

Mayor presents 2026 State of the City



Last month the business community attended the annual Mayor's State of the City Address hosted by the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Chairman David Freisner, [Konza Global Wealth Group](#), was the event emcee. Watch a video of the Mayor's address [here](#).

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Chamber Foundation hosts National Civics Bee®

Tuesday, April 21

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Yardley Hall in the Midwest Trust Center
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12345 College Boulevard

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Join us to hear some of the brightest local middle schoolers present their impressive entries in the North-east Kansas round of the National Civics Bee®.

The Overland Park Chamber Foundation is partnering with The Civic Trust of the U.S. Chamber Foundation to present this third annual event.

The top three winners advance to a state competition in Wichita. The state winner earns a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Championship.

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Our Leadership Overland Park class visited the State Capitol for State Government Day.

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Collaboration is key for future

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

One of our most popular sessions during the 10-session Leadership Overland Park program features the superintendents from our “Big Three” school districts. They devote this time – 90 minutes – on their packed calendars to talk with our business and civic leaders about the current issues and challenges facing public education in preparing our future workforce.

Having recently moderated this panel, I want to share that our school districts and their top leaders consistently model collaboration rarely seen in other parts of the country. The secret sauce of quality education that built Overland Park and Johnson County over the past six decades is amplified when our districts work together to ensure that our strengths become stronger and we innovate to resolve challenges.

Management expert Ken Blanchard said, “None of us is as smart as all of us.” I’ve seen this philosophy modeled throughout our districts, by board members, administrators and faculty.

Every generation faces great change and challenges, but just as our businesses are facing rapid change each day, our schools face these same demands, along with unique challenges – we need them to train not just for jobs that don’t exist, but for directing technologies we haven’t begun to dream of.

Johnson County superintendents – [Shawnee Mission's](#) Dr. Michael Schumacher, [Blue Valley's](#) Dr. Gillian Chapman and [Olathe School's](#) Dr. Brent Yeager – are working together with other Johnson County districts and our higher education partners on everything from mental health, technology and the workforce demographic and needs that shape their students’ futures.

You’ve likely heard of the “college enrollment cliff” in which every college freshman class through 2029 will be smaller than the previous one, with the result that roughly half a million fewer students will pursue higher education than are today.

Unfortunately, there’s another cliff. Today’s kindergartener is one of the smallest entering classes in decades. When that child graduates high school around 2038, colleges and employers will be competing more fiercely for an even smaller pool than they are today.

This K-12 cliff is the long shadow following the college cliff happening now. This makes collaborative work, shared strategies and community partnerships with our education partners both efficient and forward-thinking. Our businesses and community thrive when education thrives; we’re proud of the collaboration among our districts and with the business community. If you’d like to learn more and join the effort, please contact the Chamber.

Upcoming events

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, April 8 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Jason's Deli, 9617 West 87th Street

Make connections and foster lasting business relationships while enjoying coffee and a light breakfast.

This event is a great opportunity to learn more about *USA Today* Reader's Choice Award winner for 2025 Best Restaurant for Quick & Healthy Food.

[Register](#)



Young Professionals Connect

Thursday, April 16 – 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Talk of the Town Grill & Bar,
11922 West 119th Street

Join other Young Professionals to make new connections, catch up with colleagues, and have delicious food and drinks at the cash bar.

[Register](#)



Ribbon cuttings

Wednesday, April 15 – [Propio Language](#)

[Services](#), 4950 College Boulevard – 11:15 a.m.

Friday, April 17 – [Kansas Family Dental](#),

10304 Mastin Street – 4:00 p.m.

How to choose and negotiate your business space

Thursday, April 23 – 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

OP Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

Our Small Business Council presents a lunch program for small business owners to hear financial and real estate experts and small business owners about buying versus leasing, to discuss key factors to consider.

[Register](#)



Student Startup Showcase

Thursday, April 30 – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Culture House at **Oak Park Mall**

See student entrepreneurs and business owners competing with 5-minute business or nonprofit pitch ideas. This event is proudly sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation and the Chamber.

[Register](#)



All in OP Community Event

Thursday, April 2 – 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Strang Reserve, 8020 Marty Street

Enjoy hands-on experiences, mini classes, wellness demos and local pop-ups designed to help you connect with the businesses, resources and opportunities that you'll find [All in Overland Park!](#)

[Register](#)



SERVing Soccer Fans

Monday, April 6 – 8:00-9:30 a.m.

