

## Chamber endorses City infrastructure proposal

**The Overland Park Chamber Board of Directors voted to endorse a 3/8th cent sales tax dedicated to infrastructure improvements in the City of Overland Park.**

The Board's action follows a unanimous decision of the Overland Park City Council to have voters weigh in on the proposal in a special mail-in ballot this

June. The tax, dedicated to infrastructure, replaces the current 1/8th cent sales tax that expires in March of 2024.

If approved by voters, the proposal would generate approximately an additional \$16.5 million dedicated to repairing and replacing streets, sidewalks, and

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The 2023 Leadership Overland Park class engaged with state leaders and got a behind-the-scenes look at state government operations during its State Day session at the Kansas Capitol in Topeka.

## Chamber Board

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## Our Opportunity is NOW

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

#### On March 28 your Chamber celebrated a milestone.

Thanks to 69 investors ranging from small businesses to some of our largest employers, we've committed nearly \$3.2 million over the next five years to an aggressive economic and community development strategic plan. That plan is called Opportunity NOW.

#### This is a big deal.

Why? This effort was unique in our region; a first for our organization. Our Board and staff team listened to our businesses who told us about their challenges and what they needed to prosper. We knew that to tackle issues like the talent pipeline, we would need to expand our capacity. First, we needed a comprehensive plan. And, we knew a successful strategy would require more resources and more hands on deck to get the job done.

Long story short: in the past 18 months, we've completed a feasibility study, developed a five-year strategic plan, and raised

the money to implement it. You know that plans don't make things happen. People do.

We have many talented people coming together to tackle Opportunity NOW's goals. They'll target specific strategies to build our talent pipeline, attract more quality jobs and investment and enhance our pro-business environment. One of our first action steps is to add a dedicated talent and workforce division to our Chamber staff team. We'll announce our first hire soon.

I'm grateful to all who invested in Opportunity NOW to strengthen our economic vitality. And a special thanks goes to our campaign leaders: Bill Ferguson, **Central Bank of the Midwest**; Neelima Parasker, **SnapIT Solutions, LLC**; Bridgette Williams, **Heavy Constructors Association**; and Kim Winslow, **Eergy**.

Amelia Earhart said, "The most effective way to do it, is to do it." In that spirit, work is already underway. Check out the plan at: [link](#). I would enjoy talking to you if you'd like to learn more about this effort.

Our opportunity truly is NOW.

For more details, [click here](#).



# Upcoming events

## Wednesday Wake-up

**Wednesday, April 12** – 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
**Fusion Bank**, 7800 College Boulevard

At this monthly networking event, make connections, develop lasting business relationships and create new opportunities, all while enjoying coffee and breakfast items.

Learn more about our host, a full service, home-owned Kansas bank. Fusion Bank has been named one of the five strongest banks in Kansas City by the *Kansas City Business Journal*.

Free for Chamber members - [register here](#).



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## First Adjournment Discussion

**Thursday, April 13** – 3:30-5:00 p.m.

**The University of Kansas Edwards Campus**,  
12600 Quivira Road

The Johnson County Public Policy Council invites you to hear from Johnson County lawmakers following the legislators first adjournment.

Participating lawmakers:

- Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes
- Sen. Molly Baumgardner
- Sen. Ethan Corson
- Rep. Jo Ella Hoye
- Rep. Sean Tarwater

Free for Chamber members - [register here](#).



## OP After Hours

**Thursday, April 20** – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**GRID Collaborative Workspaces**,  
12022 Blue Valley Parkway

Join us at OP After Hours for a fun evening of networking, delicious appetizers and drinks. This event is a great opportunity to see the private offices, dedicated desks, coworking, fully equipped conference and classrooms, and event spaces available at GRID.

Attendance at this event is an exclusive benefit for Chamber members only.

Register by noon on April 18 - [click here](#).



