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The new Johnson County Courthouse is open for business. This efficient, secure, accessible and functional building will be home to our county's justice system for decades to come.

Voters approve school bond for Shawnee Mission Schools

COMMUNITY NEWS

Shawnee Mission voters approved the 2021 bond proposal question.

Unofficial results show 69.41% voting in favor of the \$264 million bond, which will allow district-wide facilities improvements and the hiring of additional secondary teachers.

The bond will provide updates to buildings across the district, including rebuilding five elementary schools. Facilities will be improved for students in Pre-K through 12th grade in every feeder pattern.

The bond also will allow the district to shift some custodial/maintenance salaries into the capital fund. This will free up funds in

the operating fund to hire additional secondary teachers and better support student learning.

"Thank you to the entire Shawnee Mission community for the support of this bond," Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton expressed. "We know excellent schools are essential to strong communities. Our goal is that we continue to be ranked among the finest school districts in the nation, employing exceptional educators who work in state-of-the-art facilities where learners achieve their full potential. We appreciate our community's support for teachers and for helping each student achieve their personal best."

For details, [click here](#).

Is your Info Hub up to date?

Log into your Info Hub to make sure your contact information in the Chamber's database and communications preferences are up-to-date. To create an account, [click here](#) or contact Drew at daggus@opchamber.org or (913) 491-3600.

Events Calendar

Virtual Wednesday Wake-up

Series Sponsor: [Fortune Financial Advisors](#)

Virtual Host: [Tutera Senior Living & Health Care](#)

Wednesday, February 10
8:00-9:00 a.m.

To register, [click here](#)

Member Orientation

Series Sponsor: [Lettiann & Associates Real Estate Services](#)

Thursday, February 11
4:00-5:00 p.m.

To register, [click here](#)

Joint EDC/Public Policy & Advocacy Committees

Presentation on the status of Kansas' unemployment trust fund system

Friday, February 12
12:00-1:00 p.m.

To register, [click here](#)

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Featuring Tucker Trotter, [Dimensional Innovations](#)

Series Sponsor: [FNBO-First National Bank of Omaha](#)

Thursday, February 18
8:30-9:30 a.m.

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Mayor's State of the City

Featuring Mayor Carl Gerlach and free to the public!

Presenting Sponsor: [Saint Luke's Health System](#)

Wednesday, March 3
12:00-1:00 p.m.

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The Art of the Possible

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There's a noun exercised so little I'm concerned it may become extinct.

Civility – defined as civilized conduct, especially courtesy or politeness – or to be more accurate, the lack of civility, has been a concern for many years, especially in political arenas. But in recent years our society's lack of civility, from the discourse of political leaders to that of average citizens in legislative chambers, local public hearings, social media pages and private dinner table conversation has permeated daily lives to the extent that it's become a new normal.

But should we – must we – accept this rancor?

As leaders in the business community, it's up to each of us to model the behavior we want to see in others. Remember the Golden Rule to “treat others the way you want to be treated?” We need to model it in our homes, in the workplace, in our community interactions and with our choices at the ballotbox. While I can't change the behavior of the members of a governing body, I can make sure I'm informed about the character, behavior and opinions of those I vote for.

We can look inward, too, at our tolerance for others and their opinions. Do we seek information, news and research to enhance our own knowledge or to further our own bias? Perhaps we need to broaden our horizons a bit to other outlets to increase understanding of the opinions of those around us.

Five years ago, I had the opportunity to participate in the Sunflower Advocacy Fellowship sponsored by the Sunflower Foundation. We spent a lot of time talking about civility and our individual roles in promoting it. One of the take-aways I found helpful is the acronym WAIT. Before diving right into a discussion, especially one that might get heated, think: WAIT.

**Why
Am
I
Talking**

Am I talking to hear my own voice? Will what I have to say clarify the issue, add to the discussion or build others' points? Am I genuinely contributing or adding a solution? Have others expressed what I'm thinking?

