October 2018

Vote on November 6!
Learn about the candidates at www.VoteJoCo.com where you’ll find candidates’ responses to a questionnaire on important business issues and also video of candidate forums hosted by the Johnson County Public Policy Council.

Upcoming candidate forums hosted by the Overland Park Chamber:

**Kansas House District 48**  
**October 4**, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
- David Benson (D)  
- Rep. Abraham Rafie (R)

**Kansas House District 29**  
**October 4**, 3:45-5:15 p.m.  
- Robert Firestone (L)  
- Rep. Brett Parker (D)  
- James Todd (R)

**Kansas House District 20**  
**October 15**, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
- Becky Barber (D)  
- Rep. Jan Kessinger (R)

These forums held at the Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street, except where noted.

All times are approximate. Numerous other candidate forums are being hosted by the Johnson County Public Policy Council and can be viewed at www.votejoco.com. Video of forums (when available) will be posted soon after event.

For more information on voting in Johnson County: www.jocelection.org.

Chamber Annual Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 5**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Overland Park Convention Center  
6000 College Boulevard

New York Times bestselling author Tommy Spaulding is a leadership expert and nationally acclaimed speaker. His heartfelt message can transform your organization, build committed teams, earn lifelong customers and drive bottom line results in today’s competitive global marketplace.

**Keynote Speaker:** Tommy Spaulding

**Event Sponsor:** SECURITY BANK OF KANSAS CITY

**Sponsorships Available!**  
Contact: Celia at (913) 766-7603 or cfritzwatson@opchamber.org  
To register for this event, click here or call (913) 491-3600.

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

Chamber Calendar

**Candidate Forums**  
House Districts 48 & 29  
**Thursday, October 4** - 2:30-5:15 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

**Ribbon cutting**  
**Tuesday, October 9** - 4:00 p.m.  
Ajilon, 10801 Mastin Street, Suite 600

**Wednesday Wake-up**  
2018 Series Sponsor: Baker University  
**Wednesday, October 10** - 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
Jason’s Deli, 12010 Metcalf Avenue  
Free and open to Chamber members only

**Ribbon cutting**  
**Thursday, October 11** - 4:30 p.m.  
Brookridge Dentistry & Orthodontics, 9528 Antioch Road

**Public Policy & Advocacy Committee**  
Discussing the 2019 Kansas Legislative Agenda  
**Friday, October 12** - 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

**Candidate Forums**  
House Districts 20, 28 & 27  
**Monday, October 15** - 2:00-5:30 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

**Candidate Forums**  
House Districts 8 & 16 and Johnson County Commission District 4  
**Wednesday, October 17** - 2:00-5:30 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

**Working Lunch**  
2018 Series Sponsor: Grantham University  
**Tuesday, October 23** - 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Pinstripes, 13500 Nall Avenue  
$25 for Chamber members only

**Executive Leadership Series**  
2018 Series Sponsor: First National Bank  
Featuring Lisa Ginter, CommunityAmerica  
**Tuesday, October 30** - 7:30-9:00 a.m.  
DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park, 10100 College Boulevard

To register for these events, click here or call (913) 491-3600.
Difficult, but important conversations

As Johnson Countians we love our statistics. We rank highly on most of the coveted lists – for educational attainment, healthy living, income, economic growth, etc. Just recently Overland Park was named to three more lists – #1 - Best Places to Raise a Family by WalletHub.com, #15 - Best Places to Live by Money, and #29 - Best Real-Estate Market by WalletHub.com. We’re proud of these rankings because they represent an outstanding quality of life and business environment. But there are other numbers I want to focus on this month.

The Johnson County Mental Health Center has reported that teen suicides in Johnson County nearly doubled in the first six months of 2018. Unfortunately, this is not a recent phenomenon, with the Center for Disease Control reporting that the suicide rate has increased nationally 24 percent over the last 15 years. The Kansas City Star reported recently that suicide is the third-leading cause of death for children ages 5 to 14 and is the second-leading cause of death for ages 15 to 24. The National Institute of Mental Health reports that 90 percent of the 15 to 24 group had an underlying mental illness.

Leadership by all six Johnson County school district superintendents is raising awareness and creating action to address the mental health of our students. Recently each of our superintendents spoke to our Johnson County Presidents Council which represents our region’s chambers. The collaboration among our districts is unprecedented, as is the sense of urgency they share when it comes to the protection of our kids and their families.