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## Ribbon cuttings

**April 4** – KidScape at **Johnson County Museum**,  
8788 Metcalf Avenue – 8:00 a.m.

**April 4** – Cardiovascular ICU and Cardiovascular Specialty Unit at **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**, 10500 Quivira Road – 4:00 p.m.

**April 12** – Midwest Perinatal Associates at **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**, 10500 Quivira Road – 4:00 p.m.

**April 14** – **Scenthound**, 6519 West 119th Street – 12:00 p.m.



## State of the City

**Tuesday, April 25** – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Aspiria Auditorium**, 6300 Sprint Parkway

Overland Park consistently ranks as one of the best cities in the nation for its quality of life and robust business environment.

The Mayor's Annual State of the City Address explores why Overland Park continues to attract businesses and residents. We invite you to join us to hear about the city's successes, challenges, and plans for the future.

The Mayor will highlight Overland Park's successes and focus on priorities for the future, including attracting and retaining talent.

\$22 for Chamber members

\$30 for non-members

Register by noon on April 18 - [click here](#).



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## Community Blood Drive

**Thursday, April 27** – 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Our local blood supply must increase in order to meet local hospital need. Please donate during this Community Blood Drive at the Overland Park Chamber.

Appointments are strongly recommended; walk-ins are accepted, based on capacity.

Free for Chamber members.

To schedule an appointment, [click here](#).



**Chamber endorses city proposal continued . . .**

other related infrastructure needs. The tax proposal follows on the heels of recommendations by the Infrastructure Advisory Group (IAG).

The IAG, comprised of 19 residents representing all areas of the city, met for several months in 2021 and 2022 to assess the needs, prioritization, practices and funding of the City's infrastructure programs in order to identify areas to sustain and improve program effectiveness for the next 10 to 15 years," according to the City.

The City and Chamber will provide more information on the ballot language and how the funding will be used. The difference in tax rate would equate to an additional 3-cents on a \$12 meal.

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

**Sales Tax Comparison of Common Expenditures**

	with proposed 3/8-cent sales tax	with current 1/8-cent sales tax	Difference
<b>Tax rate</b>	<b>9.35%</b>	<b>9.10%</b>	
\$12 – single lunch meal	\$13.12	\$13.09	\$0.03
\$75 – school supplies per child	\$82.01	\$81.83	\$0.18
\$100 – dinner for 2	\$109.35	\$109.10	\$0.25
\$111 – Hotel room/night (includes transient guest tax)	\$131.48	\$131.09	\$0.39
\$225 – Weekly grocery bill (family of 4)	\$246.04	\$245.48	\$0.56
\$600 – new TV	\$656.10	\$654.60	\$1.50
\$1,000 – new laptop	\$1,093.50	\$1,091.00	\$2.50
\$50,000 – new car	\$54,675.00	\$54,550.00	\$125.00

**Sponsorships available!**



**2023 Golf Tournament**  
August 14, 2023

We have many opportunities to promote your company to the nearly 150 business professionals who participate in the Chamber's popular annual Golf Tournament.

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- Par Sponsor** ..... \$1,000
- Awards Reception Sponsor** ..... **Sold!**
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- Soft Drinks Sponsor**..... In-kind or \$1,000
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- Hole Sponsor** ..... \$500

For details, [click here](#) or contact Alex at [acook@opchamber.org](mailto:acook@opchamber.org) or (913) 766-7603.





# Welcome to the Chamber!

## INTRODUCING OUR MARCH NEW MEMBERS

### A Place At Home—Kansas City South

Brad Haag, Owner/General Manager  
12022 Blue Valley Parkway  
Overland Park KS 66221  
[www.aplaceathome.com](http://www.aplaceathome.com)  
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*Associations, Non-Profit Organizations*

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Repairing - Building Contractors*

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Kerry Jo Katz, Annual Fund Associate  
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(913) 649-9714  
info@growingfutureseec.org  
[www.growingfutureseec.org](http://www.growingfutureseec.org)  
*Non-Profit Organizations, Educational  
Services*

