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## The Oak Ridge Business Connection

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Cover Photo by Kathy Gillenwaters

## Silence is NOT Golden



We've all heard the cliché that "silence is golden." Well, that may be true in the case of your neighbor's barking dog, but it is not true in political issues that can affect your business and our community.

A good case in point was the recent controversy regarding the widening of SR 95 on the west end of Oak Ridge. That road widening has long been a top transportation priority for the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce and for the City of Oak Ridge. Because it will provide west-end interstate access, the chamber believes it will spur quality industrial, commercial and residential growth on Oak Ridge's west end. The project also has been a linchpin of the "Partners for Progress" initiative. In short, the proposal to finish the widening SR 95 was old news, so opposition to the initiative took many by surprise.

As the controversy brewed, TDOT and City staff members, with encouragement from TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and the Oak Ridge City Council, worked together to modify designs within reasonable parameters so that the project could be put out for bids on a fall 2009 schedule. Finally, TDOT offered the City three options – one that would have caused indefinite delay– and a decision deadline linked to the looming bid date. Ultimately, the Oak Ridge City Council, in a unanimous decision, supported a hybrid of two options, either of which would have kept the project on schedule.

I believe that one factor leading to the City Council's unanimous decision was the fact that business leaders, responding to urging from the Chamber, took the time to contact members of the City Council and encouraged them to accept the reasonable compromises that had been worked out among City and TDOT staff.

We are grateful to the chamber members who responded to our call, but we would also urge you to do one more thing: say thanks. Take a moment, right now, to make an appreciative phone call or send an e-mail ([ccouncil@corn.org](mailto:ccouncil@corn.org)) to Mayor Tom Beehan; Mayor Pro Tem Jane Miller; and Council members David Mosby, Tom Hayes, Ellen Smith, Charles Hensley and Anne Garcia Garland. Their support for road widening was the right decision, but right decisions are often tough decisions, too.

Silence is golden, but thanks are treasures too seldom given.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pach".





# Leadership Oak Ridge Class Announces Project: *Ethics in Business - What is it?*

In keeping with the tradition of Leadership Oak Ridge, the 2009 class has developed a class project that will lay the ground work for a multi-year impact for Oak Ridge High School students.

The initial part of the project is the offering of "Ethics in Business" a program for high school Sophomores. Set for Saturday, September 19 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., registration for the session is now open.

According to Bob Milazzo of Tetra Tech and a member of the Leadership Oak Ridge project committee, "Students will learn that ethics are the rules you live by in your personal and business life."

This program strives to educate using four written dilemmas, power-point presentations and role-playing. While facilitators guide students through the

thought process they do not teach, lecture or arbitrate. The function of the facilitator is to listen and support the students as they discuss the issues presented to them. Each student group must decide among themselves what they consider to be ethical.

The program is patterned after a long running program in Southern California. The Oak Ridge program is being conducted by the Leadership Oak Ridge class, with financial support provided by Hazelwood, Y-12 Federal Credit Union, Tetra Tech, WSI, B&W Y-12, and ORAU.

During the September session, students will learn to identify their own set of ethics and the strength of their personal ethics. They will also discuss the differences and commonalities of unethical and illegal actions.

The second part of the multi-year program is the development, guidance and support for a Youth Leadership program in Oak Ridge. More details will be available about this initiative in the coming months.

To learn more about the session, please visit the Chamber's website at [www.oakridgechamber.org](http://www.oakridgechamber.org). A registration form for the September "Ethics in Business" session can be obtained by contacting:

Jim Dodson  
c/o Jefferson Middle School  
200 Fairbanks Rd  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
[jdodson@ortn.edu](mailto:jdodson@ortn.edu)

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## Housing Summit Follow-up Meeting Held Committees Formed; Work Begun

On June 22nd, the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce hosted a follow-up meeting to its Housing Summit that was held this past April. The goal of the summit was to focus on the "Big 5" areas of concern, with regards to providing affordable housing and attracting younger families to the city. The topics of discussion included:

- providing incentives to encourage citizens to renovate older homes,
- the need for more upscale, family-sized apartments,
- tuition reimbursement for newly relocated residents,
- broader-based housing code for maintenance and aesthetics compliance and

- annual community-wide block parties.

