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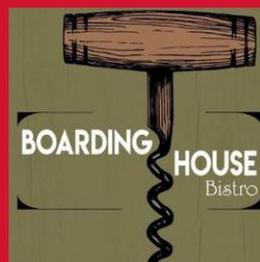
During February

Join these businesses in
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O'FALLON-SHILOH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER TRACKS

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How quickly can a hacker get into all of your accounts?

If your password is less than five characters - even a combination of letters, numbers and symbols - you can be hacked almost instantly.

Find out the most secure passwords and other great tips for staying safe online.

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O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber Announces Board of Directors Candidates. See who has been nominated.

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Join us for our next BOB on The Go! - this time at Gateway Classic Cars. If you missed it in January, be sure to check our website for the video.

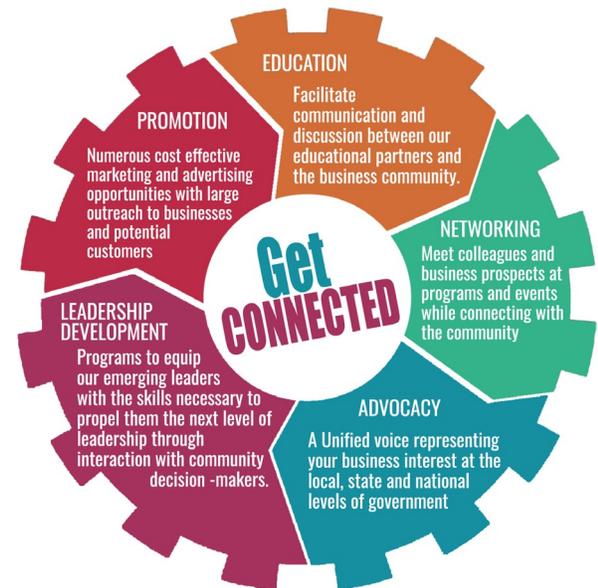
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Spectra Graphics, Inc.
The Regency Conference Center
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Webster University

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 Balke Brown Transwestern
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 Edward Jones Investments - Jason Stone
 Edward Jones Investments – Natalie Cortese
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 Express Employment Professionals
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 Shiloh Dental Group
 Southwestern IL Visiting Nurse Assoc.
 St. Clair Bowl
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 Tamarack Country Club
 TC Treat's
 The Autism Clinic at Hope
 Thoman Insurance Agency, LLC
 Three Sisters Crafts
 Warma Witter Kreisler & Associates
 Wittenauer Properties, LLC
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Chamber Tracks is our monthly newsletter and comes out the first week of each month. The deadline for submitting your information for this publication is the 25th of the month preceding publication. We have gone "green" and post the newsletter electronically to the website. An e-mail goes out to all members advising them that the newsletter is available for viewing at O'FallonChamber.com/news.html.

Print copies are available in the Chamber office upon request.

MEMBER NEWS

WISPER INTERNET THANKS POLICE & FIRE FIRST RESPONDERS OF O'FALLON, IL



O'Fallon, IL (January 27, 2021) – Wisper ISP, Inc. donates goodies, such as candy, granola bars, crackers, energy drinks and more to thank the Police and

Fire Departments of O'Fallon, IL. As the second wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic took hold on America, Wisper decided to take action by thanking those at the frontlines in the communities they serve.

When asked about the donation, the O'Fallon Police Chief, Eric Van Hook stated, "We are fortunate to have the support of so many in our residential and business community. We work hard to build those relationships and appreciate everything you do to help make us successful. We remain committed to O'Fallon and our mission to serve. Thank you."

The O'Fallon Fire Chief, Bradley White added, "The O'Fallon Fire Department appreciates the continued support from our residents and local businesses. 2020 was an economically tough year for everyone yet individual citizens and businesses alike continue to make very generous donations to O'Fallon's First Responders. I remain humbled by the displays of kindness our department routinely receives from the local community."

Wisper Internet realizes they been fortunate during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The demand for a reliable, high-speed Internet service has boomed since the lockdowns

began in March 2019. Many Americans have been working from home or learning from home to prevent the spread of the virus. Both tasks are nearly impossible to achieve in today's age of technology without a reliable, high-speed Internet connection.



Wisper has been an Internet provider in O'Fallon, IL since 2003, the year Wisper was founded. Their fixed wireless technology is on nine elevated structures throughout O'Fallon. Fixed Wireless Technology uses elevated structures, such as water towers, cell towers, grain elevators, etc. to reach a resident's home. Current capabilities do require the equipment on a resident's roof to have 'line of sight' to the elevated structure. That means no trees or terrain can be blocking the visual path. A resident will reside no more than 3 -5 miles from the elevated structure to receive the desired signal strength.

