

Business Perspective

June 2018

State establishes transportation task force

Last month, Tom Robinett, the Chamber's Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy, attended a ceremony in which Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D., signed House Sub. for Senate Bill 391, which establishes the "Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force." This task force will have a broad mission, which includes evaluating the progress of the current transportation program, making recommendations regarding the future needs of the state transportation system and identifying additional necessary transportation projects, among other duties.



Transportation long has been a top priority in the Chamber's State Legislative Agenda. For more information, [click here](#).

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



Chamber Calendar

Public Policy & Advocacy Committee

Friday, June 8 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, June 13 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Saint Luke's South Hospital, 12300 Metcalf Avenue

Free and open to Chamber members only

Leadership Overland Park Graduation

Sponsored by Emporia State University Kansas City

Friday, June 22 - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Marriott Kansas City Overland Park,
10800 Metcalf Avenue

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

Upcoming ribbon cuttings

Friday, June 1 - 10 a.m.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 15933 Antioch Road

Tuesday, June 5 - 4:30 p.m.

Riordan Clinic, 6300 West 143rd Street, Suite 205

Wednesday, June 6 - 4:00 p.m.

The University of Kansas Hospital Indian Creek,
10710 Nall Avenue

Thursday, June 14 - 4:30 p.m.

Signs by Tomorrow, 10049 West 87th Street

Friday, June 15 - 9:00 a.m.

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Friday, June 15 - 12:30 p.m.

Metcalf Village Apartments, 16201 Travis Street

Wednesday, June 20 - 8:30 a.m.

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Gear up for Elections 2018

By the time you read this, the long-awaited June 1 filing deadline will have arrived and we'll know the line-ups for local and state-wide races. Already, the field of candidates seeking the Governor's office is crowded, and many in our Johnson County state delegation have declared challengers. What's not certain is what our electorate will do when presented with so many choices.

The most important deadlines come a little later this summer, and I encourage you to share them with everyone in your circle who is an eligible voter:

July 17 – last day to register to vote for the primary

July 18 – advanced voting by mail begins

July 23 – advanced voting in person begins

August 6 – advanced voting in person closes at noon

August 7 – Primary Election

Some may wonder why I'm devoting space to reminders presumably everyone knows. Well, statistics indicate we're not hitting home runs with voter turnout, especially in primary elections. I've lived in three states, and this is by far the easiest place I've experienced to vote. You can vote in advance by mail, or show up at several sites in person in the weeks preceding the election at your convenience. And you'll still get your "I Voted" sticker! Or traditionalists can join your neighbors on election day at your polling place. All achieve the same result, which is to make your choice in governing our community at the local, state and federal level.

Recently I've heard the same phrase mentioned in a variety of settings, which is that elections have consequences. There are consequences of voting – and also of not voting – and thinking the primary doesn't matter much anyway because the "real" election is in the fall, so we'll just sit this one out until we let the candi-

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

– Abraham Lincoln

dates shake out. There are consequences in letting others select for you, and still others when voters don't make an informed choice. You may think by "informed," I mean they don't agree with me, but quite to the contrary. Informed decisions are not made by selecting the name recalled from a yard sign or a stack of postcards in the mail box, but from research about a candidate's positions on issues, and for incumbents, their voting record, not just platitudes.

The Chamber, through our partnership with other chambers in the region comprising the Johnson County Public Policy Council, will host candidate forums and promote voter information and candidate surveys on www.votejoco.com. Additionally, we'll provide information on state senator and representative voter records before the primary so you can see how they voted on business issues this year. Previous years are also on our website.

Every year is an important election year. Let's raise the bar on voter engagement and participation this year. In the words of President Roosevelt, choose wisely.

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education."

– Franklin D. Roosevelt



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Build your business network!

Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

Wednesday, June 13

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



SOUTH HOSPITAL

12300 Metcalf Avenue



Join us for networking over coffee! This event will be a great opportunity to learn more about [Saint Luke's Health System's](#) many exciting developments including the construction of a state-of-the-art destination Rehabilitation Institute that will open in 2019. Saint Luke's South has been serving our community for 20 years. It is the only hospital in Johnson County to earn a 5-star quality rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which measures effectiveness, safety, and patient satisfaction.

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LEADERSHIP OVERLAND PARK

General Membership Luncheon & Leadership Overland Park Graduation

Friday, June 22

12:00-1:30 p.m. (check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.)

