

Chamber awards grants to local companies

Fourteen Overland Park businesses have been selected to receive funding as part of a micro grant program for small businesses.

"Entrepreneurs often just need a small boost at the right time to unlock their next stage of growth. That's exactly what this micro-grant program is intended to do," said Libbey Tucker, the Chamber's Senior Vice President of Economic Development.

"By awarding up to \$3,000 to these small businesses, we are fueling momentum, encouraging innovation, and reinforcing our commitment to a thriving entrepreneurial environment. We

expect this program to generate meaningful economic impact by strengthening local businesses, supporting job creation, and fostering a more resilient and vibrant small business ecosystem," Tucker said.

The grant was made possible with the support of private investors in the Overland Park Chamber's Opportunity NOW initiative and the City of Overland Park through the Chamber's Economic Development Council.

See the grant recipients on page 8.

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The top five finalists were - Caspian K., Kamron K., Cooper F., Emeline W. and Noah P.



Greg Musil, [Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes, P.C.](#), served as emcee of the National Civics Bee® in Northeast Kansas.

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Are you as smart as a middle schooler?

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Judging by the results of our recent Regional Competition for the National Civics Bee®, I may not be. Our Overland Park Chamber Foundation, in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber Foundation's Civic Trust, hosted 20 middle schoolers on the Midwest Trust Center stage at Johnson County Community College to test their civics knowledge.

Why is this program important to our Chamber Foundation and the U.S. Chamber? Civics matters because too many Americans cannot answer even basic questions about their government: many cannot name the First Amendment rights, only about one-third know the Supreme Court has nine justices, and only about one-fifth of eighth graders are proficient in civics.

Fewer than half of Americans can name all three branches of government, demonstrating that even the basic structure of government is not widely understood. Just half of Americans could correctly name the branch where bills become laws.

Students who participate gain knowledge of American democracy, practice respectful and constructive engagement, and build trust in others and in institutions. As they compete for prizes, they strengthen their civics, writing, and public speaking skills, and form

friendships with other young leaders along the way.

Thanks to our sponsors, the Shipley-Westbrook Trust, JCCC, and the Health Forward Foundation, our local competition drew student competitors from across Northeast Kansas, representing public and private schools in Overland Park, Leawood, Prairie Village, Mission, Olathe, Topeka, and Leavenworth. Initially, students submit essays proposing ideas to improve their communities, with ambitious topics including:

- Student athlete mental health
- Voter turnout
- Housing affordability
- Invasive species
- Minors vaping
- Aquifer restoration
- AI education
- Healthcare access
- Bullying
- Urban heat islands
- Trash
- Public education
- Migrant equality
- Community service

Twenty finalists selected from the essay pool compete in a civics quiz, then the top five present their essay topics and answer questions from civic leader judges. The top three will represent our region at the state competition at the Kansas Leadership Center,

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Upcoming events

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, May 13 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Johnson County Museum, 8788 Metcalf

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

This event is a great opportunity to see how the Johnson County Museum, operated by Johnson County Park & Recreation, collects and shares our history. It's also an opportunity to hear how JCPRD is creating opportunities to connect, celebrate and engage during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

[Register](#)



Young Professionals: CEO Unplugged

Tuesday, May 12 – 4:00-5:30 p.m.

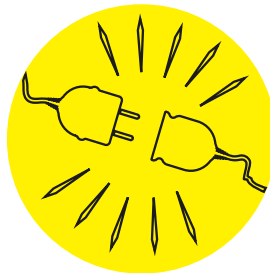
Mazuma Credit Union, 7260 West 135th Street.

Grab a drink, engage with other young professionals and interact with influential leaders to gain insight into how these leaders built their careers, navigated challenges and continue to lead with impact. The panel discussion is moderated by [Stann Tate](#), [Menorah Medical Center](#).

Featured panelists:

- [Leah FitzGerald](#), [CBRE Group](#)
- [Dallas Purkeypile](#), [AdventHealth South Overland Park](#)
- [Karla Engel](#), [Oak Park Mall](#)

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Small Business Council: Owner's Roundtable

Thursday, May 28 – 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Join us for a temperature check on the state of small business ownership. Come ready to meet other small business owners, share what's keeping you up at night, and how we can support one another to grow our small business economy.

[Register](#)



Member Orientation

Tuesday, May 19 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

During this informal orientation, new members or new employees at Chamber member companies will meet Chamber staff, connect with other Chamber member newbies and learn about valuable resources available to you and your business.