Pricing and speed availability may vary from location to location. For more information and to determine service eligibility, contact the Wisper Sales Team at (800) 765-7772 or sales@wisperisp.com.

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: YOUTH CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAM



Illinois
Department of Commerce
& Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is joining its core partners to host a Youth Career Pathway Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Bidder's Conference. The Youth Career Pathway Program provides grants to serve opportunity youth with barriers that prevent continued education and employment. Successful pilot projects will integrate workforce, education, and economic development services and address barriers to accessing job-driven training resulting in employment opportunities. These projects will inform the development of sustainable career pathways for youth throughout the state.

This NOFO not only seeks to address the staggeringly high unemployment rate for youth but seeks to advance the vision, principles, goals, and strategies articulated within the State of Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan and the priorities outlined in the Regional and Local Workforce Plans. Additionally, Governor Pritzker has outlined his priorities for revitalizing economic growth and creating economic opportunity in communities across the state through Executive Order 2019-03, and the Five-Year Economic Development Plan.

DCEO has obtained \$3-4 Million in program support through the statewide activities fund to support the governors' target populations and the youth of Illinois.

For more information on the application and technical assistance schedule visit www.illinoisworknet.com/2021youthnofo

TOGETHER CREDIT UNION OPENS PORTAL FOR NEXT ROUND OF PPP LOAN APPLICATIONS



The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Treasury Department, has reopened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for first-time borrowers and second-draw borrowers who meet certain eligibility criteria.

Today, Together Credit Union, a SBA preferred lender, reopened its online application system to assist new and current business members with their PPP loan applications for the government-backed relief.

“To accelerate the PPP application process, we introduced a robotic process automation system to improve operational efficiencies,” said Paul Sheahan, Vice President of Business Services at Together Credit Union. “Last year, 300 of our business members received PPP loans, and of these more than 25% were awarded to woman- and minority-owned businesses.”

In 2020, the SBA launched the Paycheck Protection Program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help keep workers employed during the COVID-19 health crisis. Initially, the loans covered payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. The newest round of PPP loans, part of an overall COVID-19 economic stimulus package called the Economic Aid Act, will further help job retention by including operations expenditures, property damage costs, supplier costs, and worker protection expenditures.

The Economic Aid Act also repealed a section of the CARES Act, which deducted Economic Injury Disaster Loan amounts from PPP lenders. Under the CARES Act, the SBA anticipated forgiving roughly 70% of PPP loans awarded in 2020. To date, 33% of Together Credit Union’s PPP borrowers have received remittances and the credit union expects an additional 25% to receive remittances by the end of the first quarter of 2021.

For businesses interested in learning more, or applying for, the Paycheck Protection Program, please click here or contact Together Credit Union’s Business Services team at smallbusinessppprelief@togethercu.org.

Together Credit Union remains well-prepared and capitalized to ensure business members have the financial resources they need as the public health crisis continues. Together Credit Union opened more than 1,250 new business accounts last year and anticipates significant growth in 2021 as well. To learn more about relief options, including loan deferments and refinancing, commercial real estate loans, or a business line of credit, please click here.

For more information regarding this release, please contact Julie Linder, Public Relations & Events Strategist, by calling (573) 268-0639.

SCOTT CREDIT UNION MEMBERS’ DEBIT CARD USE LEADS TO NEARLY \$85,000 DONATED TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



What if every time you swiped your debit card, a portion of your purchase was used to make your community a better place? That’s the concept behind Scott Credit Union’s Epic and Blues checking accounts. Thanks to members of SCU, nearly \$85,000 was recently donated to the Scott Credit Union Foundation, which supports local education and non-profit organizations. The money was donated at no cost to members every time they used their debit card in 2020.

“It’s simple for members who have an Epic Checking or Blues Checking to support their community,” said SCU Chief Marketing Officer Adam Koishor. “For every purchase they make with their debit card, we donate a percentage to the Foundation. This is our second year with the program, and we are proud of the impact it’s made already.”

The Scott Credit Union Community Foundation was established in 2018 and raises its funds via Epic and Blues debit card swipes, along with its annual golf tournament benefit. The Foundation supports local education through its “With You” grant program. In 2020, a total of \$25,000 was awarded to six grant winners (McCluer High School, Holy Trinity Catholic School, Dorris Intermediate School, Triad School District, East Alton Wood River High School, and Our Lady Queen of Peace) for projects benefitting students. The Foundation also supported the United Way of Greater St. Louis in 2020 with a \$20,000 donation and has funded scholarships for students attending SWIC and Lewis & Clark Community College.

“The Scott Credit Union Community Foundation allows us to expand our efforts to help the community,” Koishor said. “We are especially proud of the debit card program because through our members’ activity with us, we can return donations into the communities in which they live.”

The credit union hopes that as more people open Epic or Blues Checking accounts, the annual donation to its community foundation will continue to grow. Donations have already dramatically risen from last year—from \$35,000 in 2020 to a whopping \$85,000 in 2021.