SERV, 9051 Metcalf Avenue

Join us for a collaborative conversation on preparing for this summer, coordinating with community partners and identifying opportunities. Hear from local leaders, learn about regional planning, and connect with businesses to explore ways to collaborate.

[Register](#)



State of the County Address & Reception

Tuesday, April 14 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 10401 South Ridgeview Road

[Mike Kelly](#), Chair of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners, will share the latest from Johnson County Government, followed by a networking reception. Connect with hundreds of business leaders and elected officials from throughout Johnson County.

[Register](#) (registration deadline is April 3)



OP After Hours

Thursday, April 23 – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Overland Park Historical Society,
8001 Santa Fe Drive

Join us for an evening of drinks, appetizers and conversations while you experience [Overland Park Historical Society's](#) Discover OP space, where the community's memories are being preserved, interpreted and shared. With your help, it will become a vibrant place where residents and visitors can connect with the past to better understand and celebrate Overland Park's heritage.

[Register](#)



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Register for events at www.opchamber.org.

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Business resources for the big soccer summer

As we prepare to welcome international soccer fans this summer, here are helpful resources:

- **FIFA World Cup™ Kansas City**
Host City logistics and coordination.
www.kansascityfwc26.com
- **Johnson County United**
Events, regional transportation and merchandise
www.johnsoncountyunited.com
- **OP's World Cup Hub**
Event planning, permitting, transportation and licensing.
www.opkansas.org/newsroom/ops-world-cup-hub
- **Overland Park Chamber**
Business resources and collaborations
www.opchamber.org/kc2026
- **Visit Overland Park**
Celebration districts, accommodations and entertainment
www.visitoverlandpark.com/kansas-city-soccer-guide-2026/

TRANSPORTATION

ConnectKC26

Kansas City's official bus service for FIFA World Cup 2026™
www.kansascityfwc26.com/getting-around-kc

Region Direct

Transportation between 15 regional attractions and to FIFA Fan Festival™. It includes stops at the [Overland Park Convention Center](#) and [Oak Park Mall](#).

Stadium Direct

Service to Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead) on match days only. Includes a stop at [Oak Park Mall](#).

Airport Drop and Ride

Beginning May 1, Johnson County United Airport Drop and Ride will provide free shuttle service with stops at Kansas City International Airport, Lenexa City Center and [Overland Park Convention Center](#).
www.johnsoncountyunited.com

EVENTS

A variety of events are being planned.

June 16 – Summer Soccer Celebration at Clock Tower Landing – 5:00 p.m.

June 16-July 19* – [Johnson County Soccer Celebration](#) at Theatre in the Park

June 16-July 19 – [The Cup at KC 2026](#) at Prairiefire

June 19 – Friday Summer Soccer Celebration at Scheels Overland Park Soccer Complex – noon

July 3 – Red, White and Bluehawk + Summer Soccer Celebration at Bluehawk

July 11 – Summer Soccer Celebration at Clock Tower Landing – 5:00 p.m.

*Select dates

For updates on schedules, locations and special activities: www.opkansas.org/newsroom/ops-world-cup-hub

Sponsorships available!

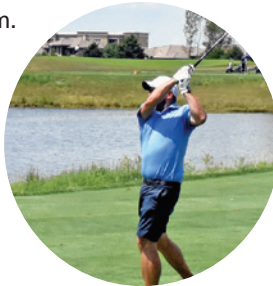
Chamber Golf Tournament

Monday, July 27 – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate

Our annual golf tournament is an excellent opportunity to invite your business colleagues, clients and other VIP guests to join you for a fun afternoon of golf and networking on one of the Midwest's most spectacular and premier private golf clubs.

[More Info](#)



Good Morning, Overland Park!

Friday, October 16 – 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Marriott Kansas City Overland Park

Start your day right – fast-paced, fun and full of good news and laughter!

[More Info](#)

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Chamber Annual Meeting

Friday, December 11 – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel

Our time to celebrate, connect and get inspired at the Chamber's largest event of the year!

[More Info](#)

Click below for details.

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enrich Overland Park while connecting with colleagues and
local leaders for an evening that celebrates community.

MAY 16, 2026

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& BOTANICAL GARDENS

Visit www.stemssoiree.org for tickets and partnership packages today!

