



Chamber Board and staff celebrated the recent Federal District Court ruling on the **Sprint** and T-Mobile merger.

Federal Court ruling advances Sprint/T-Mobile merger

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chamber leaders applauded a Federal Court's recent favorable decision that Sprint and T-Mobile can take final steps in completing their company merger.

The Chamber has been a longtime supporter of the action. In a *Kansas City Star* guest editorial in June 2018, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen explained why the merger would be beneficial to the Kansas City area.

With the Sprint Campus serving as the merged company's second headquarters, Oltjen said, "This recognizes the incredible assets our region and Sprint bring to the table: Kansas City's innovative, hard-working talent, low cost of living and the unique real estate asset of the Sprint campus in Overland Park. This positions us well for Kansas City to remain at the center of wireless innovation for the combined company."

For more information about the merger, [click here](#).



Our Young Professionals are gathering for a Happy Hour event this month.

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FOX 4 News Anchor John Holt emceed the annual EDC Honors Lunch in which eight Overland Park companies were recognized.

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday Wake-up

Monthly networking event.

Wednesday, March 11

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Oakwood WaterWalk

11200 Glenwood Street

SMSD Board Meet & Greet

Co-hosted with Lenexa, Northeast Johnson County and Shawnee chambers of commerce

Thursday, March 12

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Center for Academic Achievement

8200 West 71st Street

Public Policy Committee

Featuring Rep. Chris Croft

Friday, March 13

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber

State of the County Address & Luncheon

Presented by the Johnson County Public Policy Council

Tuesday, March 24

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center

Center

10401 South Ridgeview Road

Ribbon Cuttings & Groundbreakings

Ajilon Paladin

Thursday, March 5 - 4:00 p.m.

10810 Mastin Street, Suite 600

Arvest Bank

Wednesday, March 11 - 2:00 p.m.

9545 Metcalf Avenue

Spectrum Store

Thursday, March 12 - 9:00 a.m.

1921 West 119th Street

Axcet HR Solutions

Tuesday, March 24 - 3:30 p.m.

10975 Grandview Drive, Suite 200

Club at Indian Creek

Wednesday, March 25 - 4:30 p.m.

10380 Conser Street

Groundbreaking for Colonial Village Memory Care

Tuesday, March 31 - 3:00 p.m.

12500 West 137th Street

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Do we already know everything we need to know?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tracey Osborne Oltjen, CCE
Chamber President & CEO

Most people don't recall the speaker at their high school or college graduation, and neither can I. But, the administrators at William Jewell College might be surprised that I still have the tiny poster they handed me at Baccalaureate. I've kept it in each of my offices through the years because I love its simple message: All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten.

You might remember these from Robert Fulghum's popular book of short essays by the same name. Some of the basics:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

There are the practical: Flush. And joyful: Warm cookies and milk are good for you. And take a nap every afternoon. (I wish!)

I was reminded of these kindergarten rules a few months ago while attending K-State's December graduation for the College of Agriculture. The students will likely not recall the name of their excellent speaker years from now, but I hope her message remains. Faculty member Dr. Christine Wilson provided a framework of employers' expectations for their futures.

If she had a mantra, it would have been choices, persistence and resilience. In every situation we're faced with, we are presented with an opportunity. How we respond is the test. The choices we make – the persistence we choose to show – the resilience we have in the face of adversity – will determine our success. While careers and grad school were on the minds of those graduating seniors, this counsel was advice for life, not just for the new grads but also for all of us in the audience.

Dr. Wilson's focus on our choices resonated with me. It seems that now every year has become an election year. We have important choices to make at the ballot box,



but we also must make critical choices long before we get there. We must be intentional about the information we receive from and about candidates or about issues critical to our community. What do we believe? What do we pass on to friends, family and colleagues who trust us? Check a variety of sources and media types. Ask questions and do some of your own research. And next, who will we select to guide us in the future at all levels? Are they the intentional, visionary leaders who will move us forward? What examples are they setting? What kind of discourse do you expect from them?

As I hear the lack of civility mourned it's clear to me that we must insist on high standards from our elected leaders and from our citizens, too. Weary of Facebook fights, Twitter wars or scorched earth accusations in public meetings? Me, too.

We won't always agree. Healthy debate is necessary in our democracy to bring all voices to the table, ensuring everyone is heard. But effective democracy requires adherence to principles of respect to allow true civil discourse.