“Supporting the communities in which we serve is extremely important to us here at Scott Credit Union,” Koishor added. “The credit union itself, our Community Foundation, and our employees all contribute to that effort. Over the past 12 years, our employees volunteered nearly 24,000 hours in the community. We are very appreciative and proud of their commitment.”

The Chamber is 75!

And we want you to help us celebrate!



We have some fun things planned for 2021 for our 75th Anniversary and hope you will join us in celebrating. Watch our Social media, Weekly E-news and website for ways you can participate. Things to look for: Friday Faces of the Chamber - we will feature a chamber member, A Look Back - video tidbit of some of O'Fallon's historic buildings with Brian Keller, Business

Boomerang - see who is referring who, and more!

See all of it first by following us on our Facebook page and Instagram accounts:



Watch our social media for the first week of March - you won't want to miss what we have in store for our members!



Facebook/OFallonChamber
instagram.com/ofallon_chamber

Faces OF THE Chamber

Are you a Chamber member and want to be a part of our celebrations?

Every Friday in 2021, we plan to celebrate you, our members, on social media!

We'd love for you to send us a picture of you and/or your staff for us to share on social media.

It doesn't have to be a professional photo - impromptu and casual is fun! Masks are okay too.

MEMORIAL  NETWORK

BJC HealthCare

Working Together

to Keep Our Community Safe

As we work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we are all facing new challenges with work, school, and our social lives, while trying to stay healthy both physically and mentally. The Memorial Network is always here to meet your healthcare needs. We are all doing our part to look out for one another and strengthen our community during trying times. [Stay safe!](#)

mymemorialnetwork.com

O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Positions Announced

Cindy Helmkamp, Chamber of Commerce President, wishes to announce the following names as candidates for our 2021 Board of Directors:

Going into 2nd Term on Board of Directors

- Jeff Dossett, Memorial Hospital Belleville | Shiloh
- Nathan Klitzing, Cambridge Capital Management

Term Expires in April 2021 (board positions open)

- Sid LeGrand, Gonzalez Companies
- Dave Hopkins, Town and Country Bank
- Greg Yank, GY Consulting
- Sue Holloway, HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital (Sue retired in July 2020)

Nominated to fill four open board positions

- Dr. Vinay Bhooma, HSHS - St. Elizabeth's Hospital
- Dan Jackson, Carrollton Bank
- Kenric Lynn, Local Noon
- Jon Greenstreet, Bike Surgeon



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Jon Greenstreet
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Dan Jackson
Carrollton Bank



Kenric Lynn
Local Noon



**Congratulations to our
2021 Board of Directors
Nominees**

Additional names for candidates for Board of Directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signature of at least 5% of the qualified members of the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce. Such a petition can be filed up until the close of business on February 15th.

DID YOU KNOW THE CHAMBER HAS A SPREAD IN THE O'FALLON WEEKLY?



Every first Wednesday of the month we share information about what's happening with the Chamber and O'Fallon-Shiloh Communities on those pages. It's also a great way for our members to advertise - all chamber spots are taken until July 2021, but don't let that stop you from *advertising in the Weekly!*



With a subscriber base of 1600+ and growing, it's an economical and easy way to get your business name in front of the community while supporting a local business.

If you don't *subscribe* to the O'Fallon Weekly, you should! It's a great source of LOCAL news and information and they are based right here in O'Fallon. Reach out to Nick at the Weekly to start your subscription or learn more about advertising opportunities. 618-622-2525 or nick@ofallonweekly.com

Salute to Business Awards Spirit of the Chamber | Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation



This year, due to COVID, we are celebrating our Salute to Business Awards a little differently. Every month, we'll highlight one of our 2020 annual award recipients. We hope you enjoy finding out about some of these awesome Chamber members!

The O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce created the Spirit of the Chamber Award in order to recognize a business or organization who goes above and beyond doing great things for our Chamber and our Community, and demonstrates excellence in collaboration with others to make a positive impact in the community.

Our 2020 Spirit of the Chamber recipient is the Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation.



Jenn Mueller was Operations Director of The Egg & I O'Fallon and the daughter of the owners, Gary and Cathy Mueller. Jenn was very active in the community, participating in the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber's very first Leadership Institute, a leadership program that educates, trains, and prepares individuals to better serve in their community. Jenn was involved with many other charitable causes in the area.

Jenn was diagnosed with Fibrolamellar Hepatocellular Carcinoma in 2010, passing away January 17, 2018. Her family and friends want her charitable legacy to endure, so they established the Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation.