More than 50 residents and local business representatives attended the summit, providing feedback and generating ideas as to how the community can reach the desired goals. During the session, smaller break-out groups were formed to allow a more concentrated effort on individual topics. Ideas included: using grants and architects to help residents renovate homes and having community block parties to establish better relationships between residents. Team leaders for each group were selected and will providing reports to the Housing Relocation Advisory Council.

Heading up the Apartments team is Suzy Whisnant; Kathryn Baldwin is spearheading the codes issue; Linda Smith is working with a committee to coordinate neighborhood block parties; and, Ray Evans is leading a team looking at incentives for upgrades.

These committees will be meeting to work towards their assigned tasks very soon. If you are interested in participating, or want more information, please contact Mitzi at the Chamber ([burgess@orcc.org](mailto:burgess@orcc.org) or 483-1321).



# Ridges Magazine

## Now Available

The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the spring 2009 issue of *Ridges* magazine has arrived and is ready for distribution. *Ridges* is the second installment of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce's quality of life publication effort which also includes the award-winning Solid as Oak Interactive Portfolio introduced in 2007. The magazine is mailed to individuals who are considering locating in Oak Ridge and have requested information about the community.

*Ridges* is produced bi-annually and features stories and photography highlighting the many valuable and intangible things that make Oak Ridge a special place to live, work and visit. *Ridges* and Solid As Oak are produced by the Chamber in partnership with Community Link/Craig Williams Creative, an Oak Ridge Chamber-member publishing company that specializes in chamber and community marketing materials. A copy of *Ridges* will be mailed to all Oak Ridge Chamber members in the coming weeks.

According to Parker Hardy, president of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, "We're very pleased with this third issue of *Ridges*. This issue features the newly-renovated Oak Ridge High School - particularly the science labs. It also includes stories about the innovative ways of financing buildings on federal land and WBES, Willow Brook Elementary's morning television broadcast."

Production of *Ridges* magazine is an initiative of the Chamber's Image

department, chaired by Homer Fisher of the University of Tennessee and the Housing/Population department, chaired by Mike Belbeck of Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Story and photography concepts are being developed now for the next issue. Contact the Chamber office with story and photography suggestions.

Chamber members interested in advertising in upcoming issues of the magazine should contact Gary Rogers, the *Ridges* Senior Marketing Consultant, at 1-800-455-5600 ext. 2020 or call the Oak Ridge Chamber office at 483-1321.

Advertisers for the Spring issue of *Ridges* are as follows: American Museum of Science & Energy, Automatic Data Processing, Inc., B & W Technical Service Group, Canberra, Inc., City of Oak Ridge, Corporate Quarters, Endoscopy Center of Oak Ridge, LLC, Energy Solutions, Equity Financial Group, The Estates of Oak Ridge, Herron Connell Insurance Agency, ICX Technologies (ICX Radiation), Len Hart Construction Company, Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home, Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, NHC Healthcare, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau, Oak Ridge Gastroenterology Assoc. PC, Oak Ridge Tool - Engineering, Inc., Oak Ridge Utility District, ORNL Federal Credit Union, Pellissippi State, Rarity Communities, Roane State Community College, Rolling Hills Apartment Homes, Signature Contracting, LLC, St. Mary's School - Oak Ridge TN, State Farm Insurance - Ruby Miller, Weatherford Mortuary and Y-12 Federal Credit Union.



### Did you know...

that *Ridges* magazine recently won an American Chamber of Commerce Executives award? The magazine was honored with an ACE Award for Excellence from the organization



# Preparing the Workforce <sup>of the</sup> Future

## Innovation Valley Lunch and Learn Treats Educators



Educators on the tour of ORNL.

Partners in the regional economic development initiative, Innovation Valley Inc., organized an eight-week series, "Educators in the Workplace Lunch & Learn." During the summer, eight different companies located in the Innovation Valley hosted 67 educators and guidance counselors from Oak Ridge & Blount, Knox, Loudon & Roane counties for a lunch & learn series. Many participants attended multiple sessions.