There have been countywide meetings of district leaders, mental health providers and advocates to discuss education, awareness and support for suicide prevention. There are amazing student-led efforts as well. The Blue Valley Education Foundation Annual Breakfast devoted much of its program recently to a powerful discussion. Speakers Superintendent Todd White, parent Mandy Shoemaker of BV Well, Dr. Adam Hamilton, Church of the Resurrection; and BV Northwest student Cynthia Dong representing the student-led mental health board, talked about the stigma of mental illness, and how to support students and families and provide ongoing support to reverse the trend of teen suicide.

The business community, too, has a key role in the mental health conversation. The Kansas City Business Journal recently featured a discussion with local experts. If you missed it, I recommend it as an excellent summary of factors related to mental illness such as loneliness and disconnection due to technology, along with some of the local resources available.

Prevention and proactiveness are crucial. Two programs highlighted in the Business Journal discussion were the ASIST program (applied suicide intervention and skills training) and Mental Health First Aid. Chamber member Netsmart’s COO Tom Herzog said, “There has to be intention on our part as an employer.” And they’ve done just that, by providing Mental Health First Aid training to any of their associates who are interested, training more than 500 associates so far.

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

**Working Lunch**

**Tuesday, October 23**
12:00-1:30 p.m.

Hosted by
Pinstripes
Bistro Bowling Bocce
13500 Nall Avenue
2018 Series Sponsor

GRANTHAM UNIVERSITY

Expand your network while enjoying delicious new American and Italian foods.

$25 per person for Chamber members only.

To register, click here or call (913) 491-3600
For information on becoming a member, contact Stacey Cowan at (913) 766-7604 or scowan@opchamber.org.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Build your business network!**

**Wednesday Wake-up**
A Business Before Hours

**Wednesday, October 10**
8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by
Jason's Deli
5721 West 119th Street

Join us for networking and enjoy samples from the Jason's Deli breakfast catering menu including fresh-cracked eggs, scrumptious pastries, fresh fruit and more!

Free and open to Chamber members only.

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

Thanks to our Wednesday Wake-up Series Sponsor:

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**Executive Leadership Series**

**INSIGHTS FROM THE TOP**

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Join us for these programs featuring executive insight on business leadership.

Proudly sponsored by:

First National Bank

**Tuesday, October 30**
Breakfast program: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park
10100 College Boulevard

featuring

Lisa Ginter, CEO
CommunityAmerica Credit Union

Lisa Ginter joined CommunityAmerica in 1995 and has overseen nearly every function of the Credit Union. In her first few years at CEO, she advanced the organization to more than $2.5 billion in assets and launched a series of new business divisions and strategies helping members achieve true financial peace-of-mind in their lives.

Ginter serves on the Board of Directors nationally for the Credit Union National Association and also is an active leader with a breadth of financial, civic and philanthropic organizations across the city.

Members: $30 per person or $330 for a reserved table of 10
Non-members: $40 per person or $440 for a reserved table of 10

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

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**Come hear Overland Park's good news at our annual fun-filled breakfast!**

**GOOD MORNING GMOP**

**OVERLAND PARK!**

**Friday, November 16**
7:30-9:00 a.m.

Marriott Kansas City-Overland Park
10800 Metcalf Avenue

Something new is happening this year!

Watch your e-mail for details.

$30 for members; $40 for non-members
$350 for a table of 10 for members;
$450 for a table of 10 for non-members

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Welcome new members!

We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:

**Bambou Salon & Spa**
Debbie Linder, Store Lead
11156 Antioch Road
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 341-1976
contact@bambousalons.com
www.bambousalons.com
Beauty Services, Spa - Day

**CoStar Group Inc.**
Kelli Griffith, Client Relationship Manager
4801 Main Street, Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64112
(816) 516-9323
kgriffith@costar.com
www.costar.com
Real Estate - Commercial & Industrial, Real Estate

**Edison Spaces**
Jessica Renfrew, Director of Business Operations
4400 College Boulevard, Suite 200
Overland Park, KS 66211
(913) 850-6572
info@edisonspaces.com
www.edisonspaces.com
Office Space, Real Estate

**Kinesphere Physical Therapy & Pilates**
Katie Cornell, Owner
Noelle Dowma, Owner/Physical Therapist
10880 Benson Drive, Suite 2370
Corporate Woods, Building 23
Overland Park, KS 66210
(816) 379-6899
info@kinespherept.com
www.kinespherept.com
Physical Therapists, Pilates

**New Woman Obstetrics & Gynecology**
Dr. Kari Farris, Physician/Owner
9209 West 110th Street
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 735-4726
kari.farris@newwomanobgyn.com
www.newwomanobgyn.com
Health Care, Physicians & Surgeons M.D.