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FNBO

20-39 Years

Corporate Woods
Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant
Johnson County Funeral Chapel & Memorial Gardens
University of Saint Mary - Johnson County

10-19 Years

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KidsTLC, Inc.
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Two Lines Pregnancy Clinic

5-9 Years

Blue Nose Aerial Imaging of Overland Park
Candlewood Suites - Lenexa & Overland Park
Cowell Insurance Services, Inc.
Heartland Business Capital

Mission Farms West Development, LLC
ProCore Resource Group
Rhycom Advertising
Shamrock Trading Corporation

1-4 Years

Built Solutions
Canon Solutions America
Discourse Brewery and Taproom
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We encourage you to support these businesses that are investing in our community!

Looking for affordable meeting space?

Located in Corporate Woods, the Chamber Building offers a variety of meeting space rental options. Whether you're planning an event, a training session, or a one-on-one interview, the Foundation Building has the perfect meeting space for you.

For more information, view our [meeting space guide](#) or contact Hannah at hmelton@opchamber.org or (913) 766-7610.



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen joined Mauricio Tormen, Branch Manager, and his team to celebrate a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of the remodeled [U.S. Bank](#) at 4901 West 119th Street in Hawthorne Plaza.

We thank U.S Bank for its continued investment in our community. For more info: (913) 317-9400.



City Council Member Drew Mitrisin joined Chamber Vice President Craig Finn to help Adam Rudolph, Director of Clinic Operations, and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for [Blue Gems ABA](#), 7401 West 97th Street.

Blue Gems ABA brought its Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to Overland Park to expand access to high-quality, individualized support for children with autism and their families. It aims to reduce wait times and make therapy more convenient and accessible.

For more info: (913) 347-6901.



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen joined owners Johnny Chen and Boggie Otgonbayar to break ground for a second location of their popular [Mr D's Donut Shop](#) on Metcalf Avenue at 145th Street.

History, culture and community fuel Johnny and Boggie to continue the legacy of their 50+-year-old locally-owned, Asian-American business. Reflecting their heritage, their shop was the first in KC to introduce mochi donut rings and serve a regular ube donut.

For more info: (913) 631-1282 or [click here](#).

Small Business Council discusses AI implications



City Council Member Drew Mitrison joined Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen to help Ryan Patton and Michael Sullivan, Founding Owners, and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for [Tap Ins at the Greenhouse](#), 9571 Metcalf Avenue.

Tap Ins is a year-round social destination where guests enjoy food and drinks alongside fun, approachable golf experiences. Ryan and Michael's goal was to create something unique for the Kansas City area – designed for families, friends, celebrations and corporate gatherings alike.

For more info: (913) 391-5888 or [click here](#).



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen helped Dr. Tona Leiker, Executive Dean-Academic Operation, and her team celebrate a ribbon cutting for [Chamberlain University](#) on the [Aspiria](#) campus. Chamberlain University is a leading health care education institution dedicated to educating, empowering and empowering the next generation of highly skilled health care professionals. With a growing demand for qualified nurses and health care practitioners in the metro, Chamberlain's mission is to increase access to quality health care education while addressing the region's health care workforce needs. For more info: (913) 374-2914.

A full room of business professionals recently took part in a lively conversation exploring how artificial intelligence is reshaping hiring, operations and the future of small business.

After several group exercises and table conversations, a clear conclusion from the event was that it is not really human vs. AI ... it is human PLUS AI. Attendees learned that AI can support speed and efficiency in areas like meeting notes, data processing and summarizing information, but human strengths like trust, judgment, expertise, context and relationship-building remain essential.

Our thanks to the event facilitator, Anna Hennes, [Dovetail Talent Solutions](#), KC TechBridge for partnering on this program and [Johnson County Community College](#) (JCCC) for sponsoring the event and helping make the conversation possible. Attendees also received a discount code for JCCC's Getting Started with AI course to continue exploring the topic beyond the program.

Register for our next Small Business Council program: [How to Choose and Negotiate Your Business Space](#) on April 23.



The Chamber helped Brent McCune and Randy Coble and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the major renovation of their offices for the [WealthPlan Group](#).

Brent and Randy's wealth management firm was one of the early tenants in the Chamber building after it was built in 2000. We thank them for their longtime partnership with the Chamber!