Benefits of the series are two-fold. Educators benefit by learning ways to show students the relevance of what they learn in the classroom, hearing ideas about incorporating workplace expectations into the classroom and observing firsthand how businesses operate. Employers benefit by helping to sustain a skilled future workforce and connecting with educators to further support the education of that workforce.

In Oak Ridge, the Oak Ridge Economic Partnership arranged for a visit to Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and EnergySolutions. Members of various departments within these organizations provided information on the nature of their business, the workplace culture and career opportunities.

Participants unanimously agreed that the information shared helped show how academics connect to activities experienced in the workplace. "The tour provided me with answers to the question,

'When are we ever going to use this stuff?' that is continuously asked by my students," said Lee Spurling, a teacher from Robertsville Middle School in Oak Ridge who was part of the ORNL tour.

The series was so well received by both educators and businesses, the Innovation Valley Inc. partners plan to make it an annual event.

"It was our pleasure to host the educators. Their questions were insightful and their suggestions instructive on how we can make science and research at ORNL more relevant to students," said Doug Speight, Manager of Strategic Partnerships & Outreach Initiatives at ORNL.

If your company would like to participate, please contact Kathy Barber with the Oak Ridge Economic Partnership at 483-1321 or [barber@orcc.org](mailto:barber@orcc.org).



## Help for Small Businesses During Tough Times



"Your Success is Our Business"  
*TSBDC is helping small  
businesses survive in '09*

In tough economic times, small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs can go to their local SBDCs for free, face-to-face business consulting and at-cost training on writing business plans, accessing capital, marketing, regulatory compliance, international trade and more.

### SBDC In-depth Clients Succeed

- A new business is opened by an SBDC in-depth client every 41 minutes
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Small businesses that benefited from in-depth SBDC assistance experienced more than 17 times the job growth of average businesses (14% compared to 0.8% for U.S. businesses in general) between 2006 and 2007.

SBDCs across the nation are operated in partnership with Congress, SBA, the private sector, Chambers of Commerce, and the colleges, universities and state governments.

For more information, please contact the TSBDC at 865-483-2668 or e-mail at [jbangs@tsbdc.org](mailto:jbangs@tsbdc.org) (located at the Chamber of Commerce in Oak Ridge).

*The TSBDC offers free, confidential counseling by appointment. Our counselors can assist with a range of needs to facilitate in the growth, success, and development of your small business.*



# Members at Work

**Dean Russell**, the *Flatwater Grill's* chef recently took first place at Knoxville's second-annual Top Chef event. **Russell**



satisfied everyone's sweet tooth with his prize winning dessert, Berries Sabayon. His Berries Sabayon

is a pudding like dessert that whips together egg yolks, sugar and a bit of sweet port of sherry, topped with various fresh berries. Coming in as the outsider from Oak Ridge, **Russell** also satisfied everyone's pallet with his famous Panko Crusted Lamb Chop.

*Professional Project Services, Inc. (Pro2Serve)* announces the promotion of **Raymond K. Alexander** to Senior Vice President and Manager of its Engineering Division and the promotion of **Douglas J. Allen** to Senior Vice President and Manager of its Environmental Division.



Alexander

**Alexander** joined Pro2Serve in 2006 as Director of Design and was promoted to Vice President and Manager of Pro2Serve's Engineering Division in 2007.



Doug Allen

**Allen**, a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, has over 30 years of operations experience

handling and managing radioactive, mixed, and hazardous waste from decommissioning and decontamination of



nuclear facilities at U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Defense (DoD) facilities. [www.p2s.com](http://www.p2s.com)



Members of the Wushu Team participate in a demonstration.

*WSI Oak Ridge (WSI-OR)* recently celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage

with a Wushu demonstration. Wushu is Chinese for Martial Arts and is sometimes called Kung Fu in the US. The demonstration was led by **Michael Smith**, a physicist at *Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)* and Wushu instructor.

**Smith** and his students demonstrated Tai Chi Chuan which is 12 movement form, Chang Chuan which is long fist boxing, the Pudaο which is a long-handled broadsword also known as a horse-cutter knife, and a Dao, also known as a broadsword Qi or flag.

*WSI-OR* and its approximately 1000 employees provide security support services for the Oak Ridge Reservation. [www.wackenhut-oakridge.com](http://www.wackenhut-oakridge.com).