The Foundation hosts a 5k race in the summer. The 3RD Annual Race in 2020, unfortunately, was cancelled due to COVID restrictions, but they plan to come back fierce in 2021! Since they were unable to host the race, they held a number of yard sales this year. The race and yard sale proceeds currently provide scholarships to Jenn's college alma mater, Colorado State University. Their future goal is to expand their mission with the hopes of helping even more people. They've currently donated close to \$20,000.

Sean Toolen, Co-Owner of Toolen's Running Start and a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, tells us he got to know the Mueller family through The Egg and I O'Fallon. Jenn and the rest of the Mueller family made pancakes for the Toolen's Annual Top of the Morning 5K and then started working with other races in the community doing the same. Sean knew about Jenn's health battle and when the family decided to host a 5K in Jenn's memory, he reached out to be part of the race. Sean says, "The family is phenomenal with helping others and we wanted to help them have a successful race. The race was to keep Jenn's memory alive and to give back to the community. This family always goes above and beyond. Even though they don't have the restaurant anymore, they're still involved in the local racing community making pancakes! They currently support the John Wild Run, Bradley Smith Run, EK Color Run, and the Habitat for Humanity Run, just to name a few. They don't do it for praise or recognition – they just want to help people."

Jenn was very much a part of the Chamber's military affairs committee. You'd see her serving the airmen on base when we sponsored dorm dinners. During our Salute to Scott event, few worked as hard as Jenn did to feed the masses. Jenn did these things even during her illness – service was a huge part of her life.

Jessica Lotz, Chamber's Leadership Institute Coordinator, cannot imagine Lead In without Jenn. "Jenn never missed a meeting. She came with a smile on her face and gratitude in her heart. She contributed to discussions frequently, often offering the human side of business discussions. She recognized the uniqueness of each individual and honored those differences by helping us see how very different people can work together."

Scholarships have been given to the Chamber's Leadership Program as well as to hospitality students at Jenn's alma mater. One of the recipients stated, "Your generous scholarship will help me accomplish my goal to graduate in 3 years and be able to take my new degree to new corners of the world to change hospitality wherever I go. I also hope to use my career to start a business one day that will help my local community." Another recipient says, "My goal is to leave a positive impact on as many people's lives as possible."

Jenn Mueller and the entire Mueller family are community and service-oriented. The family continues this in Jenn's name – what a legacy Jenn left behind. Follow Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation on [FaceBook](#).

Stay tuned for the award presentation video and find out more about the Jennifer Mueller Memorial Foundation on our website: www.OFallonChamber.com/s2b2020

HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS

We want you to stay healthy in 2021. Every month our Healthcare & Wellness Committee will provide a resource that focuses on the health of your mind, body or spirit. February's Resource is provided by Cory Fletcher, membership Director at the O'Fallon YMCA.

Our Healthcare Committee coping strategy for February is from Audrey Gonzalez of Counselor's Associates, Ltd. and the motto is from Cory Fletcher, O'Fallon YMCA.

We hope these resources will be helpful to you or someone you know.

What does being fit mean? It may mean different things to different people, but I hope more comes to mind than flat abs.

I encourage all those that are seeking to be fit, to focus on all aspects of their wellbeing. A good place to start might be asking yourself the question why. Why do I want to be fit or healthy? Once you answer that question, it will motivate you to stay the course when motivation is low. There will be days that you do not feel like making healthy choices, but if you keep your why at the forefront of your thoughts, it will keep you motivated. Some may consider it your personal mantra or phrase that you say every day.

Answering your why and respecting your body with a commitment to take care of yourself inside and out will help to build your confidence and carry over to all aspects of your life. Here are some practical healthy lifestyle components for supporting your "WHY" that aid weight loss, curb inflammation and help you feel your best.

1. Drink plenty of water, 1/2 ounce per lb. of bodyweight. Also, replenish lost fluids through sweating. 16 ounces for every lb. lost during exercise.
2. Get at least 7-9 hours of sleep per night. Set a regular bedtime each evening.
3. Manage stress. Take quiet time for prayer, meditation or Yoga.
4. Move every day, but give yourself an active rest day (such as Yoga, swimming or a light walk) as well as one day off per week. This will assist your body in rebuilding and repairing your muscles. A consistent workout routine will help usher out sugar, produce feel good brain chemicals called endorphins and curb stress.
5. Avoid sugary foods. Eat whole foods and avoid long shelf life junk foods which will break the cycle of energy crashes.
6. Avoid foods whose packages list the following code names for sugar: Dextrose, Fructose, Fruit juice concentrate, glucose, High fructose corn syrup, sucrose.
7. Favor foods that live and grow such as leafy greens, lean meat, fish and chicken. Lentils/beans, steel cut oatmeal, brown rice, quinoa. Eat, low fat dairy unless you notice an intolerance.

View more resources and information on our website: OfallonChamber.com/health-and-wellness-resources/



This month's Health and Wellness Resource was brought to you by Cory Fletcher, Membership Director, O'Fallon, Illinois YMCA

How do you cope?



