Chamber's Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and Board of Directors established its

annual legislative agenda to focus on priority issues that enhance quality of life attributes such as education, taxation, transportation, economic development and school finance that make Overland Park attractive to businesses and help it continue to be recognized as a leading community in the nation.

The 2017 Voting Record is available on the Chamber's Public Policy page - [click here](#).

## 2017 Annual Meeting offers sponsorship opportunities

The Overland Park Chamber will celebrate 50 years of business leadership at our Annual Meeting Luncheon on **December 6** at the **Overland Park Convention Center** sponsored by [Security Bank of Kansas City](#).

As we reflect on the leaders and companies that have developed Overland Park over the past 50 years, this event will be a great opportunity for your company to gain visibility in front of more than 500 business professionals attending our largest event of the year.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

- **Gold Sponsor:** \$5,000 (2 available)
- **Silver Sponsor:** \$3,000 (3 available)
- **Corporate Table Sponsor:** \$1,000 (10 available)
- **Awards Sponsors:** \$500 (5 available)

For information about opportunities for recognition at this event, contact Celia Fritz-Watson at [cfritzwatson@opchamber.org](mailto:cfritzwatson@opchamber.org) or (913) 766-7603.



## Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

hosted on July 12 by

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Maryann Nzioki, **TownePlace Suites by Marriott**; Rachael Ausmus, **Fidelity Bank**; Maddie Chiles, **Ritz Charles Overland Park**; Marcela Aquirre, **Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Overland Park-West**; Toni Anderson, **Security Bank of Kansas City**.

Ken Mickey, **Pete's Pest Control**; Tito Huynh, **Business Data Services**; Justin Raymundo, **Ko Martial Arts**.



Tom Robinett, **Overland Park Chamber**; Brad Stratton, **Overland Park Wealth Management**; Stacie Gram, **Swiss Re Holding Corporation**; Kansas Representative Joe Kosten.



Cami Travis-Groves, **The Freelance Exchange of Kansas City**; Doug Lynn, **Sprint**; Courtney Tripp, **Saint Luke's South Hospital**.  
Megan Chamberlain and Randa Rifai, **Ted's Cafe Escondido**; Hilary Zerr and Alicia Mikkelsen, **Davidson Architecture**.



## Happy Hour

hosted on June 28 by



Young Professionals Sponsors:

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UNIVERSITY  
KANSAS CITY

**KeyBank**



# NEW MEMBERS / REINVESTED MEMBERS

## Welcome new members!

We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:

### Anytime Fitness

Jerred Mann, Owner  
14820 Metcalf Avenue  
Overland Park, KS 66223  
(913) 222-8082  
overlandparkks@anytimefitness.com  
[www.anytimefitness.com](http://www.anytimefitness.com)  
Fitness, Personal Training

### Arbor Development, LLC

#### Developer of Promontory

Jennifer Ryan, CAPS/Portfolio Manager  
9744 North Conant Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64153  
(816) 436-3111  
[www.launchliving.com](http://www.launchliving.com)  
Real Estate - Developers, Real Estate - Management

#### + Economic Development Council Investor

### Bear Claw Construction Management, LLC

Dan Maddox, V. P. of Business Development  
100 East 7th Street, Suite 201  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 659-9115  
dmaddox@bearclawheritage.com  
[www.bearclawheritage.com](http://www.bearclawheritage.com)  
Contractors - General, Construction Management

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### Classic Touch Inc.

Karen Levy, CFO  
P.O. Box 4014  
Independence, MO 64051  
(816) 908-9690  
karenlevy@classictouch.com  
incorporated.com  
Cleaning Services, Remodeling & Repair

### CORE Strategies Physical Therapy

Jennifer Caswell, Co-owner/  
Physical Therapist  
10400 West 103rd Street, Suite 22  
Overland Park, KS 66214  
(913) 322-4000  
jennifer@coreptkc.com  
[www.coreptkc.com](http://www.coreptkc.com)  
Physical Therapists, Health & Wellness

### DeMarche Associates

Fred Cornwell, Chief Administrative Officer  
6700 Antioch Road, Suite 420  
Merriam, KS 66204  
(913) 384-4994  
fcornwell@demarche.com  
[www.demarche.com](http://www.demarche.com)  
Investments