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Leadership Overland Park Graduation

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 speaker, presentation on the class project and the program is followed by a cocktail reception.

Sponsorship opportunities available!



Ribbon cuttings

Thursday, May 7 – [Lifted Logic](#), 5600 West 95th Street – 3:30 p.m. (Grand opening through 6:00 p.m.) [RSVP here](#)

Thursday, May 7 – [AesthetiCare Med Spa](#), 7500 West 160th Street – 5:00 p.m. (Grand opening through 7:00 p.m.) [RSVP here](#)

Wednesday, May 13 – [Homestead Estates of Overland Park](#), 12701 Pflumm Road – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20 – [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Overland Park South](#), 16101 Shawnee Drive – 4:00 p.m.



THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK INVITES YOU TO

CLOCK TOWER LANDING

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5
5:30-7 P.M.
7950 MARTY ST.**

Please join us for a ribbon-cutting and open house to celebrate Downtown Overland Park's new gathering space and the future home of the Overland Park Farmers Market.

The Farmers Market pavilion will be open for guests to explore. Remarks begin at 6 p.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!



City Council Member Andrew Payne joined Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen to help Joe Samoszenko, President; Stefani Voorhees, Chief Human Resource Officer; and other company reps celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Propio Language Services**, 4950 College Boulevard. Propio provides critical interpretation, translation, and technology-enabled language services that connect people across health care, government and business settings.

The company planned its expansion in Overland Park because a strong business climate, central location and access to a highly skilled and diverse workforce make it an ideal hub for the company's operations. Company officials said Overland Park's commitment to growth and innovation aligns with its own values, saying "We're proud to invest in a city that is equally focused on building connections and expanding opportunity."

For more info: (913) 381-3143 or [click here](#).

Summer Soccer events

June-July

Many fun events are planned around Overland Park to give you the opportunity to take in the excitement of the international soccer matches in Kansas City this summer.

[See details here](#)



Chamber Foundation presents Civics Bee

Congratulations to the middle school students who participated in the 3rd annual National Civics Bee® in Northeast Kansas, which was sponsored by The Shipley-Westbrook Trust.

The top winners were:

1st place – Emeline W. - 8th grader at Indian Hills Middle School in the Shawnee Mission School District. Her essay topic was about promoting increased voter turnout in elections.

2nd place – Noah P. - 7th grader at Indian Hills Middle School in the Shawnee Mission School District. His essay topic was addressing bullying.

3rd place – Caspian K. - 8th grader at California Trail Middle School in the Olathe School District. His essay topic addressed the stigma of homeless.

Twenty finalists from throughout northeast Kansas participated in the live competition held on April 21 at Johnson County Community College. They were selected from essays submitted by middle schoolers proposing solutions for an issue in their community.

The National Civics Bee® is a nonpartisan competition aimed at improving civics education and literacy among middle school students, their families and communities. The local Northeast Kansas round of the competition was presented by the Overland Park Chamber Foundation in partnership with The Civic Trust of the U.S. Chamber Foundation.

Other sponsors of the live event were Johnson County Community College and the Health Forward Foundation.

The first place winner received a \$500 cash prize, second place received \$250 and third place received \$125. The top three winners advance to the state competition hosted by the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. The state winner earns a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national championship in Fall 2026. Prizes at the national championship include a grand prize of a \$100,000 education savings plan contribution.

The essay portal for the 2027 National Civics Bee® will open in September 2026.



Thank you to our volunteer judges:

- Reagan Cussimano, [The University of Kansas Health System](#)
- Ben Prell, [Benefit Trust Company](#)
- Suze Parker, [Parker Communications Group](#)
- Marshaun Butler, [Saint Luke's Health System](#)
- Mayor Curt Skoog, [City of Overland Park](#)

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where the winner will advance to the U.S. Chamber Foundation's competition for the \$100,000 prize for their education.

The thought and passion these young students brought to their projects was impressive. I wish every Chamber member had been in the audience – I know you would share my pride in them and my optimism about our future. My hope is that you'll help us spread the word to your student or to others with middle schoolers to participate in the next competition. Whether you have a student or not, I hope you'll join me at the next competition to test your knowledge!