Ben Craig, one of the Chamber's founders, used to bemoan the loss of civility in politics. Ever a pragmatist, Ben didn't expect

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President's message continued ... that everyone would drop their party allegiances and suddenly agree. What he regretted was the polarization that kept people from coming together to seek reasonable solutions for the community good. Ben liked to talk about the "art of the possible." For him, this art meant that people who disagreed about party – or issues – could still agree about the city, state and country that they loved and could come together in a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and consensus building to accomplish great things.

I, too believe in the art of the possible. That's the foundation of chambers of commerce. We

accomplish our mission when many people with diverse backgrounds, opinions, interests and types of businesses come together to make our community the best place to build a business, a career and a home. As business leaders it's important that we make it clear that civil behavior is a priority by modeling what we want to see and rewarding elected officials who can govern and collaborate while representing us. If I could paraphrase Ben's dream of "possible" now, I think it would mean we focus on a future built upon respect for each other and solutions. With those as a foundation, it's not impossible at all.



Executive Leadership Series

FEATURING TUCKER TROTTER,
DIMENSIONAL INNOVATIONS

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Thursday, February 18 – 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Our first program in the Executive Leadership Series this year features Tucker Trotter, Dimensional Innovations (DI). This virtual program is 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Thursday, **February 18**.

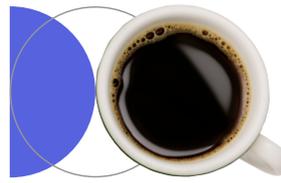
Starting at DI as a summer intern, Trotter now serves as CEO, focused on creating a strong culture, a clear vision for the future and spreading awareness about DI's team and capabilities. DI's portfolio encompasses professional sports projects, along with major installations in museums, halls of fame, entertainment districts across the country and more than 500 cinemas around the world. Locally, DI projects include the Museum at Prairiefire, the library books gracing the Kansas City Library parking garage, the Royals' Hall of Fame, Arrowhead Stadium, Children's Mercy, Liberty Memorial, and numerous corporate headquarters.

To register, [click here](#).

Thanks to Series Sponsor: [FNBO-First National Bank of Omaha](#)

Save the date!

Mark your calendar and plan to participate in the Chamber Golf Tournament – **August 16** at [Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate](#). This event is always a great opportunity to spend a beautiful afternoon on the golf course and network with fellow business professionals. To gain visibility as a tournament sponsor, contact Celia at cfritzwatson@opchamber.org.



VIRTUAL BUSINESS NETWORKING

Wednesday Wake-up

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FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY

Wednesday, February 10 – 8:00–9:00 a.m.

Join us virtually to connect and exchange ideas with other Chamber members, hear Chamber updates, and learn more about our virtual host, [Tutera Senior Living & Health Care](#). Breakout rooms provide opportunities for small group conversations and introductions. Take a virtual tour to see how Tutera continues to meet founder Dominic F. Tutera, M.D.'s original vision for senior living communities.

To register, [click here](#).

Thanks to our Series Sponsor: [Fortune Financial Advisors](#)



Member Orientation

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Thursday, February 11 – 4:00–5:00 p.m.

If your company is new to the Chamber or you are a new employee, this event will help you learn more about the Chamber and opportunities available to you as a member. You will meet the Chamber staff who are working for you, connect with fellow members and learn about resources. Be prepared to participate via video and to introduce yourself & the business or organization you represent.

To register, [click here](#).

Thanks to our Series Sponsor: [Lettiann & Associates Real Estate Services](#)



Mayor's State of the City

FEATURING MAYOR CARL GERLACH

SPONSORED BY Saint Luke's
HEALTH SYSTEM

Wednesday, March 3 – 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Join us virtually as Mayor Carl Gerlach presents his annual State of the City Address. The Mayor will focus on Overland Park's future and discuss the path city leaders have taken to bring about 60 years of success and build the city's reputation as one of the best places in the country to live and work.

This event is free to attend, thanks to the generosity of our **Event Sponsor: [Saint Luke's Health System](#)**

To register, [click here](#).