Marriott Kansas City Overland Park, 10800 Metcalf Avenue

Join us as we celebrate the graduation of our 2018 Leadership Overland Park Class!

Featured Speaker: Dr. Joseph Sopcich,
President, Johnson County Community College

Dr. Sopcich will speak on "Leadership Lessons from Around the World." Throughout his life, Dr. Sopcich has been able to visit and have extended stays in four countries on four different continents. He will share leadership lessons and experiences from these various places – Chile, Russia, Uganda and Pakistan.



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Leadership class studies regionalism and economic development

Last month the Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class focused on regionalism and economic development.

During Regionalism Day, a shared session with other Johnson County leadership classes, members heard from Joe Reardon, President and CEO of the Greater Kansas City Chamber, about regional initiatives including a pilot partnership with Google for a transportation platform. A panel of area mayors discussed issues of the region and class members heard presentations by leaders from Kansas City Area Development Council, Downtown Council of Kansas City, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Kauffman Foundation and Visit KC.

During the Economic Development session, class members learned about the economic development process from Beth Johnson, the Chamber's Senior Vice

President of Economic Development. They also heard from a variety of speakers involved in economic development who offered different perspectives on areas such as talent attraction, tourism, small business resources, city planning and the importance of economic development to existing companies in Overland Park.

The class enjoyed a guided VIP tour of the construction site of the Overland One office buildings that include the future headquarters of **Creative Planning**.



Top: Beth Johnson speaks about economic development efforts in Overland Park.

Above: LOP class members heard from a number of representatives from throughout the Kansas City region who addressed a variety of issues effecting our community

Left: LOP class members toured the Overland One development under construction at I-435 and Nall Avenue.





A panel of Johnson County legislators presented final updates on the 2018 Legislative Session at this year's final legislative breakfast presented last month by the Johnson County Public Policy Council.

Chamber to provide resources for 2018 fall elections

The Overland Park Chamber and the Johnson County Public Policy Council (JCPC) is gearing up for the primary election on August 7 and the general election on November 6.

The Chamber will be releasing its 2018 Voting Record,

which summarizes how Johnson County legislators voted on important business issues related to the Chamber's legislative agenda. JCPC will be hosting a series of candidate forums, which you'll be able to learn about at www.votejoco.com.



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen presented new member plaques to some of our newest Chamber members at last month's Wednesday Wake-up networking event.

Receiving plaques were Beth Langdon, **ACA Business Club KC**; Jeff Alderman, **Accreditation for Business Schools & Programs**; Dr. Roger Anderson, **Anderson Chiropractic Center**; Barbie Benson, **Azura Credit Union**; Heather Tapp, **Big Whiskey's**; Mary Anna Oma, **Brookridge Day School**; Becky Hundelt, **Candlewood Suites Lenexa & Overland Park**; Mike Hauser, **DesignHaus Studio**; Scott Hinderks and Bill Rowlen, **Flury-Hinderks Insurance Agency**; Lisa Lovejoy, **Kneaders Bakery and Cafe**; Katie Carr, **Lillian James Creative**; Tania Allen, **Lowe's Home Improvement**; Taylor Williams, **Rothwell Construction, Inc.**; Nadine Smith, **The Sjolokade Bar-Fine Artisan Chocolates**; Joy Broils, Marquis Queen, Lauren Robson and Jeff Daniel, **SLCKET**; Jon Selisker, **Summit Lawn and Landscape**; and Sadie Gardner, **WCA Waste**.



City Councilmember Paul Lyons, Chamber Vice President Beth Johnson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Mike & Wendy Hauser and their team celebrate their new space for **DesignHaus Studio**, 7905 Santa Fe Drive in Downtown Overland Park. DesignHaus is a creative studio with a focus on building brands through graphic and interior design. For more information: (913) 296-8029 or www.designhaus-studio.com.



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Chamber Diplomats helped **Kneaders Bakery and Cafe** celebrate a ribbon cutting for its grand opening at 12180 Blue Valley Parkway. Kneaders is a family-style restaurant featuring artisan breads baked daily in Italian hearthstone ovens, delicious sandwiches, mouthwatering European pastries, hearty soups and refreshing salads. For more information: (913) 624-3920 or www.kneaders.com.