Three professionals join Chamber Board

We are pleased to welcome three leaders joining the Chamber Board of Directors

Kevin Gabriel serves as senior director of corporate affairs at [Compass Minerals](#), where he leads internal and external communications, corporate branding, strategic partnerships, and community engagement and corporate social responsibility initiatives. He has more than two decades experience helping organizations strengthen reputation, engage stakeholders and align strategy with purpose.

As Vice-President of Talent Management & Analytics at [Energys](#), **Tom Sullivan** leads human resources with responsibility for the company's talent acquisition, leadership development, organization development, HR information systems, workforce analytics and payroll/HR service functions. His career includes positions with JE Dunn Construction, Walmart, AT&T, DirecTV and Sprint.

Amanda Todd is Vice President of Enterprise Finance Planning & Analysis at [T-Mobile](#). She leads corporate financial reporting and T-Mobile's relationship with Deutsche Telekom, as well as financial planning and analysis across the company's Backoffice functions — Finance, HR and Legal. Amanda is deeply invested in mentoring the next generation of leaders and is a graduate of the KC Chamber of Commerce Centurions program.



Kevin Gabriel
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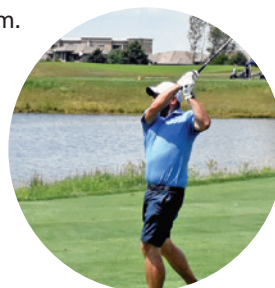
Chamber Golf Tournament

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](#)

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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.



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

If you have colleagues who aren't receiving the Chamber's monthly newsletter, let us know so we can add them to the mailing list.

Just send your names and e-mail addresses to Hannah at hmelton@opchamber.org.

LOP class studies county government and regionalism

Our 2026 Leadership Overland Park class recently had sessions focusing on Johnson County Government and Regionalism.

During County Day, they heard from county leaders including County Commission Chair Mike Kelly and County Manager Penny Post oak Ferguson, Johnson County District Attorney's Office, Medical Examiner's Office, Johnson County Park and Recreation District, the Crime Lab and Johnson County Mental Health Center. They also explored Johnson County history in the [Johnson County Museum](#) at the Johnson County Arts and Heritage Center.

Regionalism Day featured a panel of mayors representing the region moderated by John Holt, FOX 4 News. The class also heard from community leaders who shared behind-the-scenes glimpses of how many organizations are working to enhance our metropolitan region.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for Leadership Overland Park Graduation, 5:00-6:30 p.m. on **June 18**.

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Summer interns collaboration

If your company is hosting summer interns, we have a great opportunity for them to engage with interns from throughout the community.

Our annual **Summer in OP** collaboration gives companies the chance to have their summer interns interact with interns at other companies for networking, professional development and community-building.

Sign up NOW: If your company plans to host interns, [complete this short form](#) to express interest in the program.

[Learn more](#)



14 Overland Park companies receive micro grants

Fourteen Overland Park businesses have been selected to receive funding as part of a micro grant program for small businesses.

Grants were awarded to businesses ranging from two years to 30 years in business.

The Overland Park Chamber and its Economic Development Council offered the grant program to support business development and expansion. Companies were eligible if they had fewer than 25 full-time employees, had been in business for at least one year and were in good standing with the State of Kansas.

Recipients are:

- **[Crafted Fair Trade](#)** – to improve curb appeal in a high-traffic part of Downtown Overland Park
- **[Discourse Brewing](#)** – to support paid local music performances and increased business in Overland Park
- **[Frogmouth Insect Farm](#)** – to help create environmentally sustainable lawn care options for the community
- **[Functional Health KC, LLC](#)** – for equipment to provide chiropractic care to individuals across all stages of life
- **[Heartstrings Community Foundation](#)** – to help support meaningful employment for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and increase visibility for downtown Overland Park storefront
- **[KDGS Works, Inc.](#)** – for internship program development to give real world digital marketing experience to the next generation
- **[La Mega KC](#)** – to upgrade audio-visual equipment and support an internship program to serve the diverse and growing Latino community
- **[Overland Park Community Church](#)** – for improvements to the pre-school to enhance its early education childhood center
- Rachel Rutter DeKoning, LCMFT, LLC – to provide resources to OCD patients and course development to reduce wait time for care
- **[Spartan Home Improvement, LLC](#)** – to develop an internship program to build capacity for the company to take on more home improvement and repair projects
- **[Sugahrush Berries](#)** – to support operations and improve physical space at Oak Park Mall
- **[The Culinary Center of Kansas City](#)** – to help provide a welcoming appearance in Downtown Overland Park during World Cup and beyond
- **[The Upper Crust](#)** – to replace a 20+ year-old cooler display case and SERVSAFE certification for staff
- **[Vintage 78 Wine Bar LLC](#)** – for formal wine education certifications for staff

The grant was made possible with the support of private investors in the Overland Park Chamber's Opportunity NOW initiative and the City of Overland Park through the Chamber's Economic Development Council.