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Please support fellow Chamber members who have made investments to enhance the prosperity of our community!

**Tiger-Rock Martial Arts of Overland Park**
Justin Hubbard, Manager
8645 West 135th Street
Overland Park, KS 66224
(913) 851-5050
optigerrock@gmail.com
www.trmaoverlandpark.com
Martial Arts Instruction

**Trinity Nursing & Rehab Center**
Luis Jimenez, Administrator
9700 West 62nd Street
Merriam, KS 66203
(913) 384-0800
info@trinitynursingandrehab.com
www.trinitynursingandrehab.com
Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Services

**Two Maids & A Mop**
Wiliam Hoffman, II, Franchise Owner
7419 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66204
(913) 624-9484
overlandpark@ineedamaid.com
www.twomaidsoverlandpark.com
Cleaning Services

**Wally & Co.**
Chris Wally, Owner
(913) 693-4700
www.wallyandcompany.com
Real Estate - Commercial & Industrial

**Xcel Roofing**
Bryan Manning, Owner
24 Northwest Chipman Road
Lee’s Summit, MO 64063
(816) 448-8208
bryan@loveourroof.com
www.loveourroof.com
Roofing, Windows - Replacement

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Refer potential new Chamber members and earn Chamber credit when they become a member. Send referrals to Stacey Cowan at scowan@opchamber.org.

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Chamber releases first-ever Local Public Policy Platform

For many years the Overland Park Chamber has released public policy platforms outlining federal and state issues identified as important for the business success of our members. Now, for the first time, the Chamber is confirming its positions on local issues (City of Overland Park and Johnson County) with the release of our 2018-19 Local Public Policy Platform. This document has been reviewed and approved by the Chamber’s Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and its Board of Directors. It is intended to be an easy-reference guide for city and county officials as well as by Chamber members when public policy is being implemented that impacts local business.

A basis of the Local Public Policy Platform is support of the elements that contribute to quality of life: public education, public safety, parks, recreation, arts, culture and entertainment, roads and transportation, housing and access to healthcare and mental health services. It encourages regular assessment of the continued availability of those elements and the evolution of the characteristics of a desirable quality of life. The Chamber believes the optimal way to accomplish that assessment and ongoing preservation of our quality of life is through the efforts of a local government most close to the people and comprised of officials elected through non-partisan elections. We also recognize the value of strong partnerships between local government and our local business community.

The 2018-2019 Local Public Policy Platform can be found on the Chamber’s website at www.opchamber.org - click here.

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New Chamber members were recognized at last month’s Wednesday Wake-up networking event. Membership Director Stacey Cowan and Chamber Board Member Mark Thomas; Copaken Brooks; presented new members plaques to Justin Hubbard, Tiger Rock Martial Arts; Bryan Manning, Xcel Roofing; Craig Hammontree, Open Works; Susie Wheeler; Body Guitar Clinic; Debbie Linder, Bambou Salon & Spa; and Dr. Meghan Hamilton, Brookridge Dentistry & Orthodontics.
We thank these companies for reinvesting in the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce in August 2018:

40-50 Years
Indian Creek Shopping Center, L.L.C.