### Hair By Robotics KC, LLC

Patrick Smith, CEO  
4400 West 109th Street, Suite 150  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
(844) 424-7297  
psmith@hairbyrobotics.com  
[www.hairbyrobotics.com](http://www.hairbyrobotics.com)  
Beauty Services, Cosmetic, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

### HairMax Salon

Mike Rosenthal, Owner  
12675 Metcalf Avenue  
Overland Park, KS 66213  
(913) 851-4644  
hairmaxkc@gmail.com  
[www.hairmaxkc.com](http://www.hairmaxkc.com)  
Beauty Services

### Ko Martial Arts

Becky Massey, Director of Operations  
15030 Antioch  
Overland Park, KS 66221  
(913) 851-2400  
becky@thekoma.com  
[www.theKOMA.com](http://www.theKOMA.com)  
Martial Arts Instruction

### Peer Technical - Veteran Owned

Rob Del Popolo, Account Manager  
8801 Ballentine Street, Suite 400  
Overland Park, KS 66214  
(913) 703-4920  
rdelpopolo@peertechnical.com  
[www.peertechnical.com](http://www.peertechnical.com)  
Employment Agencies & Services, Executive Search Consultants

### PhaseAlpha, LLC

Joe Lewis, President  
16 South Broadway, #42  
Louisburg, KS 66053  
(913) 648-9200  
joe@phasealpha.com  
[www.phasealpha.com](http://www.phasealpha.com)  
Computer Software & Services, Computers - System Designers & Consultants

### Renaissance Management and Training Solutions, LLP

James Echols, CEO  
1815 North 78th Place  
Kansas City, KS 66112  
(913) 523-4890  
Jim.Echols@RenaissanceSolutionsLLP.com  
[www.renaissancesolutionsllp.com](http://www.renaissancesolutionsllp.com)  
Training and Development, Human Resource Consultants

### Topline Business Management

Bryan Meyer, Business Manager  
13725 Metcalf Avenue, #356  
Overland Park, KS 66223  
(818) 400-7495  
Bryan@toplinebm.com  
[www.toplinebm.com](http://www.toplinebm.com)  
Business Consultants

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Earn credits when your referrals become a Chamber member.  
Send referrals to Stacey Cowan at [scowan@opchamber.org](mailto:scowan@opchamber.org).

## Member Renewals

We thank these companies for their membership reinvestments in June 2017:

### 40-50 Years

Bear & Bear Associates  
Family Tree Nursery  
HNTB Corporation  
Oak Park Mall  
O'Neill Honda  
Overland Park Jeep Dodge  
Ram Chrysler  
Sprint

### 20-39 Years

Claridge Court  
Deer Creek Golf Club  
Dr. Dent  
Drs. Hawks, Besler, Rogers, & Stoppel  
Kathleen's Flowers  
Olathe Public School District #233  
Polsinelli  
Price Chopper Queen's - 87th & Antioch  
RideKC  
Rosati's Pizza  
Valbridge Property Advisors | Kansas City

### 10-19 Years

The Culinary Center of Kansas City  
Emporia State University - Kansas City  
Johnson County Sheriff's Office  
National American University  
Stoltz Management Company  
Tekniq Data Corporation  
University of Saint Mary  
Visit Overland Park

### 5-9 Years

2Point Construction Company LLC  
Blue Moose Bar & Grill-Overland Park  
Fairfield Inn and Suites  
Gaslight Grill  
Overland Park Golf Club  
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers- North Overland Park  
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers- South Overland Park  
UnitedLex Corporation

### 1-4 Years

1861 Wealth Advisors  
Coldwell Banker Goodlife Real Estate Group  
Dewey's Pizza  
Diagnostic Imaging Centers, P.A.  
Experimac - Overland Park  
FedEx Office Print and Ship Center-89th & Metcalf  
FedEx Office Print and Ship Center-College & Metcalf  
FedEx Office Print and Ship Center-135th Street  
FedEx Office Ship Center-6600 College Boulevard  
Hitch Fit Gym  
Initiatives, Inc.  
InterUrban ArtHouse  
Kansas City Web Design  
Kansas Policy Institute  
The Mixx - Hawthorne Plaza  
The Royale at CityPlace  
Urban Air Trampoline Park  
World Class Unlimited, Inc.





Jodi Fincher, Administrator; Kirk Sloan, MD, Chief Medical Officer; and their team celebrated a ribbon cutting for the opening of Sister Margaret's Senior Clinic at **St. Joseph Medical Center**, 1010 Carondelet Drive. The new facility offers a specialized emergency room, disease management services and relevant educational classes geared toward the needs of seniors. For more information: (816) 943-5755 or [www.stjosephkc.com](http://www.stjosephkc.com).