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen joined Dallas Purkeypille, President & Chief Executive Officer, and other hospital representatives to celebrate the opening of **[AdventHealth Medical Group Primary Care at Bluhawk](#)**, 7840 West 165th Street, Suite 330.

Patients of this clinic will be treated by family medicine and sports medicine physician Andrew Johnson, MD, and a dedicated team of advanced practice professionals. Dr. Johnson provides the full spectrum of care for patients of all ages. He draws on his sports medicine education to keep patients functioning at the level they desire for as long as possible.



Chamber Senior Vice President Libbey Tucker helped Grant Laham, Practice Owner/Dentist, and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new offices of **[Kansas Family Dental](#)**, 10304 Mastin Street.

For more than fifty years, Kansas Family Dental has been a trusted part of the community, carried forward by three generations of dentists dedicated to providing high-quality care with a personal touch. Kansas Family Dental continues that tradition as a locally owned practice, combining decades of experience with the latest technology to offer a full range of services in-house.

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Chamber Vice President Craig Finn helped Nicole Jablonski, Senior Vice President; Aimee Edwards, Regional Vice President; and other representatives celebrate a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the newly renovated, state-of-the-art [Ignite Medical Resorts](#) at 11901 Rosewood Drive.

Ignite's goal is to build a strong connection with the community and its neighbors while providing outstanding health care in a facility they can truly love and trust.

For more info: (913) 345-1745.



City Council Member Andrew Payne joined Libbey Tucker, Chamber Senior Vice President, to help Jack Harmon, General Manager, and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of [810 Entertainment](#) at 13500 Nall Avenue in Prairiefire.

810 Entertainment is an all-in-one upscale venue combining boutique bowling, arcade games and interactive attractions like virtual reality with a full-service scratch kitchen and bar.

Serving communities for a decade, company officials say they selected Overland Park because it is a vibrant community with the perfect mix of families and businesses. It aims to create a fun and safe working environment instilled with a culture of collaboration and partnerships in our community.

For more info: (913) 600-7088 or [click here](#).

Magazine boosts talent recruitment efforts Chamber releases new Livability Overland Park

The 2026 edition of [Livability Overland Park, KS](#) is now available in print and digital formats!

Showcasing the outstanding quality of life that Overland Park offers to a key audience including entrepreneurs, site selectors, executives, and talented individuals and families, it is designed to attract business investment, recruit talent and encourage relocation to our region.

In collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, our partners at Livability Media have produced unique, Overland Park-specific content featured on [Livability.com](#), a national relocation resource reaching millions of individuals and families looking to move. Additionally, we have a top-quality print magazine and digital guide to share with prospective residents.

The content is also shared through the brand's social media platforms, ensuring widespread reach and engagement. Through these channels, we will showcase our favorable business climate, abundant attractions and enviable quality of place.

This is possible through the support of our advertising sponsors:

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Help us get the word out about our community! We'd love to partner with you to promote the great things that make Overland Park an exceptional place to live and work.

- Go to [livability.com/ks/overland-park](#). Read unique stories about what makes Overland Park a great place to live, work and play. The online articles have something for everyone and they're easy to share on social media.
- Read and share the digital version. You can flip through online or download a PDF. You also can use share tools to quickly send a link by email or post to social media.
- Copies of the print magazine are available at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce and at Chamber events.
- Contact us for copies to support your recruitment efforts – opcc@opchamber.org or (913) 491-3600.



Member news & events

Our member share the following news and event announcements:

Central Bank is hosting [Soccer Capital of America® Pop-Up Shop](#), 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on **May 8**. Browse official tournament merchandise and celebrate KC's title as Soccer Capital of America®.

The [Spring Parade of Homes](#), presented by the [Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City](#), continues through **May 10**. It features 317 homes open daily, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Download the mobile app to save your favorites and map a customized route.

[Tier 1 Pickleball](#), a one-year-old Overland Park company, was [featured in the Kansas City Business Journal](#) for its innovation and support of military veterans and first responders.