I personally feel reset when I go for a walk, do yoga, eat chocolate, bake, or crochet. All of which can be enjoyed with a hot tea to seal the deal!



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Healthcare & Wellness Committee



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more Health and Wellness resources.



What's Your motto?



LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.

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CORY FLETCHER O'FALLON YMCA

HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Wellbeing Resources

It is crucial that we curate what we let into our lives. One way to do that is to pursue *narrowcasts*. There are currently over 2 million podcasts available on any topic you can think of. Here on my favorites on health and wellness:

Podcasts

- *Kelly Corrigan Wonders*
- *The Happiness Lab @ Yale*
- *How’s Work?* and *Where Should we Begin?* (couples counseling) with Esther Perel
- *Unlocking Us* and *Dare to Lead* with Brene Brown
- *The Knowledge Project*
- *WorkLife with Adam Grant*: A TED original podcast
- *Hidden Brain*
- *The Psychology Podcast* with Scott Barry Kaufman
- *Found My Fitness* with Dr. Rhonda Patrick
- *The Drive: Optimizing Health and Longevity* with Peter Attia MD
- *Phit ‘N Phat*: How to Lose 100 pounds (if you don’t mind swearing)
- *On Being* with Krista Tippett
- Interviews with Yuval Harari (Author of *Sapiens*)

Brain Health/Meditation

- [Waking up with Sam Harris](#)
- Headspace
- 10% Happier
- Happify
- Calm
- YouTube Guided Meditations

Parenting Classes

- Parent Encouragement Program (pepparent.org)

Stay in Touch!

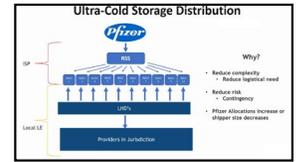
Sign up for monthly “Wellness Pearls” and find books, documentaries and TED Talk recommendations at eileenogrady.net

Did you miss a recent event?

Watch the videos from virtual events on our website!



On February 3, 2021, Phillip Pugh, Memorial Regional Health Services, spoke at our Healthcare & Wellness Committee Meeting about where we are with vaccine distribution, challenges, etc.



If you were unable to attend this meeting, you can view the full video [on our website](#).

January's Economic Development Committee Meeting



Jonathan McGee, Deputy Director of Regional Economic Development, IL DCEO and Tracey Glenn, Southwest Region Manager, Office of Regional Economic Development, IL DCEO spoke about DCEO efforts to assist businesses during the 2020 COVID crises and shared their plans for 2021. Watch the video on our [website](#).

BOB on the Go! (Business over Breakfast)

Our first ever BOB on the Go! was held at Saddleback Chocolates where we learned from Maureen Moore how horses influenced them in this endeavor. Watch the video on our [website](#)!



SAVE THE DATE!
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https://mms.iacce.org/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=IACC&evd=57957917

Registration is required! Choose the option: IACCE member \$0

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Employer Responsibility
Feb 11, 2021 8:30-9:45 am

Almost a year into the pandemic and the employment issues are seemingly more complex than ever. Join SmithAmundsen Attorney Julie Proscia as she discusses the evolving responsibilities of employers in the workplace related to safety and health, with a particular focus on the increasingly challenging issue of vaccines. Specific topics include: the status of the various COVID-19 vaccines, the current limitations on the ability to mandate vaccines in the workplace including exemptions, as well as the pros and cons of mandating vs. strongly encouraging vaccines.

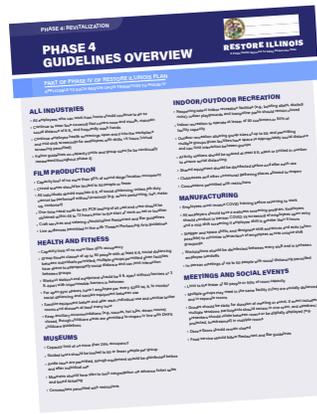
Your Chamber paid for the fees for our members to attend this training so it comes at no cost to you. We have been to many virtual and in-person sessions with Attorney Julia Proscia and she is a fantastic presenter – don't miss this event!

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85037242015?pwd=NTdEdm9hWDI6a202c0R2aDJJQWFGUT09>

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This webinar is for all who are interested in understanding the complexity of this topic.

GOOD News!



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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 4, 2021

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Regions 4 Move to Phase 4

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 4 (Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington) is moving to **Phase 4** of the Return Illinois Plan effective today. Additional information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the [IDPH website](#) homepage.

A Phase 4 Guidelines Overview can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

Phase 4 Guidelines include the following:

- RESTAURANTS AND BARS**
 - Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
 - Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 feet between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 feet apart
- RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER**
 - Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- PERSONAL CARE**
 - Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION**
 - Respecting select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks, indoor playgrounds and transpiling parks) should remain closed
 - Indoor recreation to operate at least of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- MUSEUMS**
 - Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
 - Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS**
 - Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
 - Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms

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Region 4 moved to Phase 4 effective February 4, 2021!



