

CHAMBER DATEBOOK

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MOVING FORWARD - THE NEXT 60 YEARS - Residential growth in Oak Ridge is more promising now than it has been in decades. New housing starts are greater in the first quarter of 2005 than Oak Ridge has experienced in many years. With this growth comes opportunities. A Housing Summit themed "Moving Forward - The Next 60 Years" will be conducted on June 21st to review those opportunities. Key discussion items will include the re-vitalization of older neighborhoods and actions the Chamber can encourage that would expedite new house construction schedules. There is no charge to attend the Summit if a RSVP is received prior to June 17th. The cost will be \$20 person after the 17th and at the door. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the Chamber at 483-1321.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CONVEY THEIR POSITION ON BUSINESS ISSUES - The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce's Local Political Action Task Force, in conjunction with BBB and Channel 12 in Oak Ridge, is sponsoring a City Council candidate forum. All candidates for Oak Ridge City Council were interviewed on camera by BBB reporters. Candidates were asked why they were running for City Council. Then, each candidate drew three questions which were developed by the Chamber's Local Political Action Task Force. And, candidates were asked a question prepared by BBB. Each candidate was given a chance to speak on a topic of his or her choice. The forum will air at least eight times before the June 7th election: Thursday, May 26th at 6:00pm; Friday, May 27th at 7:00pm; Saturday, May 28th at 4:00pm; Monday, May 30th at 6:00pm; Tuesday, May 31st at 8:30pm; Thursday, June 2nd at 6:00pm; and Friday, June 3rd at 7:00pm. As time allows, BBB will air the forum at other times as well.

OAK RIDGE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES - If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming more involved in City of Oak Ridge government, the Oak Ridge City Council will be appointing individuals to the following boards, commissions and committees on June 20th. If interested, resumes should be submitted to the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building by Tuesday, June 7th.

**Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau - Three vacancies for three year terms commencing on July 1, 2005.*

**Melton Hill Regional Industrial Development Association - One vacancy for a four year term commencing on July 1, 2005.*

**Elder Citizens Advisory Board - Four vacancies for three year terms commencing on July 1, 2005.*

**Anderson County Community Action Commission - One vacancy for a one year term commencing on July 1, 2005.*

**Youth Advisory Board - Two vacancies for one year terms commencing on July 1, 2005.*

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DAY IN OAK RIDGE - The Oak Ridge office of the Small Business Development Center, co-located with the Oak Ridge Chamber, will host a Small Business Administration (SBA) Day on Thursday, June 2nd from 10am to 1pm at the Oak Ridge Chamber. Participants will learn about SBA resources and programs; financing options; how to be a federal contractor; and obtaining assistance in starting a business. For more information, call Kena or Maria at (615) 736-5881.

**Election Day
June 7**

Oak Ridge
to Elect
4 City Council
Members &
3 School Board
Members

2005 Millennium Partners

Platinum Level

Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC * UT-Battelle * Wackenhut Oak Ridge Team

Gold Level

Boeing - Oak Ridge * BWXT Y-12 * CH2MHILL * Oak Ridge Associated Universities * University of Tennessee * USEC

Silver Level

Rogers Group * AkinsCrisp Public Strategies * Tetra Tech * Washington Group International * Remotec
The Cowperwood Company * Methodist Medical Center * Regions Bank * Y-12 Federal Credit Union
ORNL Federal Credit Union * BellSouth * SAIC



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Chamber Events

As of May 26, 2005

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| June 1 | Board of Directors Meeting
12 noon
ORCC Joyce Conference Room | June 21 | Chamber Coffee & Housing Summit
"Oak Ridge Moving Forward:
The Next Sixty Years"
Pollard Technology Center
210 Badger Avenue |
| June 2 | Small Business Administration Day at the
Oak Ridge Small Business Development Center
10am to 1pm
ORCC | June 28 | Chamber Coffee Hosted By
John Clark & Oak Ridge 4th of July
Patriotic Celebration
8 to 9:30am
ORCC Joyce Conference Room |
| June 2 | Strategic Investors Reception
5pm
ORCC Joyce Conference Room | | |
| June 7 | Chamber Coffee Hosted By
Manufacturing Sciences Corporation
804 S. Illinois Avenue
8 to 9:30am | | |
| June 14 | Chamber Coffee Hosted By
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
212 N. Tulane Avenue
8 to 9:30am | | |
| June 15 | Women's Council
Planning Session
11:30am
ORCC Joyce Conference Room | | |

Secret City Festival Highlights

June 16 - 19

Secret City: The Oak Ridge Story movie premiere
Bill Haley's Comets
Jan and Dean
Arts, Crafts & Antiques
Photo & Artifacts Display
Secret City Tour of Homes
Beta Calutrons and Graphite Reactor Tours
Visit: www.secretcityfestival.com or call 482-4432

Lavender Festival

June 18

Historic Jackson Square from 8am to 3pm
7th Annual Herb Fair
Featured Speaker/Demonstrator: Susan Belsinger
Call 483-0961 or 1-800-278-1001
for more information

The mission of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the economic vitality of the greater Oak Ridge area while providing value to our members.