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Renee Washburn and Sheila Commodore and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **The Lash Lounge Overland Park**, 6435 West 135th Street. The Lash Lounge is an upscale eyelash salon specializing in volume eyelash extensions, eyebrow extensions, tinting, threading, and more. For more information: (913) 270-0710 or www.thelashlounge.com.

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Edson Ludwig tells about his restaurant, **Porto Do Sul Brazilian Steakhouse**.



Chasity Robinson Mwangi and Howard Turley, **Morningside Place Alzheimer's & Memory Support**.

Member Orientation



Chris Curtis, **Candlewood Suites-Overland Park**; Bob Young, **ACA Business Club**.



Joy Broils tells about her company, **SLCKET**.



Melissa Hart, Jennifer Ade, Ryan Trowbridge and Tania Allen, all with **Lowe's Home Improvement**; Kat Salvo, **Morgan Hunter**.

Partner Spotlight:



Shawnee Mission Health's newest location in south Overland Park brings the same high-quality, convenient health care SMH is known for to southeastern Johnson County.

In addition to the emergency department, laboratory and imaging center on campus, the medical office building features Shawnee Mission Internal Medicine & Pediatrics, PT Solutions physical therapy, dermatology, cardiology and endocrinology services, as well as a 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 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 Consentino's Market in BluHawk, along with several others.

In addition to the south Overland Park campus, the SMH network includes the Shawnee Mission Medical Center campus in Merriam, SMH-Prairie Star campus in Lenexa, four Centra Care Shawnee Mission Urgent Care locations, along with physician practices throughout Johnson and Leavenworth Counties.

Visit www.ShawneeMission.org for more information.



State senators John Skubal and Dinah Sykes, City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Bud, Chip & Mary Tollie celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of **Pilgrim Coffee Company**, 12643 Metcalf Avenue. For more information: (913) 258-5415 or www.pilgrimcoffeecompany.com.



City Councilmember Paul Lyons, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Expansion Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owner Nadine Smith celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Sjolokolade Bar-Fine Artisan Chocolates and Dessert Bar** in **Oak Park Mall**. Nadine is a graduate of the Ecole chocolatier program. Sjolokolade offers cakes, pies, ice cream, crepes, specialty items and caters special events. For more information: www.thesjolokoladebar.com.



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owner Chris Crum and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the newly expanded **Online Trading Academy**, 7501 College Boulevard. The new facility includes state-of-the-art technology and a large open gathering space. For more information: (913) 956-7050 or www.tradingacademy.com.

Chamber Diplomat volunteers help welcome new businesses



The business professionals who volunteer as Chamber Diplomats play a key role in welcoming, engaging, and expanding relationships within the Chamber and they also help recruit new members. Involvement in this committee provides an opportunity to develop relationships and build your network through a smaller group and share information important to your industry.

If you are interested in getting further involved, contact Stacey Cowan, Director of Membership, at (913) 766-7604 or scowan@opchamber.org.

Thank you to our current Diplomats:

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- Rebekah Fosbinder, Little Sunshine's Playhouse & Preschool
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- Kate Sweeten, Downtown Overland Park Partnership, Inc.
- Amie Walter, American Cancer Society



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Josh Bitterman and Rob George and General Manager Nicole Salmeto and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Goldfish Swim School-Overland Park**, 7541 West 119th Street. For more information: (913) 369-7946 or www.goldfishswimschool.com/overlandpark.



City Council Member Fred Spears, Chamber EDC Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped John Geiger, Market President; Gary Yager, President & CEO; and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of **Vision Bank**, 11120 West 135th Street. For more information: (913) 602-8324 or www.visionbanking.com.



City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber Past Chairman Michael Tracy and Chamber Diplomats helped **Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas'** Kelly Kearney and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new TurnStyles Thrift Store, 11310 West 135th Street. For more information: (913) 909-2485 or [click here](#).



As part of the Forward OP initiative, more than 230 community members came back together in a series of ten community conversations to continue the conversation that began in January about the future of Overland Park. Participants rated and commented on draft vision and goals based upon the ideas generated at the Imagine Tomorrow Workshop. The draft goals focused on four major initiative areas: "Connecting our People," "Caring for our People," "Strengthening our Quality of Place," and "Enhancing our Economy."