The O'Fallon Police Department puts out a monthly newsletter with great community information.

[Click to open the full newsletter.](#)



COVID 19 VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE AGED 75 AND ABOVE

St. Clair County Began scheduling appointments to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine for the 1b population on, January 25th, 2021. The first appointments are for people aged 75 years old and above.

Individuals who meet 1a criteria are still eligible to receive vaccine.

Read the press release for more information:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
19 Public Square, Suite 110
Bellefonte, IL 62514
618-232-7740
www.stclaircounty.org

PRESS RELEASE

Date: 1/25/21

COVID-19 Vaccine Available for those aged 75 and above

St. Clair County will begin to schedule appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for the 1b population beginning Monday, January 25, 2021. The individuals who are eligible to receive the vaccine are those aged 75 and above. Individuals under 75 years of age will continue to be eligible for the vaccine.

Individuals who meet 1a criteria are still eligible to receive the vaccine. The vaccine will be administered at the St. Clair County Health Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 110, Bellefonte, IL 62514. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The vaccine will be administered at the St. Clair County Health Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 110, Bellefonte, IL 62514. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The vaccine will be administered at the St. Clair County Health Department, 19 Public Square, Suite 110, Bellefonte, IL 62514. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact the St. Clair County Health Department at 618-232-7740 or visit our website at www.stclaircounty.org.

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BUSINESS TRACK ARTICLE

How Secure are your passwords?

By: Marina Watts, Newsweek

<https://www.newsweek.com/read-this-chart-find-out-how-fast-someone-can-hack-all-your-accounts-1528937>



If your login is 000000, it may be time for a reset.

One Reddit user shared a comprehensive and color-coded chart to illustrate how much time it could take a hacker to figure out your password. The chart categorizes how many characters and what type of characters are in a password, along with the amount of time it would take for someone to figure it out.

TIME IT TAKES FOR A HACKER TO CRACK YOUR PASSWORD

Number of Characters	Numbers Only	Lowercase Letters	Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters	Numbers, Upper and Lowercase Letters, Symbols
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	1 sec	5 secs
7	Instantly	Instantly	25 secs	1 min	6 mins
8	Instantly	5 secs	22 mins	1 hour	8 hours
9	Instantly	2 mins	19 hours	3 days	3 weeks
10	Instantly	58 mins	1 month	7 months	5 years
11	2 secs	1 day	5 years	41 years	400 years
12	25 secs	3 weeks	300 years	2k years	34k years
13	4 mins	1 year	16k years	100k years	2m years
14	41 mins	51 years	800k years	9m years	200m years
15	6 hours	1k years	43m years	600m years	15 bn years
16	2 days	34k years	2bn years	37bn years	1tn years
17	4 weeks	800k years	100bn years	2tn years	93tn years
18	9 months	23m years	6tn years	100 tn years	7qd years

If your password is only four or five characters (regardless of whether they are just numbers or a combination of numbers, letters and symbols), there's a very high chance that it will be hacked instantly, the chart from Hive Systems notes. However, if your password is only numbers and up to 18 characters, it could take a hacker up to nine months to crack the code.

Conversely, if you have a complicated password (an 11-character password with numbers, uppercase and lowercase characters) it could take a hacker 41 years to figure it out. The longer and more complicated your password, the longer it will take a hacker to crack.

This chart sparked a debate among Redditors regarding the security of their passwords, as per the chart. "The older you are, the less secure it needs to be. I'll be dead before they figure out my 14 letter all lowercase password," one user wrote. "This assumes the system will allow an unlimited number of failed attempts without a back-off time or lockout," another posited.



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One user was appreciative of the chart's reminder to change their password every now and again. "I love seeing graphs like this, a good reminder to update my password. 30 mixed characters, to be on the safe side," they wrote.

"A password which might have needed millions of years to brute force using 1990 computers can be brute-forced pretty quickly using 2020 computers," one Redditor noted, considering the ever-evolving power of computers.

"These numbers are probably only taking into account the pure cracking time, with no consideration to real world constraints such as the fact that usually when gaining access to a system there are HTML requests on each attempt, which take time," someone else added, considering other hacking factors that could come into play. "Most consumer login providers of any type has some protection against brute force attacks like this."

Others had jokes about the chart's data upon discovering how much time hackers would need to figure it out. "Can't have a hacker sitting behind a computer for 43 billion years and getting into my Reddit account."

"Wow that's crazy! We should share passwords and see who's is the most secure," one brazen user wrote.