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Member news

[Olathe Public School](#) voters approved a [\\$389 million bond referendum](#) to fund facility upgrades, school consolidation efforts and technology improvements.

[BHC](#) was acquired by Pape-Dawson, bringing together two organizations that share a strong commitment to excellence, integrity, respect, family and hard work. With this transition, BHC is now backed by broader resources, deeper technical expertise and enhanced capacity across a wide range of service areas. BHC founders Kevin Honomichl, Bill Brungardt and Matt Brungardt launched their engineering firm 33 years ago with a focus in the telecommunications field.

The [first procedure in Kansas](#) to treat Macular Telangiectasia type 2 using a new therapeutic implant was performed recently at [AdventHealth Shawnee Mission](#) by Ophthalmologist Ravi Singh, MD, and a dedicated surgical team.

As part of its [Safe Streets Plan](#), the [City of Overland Park](#) wants to hear from you about safety concerns, priority locations and opportunities to improve safety our streets. Share your feedback via a survey or a mapping exercise.

Pizza Kraft featuring Kraft Pizza, torpedoes, salads and tiramisu, has joined the food options at [Strang Hall](#), 7313 West 80th Street in Downtown Overland Park.

[MedOne Pharmacy Benefit Solutions](#) has been selected as one of [Gateway Business Health Coalition's](#) preferred pharmacy benefit management partners.

[Kansas State University Olathe](#) is receiving a [federal investment of more than \\$5 million](#) to expand its advanced

manufacturing hub with state-of-the-art equipment, strengthening its role as a regional leader in innovation and training.

[Heartland Soccer Association](#), the largest youth soccer league in the country, has launched its 2026 Spring League season, welcoming more than 1,400 teams and 24,000 players. The Spring League operates across four world-class turf facilities including the [Scheels](#) Overland Park Soccer Complex.

Forbes' list of 2026 best places to work includes numerous Overland Park Chamber members. The large employers list includes:

- #120 - [The University of Kansas Health System](#)
- #300 - [Burns & McDonnell Engineering](#)

The mid-sized employers list includes:

- #37 - [JE Dunn Construction Company](#)
- #161 - [HNTB Corporation](#)
- #314 - [Commerce Bancshares](#)

[Nifty Promotions](#) is a drop-off site for donations to [Fresh Start Bags](#), which supports individuals rescued from modern-day slavery. Items collected during 2026 FIFA World Cup activities in the Kansas City metro will provide essential personal care items to provide dignity, comfort and a sense of renewal to survivors. Drop off items at 8002 Reeder Street, or contact cindy@niftypromos.com / (913) 219-7540.

[Stems](#), the signature fundraiser for [The Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park](#) at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, has been moved up a month this year and is May 16.

[Bobby Olm-Shipman](#) has been named president of [Saint](#)

Chamber provides workforce services

To assist with your workforce needs, the Chamber provides these two innovative programs:

Summer in OP

The Chamber is again hosting [Summer in OP](#) – a unique experience for summer interns to network and explore Overland Park. This year's program includes social and professional development experiences in June and July.

If your company plans to host interns, please let us know.

This program also offers opportunities for your company to gain additional visibility as a program sponsor.

Since 2024, the Summer in the City program has hosted nearly 240 interns representing more than 15 companies.

For more information, contact Courtney at ccavlovic@opchamber.org.

Community Concierge service

Our [concierge program](#) is a comprehensive service designed to support companies in recruiting and retaining talent by easing the transition for newcomers and their families into our community. This program offers a variety of personalized services including community tours, welcome baskets, newcomer events, personalized online dashboards and help with accompanying spouse job assistance.

For more information, contact Andrew at aweisberg@opchamber.org.

[Luke's Hospital](#) of Kansas City. Chair of the Overland Park Chamber in 2020, Olm-Shipman had been serving as president of Saint Luke's South and East Region.

[Affinis](#) has named Jason Davis as its [new president](#). Jason is a highly respected industry leader and a natural successor to the presidency. He has spent more than two decades at Affinis, playing a key role in expanding the firm's technical capabilities and market presence.

[Overland Park Regional Medical Center](#) named [Josh Gill](#) as chief operating officer.

[Scott Bruce and Steve Etcher](#) have been named partners at [MarksNelson](#), a Springline company.