2021 Leadership class begins this month

The 29 business professionals in the 2021 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class begin their session with an opening retreat on February 24.

To see the roster of this year's LOP class members, [click here](#).

Next month, the class will learn about state government on March 10 as a joint session with the leadership programs

LOP 2021

of two other Johnson County chambers. On March 24, the class will hear from community representatives about health and social issues.

To learn more about the Chamber Foundation's LOP program, [click here](#).

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Businesses are making difficult choices; we appreciate you recognizing the value the Chamber continues to provide you. We encourage you to support these businesses that are investing in our community!

Central Bank customers enjoy leading edge technology

CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

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

With five locations in Overland Park, [Central Bank of the Midwest](#) is built on a strong heritage of community banks with a team that is committed to the customers and the 28 communities it serves. With 51 full-service branches, Central Bank of the Midwest associates pride themselves on providing a legendary experience for customers and fellow associates with a shared commitment to their core values.

Central Bank provides its customers with leading edge technology and offers a comprehensive package of products and services for all financial needs. From personal and business checking and savings accounts to mortgages, small business

banking services, commercial loans, and wealth management, Central Bank has a financial solution for its customers.

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

For more information, visit www.centralbank.net.



Submit a guest column for this newsletter

Chamber members are invited to share industry knowledge through a guest column in this monthly newsletter. Columns should provide general information beneficial to a wide range of business professionals, and be commercial-free and not promotional in nature. They might focus on best practices and ideally would be a timely topic addressing the current business environment or issues such as COVID-19.

For details, contact Stan at slawson@opchamber.org.

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Who would you like to refer to the Chamber? Connect them to Stacey at scowan@opchamber.org and receive a credit when they join.

Can't we all get along?

GUEST COLUMN

Can't we all get along?

This 1992 quote by Rodney King may seem a little time-worn, but it still resonates today. It seems as if the political discord in our country has transcended into all aspects of life. We disagree on politics, COVID policies, social services, snow removal – the list goes on and on. However, somehow due to the differences of political opinion, couples are getting divorced, family gatherings become shouting matches, long-time friends are breaking their relationships and people are blocked on Facebook.

Instead, what we all should be doing is to take time to try to understand those with different opinions, whether that is political in nature, or where you can get the best cheeseburger. 1960's activist Eldridge Cleaver once said, "If you are not part of the solution, you must be part of the problem." Life has its own challenges. If we insist on adding to those challenges by openly disagreeing with those who do not have similar views absent an aura of respect, we are part of the problem. It doesn't matter that the other side is considered to be without their rights, the escalation

Dave White, Of Counsel
[Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford, P.C.](#)



that we have seen in the past month only goes to prove that internal discord within the United States needs to exist in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Mutual respect must be the bedrock of public discussion. Those who demonize persons holding opposite views only add fuel to the fire. No matter the rhetoric, it must be remembered that your opponent is not the enemy. Instead, your opponent is a fellow citizen who deserves respect for their opinion or position. Only through mutual respect can we escape the downward spiral that has manifested itself so clearly on January 6. We all deserve better.

Dave White is a retired partner with the law firm of Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford, P. C. He also is former member of the Overland Park City Council.

Chamber building offers affordable meeting space

Are you working remotely? The Chamber building offers a variety of options for those in need of a smaller work space during COVID-19. Our larger conference rooms also allow enough space for social distancing.

Conveniently located in Corporate Woods, our meeting space is ideal for events, training sessions, or a one-on-one interview.

For details, contact Drew at daggus@opchamber.org.



The Chamber was pleased to help owners Kiersten and Shelly Graham and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for [Summer Moon Coffee](#), 9127 Metcalf Avenue. Established in Austin, Tx., in 2005, Summer Moon continues to perfect its craft roasting process: small, hand-roasted batches of the finest coffee beans over seasoned Texas oak. For more information, [click here](#) or call (913) 283-8039.

Don't predict the future; adapt to it

GUEST COLUMN

2020 taught us that anything, and I mean anything, is possible.