City Council Member Terry Happer Scheier; County Commissioner Jason Osterhaus and Chamber Diplomats helped celebrate a ribbon cutting ceremony for **Billy Sims Barbecue**, 9222 Metcalf Avenue. Participating in the ceremony were Heisman Trophy recipient Billy Sims, founder; and David Dunn, Franchisee. For more information: (913) 831-8855 or [www.billysimsbbq.com](http://www.billysimsbbq.com).



City Council Member Rick Collins and Chamber Diplomats helped Dr. Ragan Newland and Becca Pasley, Operations Manager; celebrate a ribbon cutting for **BluHawk Dental Group**, 8033 West 159th Street. The BluHawk Dental team is dedicated to comprehensive care using advanced, proven technology. For more information: (913) 215-9664 or [www.bluhawkdentalgroup.com](http://www.bluhawkdentalgroup.com).



Mayor Carl Gerlach, Senator John Skubal, City Council Member Rick Collins, Chamber President Tracey Osborne and other community leaders helped John Cosentino, CEO; Neil Pint, Store Manager; and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Cosentino's Market Blue Valley**, 8051 W. 160th Street in BluHawk. The new store has the area's largest number of prepared food stations plus a juice bar, confectionery and Starbucks. For more information: (913) 647-3600 or [www.cosentinomarket.com](http://www.cosentinomarket.com).



Mayor Carl Gerlach, City Council President John Thompson; and Chamber Vice Chairman Stacie Gram, **Swiss Re**; helped Nicole Emanuel, Founder; Angi Hejduk, CEO; and their many supporters and artists celebrate the opening of **InterUrban ArtHouse's** expanded studio space at 8001 Newton Street. InterUrban ArtHouse offers a lively, creative, cooperative environment with more than 40 artists. For more information: (913) 432-1916 or [www.interurbanarthouse.org](http://www.interurbanarthouse.org).



The Chamber helped Andrew McLaughlin, District Manager; and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting to re-open a newly renovated **Aldi** store at 8333 West 95th Street. For more information: (913) 768-1119 or [www.aldi.us](http://www.aldi.us).



### Sponsor Spotlight:



Quality professional training means happier, more fulfilled employees. A well-educated workforce builds worker retention, makes happier customers, and builds a workplace and business you and your employees can be proud of. **The University of Kansas Edwards Campus** excels at providing professional and academic resources that engage and advance our local business community, as well as working professionals all over the world.

The KU Edwards Campus offers more than 30 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as certificate options, professional development training and more. These offerings provide students with the knowledge they need to stimulate their careers, on a schedule that works for them.

Additionally, the KU Edwards Campus offers many options that help the Kansas City business community develop an outstanding talent pool, including:

- Zero credit course options that allow participants to access the same world-class education as KU students, without applying to pursue a degree.
- Skills-building trainings, webinars and seminars through KU Professional & Continuing Education.
- Degree in 3, a partnership between KU Edwards Campus, Johnson County Community College and the Blue Valley and Olathe school districts. The program enables students to accelerate their entry into the workforce by earning a bachelor's degree in only three years.

The KU Edwards campus opened in 1993, and has since contributed more than \$400 million to the Johnson County economy through education, research and service initiatives. The campus' programs and involvement in local research partnerships, such as the Johnson County Education Research Triangle (JCERT) initiative, combine the research and public service missions of KU, and contribute to the university's dedication to providing high-quality education for students at all points on their education journey.

For more information: [www.EdwardsCampus.KU.edu](http://www.EdwardsCampus.KU.edu).



Receiving new member plaques last month from Chamber President Tracey Osborne and Chamber board member Stacie Gram, **Swiss Re America**; were Karen Levy, **Classic Touch**; Jim Echols, **Renaissance Management and Training Solutions**; Martin and Shelly Merriam, **Beef Jerky Outlet Experience**; Joe Lewis, **PhaseAlpa**; Mike Rosenthal, **HairMax Salon**; Britanie Lortie, **Dave and Buster's**; Bronson Ko, **Ko Martial Arts**; Andrew Marquardt, **Advantage Tech, Inc.**; Ron Stockwell, **Regular Guy Computer Services**; Evah Riungu, **Everyday Home Care**; Patrick Grazier, **Lenny's Subs**.