Member News & Events

The annual Overland Park Civic Band summertime performances on Sunday evenings begin at 7 p.m. on **June 3** at Santa Fe Commons. The band plays each Sunday evening through July 1 at the community park.

Tickets and sponsorships are available for Stems, a lovely garden party and the premier networking event in Johnson County held on **June 23** in the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. Proceeds from the event ensure that **The Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park** can continue to support and develop Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, and city art installations.

Shafer, Kline & Warren Inc., has been acquired by McClure Engineering Co., of Clive, Ia.

Johnson County Government's latest community

satisfaction survey shows residents continue to have a very high satisfaction level with their quality of life.

Charlie's Car Wash is the new name of the former Green Lantern Car Wash.

The **Johnson County Museum** is now a Blue Star Museum welcoming active duty service members and their families with free admission Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The University of Saint Mary will offer the only Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner specialty track in Kansas with classes starting in August.

Kansas State Olathe is offering three STEM-based summer camps for middle school students this summer.

St. Joseph Medical Center recently invested in the NAVIO Surgical System, a cutting-edge platform that provides robotic assistance in

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At last month's Economic Development Council Investors Lunch, a three-year update on KC Rising was presented by KC Rising Co-Chair Sandy Price. KC Rising is the Kansas City region's 20-year plan to accelerate economic growth and stay competitive as a region in output, income, and quality jobs. KC Rising's mission is to be in the Top 10 of peer metros in quality jobs, gross metropolitan output and median household income.

Unemployment

	Mar. 2018	Mar. 2017
Overland Park	2.8%	3.1%
Johnson County	2.9%	3.1%
Kansas City Metro MSA	3.6%	4.2%
State of Kansas	3.4%	4.2%

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

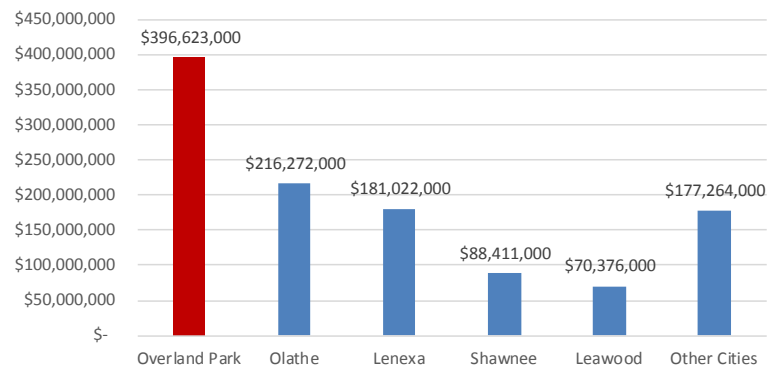
Building Permits in Overland Park

	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools	Other Commercial	Totals
April 2018	2	0	42	44
Square Feet	26,553	N/A	18,400	44,953
Value	\$2,305,605	\$0	\$14,598,489	\$16,904,094

– City of Overland Park

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knee replacement surgery, making it the first and only facility in Kansas City to have the half-a-million-dollar system.

The University of Kansas has signed an agreement with Metropolitan Community College that reduces financial and time commitment barriers community college students face in completing their education at a four-year institution.

The Builders' Association presented safety excellence awards to contractor members including these Overland Park Chamber members: **McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.**; **A.L. Huber, Inc.**; **U.S. Engineering Company**; and **HNTB Corp.**

Recipients of the Healthgrades 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Award™ include **Menorah Medical Center**, **Saint Luke's South Hospital** and **St. Joseph Medical Center**. The designation recognizes superior performance of hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays. The Healthgrades Outstanding Patient Experience

Award™ recognizing hospitals that provide an overall outstanding patient experience named these Chamber members: **Shawnee Mission Medical Center** and **The University of Kansas Health System**.

Prime Healthcare named Steven D. Wilkinson, FACHE, as CEO for the Kansas City region which includes **St. Joseph Medical Center**. Wilkinson served as 2005 Chairman of the Overland Park Chamber.

Julie Rathjen is the new community relations coordinator for **Tutera Senior Living & Healthcare**.

Brad Drees has joined **Block Real Estate Services** as the new general manager of Corporate Woods.

OMNI Human Resource Management announced these new staff additions: Scott McTague as Senior Consultant and Professional Development Practice Leader; Hilary Harvey as Search Consultant; and Sarah Floodberg as Employee Services Consultant.

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