

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your support all year long. We wish you many blessings this Holiday Season and beyond.

The Chamber Office will be closed Dec 24th - Jan 1st.

We will return to the office Monday, January 4, 2021

If you have a Chamber related emergency during this time period you may contact

Chamber President, Darrell McDowell, at 393-8254



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Congratulations

Ken & Kristin Snyder,
new owners of the



Olney Dairy Queen. They have a lot of new information to share but the first order of business is to migrate the old DQ Facebook page to their new Facebook page. In a couple of weeks, the old page will be deleted so they're asking that you follow the link below to the new page and make sure to Like and Follow it for all things Olney DQ! [Dairy Queen / Orange Julius](#)

Ken & Kristin own several other Dairy Queen restaurants in the surrounding area and are residents of Olney.

106 N West St Olney
(618) 395-3524

Dairy Queen is hiring for all positions
(Send resumes to olneydq@gmail.com, apply on Facebook, or call the store to make arrangements to pick up an application)

And the winners are....



The Olney Chamber and Friends of Olney want to thank everyone for the incredible participation in the "Let It Glow" decorating contest!

The homes and businesses were beautiful and so many people submitted votes! We have simply been blown away by the number of homes and businesses that have gone all out this year with their decorations. ♥

\$100 in SOS Bucks goes to

Winning Home # 6 1718 Linda Lane The Berry's

Winning Business B- Seams & Things/Enriched Stitches



[CDC.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov)

[Illinois Dept of Public Health](https://www.illinois.gov)

[coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://www.coronavirus.illinois.gov)

[Richland County TB & Health](https://www.richlandcounty.org)

COVID-19 Resources

PREVENTING COVID SPREAD

Remember the Three Ws



Wash your hands

Wash frequently with soap, scrub for 20 seconds



Wear your mask

When with people not in your household*



Watch your distance

Stay more than 6 feet apart from people not in your household, preferably outdoors.

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KEEP THEM UPDATED



Do you promote your business or organization through Social Media? Do you have a website? Do you check your listing on Yelp and Google regularly? If not, you should! Many businesses have incorrect information posted in these places. Consumers use electronic means to find businesses almost exclusively. They also contact us, the Chamber of Commerce. If we don't have your updated information we can't pass the information along to your clients and consumers.

We continually find broken links for websites that have been abandoned. We also find old phone numbers listed on Social Media pages. If a customer can't contact you, they will move on to their next option. Make certain your hours of operation, phone number, address, and website are all correct with Google, Yelp, and on all of your social media platforms. Need help with this? Give us a call, we're here to help.

CHAMBER LUNCHEONS

We miss you! The Chamber Board is still working towards safe ways for us to resume normal networking activities. Unfortunately we are not in a place where in-person activities can take place just yet. Please help us promote your business or organization in other ways at this time. If you have a social media post, let us know if you want us to share it on the Chamber Facebook page. Drop off marketing materials at the Chamber Office, or submit a write-up about your business to be included in the weekly email or monthly newsletter. Reach out and let us know how we can help you!

What piece of the puzzle are you?



Think of our community like a puzzle; the people, businesses, organizations, leaders, and civic groups, are all pieces of that puzzle. Each piece has its own shape, size, purpose, and needs. For a community to fill in all the missing pieces, we need direction and strong leadership. Direction and leadership come from many different places, like; experienced business owners, municipal heads, and young entrepreneurs full of fresh ideas and an abundance of excitement. The Chamber also helps facilitate putting the puzzle together. We are here to work with all of the pieces. Each piece, no matter the size, shape, or purpose, is needed to complete the puzzle. The better the Chamber knows the pieces, the better we can connect them. For example, maybe business X offers the best blown glass items in the country, but they don't have the skill set or connections to sell to anyone other than local customers. Business Y is very skilled in web design and ecommerce. Once connected, the sky is the limit for business X and business Y just gained a new client. It is all about connecting the pieces to make our community stronger. Make certain we know the details about your business so we can help you connect the pieces.



N O W O P E N



The new Love's Travel Stops and Arby's are open for business. Located at 1503 S West St. Open 24/7 (618)320-6039 www.loves.com

Update on SOS Bucks . . . We were informed this week that due to accounting issues, Walmart is no longer able to accept SOS Bucks as a form of payment, effective immediately. We apologize for this inconvenience. Below is a list of businesses that still accept SOS Bucks. If your business would like to accept SOS Bucks, but you aren't on the list, let us know and we will get it added.

- ❖ **Bobbe's Pizza -OLNEY**
1610 E Main St
- ❖ **Brown's Furniture Olney**
615 W Chestnut
- ❖ **East Street Boutique**
Located inside CarleRMH East Street entrance
- ❖ **City of Olney**
300 S Whittle
- ❖ **Claybank Natural Foods**
228 E Main St
- ❖ **Color Your World**
312 W Main St
- ❖ **CVS Pharmacy-OLNEY**
914 W Main St
- ❖ **Dairy Dee Ice Creams**
103 Sycamore Sumner
- ❖ **Dollar General -OLNEY (both locations)**
802 S West St & 1815 E Main St
- ❖ **Enriched Stitches**
214 E Main St
- ❖ **Glik's -OLNEY**
515 N West St
- ❖ **Holiday Motel & Restaurant**
1300 S West St
- ❖ **IGA-OLNEY**
1313 E Main St
- ❖ **Ivy's Cottage**
403 S Whittle
- ❖ **Joe's Pizza-OLNEY**
212 N Jefferson
- ❖ **Kings Furniture Store**
317 E Main St
- ❖ **Mach 1**
732 W Main St
- ❖ **Monical's Pizza-OLNEY**
1125 E Main St
- ❖ **Motomart-OLNEY**
1219 S West St
- ❖ **Olde Tyme Steakhous**
311 S Kitchell
- ❖ **Olney Chamber of Commerce**
216 E Main St
- ❖ **Olney Gazette**
309 E Main St
- ❖ **Olney Rural King**
501 N West St
- ❖ **Olney Skin Care & Massage**
604 W Main St
- ❖ **Olney Taekwondo**
233 E Main St
- ❖ **Ophelia's Cup**
205 S Whittle
- ❖ **PrintForce**
1409 E Main St
- ❖ **Rent One-OLNEY**
708 S West St
- ❖ **Scentsy Independent Consultant Deb Lynch**
(618) 843-3470
- ❖ **Seams & Things**
214 E Main St
- ❖ **Sears Hometown Store- Olney**
712 S West St
- ❖ **Second Blessings Thrift Store**
1065 W Main St
- ❖ **Sub Fast / Pizza Fast**
307 S Whittle
- ❖ **Threads of Hope**
112 S Whittle
- ❖ **Thrifty Home Medical-OLNEY**
226 E Main St
- ❖ **Wild Rose Boutique**
507 S West St
- ❖ **Wildwoods Gallery & Framing**
209 E Main St
- ❖ **Williams Bros Pharmacy-OLNEY**
1029 E Main St

S.O.S. (Shop Olney Stores) Bucks are redeemed like cash at participating stores. SOS Bucks are issued in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50 increments. Present them to local businesses when making a purchase. It is the discretion of the individual business as to whether they give back cash or issue a store credit for the remaining balance. SOS Bucks can ONLY be redeemed in Olney /Richland County Businesses.

LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. Please check with each individual business. 12/20



Questions? Call or Email
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PLEASE REDEEM SOS BUCKS WITHIN ONE YEAR.



Business Resources & Law Makers

Make certain you reach out to your lenders and accounting professionals for guidance on applying for and accepting loans and grants.

[Small Business Administration](#)

[SBA Covid-19 Small Business Guidance](#)

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