### Member News & Events

The **Museum at Prairiefire** presents its 4th annual Night at the Museum on **August 26** as a benefit to improve science literacy by making educational resources accessible to students in the urban core and beyond.

Companies interested in doing business with **Johnson County Government** are invited to an event, 9 a.m.-noon on **September 18** at the Johnson County Administration Building, 111 S. Cherry. Vendors will be able to meet with county department representatives to discuss business needs and to attend a session on how to do business with Johnson County. For details: (913) 715-0596 or [robin.lynes@jocogov.org](mailto:robin.lynes@jocogov.org).

The City of Overland Park has released its Annual Development Report for Overland Park containing demographic information that may be useful for your company's marketing research and analysis.

Overland Park elected officials are looking to reduce the local property tax rate in the 2018 budget. Final adoption of the budget is set for August 21 by the City Council.

Dex Media has acquired YP and is now **DexYP**.

**Garver** has again been recognized as a "Best Firm to Work For," on the Zweig Group's ranking of architecture, engineering, and environmental consulting firms.

The **Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park** announced its capital campaign for the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is 65% of the way to its \$12.375 million goal.

**RideKC** has launched a mobile app that allows riders to pay their fare, plan a trip, and track their bus or streetcar, all in one easy-to-use app. The app can be used on any RideKC fixed route in the

*(continued on the next page)*





Thanks to generous contributions to their class project, our 2017 Leadership Overland Park class was able to donate more than \$3,000 in surplus donations to **Growing Futures Early Education Center**.

## Now accepting nominations for 2018 LOP

The Overland Park Chamber Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2018 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class. The deadline for nominations is noon on **September 8**. For a nomination form, visit [www.opchamber.org](http://www.opchamber.org) and go to the Leadership Overland Park page - [click here](#).

### Member News contd. . . .

Kansas City area including Johnson County.

**Cleveland University-Kansas City** is adding an Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant degree program as part of its planned College of Health Sciences expansion.

**Prime Sleep** has partnered with Sleepyhead Beds to provide Kansas City kids with a bed of their own. Customers who purchase a new mattress from Prime Sleep can have their used one upcycled by Sleepyhead Beds for needy area kids.

**Abdallah Shriners of Overland Park** is welcoming 5,000 Shriners to Overland Park over the Labor Day weekend and has opportunities to promote your business to attendees.

**Mize Houser & Company P.A.**, has launched the Mize Restaurant Group brand to represent services provided to more than 1,800 restaurants and breweries nationwide.

**Shawnee Mission Health** has been recognized for its advancements in orthopedic care by three national organizations.

**Saint Luke's South Hospital** received High 5 for Mom & Baby recognition for its integration of best practices for breastfeeding and bonding between mothers and newborns as part of its maternity care program.

**Stratford Commons Memory Care** received a 2017 Bronze Commitment to Quality award from the American Health Care Association.

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## Sponsor Spotlight:



Open to the public since February, **Shawnee Mission Health's** (SMH) newest location in Overland Park is now bringing high-quality, convenient health care to southeastern Johnson County. As the only five-star hospital in the Kansas City area, physicians and staff look forward to making the quality services offered on the Shawnee Mission Medical Center (SMMC) campus even more convenient by bringing them closer to people who live and work in the area.

In addition to the emergency department, laboratory and imaging center on campus, a new medical office building opened in March, featuring Shawnee Mission Primary Care-Blue Valley, SportsCare and Johnson County's only dedicated Women's Imaging Center.

At SMH – Overland Park, the interior design was focused around making guests feel welcome while on campus. Examples of this can be seen in the primary care space where the new office combines modern style and genuine hospitality. Each high-tech exam room has been thoughtfully designed to promote conversation with the doctor in a comfortable, private setting. The artwork in both facilities is inspired by the beautiful Kansas City landmarks, all of which were created by local artists. The goal is that all who visit the campus will come to appreciate SMH's dedication to providing Much more than medicine.

SMH is also extending its commitment to the health and well-being of the community for southeastern Johnson County residents through a variety of partnerships including Deanna Rose Farmstead, Blue Valley Educational Foundation, The Arboretum and the new Consentino's Market in BluHawk, along with several others.