20-39 Years
AAA Missouri
Buchanan Clarke Schlader LLP
Cross Manufacturing, Inc.
DLR Group
Downtown Overland Park Partnership, Inc.
HDR Engineering, Inc.
HTK Architects, PA.
Lund, George W.
Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, LLP
Parris Communications Inc.
Paychex, Inc.
SAFEHOME, Inc.
SPX Cooling Technologies
TranSystems
Wellington

10-19 Years
Affinis Corp
The Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park
Benefit Services of Kansas City, Inc.
Conference Technologies, Inc.
Display Studios
Financial Engines
FLG Networking Services
J. Gilbert’s Wood-Fired Steaks & Seafood
Kincaid Coach Lines, Inc.
Liberty Exposition Services, Inc.
Overland Park Host Lions Club
Olsson Associates
Parker Communications Group
Pete’s Pest Control

5-9 Years
Aesthetic Surgical Arts
Canon Solutions America
Clarus Group
Drill Law Firm, LLC
Kansas City Web Design
Lansing Trade Group
Mirabile M.D. Beauty, Health & Wellness
Nothing Bundt Cakes Overland Park
Papa Kenos Pizzeria
Pickleman’s Gourmet Cafe
Overland Park Rasmussen College
Santa Fe Tow Service Inc.
Titan Built, LLC

1-4 Years
Advantage Tech, Inc.
Arb Tech Kansas City
Block Real Estate Services, LLC
Casey’s General Store
Core Bank
Curtin Property Company
Farmers Insurance - The Wertzberger Agency
Intouch Solutions
Jason’s Deli
Kansas Leadership Center
LANE4 Property Group
Mariner Holdings
Mid-America Orthopedics Kansas City
Office Pride of Overland Park
Polestar Plumbing Heating and Air Price Brothers
REACH Healthcare Foundation
Shawnee PARC Post Acute & Rehabilitation Center
Team Construction
Tick Tock Escape Games
Workforce Partnership

In September the Johnson County Commission approved additional funding to increase staffing at the Johnson County Mental Health Department. Walk-ins increased 10 percent in FY 2016-17 and are estimated to grow an additional four percent this next year. In real numbers? That was 6,128 people last year, some of whom were in crisis.

As we know, it’s difficult to discuss these issues. Mental wellness is not yet as commonplace to talk about as heart health or cancer prevention, but the National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that approximately one in five adults in the U.S. – 43.5 million (18.5%) – experiences mental illness in a given year. Conversations are beginning throughout our community – and our country, about mental wellness as a holistic part of our wellness plan. We devoted considerable time to the topic during our ForwardOP process as residents and community leaders told us it’s a critical component of Overland Park’s future success.

There are opportunities for you and your business to elevate awareness, and the health of our community. And most importantly, improve the lives of those around us, one at a time.

Click the advertisements on this page for details.
City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber EDC Senior Vice President Beth Johnson and Chamber Diplomats helped Dr. Ryan Riggs and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new Overland Park location of Blue Sky Fertility, 14253 Metcalf Avenue. Dr. Riggs trained at the distinguished Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School, where the first IVF baby in the United States was conceived. For more information: (913) 218-0162 or www.blueskyfertility.com.

City Council President Jim Kite, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Chamber Diplomats helped Tim Barton and Matt Druten, co-founders; and Jessica Renfrew, Director of Business Operations; celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of Edison Spaces, 7900 College Boulevard. Edison offers fully furnished office space and shared amenities with flexible durations and sizes for shorter-term business needs. For more information: (913) 850-6572 or www.edisonspaces.com.

City Councilmember Dave White and Terry Happy Scheier, Chamber EDC Vice President Beth Johnson helped Cheryl Johnson and her team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new headquarters of Diagnostic Imaging Centers, P.A., 6650 West 110th Street. For more information: (913) 319-8400 or www.dic-kc.com.

City Council President Jim Kite, City Councilmember Chris Newlin and Chamber Diplomats helped Beth Langdon, Director of Membership; Brian Harrison, General Manager; and members of ACA Business Club celebrate a ribbon cutting for their new location at 6840 West 105th Street. ACA is a private club that focuses on building high quality relationships among executives, professionals and business owners. For more information: (800) 793-2582 or www.acanetwork.org/kansascity.
RECENT EVENTS

**Working Lunch**
hosted on August 30 by
Barbara Walker, True North Hotel Group; Pat Hoppa, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP; Abdullah Parker, AdamsGabbert; Joe Lillian, Servpro of Leawood/Overland Park; Sidra Connell, Jason's Deli; Jill Grotzinger, Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park.

Ray Cole, Consolidated Communications; Leo Buse, True North Hotel Group; Anissa Garner, Candlewood Suites Kansas City-Overland Park; Julia Lynn, Allied Global Services; Jake Akehurst, Johnson County Community College.