FraudSupport.org offers these 5 simple rules to stay safe:

- If an offer or opportunity seems too good to be true, it's probably a scam.
- Never wire money, send gift cards, or send a check to a stranger.
- If someone claims to be from a federal agency, call the office to confirm.
- Never accept money from a stranger promising you can keep some of it.
- If you suspect you've been hacked, change your passwords immediately.

Download this infographic detailing the most common cyber-security mistakes and how to prevent being hacked.

Where You'll Get

HACKED

Common Mistakes, and How to Prevent It.

Cyber-security threats are increasing. As more and more devices become internet capable, it's important to understand current trends in security threats, identify vulnerabilities in your internet security, and protect your data against threats.

DATA TARGETED

What are the hackers after?

The primary data type targeted by attackers in 2012, as in 2011, was cardholder data.

- 98% Stolen payment card data are used in fraudulent transactions.
- 2% Confidential Information & Intellectual Property
- 1% Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI)
- 1% Business Financial Account Numbers

Identity theft is the reason why hackers go after personal information.

There were **12.6 MILLION** victims in the last year. That's 1 victim every 3 seconds!

\$21 BILLION was lost to identity theft.

7% of all American households are victims of identity theft. Financial loss per household is approximately **\$4,900**.

HACKER CHECKLIST

- ✓ Usernames, passwords, and PIN numbers.
- ✓ Bank and credit card account numbers.
- ✓ Professional numbers.
- ✓ Social Security numbers.
- ✓ Employment and student ID numbers.
- ✓ Insurance numbers.
- ✓ Phone and utility account numbers.
- ✓ Drivers license and passport numbers.
- ✓ Credit card numbers.

DEFENSE

How can I protect myself?

PASSWORD SECURITY

More than **60%** of people use the same password combination on multiple sites.

Create a strong and unique password by using combinations of upper and lower case letters, characters, and numbers.

Don't use easy to guess passwords like your dog's name or birthday!

BROWSER SECURITY

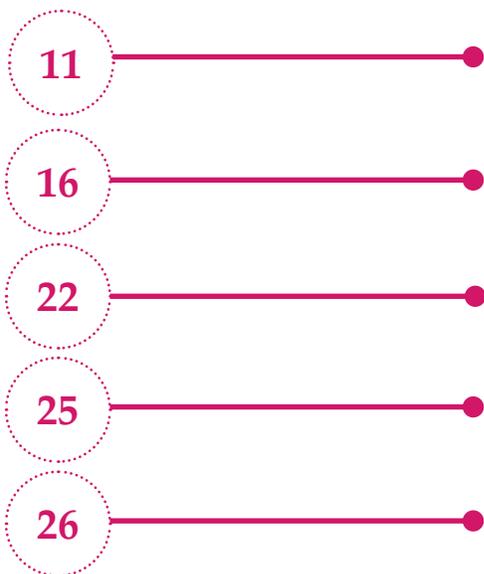
44% of people did not know how to protect their private information.

Do not share your personal information unless you are using a secure connection (HTTPS).

LOG OUT When you don't log out... you're

MONTHLY CALENDAR

February



[Military Affairs Committee Meeting](#)
3:30 p.m. | Virtual

[Education Committee Meeting](#)
1:00 p.m. | Virtual

[Executive Board Meeting](#)
1:15 p.m. | Virtual

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)
8:00 a.m. | Virtual

[Business Over Breakfast | BOB on the Go!](#)
8:00 a.m. | Virtual



Happy Valentine's Day!

Don't Forget to #SupportLocal when you buy your flowers, candy, sweet treats and jewelry.



Our [member directory](#) has everything you need for your Valentine!

Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing

- Schedule your appointment online
- Get tested from your car
- Receive test results online



Have you been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, need a return-to-work or school test or do you have any of the following symptoms?

- Cough
- Fever
- Chills and/or repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

If so, you can get tested at one of our drive-thru testing locations. The cost of the test is covered by the CARES Act.

You do not need to be an HSHS Medical Group patient to be tested. Online registration required. Schedule an appointment today at HSHSMGCovidTesting.org.