And when anything is possible, it makes predicting 2021 nearly impossible. So I won't waste your time by telling you the "Top Ten Things to Expect in 2021" or "Seven Ways to Be a Successful Marketer This Year." The truth is no one really knows.

With that said, here are five lessons we learned throughout last year that might help us as we navigate the ambiguity of 2021.

1. Online or off? Both.

According to eMarketer, "the average time US consumers spend with media rose by more than 1 hour per day in 2020, to 13 hours, 35 minutes." This growth is led by social media, streaming subscriptions and digital videos. Yet, despite our desire to get off of our couches and out of our houses, people will continue to spend a lot of our time consuming digital media. As marketers, we can use digital tactics to get people outside and back to doing things they did before. Do you know why cancer diagnoses were down 50% in 2020? It's because patients stopped visiting the doctor. We must reach consumers in their homes and encourage them to safely resume activities that have the potential to improve their lives.

2. Be direct.

Americans spend almost four hours a day on their mobile device. Of those four hours, 90% of that time is spent in apps, according to eMarketer. So it's no surprise that CPG compa-

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Copywriter
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nies, like The Clorox Company, are meeting consumers where they are—in their apps. eCommerce shopping directly from social media platforms, aka social commerce, is the future of direct-to-consumer marketing, for both small and large companies.

3. It's all virtual.

We learned this past year that in-person events cannot just be thrown online with the hope that the results will be the same. The events must be adapted with different ways to connect, learn and sell. Virtual events will continue to dominate 2021 for many reasons. One key reason is we don't know when life will return to "normal," whatever normal is. In the future, look for events to be a hybrid of both in-person and online to accommodate varying needs.

4. Engage. Engage. Engage.

This past year gave everyone the opportunity to disengage. This has become comfortable (for most people), but that doesn't make it sustainable or good for our mental health. What can companies do? Make human connections. Throughout a divisive political and social climate, it is crucial to speak to people, not as brands but as

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2021 Directory hot off the presses

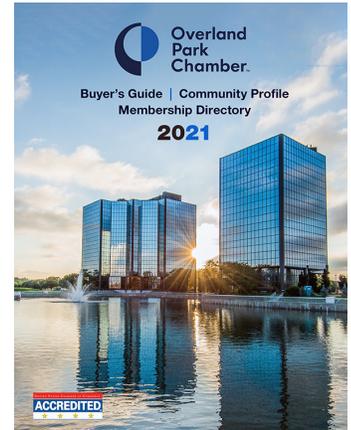
Our 2021 Membership Directory is being mailed to Chamber members this month.

In addition to alphabetical and categorical listings of Chamber members, it features a community profile, a Who's Who of business leaders and information about our programs and services.

To request additional copies of the directory, contact Drew at (913) 491-3600 or opcc@opchamber.org.

We thank these members for their advertising support:

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- [SnapIT Solutions](#)
- [Southcreek Office Park](#)
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U.S. 69 Expansion Project examining options

The U.S. 69 Expansion Project – conducted by The Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Turnpike Authority and the City of Overland Park – is examining how best to improve one of the state's busiest highways to address growing safety, travel time reliability and congestion issues in the study cor-

ridor between 103rd and 179th streets.

Transportation improvements are needed to address congestion and keep the economy moving. These improvements will be identified as part of the U.S. 69 Expansion Project.

For details, [click here](#).

The Future continued . . .

other humans. Brands will be challenged to unite consumers without dividing them, all while walking the line of whether or not to have a voice in social issues. There is no recipe for this but, without a doubt, the secret ingredient is humanity.

5. Plan to be nimble

2020 can be defined by panicking then pivoting. This year, we have the opportunity to skip the panic and instead plan for the year ahead based on what we've learned from a year of pandemicking. It certainly won't be flawless, but it will at least be grounded in some knowledge and experience. And the most important element to in-

clude in this year's planning is nimbleness. How do you incorporate nimbleness into your plan? Start with a team in place that knows what it takes to pivot fast.