The [City of Overland Park](#) has a [new website](#) that features a fresh design with enhanced accessibility tools, translation features, more intuitive navigation and a better user experience.

[Johnson County Community College](#) received the [Campus Sustainability Achievement Award](#) from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education for its unique and innovative [Sustainability Distinction Program](#).

During international soccer matches in Kansas City this summer, the former On the Border Restaurant at [Oak Park Mall](#) will serve as a primary welcome hub and transit point for ConnectKC 2026 transportation. Oak Park Mall is offering Chamber members a 20% discount on advertising agreements committed/signed by **May 15**. This includes parking lot activations, digital marketing, large format advertising, as well as static ads and logo/QR code opportunities for businesses with a smaller budget. For details, contact Karla at (913) 335-6188 or karla.engel@cblproperties.com.

[Nifty Promotions](#) is a drop-off site for donations to Fresh Start Bags, which supports individuals rescued from modern-day slavery. Items collected during the 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 at cindy@niftypromos.com or (913) 219-7540.

With the unexpected closure of the Painted Tree, [Oak Park Mall](#) wants small business owners to know it offers week-end pop ups and flexible short- and long-term options for local entrepreneurs looking to reach a wide audience. Fox4 News recently featured Oak Park's message to local entrepreneurs. For more details, contact Jennifer Humphrey at jennifer.humphrey@cblproperties.com.

[Overland Park Regional Medical Center](#) and [Menorah Medical Center](#) have been named in [Castle Connolly's 2026 Top Hospitals List](#).

[Discourse Brewing](#) was awarded a [Gold in the 2026 World Beer Cup](#), the most prestigious beer competition in the world.

[ProPartners Healthcare](#) welcomed [Grace Llewellyn](#) to its team. Grace is a board certified family nurse practitioner who provides comprehensive medical care to patients across the lifespan.

Overland Park City Clerk Elizabeth Kelley received the [Mildred Vance City Clerk of the Year Award](#) from the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas.

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



Last month, the Small Business Council hosted a roundtable discussion on how business owners can choose, negotiate and finance the right commercial space for their next stage of growth.

Attendees heard from Clayton Drake, [UMB Bank](#); Chris Wally, [Wally & Company](#); Kay Smith, [Cereset](#); and Kapil Jain, [Bikanervala](#).

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Serving over 19.5 million individuals,¹ [Empower](#) is a financial services company on a mission to empower financial freedom for all. With an office on the Aspiria campus and more than 600 associates in the Overland Park area, the company is proud to be part of this vibrant and growing community.

Associates support and volunteer with a variety of local organizations, including Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, Harvesters, Wayside Waifs, Wreaths Across America at Johnson County Memorial Gardens, and more. Empower backs these charitable impacts by offering paid time off to volunteer and matching programs for both personal donations and volunteer hours. In March, Empower was the presenting sponsor of the American Lung Association Fight for Air

Climb – Kansas City and has been the top fundraising team for this event for the past four years. Now, associates are gearing up for the 2026 Kansas City Corporate Challenge and looking forward to the fun and friendly competition.

For more information, visit: [empower.com](#) @EmpowerToday on X @officialempowertoday on Facebook @officialempowertoday on Instagram @EmpowerToday on TikTok @EmpowerToday on LinkedIn

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Building Permits – March 2026	
Square Feet	11,900
Value	\$17,400,000

– 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

Chamber EDC supports business prosperity

The Chamber's Economic Development Council works to attract new companies and jobs to our community. It also helps existing companies prosper and grow.

To learn more about the Chamber EDC, contact Libbey at ltucker@opchamber.org.

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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.



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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 [Jason's Deli](#).

Talented student entrepreneurs/business owners competed with 5-minute business or nonprofit pitch ideas in the 2026 [Shawnee Mission School District](#) Student Chamber Startup Showcase.

Hosted by The Culture House at [Oak Park Mall](#), the event was sponsored by the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation and the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.



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



Last month, the Chamber's [All in Overland Park](#) welcomed newcomers and community members to the first-ever All in Overland Park Community Event. Attendees had the opportunity to connect directly with local businesses and organizations, exploring what they offer through engaging, hands-on experiences, while businesses were able to share their work in a meaningful, approachable way. The event created a space for real conversations, new connections and a stronger sense of community.

To stay involved and hear about future events, [subscribe to the All Week in OP](#) email list.