### Heroes Lawn Care of Overland Park

Jared Lane, Co-Owner  
10651 Kaw Drive, Suite 400  
Edwardsville KS 66111  
(913) 347-6246  
[www.heroeslawncare.com/  
edwardsville-kansas](http://www.heroeslawncare.com/edwardsville-kansas)  
*Landscaping & Lawn Services*

### Hyatt Place Kansas City / Overland Park / Metcalf

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6801 West 112th Street  
Overland Park KS 66211  
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[www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)  
*Hotels*

### JINYA Ramen Bar

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Overland Park KS 66223  
(913) 261-9598  
[www.jinyaramenbar.com](http://www.jinyaramenbar.com)  
*Restaurants*

### KC Web Specialists

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Overland Park KS 66223  
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Info@kcwebspecialists.com  
[www.kcwebspecialists.com](http://www.kcwebspecialists.com)  
*Website Design, Websites*

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*Home Improvements, Contractors-General*

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# Thanks for reinvesting!

## MARCH MEMBER RENEWALS

### 50+ Years

Johnson County Funeral Chapel & Memorial  
Gardens

### 40-49 Years

Lathrop GPM LLP  
Marriott Kansas City Overland Park

### 20-39 Years

API Broadcast Advertising  
Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate-Phil  
Summerson  
COBLE MCCUNE Wealth Management  
CommunityAmerica Credit Union  
Copaken Brooks  
Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City  
United Way of Greater Kansas City  
Walmart-157th & Metcalf

### 10-19 Years

CBRE Group Inc.  
Chick-fil-A at Oak Park Plaza  
Charlie's Car Wash  
Erickson Solutions Group  
Hovey Williams LLP  
Merrill Companies  
MidAmerica Rehabilitation Hospital  
Overland Park Wealth Management  
Searles Valley Minerals

### 5-9 Years

Choice Physicians Group  
Coco Bolos Mexican Grill & Cantina  
Edward Jones - Jim Easley  
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KidsTLC, Inc.  
Occidental Management, Inc.  
Rock & Brews Overland Park  
Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes, P.C.

### 1-4 Years

Aubrey Vineyards  
Budget Blinds of Overland Park  
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Fantastic Sams Cut & Color  
Fleming Advisors, LLC  
Heartland Business Capital  
Hustle & Ground  
Intrepid Direct Insurance  
Jennings Social Media and Martech  
K9 Resorts Luxury Pet Hotel of Overland Park  
Keller Williams - Maureen Mitchell  
Motus Ninjas  
My Place Hotel  
Novel Place Senior Living  
ProCore Resource Group  
Swartz + Associates, Inc.  
TFI Family Services  
The INN at Meadowbrook  
The Vue

# LOP class studies state and city government

Leadership Overland Park class members learned about government – both state and city – during sessions in March.

During a State Day session held jointly with Leadership Lenexa, Leadership Northeast, Leadership Olathe, Leadership Overland Park, and Shawnee Tomorrow, the class heard from Johnson County legislators, Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, Interim Kansas Secretary of Transportation Calvin Reed and Lieutenant Governor David Toland. They also learned from a panel of lobbyists and toured the Capitol Building.

During City Government & Public Safety Day, the class heard from department heads for overviews of police, fire and emergency operations, and public works and traffic. They saw displays of command vehicles and equipment and a K9 demonstration. They had discussions with Mayor Curt Skoog and City Manager Lori Luther before having dinner with the City Council and ending the day with a City Council meeting.

Upcoming sessions will focus on Johnson County Government and Regionalism.

2023 LOP Sponsor:



Lunch Sponsor:



Members from last year's Leadership Overland Park class recently gathered at [Aspens Restaurant & Lounge](#) to catch up with each other.



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# Saint Luke's South celebrates 25 years of compassionate care

## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**Saint Luke's Health System** has cared for our community for more than 140 years. This year, Saint Luke's South Hospital is proud to celebrate 25 years of dedication and compassionate care.