It's been a long time since I was in kindergarten. While the technology and situations have changed, the fundamental rules haven't. #playnice

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Wake-up offers networking opportunity

Join us for networking at our monthly morning coffee at [Oakwood Waterwalk](#), one of Overland Park's newest communities offering both extended-stay hotel amenities and unfurnished apartments. Perfect for a few nights, a few weeks, or even a few years, WaterWalk can accommodate a variety of lifestyles and needs. Come see for yourself!

Wednesday, March 11

8:00-9:00 a.m.

2020 Series Sponsor:



Hosted by



11200 Glenwood Street

Free and open to Chamber members only.

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

Legislative Update luncheon to feature JoCo legislators

Johnson County legislators will provide an update from the Statehouse during upcoming Legislative Update luncheons presented by the Johnson County Public Policy Council at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park**, 10100 College Boulevard.

Tuesday, April 7 - 12:00-1:30 p.m. lunch

Featuring Senators Molly Baumgardner, Barbara Bollier and John Skubal and Representatives David Benson, Tom Cox, Jarrod Ousley and Jerry Stogsdill.

Thursday, May 14 - 12:00-1:30 p.m. lunch

Featuring Senator Pat Pettey and Representatives Stephanie Clayton, Cindy Holscher, Jan Kessinger, Nancy Lusk and Megan Lynn.

\$33 for Chamber members and \$38 for non-members

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

JoCo chambers offer meet and greet with SMSD Board

Join us for a joint networking event co-hosted by the Overland Park, Leawood, Lenexa, NE Johnson County and Shawnee chambers of commerce to meet and mingle with [Shawnee Mission School District](#) Board of Education members.

Thursday, March 12

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Center for Academic Achievement

8200 West 71st Street

Free and open to Chamber members only.

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

Chairman Eilert to present State of the County

Chairman Ed Eilert will present his annual State of the County Address at a luncheon for business professionals.

Tuesday, March 24

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel

10401 South Ridgeview Road



\$35 per person; \$425 for a corporate table of 10

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

Young Professionals to mingle at Happy Hour

Join other young professionals for networking, drink specials, and complimentary appetizers during a Happy Hour event!

Hosted by

Wednesday, March 25

5:00-6:30 p.m.



11652 Ash Street

Free for Chamber members.

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

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Non-Profit Organizations

Drew Aggus joins staff



Drew Aggus has joined the Chamber staff as Member Services Coordinator.

In addition to assisting members, he will manage front-of-house functions including assisting guests and scheduling conference room rentals.

"The Overland Park Chamber is clearly devoted to serving its members and its community," Drew said, "and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to join this wonderful team."

Thanks for your reinvestment!

JANUARY MEMBER RENEWALS INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

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Capitol Federal Savings Bank
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40-49 Years

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Recent Events

CELEBRATING GRAND OPENINGS & EXPANSIONS



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For more information: (913) 336-1755 or www.panerabread.com.



Sweet Tooth Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, 7381 West 133rd Street, Suite 303
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WEDNESDAY WAKE-UP NETWORKING



Members networking at the February Wednesday Wake-up event hosted by Genesis Health Clubs.

AdventHealth opens new facility in heart of Overland Park

CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

AdventHealth College Boulevard brings the same whole-person, convenient health care AdventHealth is known for to the heart of Overland Park.

AdventHealth College Boulevard includes a 24/7 full-service emergency department with lab and imaging services. The emergency department features eight exam rooms and the imaging center includes ultrasound, X-ray, fluoroscopy and CT scans.

The facility will continue to be built out over the next year with a primary care practice on the second floor and an outpatient health and wellness center on the third floor that will feature integrative medicine, nutritional medicine and functional medicine to complement traditional medical care.

AdventHealth is also extending its commitment to the health and well-being of the community for Johnson County residents through a variety of partnerships including Deanna Rose Farmstead, Blue Valley Educational Foundation, The Arboretum and Town Center Plaza, along with several others.

In addition to AdventHealth College Boulevard, the AdventHealth network includes the AdventHealth Shawnee Mission campus in Shawnee Mission, AdventHealth South Overland Park in southeastern Johnson County, AdventHealth Lenexa campus in west Lenexa, three AdventHealth Centra Care locations, along with physician practices located throughout Johnson and Leavenworth counties.

Visit AdventHealthKC.com for more information.