There will be no return to normal . . . so stop waiting for it to happen. All we can do is keep a pulse on consumers' changing needs and wants and create a business model that can adapt quickly. And, of course, remember that anything is possible.

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Member News

Subscribe to Johnson County's [daily COVID-19 e-newsletter](#) for updates on the vaccine rollout in Johnson County.

[Perspective Architecture + Design](#) is the new name of the former RMTA.

[Equity Bank's](#) Kansas City flagship location is open at College & Metcalf.

The [Enterprise Center in Johnson County](#) has moved to the Cloverleaf Office Park.

[GBA](#) has acquired Jay Engineering Company, Inc., in Texas.

The [Blue Valley Recreation Commission](#) has started the Rufus L. Nye Umpire Equipment Program in which funds donated by Nye's family will be used to purchase umpire equipment.

[Rhycom](#) has been selected as advertising agency of record by Midwest Transplant Network. The two companies will develop new marketing campaigns to *(continued on the next page)*

AdventHealth expansion opens this year

CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Located at 165th and Antioch in the Bluhawk development, AdventHealth South Overland Park opened in 2017 with a 24/7 emergency department, lab, imaging services, primary care, physical therapy and various physician specialties. The campus has allowed AdventHealth to extend its healing mission to more members of the community with whole-person care close to home.

Most recently, AdventHealth South Overland Park added an integrative medicine center offering a wide range of holistic and complementary care services and is now expanding into a 193,000 square-foot, 85-bed inpatient hospital to include a new birth center, surgical services, intensive care unit, heart care and more. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late 2021.

AdventHealth nurtures its commitment to help Johnson County residents feel whole through various partnerships including Blue Valley Educational Foundation, Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, Blue Valley Recreation and Town Center Plaza. AdventHealth South Overland Park's ER also received the Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award in 2020.

In addition to AdventHealth South Overland Park, the AdventHealth network includes AdventHealth College Boulevard, AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, AdventHealth Lenexa, three AdventHealth Central Care locations, along with physician practices located throughout Johnson, Leavenworth and Miami counties.

For more information, visit www.AdventHealthKC.com.



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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.

Driving Economic Success

Unemployment

	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020
Overland Park	2.5%	4.8%	3.1%
Johnson County	2.5%	4.8%	3.3%
Kansas City Metro MSA	3.1%	4.6%	N/A
State of Kansas	2.9%	5.6%	3.5%

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

Building Permits

	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools, etc.	Other Commercial	Totals
Dec. 2020	3	0	25	28
Sq. Feet	88,306	0	15,174	88,306
Value	\$13,958,039	N/A	\$14,229,090	\$28,187,129

– City of Overland Park

Commercial Permits



Retail Sales – October 2020



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reinforce the importance of organ donor registration.

[St. Joseph Medical Center](#) will be home to a new location of Concorde Career Colleges.

The [Overland Park Convention Center](#) was named “Best Customer Service and On-Site Support in North America” by EXHIBITOR Magazine.

The [Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center](#) seeks your input on the future of public art.

[Baker University's](#) next master of science in instructional design and performance technology starts in March.

[Candlewood Suites-Overland Park](#) is enhancing the experience for hotel guests by redefining cleanliness, supporting guests' wellbeing throughout their stay and expanding commitment to cleanliness.

[St. Joseph Medical Center](#) has been recognized with an 'A' in the fall 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

[Mize CPAs Inc.](#) has promoted Jan Marrs, SPHR-SCP, to shareholder.

[Downtown Overland Park Partnership](#) has hired Angie Mutti as executive director.

Grey Wise has joined the client accounting services team of [Adams Brown](#).

[Trish Reedy](#), Trusted Lending Center, earned the spot of top Kansas lender from United Wholesale Mortgage, the nation's #1 wholesale lender.

Trusted Lending Center's Trish Reedy has released episode two of her podcast “[Reedy, Set, GROW!](#),” featuring Joni Wickham, Chief of Staff to former Mayor Sly James.

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