Haley Lopez, KCWE 29-TV; Lettiann Southerland, Lettiann & Associates Real Estate Services, LLC; Carol Baber, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

**OP After Hours**
hosted on September 20 by
Erin Ronan, Enterprise Bank & Trust; and Debbie Sherrer, Creative Planning; and an ACA Business Club member.

Josh Bernal, SLCKET; Lisa Phlegar, Q39.
**Recent Events**

**Wednesday Wake-up**
A Business Before Hours
hosted on September 12 by

**Member Orientation**
on September 6

Camille Kaldahl and Morgan Young, **Shawnee Mission Health**; Jean Fiorello, **National American University**.

**Save the Date!**
Our next **Member Orientation**: **November 8**
8:00 a.m.

Patricia Mosby, **DexYP**; Trish Reedy, **PrimeLending**; Michelle Poston, **Infinitas Coordinated Wealth Counsel**.

**Celsie Sneden** tells about her business, **NEAT Method Kansas City**.

**Dr. Michael Cartwright**, **Cleveland University-Kansas City**: talks to attendees about being a Chamber Diplomat.

**Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen** talks to attendees about the Chamber’s programs and mission.

**Sherryl Nens**, **Office Pride of Overland Park**; Jason Bahson, **Heartland Payment Systems**; Dr. Dan Lorenz, **Specialists in Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation**; Mark Thomas, **Copaken Brooks**.
Revealing the vision

Last month, a Reveal the Vision Open House provided a first glimpse at our community’s draft vision and action plan as part of the Forward OP process to outline a path of continued success for the next 20-25 years. It is based on input from a community that cares about the future of Overland Park as a place to thrive, succeed and prosper. To complement these aspirations, the plan is grounded in an understanding of current conditions and trends. The vision plan will align all aspects of our community life and identify goals and specific actions for Overland Park to implement.

Vision:
Overland Park will lead as a forward thinking, innovative and welcoming community.

The action plan identified these key goals:

1. A welcoming place where all people have access to high quality education, affordable healthcare, social services, and a safe environment, and where the community works together for the greater good.

2. An engaged community that offers opportunities for people to interact with each other, local leaders and institutions that provide an array of civic services.

3. A high quality, sustainable and attractive built environment that offers a variety of choices including neighborhoods that offer the opportunity to live, work, and play and establishes Overland Park as a destination for business and family leisure travel.

4. A connected city that offers choices for mobility including well-maintained road networks, public transit, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails with an emphasis on embracing new infrastructure technologies and future transportation modes.

5. A Strong Economy anchored by a diverse job base and positive city image that is attractive to investment and visitors allowing for a high quality of life for all people.

For more information: www.forwardop.org.
Chamber Diplomat Q&A

Adam Doran, HighPointe Financial Group, 10975 Benson Drive

Q: What do you do at HighPointe Financial Group?
A: I help business owners and their employees save money, build wealth, and protect their income. At HighPointe, we’re education-focused, and we like to make the complex, simple, so people can make informed financial decisions and feel confident about what they’re doing with their money.

Q: Who do you find is a best connection/partner for you in business?
A: Public safety professionals, real estate and mortgage professionals, network marketing/direct sales professionals.

Q: Why are you a Chamber Diplomat?
A: I love networking and welcoming new businesses to the community, I love being connected to the areas where I live, work, and play, and people who know me tell me I’m good at being an ambassador for things I believe in.

Q: Where are you from / what brought you to Overland Park?
A: I grew up in Central Iowa. My former career as a police officer brought me to the KC area, where I’ve lived for almost 14 years. Overland Park has always been a place I frequent for shopping, dining, and fun. Now I work here, too!

Q: What is your hidden talent or ability?
A: I’m really good at fishing. There really is a skill to it. So if we were stranded in the wilderness and there was water available, we wouldn’t starve.

Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement (so far)?
A: Starting my own business, sticking with it, and turning a profit. It’s the hardest thing I’ve ever done.

Q: What has been your favorite journey?
A: My marriage to my wife. She helps me become more self-aware and better every day.

To find out more about becoming a Chamber Diplomat, contact Stacey Cowan at scowan@opchamber.org or (913) 766-7604.

2019 membership directory offers advertising opportunities

The Overland Park Chamber’s 2019 Membership Directory offers advertising opportunities for Chamber members. We are working with longtime partner MetroMedia, Inc., to produce this publication.