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Companies receive EDC Honors Awards

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber Economic Development council recently recognized several companies for their contributions to the Overland Park economy. Mayor Carl Gerlach and 2019 EDC Chairman Roger Summers, **Fogel-Anderson Construction**; helped Beth Johnson, Chamber Senior Vice President of Economic Development, present the awards. [McCownGordon Construction](#) was the Event Sponsor.



Ken Block accepted the **Business Hall of Honor Award** on behalf of **Block Real Estate Services**.



Dr. Kim Gandy, Founder & CEO, accepted a **NOVA Award** for **Play-it Health**.



Lisa Ragan, Founder & Owner, accepted a **NOVA Award** for **Safely Delicious**.



Angela Hurt, President & CEO, accepted a **NOVA Award** for **Veracity Consulting**.



Robin Harrold, Vice President, accepted a **Commercial Development Award** on behalf of **AdventHealth**.



Brenner Holland, Senior Vice President for **Hunt Midwest**, accepted a **Commercial Development Award** on behalf of **The Vue**.



Stu Stram, Sports Marketing Specialist for **Price Brothers**, accepted a **Commercial Development Award** on behalf of **Bluhawk**.



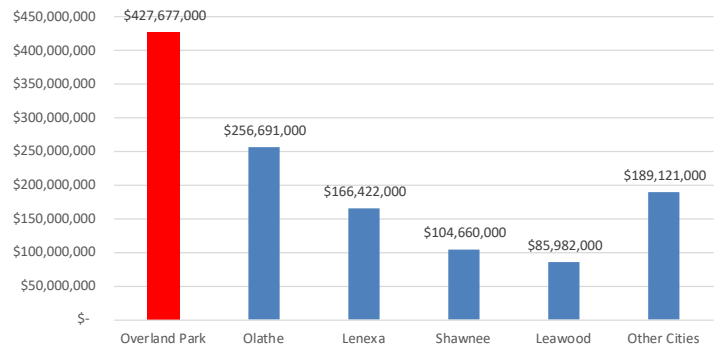
Bill Miller, CEO, accepted a **Commercial Development Award** on behalf of **WellSky Corporation**.

Overland Park Statistics

| Building Permits | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | New Commercial | Institutional, Schools | Other Commercial | Totals |
| Dec. 2019 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 33 |
| Sq. Feet | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Value | N/A | N/A | \$8,071,775 | \$8,071,775 |

– City of Overland Park

Overland Park Retail Sales November 2019



Some of our newest Chamber members receiving new member plaques: John Valas, **Another Broken Egg Cafe**; Don Swartz, **Swartz + Associates**; Trish Reedy, **Trusted Lending Center**; David Sauer, **Game Show Battle Rooms**; George Hornbeck, **Ad Astra Financial Group**; Kim Koerner, **Rasmussen Law, LLC**; Jayme Gray and Christian Jackson, **DexaFit KC**; and Denny Dobbins, **Sweet Tooth Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics**. Presenting the plaques were Chamber Board representative Steve Troester, **PGAV Architects**; Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen; and Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan.

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Member News

GOOD NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Employers have until March 2 to register for the 2020 KANSASWORKS Job Fair taking place on April 2 at the Johnson County Central Resource Library.

The City of Overland Park has announced an engaging series of events and activities to celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2020.

Retail Success, LLC, has acquired ByDesign Technologies, LLC, the premier provider of business management tools for the direct selling industry.

Terracon has acquired Skelly and Loy, an environmental consulting and engineering services company with more than 50 years in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Allied National, Inc., is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Club 27 at **Sykes/Lady Overland Park Golf Club** received first place in *Golf Inc.* magazine's 2020 international Golden Fork Awards.

MarksNelson, LLC, has named Josh Beck as Managing Partner. Josh serves on the Chamber Board and is a 2019 LOP graduate.

Michael Knecht has been named president for **AdventHealth Shawnee Mission**. Sam Huenergardt will continue to lead the Mid-America Region as CEO and Karsten Randolph will continue to serve as executive vice president and regional CFO.

Molly Kocour Boyle has been appointed President, **AT&T Kansas**. In this role, she will work closely with community leaders, policymakers, employees, business leaders and customers.

Drs. Chad and Curt Welter, **Active Family Chiropractor**, recently donated equipment to their alma mater, **Cleveland University-Kansas City**, that gives students access to some of the most current laser therapy available.

Dawn Crouch, **Oliver Insurance Agency**, has achieved President's Club distinction, which honors the top 25 life, health and annuity agents nationwide for Auto-Owners Life Insurance Company in a calendar year.

To submit member news, visit the Member News page at www.opchamber.org.