Known for its high-quality care, Saint Luke's South offers:

- 24-hour emergency services
- Inpatient rehabilitation services in the state-of-the-art Saint Luke's Rehabilitation Institute
- Pain management care at Saint Luke's Pain Management Center in south Overland Park
- Expert, emergency care at Saint Luke's Community Hospitals
- Saint Luke's Jacobson & McElliott Diabetes & Endocrinology Center
- Saint Luke's South Goppert Breast Center

Saint Luke's South has a five-star rating, the highest awarded, for high-quality safety, effectiveness, and patient experience from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The hospital is also certified by The Joint Commission in orthopedic joint replacement for hip and knee, and designated a high performer in hip replacements by *U.S. News & World Report*.

For more information, visit [www.saintlukeskc.org](http://www.saintlukeskc.org).



City Council President Jim Kite joined the Chamber to help Andy Kuntz, CEO; and his team celebrate opening the fourth Overland Park location of **Andy's Frozen Custard**, 11220 Nall Avenue. Beginning with its original location at Osage Beach, Missouri, for more than 35 years, Andy's has used only the freshest ingredients for a frozen custard experience you can't get anywhere else.

For more info: (913) 735-0959 or [click here](#).



City Council President Jim Kite joined the Chamber in helping Tim Swenson and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **St. Croix Hospice**, 7200 College Boulevard.

The professionals at St. Croix Hospice are there when you need them the most. They support patients and families physically, emotionally and spiritually 24 hours a day, seven days a week with comfort and quality of life as their highest priorities. The hospice team provides physician services, skilled nursing, hospice aides, social work, spiritual care, bereavement, music therapy, massage and pet therapies.

For more info: (913) 354-5511 or [click here](#).



# Welcome!

Welcome to these new members since January:

- A Place At Home-Kansas City South
- AARP Kansas
- Adams Brown
- American Family Insurance - Dave Stanley
- Andy's Frozen Custard - Nall
- Andy's Frozen Custard - Prairiefire
- BCCM Construction Group
- Big O Tires
- BRR Architecture
- Charles River Labs
- Class 101
- Clements Chiropractic
- Distinctive Quality Painting
- Growing Futures Early Education Center
- Heroes Lawn Care of Overland Park
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Overland Park
- Hyatt Place Kansas City/Overland Park/Metcalf
- Jill Campbell Consulting LLC
- JINYA Ramen Bar
- Kansas Children's Service League
- KC Web Specialists
- Lean Kitchen
- Life 88.5
- NPOIS
- Peak Nine Design
- Red Door Home Store
- Scooter's Coffee
- Sentinel Protective Strategies
- Shear Couture
- Slush Your Mouth!
- Solutions Digital Consulting LLC
- Spencer J. Harris Photography
- Spradling Group
- SSC CPAs + Advisors
- Stern & Mauck, LLC
- Strang Chef Collective and Strang Reserve
- The Aesthetic Place
- Unite Private Networks
- Urban Egg a daytime eatery
- Zoomin Groomin



City Council Member Paul Lyons and Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen joined Bob Page, President & CEO; and Tammy Peterman, EVP/COO/CNO; and their team at [The University of Kansas Health System](#) to celebrate the opening of a new location at 6501 West 135th Street in Corbin Park.

The new primary and therapy care location brings high-quality care to the area and improves access for many new and established patients in a convenient location. It offers board-certified internal medicine primary care, which includes physician care and advanced practice nursing.

Other services include occupational therapy, physical therapy and lab services tied to care provided at the office. The location also features an on-site therapy gym, and subspecialized therapy services include treatment for cancer and pelvic health conditions.

For more info: (913) 588-1227 or [click here](#).