Valentine

**Jack Valentine**, registered polysomnographic technologist at the Sleep Diagnostic Center at *Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge (MMC)*, has been named the MMCer of the Month for June.

As a polysomnographer, **Valentine** performs and scores patient sleep studies and works with patients when they need assistance with their CPAP machines. He has been with

*Methodist* since 2004.

**Valentine** was nominated by multiple coworkers who say he is a team player who goes the extra mile for both patients and coworkers. He is said to meet any request for help with "promptness, accuracy, humor, and a happy heart." He even checks in with coworkers during his time off to see if help is needed. Patients ask for him by name, coworkers respect him, and as manager **Kenny White** says, he is "without any reservation, most deserving of MMCer of the Month."

*ES&H, Inc.* has been awarded with the Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC) from The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Nashville District. *ES&H, Inc.* has been honored with one of six \$8,000,000, five-year, indefinite delivery indefinite quantity MATOC construction contracts to provide civil works construction services and incidental technical services for a broad range of construction, repair, maintenance, and demolition projects in the geographic area of the Nashville District and the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division of the USACE.

In addition, *ES&H, Inc.* has been honored by the Hispanic Business 500 for the 5th year in a row, as one of the largest Hispanic-owned companies in the US. Since 1983, the Hispanic Business 500 has been a dependable resource in measuring the performance and progress of Hispanic entrepreneurs.

*ES&H, Inc.* is an award-winning company out of Knoxville, TN that provides Construction, Engineering, Disaster Response, Facility Management and Training Services. [www.eshinc.com](http://www.eshinc.com)

*The Oak Ridge Playhouse* will present "The Graduate" August 21-September 6. Tickets are now available online. Season subscriptions are still available.

Auditions for the *Junior Playhouse* production, "Hansel and Gretel" will be held on August 31 and September 1 at 6:30 p.m. The play will be presented October 3-4. Tickets will be available online beginning September 28. [www.orplayhouse.com](http://www.orplayhouse.com)

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The 2009 Secret City Film Festival invites all local and regional filmmakers to participate in the first-annual Secret City Film Festival 7-Day Shootout - a competition providing aspiring and seasoned filmmakers an opportunity to produce a short film in just 7 days.

The competition will take place Oct. 1-8, 2009 and is open to anyone who assembles a team of one to 10 people to compete. The Secret City Film Festival 7-Day Shootout Kickoff is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1st. The entry fee is \$50 per team.

All films will be screened on Sunday, Oct. 11 during the final day of the 6th Annual Secret City Film Festival, which will be held at the Oak Ridge Playhouse in Jackson Square.

The Secret City Film Festival is an annual event held each fall in Oak Ridge featuring film screenings, filmmaking workshops, and special events. The festival was founded and is directed by East Tennessee filmmaker **Keith McDaniel** through his production company *Secret City Films*. [www.secretcityfilms.com](http://www.secretcityfilms.com)

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The *Oak Ridge Civic Music Association (ORCMA)* is hosting their third-annual Mad Hatter Garden Party at Willow Ridge Garden Center on Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person.

The Oak Ridge Symphony will

present "Romantic Musical Gala: Brahms and Sibelius" on Saturday, October 10 at 8:00 p.m. at Oak Ridge High School.

The Oak Ridge Chamber Orchestra will present their first concert of the season on Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Pollard Auditorium. [www.orcma.org](http://www.orcma.org)

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*The U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Office (ORO)* and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is sponsoring the Oak Ridge Regional Emergency Management Forum on Thursday, October 1 at the Y-12 National Security Complex New Hope Center in Oak Ridge. The forum will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:30. The Forum is a great opportunity to discuss emergency management issues that affect the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation and neighboring cities and counties. The Forum also gives emergency management and response workers an opportunity to network with other emergency management professionals in the region.

Registration for the Forum will soon be available at the Forum website at <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/oremforum> under 2009 EM Forum. Questions can be submitted via email at [oremforum@oro.doe.gov](mailto:oremforum@oro.doe.gov). There is no cost to attend this Forum.

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*Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)* recently introduced 7 area high school physics teachers to the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) at Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL). The three-day workshop—SNS to the Classroom—was hosted at ORAU's Center for Science Education and served as an important milestone for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contractor.