Congratulations to Overland Park City Clerk Elizabeth

Kelley on receiving the [Mildred Vance City Clerk of the Year Award](#) from the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas.

Greg Musil has been named [2026 Johnson County of the Year](#) by the [Johnson County Community College](#) Foundation volunteer committee. Musil is a longtime Johnson County leader whose public service and legal career have helped shape the growth of the greater Johnson County community, including Chamber leadership roles such as Chair in 2008.

C.T. Taylor III, owner/operator of [Chick-fil-A Oak Park Plaza](#), was highlighted in a [KSHB 41 interview](#). Taylor is the only Black Chick-fil-A owner/operator in Kansas.

Low-cost health insurance for members

The Chamber is pleased to offer additional value for your membership – cost-effective, high-quality health insurance solutions for your team, which also helps you attract and maintain employees.

The Chamber now offers to your employees and their families a health insurance plan through the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Kansas. This new plan, [Chamber Solutions](#), is for qualified member businesses with 2-100 employees in Kansas.

Chamber Solutions is an Aetna Funding Advantage Medical Plan and a level-funded product that offers the stability of a level monthly payment and stop loss protection with the ability to share in any claims funding surplus. Groups receive individually underwritten proposals.

Local brokers are encouraged to offer the plan and should contact Tim Shrout, Gallagher Benefit Services at (816) 507-3249 or Tim_shrout@ajg.com. To use your local broker, connect them with Tim for details.

For more information, contact us at (913) 491-3600.

Driving Economic Success

Building Permits – February 2026				
	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools, etc.	Other Commercial	Total
Square Feet	36,000	-	18,000	54,000
Value	\$8,200,000	-	\$3,000,000	\$11,200,000

– City of Overland Park

Unemployment			
	Dec. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2024
Overland Park	3.2%	3.5%	2.8%
Johnson County	3.2%	4.0%	2.9%
KC Metro MSA	3.4%	4.3%	3.2%
State of Kansas	3.5%	4.3%	3.8%

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

AdventHealth South delivers exceptional whole-person care

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

[AdventHealth South Overland Park](#) recently celebrated a series of accomplishments that reflect the hospital’s ongoing commitment to exceptional, whole-person care.

In December 2025, the hospital was nationally recognized as a 2025 Top General Hospital by The Leapfrog Group — one of the most competitive honors a hospital can earn for patient

safety and quality. AdventHealth South Overland Park was the only hospital in Kansas and the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area to receive this distinction.

More than 2,400 hospitals were evaluated for the award, with only 156 earning recognition across Leapfrog’s categories. AdventHealth South Overland Park was one of just 52 hospitals nationwide honored in the General category. This

marks the hospital’s second Top General Hospital designation, along with an “A” Hospital Safety Grade earned in Fall 2025.

“We put our patients first by prioritizing their safety every day,” said Dallas Purkeypile, president and CEO, AdventHealth South Overland Park. “Being named a Leapfrog Top Hospital reflects our commitment to providing high quality, safe, whole person care to the communities we serve.”

The hospital is also expanding access to primary care and sports medicine with the opening of AdventHealth Medical Group Primary Care at Bluhawk in March 2026. The new location is led by Andrew Johnson, MD, a family and sports medicine physician who provides comprehensive care for patients of all ages. Dr. Johnson emphasizes preventive care and helps patients stay active and functioning at their highest level.



Andrew Johnson

In March 2026, the labor and delivery team at AdventHealth South Overland Park’s Birth Center celebrated a joyful moment when two sisters delivered their babies just hours apart. Both mothers and newborns are healthy and doing well, and the families praised the compassionate care they received at the Birth Center where patients experience each phase of the birthing process (labor, delivery and recovery) from the comfort of the same room.



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Recent Events

MEMBERS CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS



Members enjoyed networking at last month's **Wednesday Wake-up** hosted by [Bikanervala](#).



Members enjoyed networking at last month's **OP After Hours** hosted by [Marriott Kansas City Overland Park](#). Thank you to our **2026 Series Sponsor**: [Hill's Pet Nutrition](#)!



Chamber Economic Development Council (EDC) Investors recently heard a panel discussion on how Overland Park is preparing for increased visitor volume, added infrastructure demand, and the opportunities and challenges that come with major global events. If you would like to know more about becoming an EDC Investor, contact Libbey at tucker@opchamber.org or (913) 766-7612.