Mayor Curt Skoog and City Council Member Melissa Cheatham joined the Chamber to help Rep. Jesse Borjon, his family and staff celebrate a ribbon cutting to open the second location of [Red Door Home Store](#) at 3805 West 95th Street in Ranch Mart Shopping Center. Stop by to check out the beautiful home decor, furniture, floral arrangements and seasonal accents.

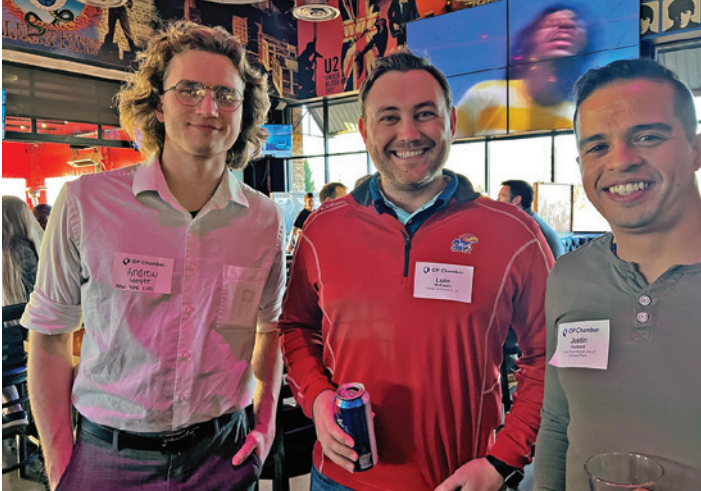
For more info: (913) 608-3399 or [click here](#).



## Recent Events

### MEMBERS CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS

Overland Park Young Professionals enjoyed a Mix & Mingle event at [Rock & Brews](#) in February.



## Central Bank customers enjoy best in class customer service

### CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

#### Central Bank of the Midwest's roots run deep in the communities it serves.

With five locations in Overland Park, Central Bank of the Midwest is built on a strong heritage of community banks with a team that is committed to its customers and the 28 communities it serves. With 48 full-service branches in the Kansas City metro and Lawrence area, Central Bank of the Midwest's associates pride themselves on providing a legendary experience for customers and fellow associates with a strong commitment to their core values. Offering a comprehensive package of products and services from personal and business checking and savings accounts to mortgages, small business banking services, commercial loans, and wealth management, Central Bank has a financial solution for all needs.

As an active supporter of the Overland Park community, Central Bank's associates

generously give their time to support numerous events in the Overland Park area. In addition to a board position with Downtown Overland Park, Central Bank and its associates proudly participate in the Fall Festival, Halloween trick or treating, and the Holiday Festival. A visit to Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead is not complete without a stop at Ben's Bank, proudly sponsored by Central Bank.

President and CEO Bill Ferguson was proud to serve as the 2021 Chairman of the Overland Park Chamber and on the Executive Committee in 2022. His commitment and engagement with the Chamber directly follows the vision of Mr. Ben Craig. Mr. Craig was a long-time associate at Central Bank of the Midwest and a lifetime supporter of the Overland Park Chamber. His legacy lives on in the Ben Craig Leadership Center at the Overland Park Chamber Foundation Building.

For more information, visit [www.centralbank.net](http://www.centralbank.net).





## Recent events

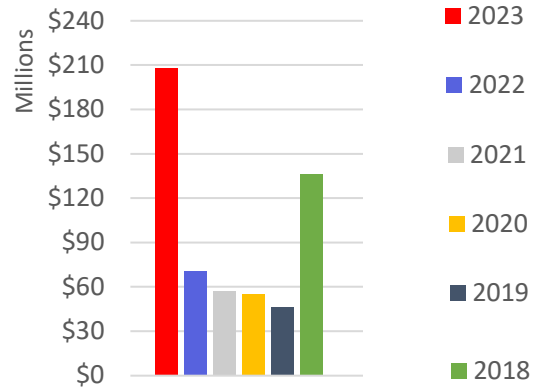
### MEMBERS CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS

Chamber members had the chance to see the high-tech, interactive game rooms at **BRKTHROUGH** at our Wednesday Wake-up in March. BRKTHROUGH's combination of physical, mental, and skill-based challenges is perfect for team-building, celebrations, family and social outings, and events of all kinds.