During the workshop, the teachers received a brief background on ORNL's neutron scattering research, learned the fundamental principles of how particles are accelerated in the SNS linear accelerator, performed

measurements on a sample accelerating cavity, and traveled to ORNL for a guided tour of the SNS.

Using real data from the accelerator, the teachers will go on to conduct a simulated research project, and over the next few weeks, will regroup through several Web conferences to share and discuss their results. Ultimately, ORAU and ORNL will assist the participating teachers with integrating what they have learned into their curriculum.

*Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU)* is a university consortium leveraging the scientific strength of 100 major research institutions to advance science and education by partnering with national laboratories, government agencies, and private industry. ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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*Groves Park Commons* townhomes recently received the highest rating Tindells Building Materials has ever given for energy efficiency. *Groves Park Commons* is a traditional neighborhood development off Tuskegee Avenue.

Each town home is a certified Energy Star home. This means all appliances, insulation, weather stripping, lighting, cooling and heating meet or exceed industry and government standards for efficiency. According to Matt Tindell, a certified HERS (Home Energy Rating System) rater, "Based on our estimates, the energy bill for these homes will probably be less than \$1,500 a year." [www.grovesparkcommons.com](http://www.grovesparkcommons.com)

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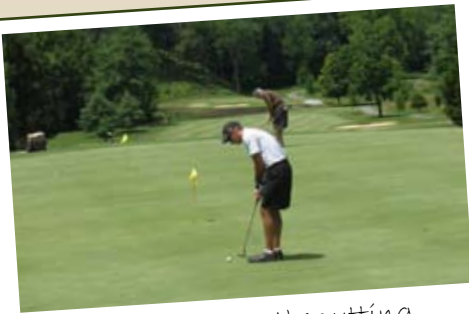
To submit news about your Chamber-member company, contact Kathy Gillenwaters: [gillenwaters@orcc.org](mailto:gillenwaters@orcc.org)



# Photo Album



A beautiful morning greeted members at the Chambers Breakfast and Business in June.



Golfers warm up on the putting green before hitting the links at the Chamber's Membership Appreciation Golf Tournament in June.



Participants at the Chamber's 1st Follow-up Meeting on Housing brainstorm together.



Chamber Members gathered for a coffee featuring some of our Non-profit members in August.



The Young Professionals of Oak Ridge meet to socialize and to work to make an impact on the city of Oak Ridge.

# Oak Ridge Named by CNNMoney.com as a Top-25 Place to Buy an Affordable Home

Oak Ridge has been named in the list of “Where homes are affordable” by CNNMoney.com. The editors of *Money Magazine* ranked Oak Ridge third in its list of 25 cities. According to the website, “Residents who live in these 25 growing towns see their incomes go the furthest.”

The website places the median home price in Oak Ridge at \$102,950 with a median family income per year at \$72,770.

The website says, in part, “The town has weathered the economic storm thanks to a strong base of professional jobs in health care at local hospitals, and technical and research jobs at a range of plants. Furthermore, Oak Ridge is a short drive from Knoxville, making it a nice spot for commuters who work in the city but want to live in a quieter community.”

**Mike Belbeck**, President and CAO of *Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge* and the chair of the Chamber’s Housing and Population Growth area commented, “Being recognized by well-respected and nationally-known entities like CNN and Money Magazine is exciting. It’s

rewarding to know that our community, which we know to have an extraordinary quality of life, has now been singled out as one of the top 25 places to get the most for your housing dollar.”

**Kenneth Herring**, Relocation Specialist for the Chamber said, “Having Oak Ridge listed as a great place to buy a home is great exposure for this community. The Chamber works very hard to encourage residency in Oak Ridge. This kind of ranking allows people who are considering moving to the area an extra reason to look closely at Oak Ridge. It’s definitely something I’ll bring up as I meet with individuals and families I’m meeting with.”

The website includes statistics from each of the communities named to the list. Statistics include income, purchasing power and taxes. The complete listing can be found at [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).

