

Big soccer summer is here!

The moment we've been anticipating for years is finally here! The excitement of the most widely viewed and celebrated single sporting event in the world comes to Kansas City this month and Johnson County organizers have fun-filled events planned so all of us can get in on the excitement!



Soccer Summer Celebrations

The City of Overland Park and its partners are presenting public events where you can catch the soccer excitement:

June 16 – 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Clock Tower Landing, 7935 Santa Fe Drive

June 19 – noon-5:00 p.m.
Scheels Overland Park Soccer Complex, 13700 Switzer Road

June 25 – 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Prairiefire, 5661 West 135th Street

July 3 – 5:00-10:30 p.m.
AdventHealth Sports Park and the Marketplace at Bluhawk, 7951 West 160th Street

July 11 – 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Clock Tower Landing, 7935 Santa Fe Drive

July 19 – noon-5:00 p.m.
Prairiefire, 5661 West 135th Street

Events are free, but [registration is required](#).



Johnson County Watch Party

June 16 - July 19*

Johnson County Park and Recreation District will transform Theatre in the Park, 7710 Renner Road, into a free watch party location, presented in partnership with **Johnson County Government**.

**Select dates*

What to expect:

- Watch the tournament action on a massive 20' x 30' LED screen
- Food trucks and vendors
- Live entertainment
- Soccer play spaces for all ages
- Hands-on art experiences for kids, families and fans

Events are free, but [registration is required](#).



KC Unity Cup

June 6 & 7

Heritage Soccer Park

The Kansas City Unity Cup, presented by **Capitol Federal** and organized by **Johnson County Park and Recreation District**, brings together the diverse immigrant and heritage communities of the metro in a 16-team soccer tournament.

[More Info](#)



Transportation Options

[Johnson County United Airport Drop and Ride Service + Circulator Route](#)

Direct, free shuttle service from MCI Airport to Lenexa City Center and the **Overland Park Convention Center**. Drop-off service only.

[Connect KC26 Region Direct](#)

ConnectKC26 Region Direct can get you to 15 regional attractions and to FIFA Fan Festival™. It includes 4 stops in Johnson County.

[Stadium Direct](#)

Service to Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead) on match days only. Includes a stop in Johnson County at **Oak Park Mall**.

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Lessons for life

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

At last, summer! Like many of you, I found the glidepath into summer marked by graduations, family gatherings, and a little R&R over the Memorial Day holiday.

We celebrated my niece Karlee's graduation with honors in radiation technology from Jefferson College, where every member of her cohort has accepted a post-graduation offer in their field. Given the Chamber's priority on talent development, I was particularly interested in the program, the opportunities available to these graduates, and the health care systems that supported their learning during practicums. Many students chose their employers based on these experiences.

While I don't recall who spoke at my own graduation from William Jewell decades ago, I enjoyed the speaker chosen for Karlee's – a Jefferson alum, Kenneth Steicker, CEO of Consort Homes, LLC. Like most commencement speakers, he has a long list of academic, business, and civic successes, but it was

advice from his coach during his time at community college that has shaped him over the years. "Effort doesn't guarantee you'll win, but lack of effort guarantees you won't."

Steicker reminisced with pride about his community college days, noting that this period is a proving ground. Through my service on the Johnson County Community College Foundation Board, I meet students and alumni who share the same sentiments, namely that JCCC isn't just an education but a place that has changed and shaped the trajectory of their lives.

Our three-year-old grandson, Henry, recently stayed with us for several days. I was reminded how quickly kids learn and how eager they are for new information and experiences. From climbing at Thompson Park, exploring the toys and books at Johnson County's Central Library, making peanut butter kiss cookies, riding his bike, and working on his numbers, he makes the most of every waking minute.

That's a lesson we all can emulate.

Upcoming events

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, June 10 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Panasonic Connect North America,
13940 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

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

This event is a great opportunity to learn how **Panasonic Connect** offers device hardware, software and professional services to provide value across the public sector, federal government, education, immersive entertainment, food services and manufacturing industries.

[Register](#)



Young Professionals: Coffee & Conversation

Wednesday, June 17 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street.