In addition to the new Overland Park campus, the SMH network includes the SMMC campus in Merriam, SMH-Prairie Star campus in Lenexa, four Centra Care Shawnee Mission Urgent Care locations, along with physician practices located throughout Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. Visit [ShawneeMission.org](http://ShawneeMission.org) for more information.



# CELEBRATING THE CHAMBER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## Chairmen in '60s and '70s set course for Chamber priorities

The Overland Park Chamber of Commerce set a course to build a strong business community under the visionary leadership of many committed individuals who have served on its board of directors and 49 who have taken the helm as Chairman of the Board. In remembering our Past Chairs, we begin this month honoring the chairmen who served the Chamber in its initial years.

**1967** – Getting the Chamber off to a strong start as a co-founder of the organization, **Stan Meyer**, Winn Rau; was the Chamber's first Chairman of the Board. As



**Stan Meyer**  
1967

chairman he led a membership drive that was fruitful enough for the Chamber to hire its first full-time executive, Dick Molamphy. Stan also was involved in the development of I-435 as a direct route from Johnson County to Kansas



City International Airport. He is now retired as Chairman of the Board of **Rau Construction Company**.

**1968 & 1969** – **Ben Craig** became president of Metcalf Bank (now **Central Bank of the Midwest**) two years after the bank had been founded. He served two terms as Chamber chairman. During that time, the Chamber advocated for the Blue River Basin flood control project. The projects would have created three lakes and reservoirs in what was then southern Overland Park, controlled flooding, developed a public water supply and established recreational



**Ben Craig**  
1968-1969

facilities. After eight years of discussions, voters ultimately rejected the project, to Ben's lifelong regret. Labeled as "Mr. Johnson County," Ben was involved in nearly every organization and initiative that has made our community what it is today. He passed away on August 5, 2016.

**1970** – **Marvin Rainey**, Rainey & Rainey, P.A.; not only



**Marvin Rainey**  
1970

served as Chamber Chairman, he also was a Johnson County election commissioner, was Overland Park's second mayor, serving two terms, and was Shawnee city attorney for 40 years. He passed away on December 3, 2016.

**1971** – **John "Jack" Hickok** was a principal with N.W. Dible Company, the real estate development business his grandfather started in 1904. Later known as Hickok-Dible, the company built nearly everything between 99th and 101st streets from Nall to Lowell



**John Hickok**  
1971

streets and numerous subdivisions along 103rd Street including Pinehurst. Jack passed away in 1982.

**1972** – **Ray Culbertson**, was Senior Vice President at **Capitol Federal Savings** in charge of operations in greater Kansas City. During his term, **Johnson County**

**Community College** was dedicated and the Chamber held its first golf outing at Meadowbrook Golf Course.



**Ray Culbertson**  
1972

After a 42-year career with Capitol Federal, Ray retired in 1990. He passed away on December 12, 2010.

**1973** – **Bart Cohen** was a principal with Metcalf Bank (now **Central Bank of the Midwest**), which his father



**Bart Cohen**  
1973

established in 1962. During his term, the Chamber publicly supported expansion of several hospitals in

Johnson County. It also supported completion of Kansas Highway 10, especially between Highway 7 and I-435. That year the Chamber offices moved to 9800 Metcalf Avenue. Bart passed away in 2006.

**1974** – **John Hofmann** joined Valley View State Bank (now merged into **Security Bank of Kansas City**) when it opened in 1966 and he was made president in 1972. In 1983, he retired from the bank at the age of 55. Sadly, he was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed away in



**John Hofmann**  
1974



Greater access to health care, including construction of Suburban Health Care Center (now **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**), was a priority of the Chamber's early leaders.

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1989 before he and his wife were able to fulfill their plans to move to Vail, Colorado.

**1975 – Clarence Roeder** was with the J.C. Nichols Company. While he was Chamber chairman, the national and local economies were experiencing difficult times. Clarence and Ben



**Clarence Roeder**  
1975

Craig led the Chamber in efforts to promote good news. That year, Oak Park Mall, the first building in Corporate Woods and the Overland Parkway (U.S. Highway 69) opened. President Gerald Ford visited Overland Park.

**1976 – Leon Morse** was president of Clasen Morse Chevrolet. During his term, the Chamber sent business representatives into junior high school classrooms to provide insights into business principles and practices. Leon passed away on December 17, 1991.