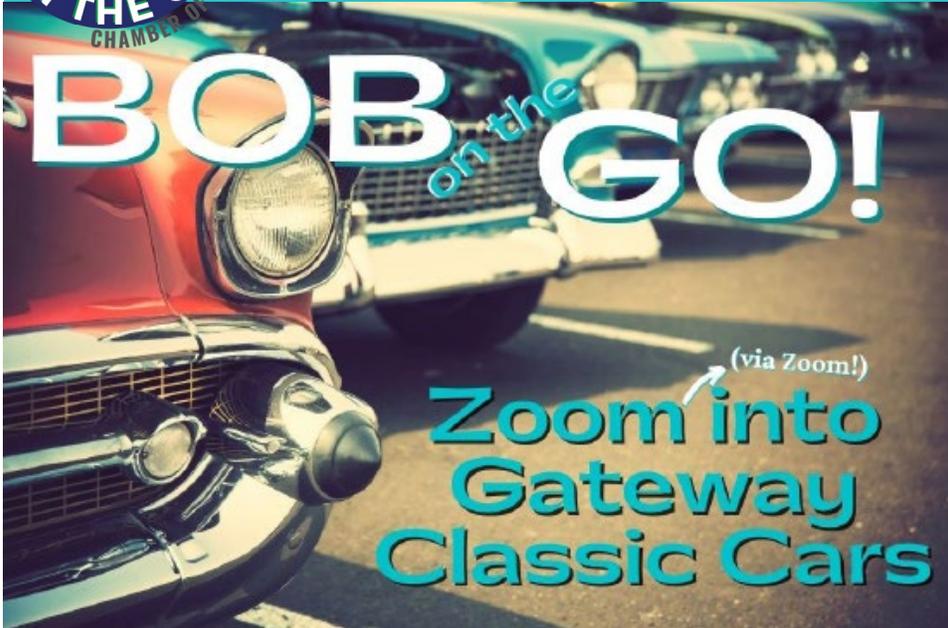


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UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for *BOB on the GO!* A fun new twist on how we do Business Over Breakfast. Each month Debbie will visit our host speaker for a LIVE Business Over Breakfast via Zoom. This month, join us virtually at Gateway Classic Cars with Marketing Coordinator, Jennifer Heffner.



JOIN US FOR BOB ON THE GO
via Zoom at Gateway Classic Cars

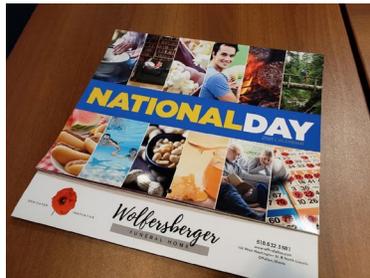
SPEAKER:
JENNIFER HEFFNER

February 26, 2021
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ALL OF OUR
UPCOMING VIRTUAL BOB EVENTS AT:
WWW.BIT.LY/BOB2021

This is a virtual event! Only Debbie will be attending in person. All other attendees will need to register and attend via a Zoom virtual conference.

Would you like to be considered as a host for an upcoming BOB on the Go?
Give Debbie a call or email: director@ofallonchamber.com | 618-632-3377



Need a 2021 Calendar? Stop by the Chamber office and pick up one courtesy of Wolfersberger Funeral Home!

We love these calendars because literally EVERY day is a "National day" of something - and this calendar tells you what it is! I mean, who doesn't need to know that February 20 is Cherry Pie Day?! Pass me a fork please!



Call or email the office for a time to come by and pick up yours! Or, get one directly from Wolfersberger Funeral Home.



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Tracey Glenn, Southwest Region Manager, Office of Regional Economic Development, IL DCEO will have quarterly in-person office hours at the O'Fallon-Shiloh Chamber of Commerce.

Tracey will be here to answer your questions about resources for businesses (e.g., incentives, tax assistance, grants, and PPP). She can also help direct you to State resources regarding low-income energy assistance program, community service block grant program, and information on current mitigation requirements. And so much more!

You do NOT have to be a Chamber member to visit with Tracey, but you do need an appointment. The first quarterly office hours were Tuesday, February 2. Appointments are in 30 minute increments. Masks were required. Watch for future dates!

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ONE STAR INVESTORS

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BUILT ENVIRONMENT

WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING ARE NEEDED?

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

HOW CAN WE PROTECT OUR NATURAL ASSETS?

Take the Survey!

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

WHAT MAKES O'FALLON UNIQUE?

Take the Poll!

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DESIGN

HOW SHOULD WE DEVELOP AND REDEVELOP?

Take the Survey!

Timeline

- Project Launch**
- Discovery**
The Project Team will research data and trends to develop an understanding O'Fallon's history and current environment.
- Engage** **CURRENT**
The Project Team will engage the O'Fallon community to discuss the planning process and gather feedback that will shape the:
 - Community Vision
 - Goals, Objectives, & Strategies
 - Future Land Use Policies
- Plan**
The Project Team will combine research and input from the community to develop a draft Master Plan.
- Adopt & Implement**
The Project Team will present the plan to the Planning Commission and the City Council to adopt the final Master

O'Fallon is a growing community of choice in the Metro East, known for an inviting and welcoming atmosphere, resurgent downtown, and enviable sports and recreation opportunities. The City of O'Fallon is creating a 20-year master plan that will build a better O'Fallon for you, your children, and future generations. Think everything from housing and jobs to parks and bike trails.

The goal is to have a community-based master plan - and your input and opinions are needed!

Visit the [interactive website](#) and complete the survey, quick poll and submit your Big Ideas for how to improve O'Fallon!