This casual meetup is an opportunity for young professionals to start their day with great conversation and networking before heading to the office. Attendees can meet our Young Professionals Steering Committee and other local young professionals to make new professional connections.

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Small Ball, Big Dreams Book Club Series

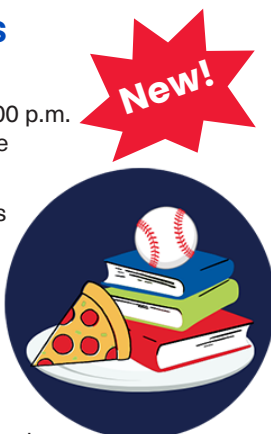
Wednesday, June 17 – 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Buffalo State Pizza, 7932 Santa Fe Drive

Join us for the kickoff of this summer's Small Ball, Big Dreams Book Club series featuring Kansas City broadcaster Joel Goldberg's inspiring book. The discussion will explore themes of leadership, teamwork, perseverance, and building big dreams through strong community connections

Enjoy engaging conversation, professional networking, lunch and continued connection and catch a Royals game during the event.

[Register](#)



Small Business Council: The State of Professional Service Firms

Thursday, June 18 – 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Our Small Business Council presents a roundtable discussion for service-based businesses navigating market changes and long-term planning strategies. Operating a service-based or professional business is changing fast. With market shifts, new technology and long-term planning pressures, firms must rethink how they work, compete and grow.

[Register](#)



Leadership Overland Park Graduation & Reception

Thursday, June 18 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Johnson County Community College

Join us as we celebrate the Leadership Overland Park Class of 2026. The ceremony includes a keynote by Tom Herzog, **Netsmart Technologies**, a presentation on the class project and the program is followed by a cocktail reception.

[Register](#)



Young Professionals: Educate to Elevate

Wednesday, June 24 – 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Lifted Logic, 5600 West 95th Street

This lunch program is for both young professionals and college interns looking to grow, connect and navigate career paths with confidence. It features a diverse panel of speakers including a recent graduate, an early career professional and a mid-level leader, offering unique perspectives on building a meaningful career. Stay for networking with your peers. Come ready to learn, ask questions and elevate your career.

[Register](#)



Ribbon cuttings

June 5 – **Clock Tower Landing**, 7950 Marty Street - 5:30 p.m.

June 10 – **Sarpino's Pizzeria**, 11648 West 135th Street - 4:00 p.m.

June 12 – **Toastique**, 6445 West 135th Street - 12:00 p.m.

June 15 – **SnapIT Solutions**, 7255 W. 98th Terrace, Suite 216 - 2:30 p.m.

June 25 – Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' **TurnStyles Thrift**, 12065 Metcalf Avenue - 8:15 a.m.

Welcome to the Chamber!

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Refer a potential Chamber member to Dave at ddyer@opchamber.org and receive a credit when they join!



Chamber Membership Director Dave Dyer helped Laura Hawkins, Board President, celebrate a ribbon cutting for the newest expansion at [The Lux](#), 16014 Foster Street.

The Lux offers customizable garage condo units designed for collectors, enthusiasts, workshops, RV storage, entertainment spaces and more. For more info: (913) 890-3349 or [click here](#).



Libbey Tucker, Senior Vice President of Economic Development, and Andrew Payne, City Council Member, helped [Lochmueller Group](#) celebrate the company's official grand opening and expansion of its first Kansas office with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Lochmueller Group is an employee-owned, full-service survey, planning, engineering and environmental firm serving clients throughout the U.S. and abroad. The company's investment here reflects the continued growth and momentum of the Overland Park business community.



The Chamber helped owner Matt Taranto and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the fourth location of **AesthetiCareKC** at 7500 West 160th Street. AesthetiCare is one of the largest med spas in the U.S. Celebrating 25 years in business, AesthetiCare has built its reputation on clinical staff excellence, patient safety and delivering natural-looking results that help people feel confident at every stage of life.

The owners chose Overland Park for its newest location because it is a vibrant, growing community and they wanted to bring advanced aesthetic and wellness services closer to patients here.

For more info: (913) 914-3373 or [click here](#).



The Chamber helped owner Janez Lomshek and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting at **Talk of the Town Grill & Bar Overland Park**, 11922 West 119th Street, for renovations made to welcome soccer fans to our community this summer.