To learn more about advertising in the directory, contact Kathy Moore, MetroMedia Inc., at (913) 951-8441 or kmoore@metromediapublishers.com.

Complete and return your verification form to ensure your company information!

If you are the Chamber’s primary contact at your business, please return your completed verification form as soon as possible. If you didn’t receive the verification form and need it resent, please contact Amy at (913) 491-3600 or astock@opchamber.org.

Member News & Events

Ajilon is hosting an open house, 4-6:30 p.m. on October 9 in its new office space at 10801 Mastin Street, Suite 600.

A reception is being held for Cathy Weaver, Miracles With Water, to celebrate her being named Women Business Advocate of the Year by the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Office of Minority and Women Business Development, 5-7 p.m. on October 16 at the Overland Park Chamber.

National Merit Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program include 57 Blue Valley Schools seniors, 13 Shawnee Mission School District seniors and 12 Olathe School District seniors. Semifinalists have an opportunity to advance in competition for awards worth about $31 million, which will be offered this coming spring.

Hunt Midwest has secured leases with two tenants including Parisi Cafe for ground-level retail space at The Vue, its $49M mixed-use redevelopment project under construction in Downtown Overland Park.

TechCycle Solutions is the new name of the former Device Pitstop, 6864 West 153rd Street, and is offering customized solutions for all device needs.

Mize Hizer & Company has launched a new service, Mize Restaurant Group Controllership Services, to help McDonald’s owner/operators manage accounting, financial, payroll and internal controls. Greg Harry and Christy Gurney have joined Mize Restaurant Group to work with McDonald’s owner/operators nationwide.

KU Edwards Campus is collaborating with the KU Medical Center to meet the growing demand for health science professionals through a new post-baccalaureate certificate program.

AT&T has invested nearly $725 million in its Kansas City wireless and wired networks during 2015-2017 to boost reliability, coverage, speed and overall performance for residents and businesses. The upgrades also improve critical services that support public safety and first responders.

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Last month, the Chamber’s Economic Development Council Investors heard from Martin Rivarola, assistant director of Transportation and Land Use with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). Rivarola provided a look at the long-range transportation plan that MARC is developing as the Regional Transportation Plan 2050. MARC seeks input from the public as it plans how the region will manage and operate a multimodal transportation system that meets economic, transportation, development and sustainability goals. For more information: www.marc.org.

### Building Permits in Overland Park

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### Overland Park Retail Sales

June 2018

- Overland Park: $447,275,000
- Olathe: $282,315,000
- Lenexa: $157,001,000
- Shawnee: $110,091,000
- Leawood: $83,416,000
- Other Cities: $191,847,000

### Unemployment

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*(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)*

– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)
Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors!

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Kansas Gas Service
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The University of Kansas Edwards Campus

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

Member News continued . . .

ArtsKC - Regional Arts Council announced 18 local artists who will receive financial support for transformative projects from its competitive Inspiration Grant program. ArtsKC also announced Ovation grant funding for 22 large arts organizations for fiscal year 2019.

Friends of Johnson County Developmental Supports is one of 16 nonprofits to receive a Community Service Tax Credit from the State of Kansas and will use the award to build new homes specifically designed to meet the accessibility needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as Alzheimer’s and dementia.

WaterOne was recognized as having the "Best Tasting Water in Kansas" by the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association at its 10th annual conference.

Lauren Solidum is the new president/CEO of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

Rod Smith, principal at Olathe Public Schools’ Frontier Trail Middle School, has been honored as Kansas Middle School Principal of the Year.

Kimberly Megow, MD, MBA, FACHE, FAAP, has been named Chief Medical Officer for HCA Midwest Health, which operates Overland Park Regional Medical Center and Menorah Medical Center.

Dr. Craig Yager, an orthopedic surgeon, has joined Mid-America Orthopedics.

Jan Marrs SPHR, has joined Mize Houser & Company, PA, as Talent Leader.

Jonathan (Jon) D. Schmeidler, QKA, has joined TPP Retirement Plan Specialists, LLC, as a Senior Plan Administrator.

Amy Tysseling joined the Blue Valley School District Board of Education, filling an open position in District 1 that opened with the resignation of Pam Robinson.

To submit company news, click here.
To submit events, click here.