“Some of the statistics position Oak Ridge as higher than the ‘best places average’ used by the writers, while some place Oak Ridge as lower. We all know that data



can be mixed and matched in a variety of ways. Regardless of the details, the end result is that the city did well enough on this scale to achieve a top-of-mind ranking by a publication of this caliber. This is good news. It is something we should all be proud of and it is something that we will be using in marketing materials as early as next week” said **Parker Hardy**, President and CEO of the Chamber.

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## New Young Professionals Organization is Formed

A new group that’s targeted to people under the age of 45 has finalized its organizational structure and is ready to get moving toward growing and making an impact on the city of Oak Ridge.

Named the Young Professionals of Oak Ridge, the group’s goal is “to have a significant impact on the revitalization of the City of Oak Ridge through social activities, political involvement, community outreach, professional development and fun” said **Betsy Prine** of *H.S. Whitson Construction Co.*, one of the group’s founders.

The group first started meeting nearly six months ago.

Oak Ridge Chamber President **Parker Hardy** said “the Oak Ridge Chamber

has been engaged with the effort because “leadership is always a community’s most important asset. And young leadership is always at a premium.”

The structure of the Young Professionals of Oak Ridge is four committees, set up with the flexibility to allow future committees. Current committees are

- Social Committee (plan activities/ events, also keep members in the know about local events)
- Political Committee (create awareness of local/state political issues from a nonpartisan viewpoint)
- Community Outreach Committee (community service projects, non-profit relationships, etc)

- Professional Development Committee (professional workshops, etc)

The Young Professionals of Oak Ridge plan to meet twice a month and are setting up a list of upcoming speakers, as well as fun events and service opportunities.

**Jim Campbell**, President of ETEC said that he sees the group “as a vehicle to attract new employees at the city’s workplaces into the life of the community as well.” The Chamber of Commerce and ETEC partnered to support the formation of the Young Professionals of Oak Ridge.

For more information, please contact the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce at (865) 483-1321.



# Membership Update

## New Members

*Please join your Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce in welcoming these businesses to the membership of our chamber. It is our pleasure to have you as part of the business advocacy organization for the Oak Ridge area.*

### **Courtyards of Oak Ridge**

Ms. Linda Smith  
209 Gum Hollow Road  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

### **Hidalgo/Monterrey Mexican Restaurant**

Ms. Judy Leon  
Mr. Cesar Ortiz  
299 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

## Renewing Members

*Please join your Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the continued commitment of these returning members. Our members are the reason we exist and we appreciate your continued support.*

Advanced Office Systems  
Aid & Assist at Home, Inc.  
Alzheimer's Association  
American Museum of Science & Energy  
Anderson County Health Council  
Avisco, Inc.  
Bank of America  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tennessee Valley

Cariten Healthcare  
CH2MHILL  
CH2MHILL OMI  
Cockrill Design & Planning  
Comfort Inn  
CommunityLink  
ETHRA/Workforce Development  
Farm Bureau  
Flex/Space properties  
Grove Properties, LLC  
Groves Park Commons  
Hampton Inn Hotel  
Lawler-Wood, LLC  
Marla V. Lenihan, MS, N.C.C.  
William S. Lenihan III, DDS  
M & M Productions USA  
Mediapulse, Inc.  
Oak Ridge City Center

Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Precision Printing & Graphics, Inc.  
Prestige Cleaners, Inc.  
Proforma/DHJ Promotions  
Ellen B. Queener, CPS  
Mayor Mike Ragsdale  
Riikola Construction Company, LLC  
Secret City Screen Printing  
State Farm Insurance-Culbreth  
Staybridge Suites  
Street Legal Industries, Inc.  
Thermocopy of TN, Inc.  
URS Washington Division  
Wood Properties, Inc.  
ZYP Coatings, Inc.



## NationJob Numbers Strong

Twelve Oak Ridge Chamber members are participating in a new job posting program launched earlier this year.

NationJob, a national company with twenty years of experience connecting job seekers with employers, was selected by the Chamber Board in February to provide the service because of their reputation and proven business plan working with chambers of commerce.

The companies participating are: G2 Engineering & Management, Inc.; Oak Ridge National Laboratory;

NetGain Corporation; WSI Oak Ridge (Wackenhut); Methodist Medical Center; Tetra Tech; Y-12 Federal Credit Union; ORNL Federal Credit Union; NucSafe, Inc.; Information International Associates, Inc. (IIA); Pro2Serve and B&W Y-12.