## Driving Economic Success

### Overland Park Commercial Permits Dollar Value – 1st Quarter

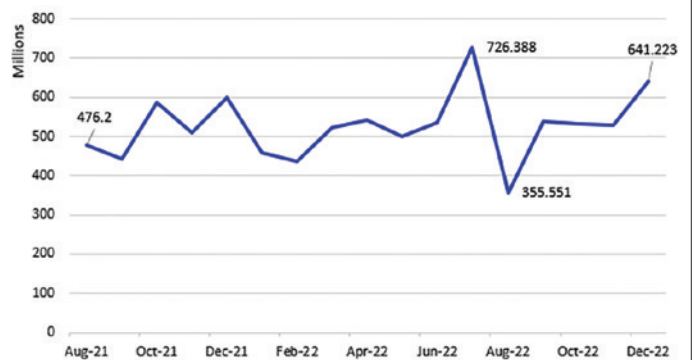


### Unemployment

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2022
Overland Park	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%
Johnson County	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%
Kansas City Metro MSA	2.7%	2.5%	3.4%
State of Kansas	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%

*(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)  
– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)  
– U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

### Overland Park Retail Sales Trends



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## Corporate Partners



City Council President Jim Kite joined the Chamber in helping Blake Heid, CEO; Mark Gehrt, Community President, Maria Collins, Branch Manager; and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for [First Option Bank](#), 7300 West 159th Street. This is the first location in Johnson County for First Option Bank, a full-service, locally owned community bank celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. For more info: (913) 557-0800 or [click here](#).

## Corporate Sponsors

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To add your name to this list, contact Tracey Osborne Oltjen at (913) 491-3600 or [tosborne@opchamber.org](mailto:tosborne@opchamber.org).

## Member News

**Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas City** has launched [Morning Glory Estate Sales](#), a new enterprise to provide experienced and professional estate liquidation services to clients in Johnson County Kansas.

**AdventHealth Kansas City** welcomed [three new physicians](#) to Johnson County medical practices: Neurologist John Eatman, MD; Family medicine physician Corrie Mallot, MD; and Hematologist oncologist Ali Shwaiki, MD.

**Olathe Public Schools** was named [12th best mid-size employer](#) in the U.S. by *Forbes* magazine.

**AdventHealth** welcomed [leading cardiologist Michelle Dew, MD, FACC](#), to the health system's growing Heart and Vascular Institute. She will establish the hospital system's regional women's heart care program.

**Johnson County Board of County Commissioners** approved nearly \$1.2 million to **Johnson County Community College** for upskilling or re-skilling Johnson County citizens using [Continuing Education Training Awards](#). Eligible residents can apply for awards up to \$7,500 to pay for coursework that could lead to higher-paying jobs.

**Cleveland University-Kansas City** has launched [SmartChoiceCE.com](#), an online

educational content hub for doctors of chiropractic and health sciences professionals seeking continuing education units for licensing and ongoing professional education.

**HCA Midwest Health** recently made a comprehensive [\\$34.5 million investment](#) in Research College of Nursing to support expansion plans, including the development and building of an innovative Center for Clinical Advancement, on the campus of Research Medical Center.

**LaunchCode** has opened applications for its [free web development training](#).

Julie Karins has joined **Johnson County Government** as [deputy county manager](#).

Kelly Loneker has joined **Silver Lake Bank** as Regional Business Development Associate.

Will Ruder, **Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City**, was honored as the NAHB [2022 Local Executive Officer of the Year](#) at The International Builders' Show.

Kevin Honomichl, **BHC**, was inducted into the Kansas State University Carl R. Ice College of [Engineering Hall of Fame](#).

To submit your member news and events, [click here](#).