**Leon Morse**  
1976

**1977 – Frank Saunders** was a founding partner of **Wallace Saunders**, founded just four years before the Chamber began. During Frank's chairmanship, 111th Street was improved to become College Boulevard as Overland Park experienced tremendous commercial growth. That year the Chamber participated in a program to train Shawnee Mission social



Overland Park Chamber leaders advocated for the special county-wide election in 1967 that led to the establishment of **Johnson County Community College** in Overland Park.

studies teachers to implement economics instruction in the classroom. Frank passed away on February 9, 2010.



**Frank Saunders**  
1977

**1978 & 1979 – Ralph Varnum, Varnum/Armstrong/Deeter.** While he was chairman, the Chamber produced an "Executive Country, USA" brochure to attract major national firms. Humana opened Overland Park's first hospital, Suburban Health Care Center (now Overland Park Regional Medical Center). The adoption of a half-cent sales tax started to move City funding move toward a retail sales tax base. Ralph remains active in the Chamber and Economic



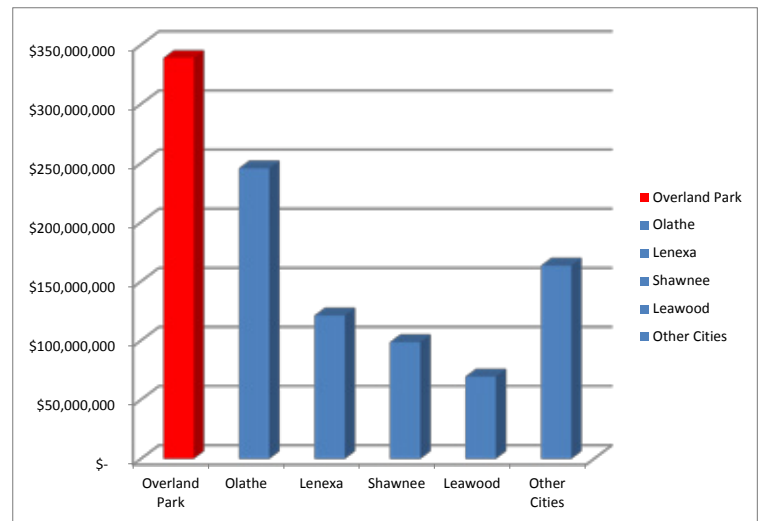
**Ralph Varnum**  
1978-1979

Development Council.

*Next month, we'll recall Chamber Chairmen from the 1980s.*

## Overland Park Retail Sales

April 2017



## Unemployment

	May 2017	May 2016
Overland Park	3.2%	3.2%
Johnson County	3.1%	3.1%
Kansas City Metro MSA	3.9%	4.2%
State of Kansas	3.7%	4.1%

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

## Building Permits in Overland Park

	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools	Other Commercial	Totals
June 2017	2	2	117	121
Square Feet	7,500	15,068	57,565	80,133
Value	\$569,910	\$986,119	\$24,975,243	\$26,531,272

– City of Overland Park

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#### Member News contd. . . .

**Harmon Construction** is celebrating its 30th anniversary with an event on September 26.

The **Terracon** Foundation awarded \$110,300 in grants and scholarships supporting dependents of employees.

**Shawnee Mission Health** welcomes three new physicians to the Shawnee Mission Physicians Group. Oncologists Abdulraheem Qasem, MD, and Mohammed Kyasa, MD; and endocrinologist Andrew Green, MD, are practicing at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center campus.

**Kansas State University Olathe** hired two new employees: Laura Loyacono is director of community and education engagement; and Angela Buzard is manager of training and development.

Terri Thompson is now Director of Community Engagement at the **Museum at Prairiefire**.

Howard Turley is now Executive Director at **Morningside Place Alzheimer's & Memory Support Residence**.

**Terracon** has named Al Hernandez, P.E., as materials service line director for Western United States.

**Mize Houser & Company P.A.**, has hired Tanya Dutton as a tax manager.

**MarksNelson** has hired three new employees: Kristina Cassone, JD, LL.M., as State and Local Tax Associate; Eli Colmenero, JD, as new staff associate in the Insurance area; and Zach Large, MAcc, as a staff accountant.

**Harmon Construction** has hired Joel Grimmett as a senior project manager.

Robert Metcalf, **MarksNelson LLC**, will serve a four-year term as Region 4 Governor of the American Society of Appraisers.

Adam Stodola, **Garver**, has been named a Fellow of the National Society of Professional Engineers, one of the highest honors given to a member of the organization.

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