In the month of June, there were more than 75,000 views on the jobs posted by the twelve participating companies. Currently there are 143 jobs posted and 1,514 resumes/applications were submitted through the NationJob/Oak Ridge Chamber partnership in June.

The NationJob site is accessed several ways, including the Careers link on the Chamber's website. The jobs are cross posted for Oak Ridge and Tennessee inquiries and other locations the participating companies choose to list. The listed jobs are cross posted to other employment sites and to targeted industry specific sites to increase the exposure.

For more information about the program, please contact the Chamber at 483-1321. Enrollment in the program in the program is ongoing.

# Calendar of Events

August 18

**Young Professionals of Oak Ridge**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
5:30 p.m.

August 20

**Development Forum**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
1:30-3:30 p.m.

August 24

**ORCC Executive Committee Meeting**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
11:30 a.m.

August 25

**Morning Networking Breakfast**  
*United Way of Anderson County*  
161 Robertsville Road  
7:30 a.m.

September 1

**Young Professionals of Oak Ridge**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
5:30 p.m.

September 9

**ORCC Board of Directors Retreat**  
ORNL Conference Center  
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

September 11

**OREP Board of Directors Meeting**  
ORCC West Conference Room  
9:00 a.m.

September 15

**Young Professionals of Oak Ridge**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
5:30 p.m.

September 17

**Development Forum**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
1:30 p.m.

September 22

**Business After Hours**  
*ORICL, ORCMA, & Oak Ridge Art Center*  
201 Badger Avenue  
4:30-6:00 p.m.

September 28

**ORCC Executive Committee Meeting**  
ORCC Joyce Conference Room  
11:30 a.m.

September 29

**Morning Networking Breakfast**  
*Briarcliff Healthcare*  
100 Elmhurst Drive  
7:30 a.m.

*To schedule a networking event,  
contact Lynn Christman at 483-1321 or  
lchristman@orcc.org*

## 2009 Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

**Tom Hilton**

Chairman of the Board  
*Y-12 Federal Credit Union*

**Tom Ballard**

*UT-Battelle/ORNL*

**Mike Belbeck**

*Methodist Medical  
Center of Oak Ridge*

**Robert Brown**

*U.S. Department  
of Energy*

**Bonnie Carroll**

*Information International  
Associates*

**Tom Clary, MD**

*Oak Ridge  
Pediatric Clinic*

**Brenda Curtis**

*WSI*

**Leslie England**

*ORAU*

**Peggy Hanrahan**

*Realty Center*

**Chuck Hope**

*Chuck's Car  
Care Center*

**Mike Johnson**

*Energy Solutions*

**Darrel Kohlhorst**

*B&W Y-12*

**Stacy Myers**

*Advanced Management, Inc.*

**Jim O'Connor**

*City of Oak Ridge*

**Henry Perry**

*HM Enterprises*

**Kerry Trammell**

*NHC Oak Ridge*

**Jim Vogelsang**

*USEC*

**Tom Beehan**

*Mayor, City of Oak Ridge*

**David Bradshaw**

*SunTrust*

**Steve Buckley**

*Bechtel Jacobs  
Company, LLC*

**Jim Charles**

*Edward Jones*

**Charles Crowe**

*C&C Advertising*

**George Dials**

*B&W Technical  
Services*

**Homer Fisher**

*University of Tennessee/ORAU*

**Mark Harvey**

*The Cowperwood Company*

**Wayne Hope**

*Enrichment Federal  
Credit Union*

**Rex Jones**

*Pinnacle Financial Group*

**Stan Mitchell**

*The Oak Ridge Observer*

**Susanna Navarro-Valenti**

*Navarro Engineering*

**Veronica O'Hearn**

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### Economic Indicators

Anderson County

Unemployment Rate

May '09 - 10.2%

June '09 - 10.9%

### Building Permits

June

Residential

New – 2

Alterations – 18

Commercial

New – 1

Alterations – 9

### Membership Application

Firm/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Investment (from schedule) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One-time processing fee \$25

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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