The restaurant opened in 1987 and Janez has owned it for 20 years.

For more info: (913) 661-9922 or [click here](#).

Thanks for reinvesting!

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Chamber and City of Overland Park representatives helped Adam Fichman and his ever-growing team at **Lifted Logic** celebrate their creative new space at 5600 West 95th Street.

For more info about the web agency: (816) 298-7018 or [click here](#).



City Council Member Gregg Riess joined the Chamber Executive Vice President Kevin Walker to help Samantha Feaker, Executive Director, and Joe Perkin, Vice President, and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Homestead Estates of Overland Park**, 12701 Pflumm Road.

Homestead Estates offers an intimate, family-oriented setting designed to provide comfort, connection and personalized support for individuals living with Alzheimer's, dementia and other memory related diseases. This stunning memory care community is making a big difference in the lives of its residents.

For more info: (913) 490-5035 or [click here](#).

**We encourage you to support these businesses
that are investing in our community!**

Chamber Golf Tournament

Monday, July 27 – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Nicklaus Golf Club, 14225 Dearborn Street

Enjoy an afternoon of golf and networking at one of the Midwest's most spectacular and premier private golf clubs.

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HCA hospitals help make Overland Park one of nation's healthiest cities

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Menorah Medical Center and Overland Park Regional Medical Center are part of HCA Midwest Health, Kansas City's largest health care network, consisting of hospitals, physician practices, surgery centers, and urgent care centers.

Every day, employees at these premier hospitals live out the mission of the organization: "Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life."

Through community engagement, servant leadership and a commitment to the highest medical standards, Menorah Medical Center and Overland Park Regional Medical Center help make Overland Park one of the healthiest communities in the nation. Both hospitals are part of the Sarah Cannon Cancer Network.

Menorah Medical Center is one of the area's premier hospitals that provides the best in care for the community. The Breast Center at Menorah is a leader in the region. It offers 3D mammography and is accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers and is certified by Mammography Quality Standards Act. Recently, the hospital became first in the region to offer Histotripsy technology, a non-invasive precision surgery that liquefies liver tumors. Menorah is home to the state-of-the-art Neuroscience and Orthopedic Center. The hospital has been named a Best 50 Surgical Care Hospitals and a Best 100



**MENORAH MEDICAL CENTER
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Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Hospital by Healthgrades for four consecutive years. The hospital has earned recognition in Bariatric surgery with the Blue Distinction Centers+ and the MBSAQIP program accreditation. Finally, Menorah features the latest in robotic technology for physicians to employ when performing complex procedures.

Overland Park Regional Medical Center is home to Johnson County's only Level II Trauma Center; the hospital is also an Accredited Stroke and Chest Pain Center. Overland Park Regional Medical Center is the premier destination for Women's and Children's healthcare services. It offers the region's only Fetal Health Center to care for critically ill mothers and their babies under one roof. The hospital includes an antepartum unit, a labor and delivery unit, a Level III NICU and a Pediatric Center that offers pediatric specialty care, a Kids Express within our emergency room and a pediatric inpatient unit. The HCA Midwest Health Neonatal and Maternal Transport Team – based at Overland Park Regional Medical Center – is prepared 24/7 to safely deliver and care for premature or critically ill infants and care for mothers with high-risk pregnancies via ambulance or helicopter. Overland Park Regional Medical Center has three emergency rooms, including freestanding ERs in Olathe and Shawnee.

For more information, visit hcamidwest.com.



Our Leadership Overland Park class had recent sessions focusing on city government and public safety and economic development. On City Day, they heard from the fire chief, police chief and city department heads. At the Overland Park Fire Training Center, they saw command vehicles, emergency operations equipment and K9 Haven from the Critical Response Team. The class also the opportunity to see the City's new Real Time Information Center. They concluded the day with dinner with City Council members and attending a City Council meeting. On Economic Development Day, they learned about the Chamber's economic development and Opportunity NOW initiatives. After hearing a panel discussion on the state of real estate, the class considered desired development in Overland Park. Afternoon speakers shared information about the city planning process, entrepreneurship and small business support resources. The day concluded with a recognition of the Chamber's micro-grant recipients followed by a reception at Lifted Logic.

2026 Presenting Sponsor: [UnitedHealthcare](#)

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FNBO investing beyond banking

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

As **FNBO** continues to grow across the Kansas City metro area, the bank is expanding its commitment to community impact.

Following its acquisition of Country Club Bank, FNBO is expanding its local footprint from 10 locations to 30 across the metro, including five in Overland Park. For Morgan Schulte, the Overland Park-based Vice President of Commercial Banking, that growth represents more than visibility; it creates greater opportunity to invest directly in the people and organizations strengthening Overland Park and the surrounding community.

“Having a larger reach allows us to make greater investments in the community,” Schulte said. “That means more support for grants, sponsorships and community organizations that make a real difference.”

In 2025, FNBO gave \$75,000 in Impact Grants to three organizations in the Kansas City region. Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City received \$30,000 to support the Heritage Park Project, which will provide 14 ener-

gy-efficient homes for low-income families in Johnson County. Inclusion Connections received \$25,000 to support its PawsAbilities Employment Program, helping individuals with developmental disabilities build job and independent living skills. Lastly, CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties received \$20,000 to expand advocacy and financial education resources for teens transitioning out of foster care.

In addition to financial support, FNBO employees continue to invest their time in the community. This June, team members will participate in another Habitat for Humanity “build day” in the Kansas City metro.

The bank’s Impact by FNBO initiative has committed millions toward community development investments, small business support and nonprofit partnerships focused on economic mobility and stronger neighborhoods.

For Schulte, the work is personal.

“What I enjoy most is seeing our mission come to life in real ways. FNBO is committed to investing in the communities where we live, work and play, and that creates a real sense of pride and purpose across our team.”



Driving Economic Success

Building Permits – April 2026				
	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools, etc.	Other Commercial	Total
# of Projects	4	0	43	47
Square Feet	4,500	-	64,900	70,400
Value	\$12,800,000	-	\$15,900,000	28,700,000

– City of Overland Park

Unemployment			
	Mar. 2026	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025
Overland Park	3.6%	4%	3.5%
Johnson County	3.6%	4%	3.5%
KC Metro MSA	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
State of Kansas	3.8%	4.3%	3.9%

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



City Council Member Chris Newlin joined the Chamber to help Lena Price, Vice President; Joe Behrman, Hotel Development Manager; and other **Price Brothers** and hotel representatives celebrate a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Overland Park South** at Bluhawk.

The 99-room, four-story hotel represents a milestone in Bluhawk’s evolution as a premier mixed-use destination that seamlessly integrates sports, entertainment, hospitality, dining and retail at the Center of Sport + Lifestyle™.

The hotel is adjacent to the 255,000-square-foot, world-class **AdventHealth Sports Park**, the \$92 million youth multisport complex that opened in October 2024. A 155,000-square-foot expansion that will add more sports facilities, indoor/outdoor pickleball, mini golf and interactive sports games is planned to open in 2027.

For more info: (913) 681-8400 or [click here](#).

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

Recent Events

MEMBERS CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS



Members enjoyed networking at last month's **Wednesday Wake-up** hosted by [Johnson County Park & Recreation District](#) and the [Johnson County Museum](#).



Our recent Young Professionals CEO Unplugged program, moderated by Stann Tate, [Menorah Medical Center](#), featured Leah FitzGerald, [CBRE](#); Dallas Purkeypile, [AdventHealth South Overland Park](#); and Karla Engel, [Oak Park Mall](#).



During Small Business Month in May, Chamber staff enjoyed visiting several Chamber members, including [Taco Naco](#), for lunch and coffee outings.

We salute the thousands of small businesses that help make our local economy prosperous.



Mayor Curt Skoog, City Council President Melissa Cheatham and City Council Member Holly Grummert joined the Chamber to recognize the recipients of the Chamber Economic Development Council's micro-grant program to support small business development and expansion.

The grant was made possible with the support of the City of Overland Park and private investors in the Chamber's Opportunity NOW initiative. In addition to the grant funding, the recipients also had the opportunity to create a complimentary promotional video, courtesy of [Spectrum Reach](#).

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