

THURSDAY

5:00 PM NETWORKING AND HAPPY HOUR

at Dogwood Social, 1206 Central Park Dr. O'Fallon, IL 62269

6:30 PM DINNER AT DOGWOOD SOCIAL, 1206 Central Park Dr. O'Fallon, IL

Opened in September 2022, Dogwood Social House O'Fallon is a one-stop entertainment venue for the whole family. From classic bowling lanes and electrifying arcade games to axe throwing and private karaoke rooms, there's something for everyone. Catch the latest sports games or music videos on their massive TV walls while enjoying over 80 craft beers on self-serve taps. Their delicious menu caters to all tastes, making Dogwood Social House the perfect place for a fun-filled night out.

9:00 PM AFTER-HOURS NETWORKING

Looking for more fun and networking with the attendees? Across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn, the event's hotel and meeting rooms are Global Brew (200+ Brews, drinks, and food) or looking for something more quiet, walk next door to Bella Milano O'Fallon (455 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269).

**October 3 & 4, 2024
O'Fallon, IL**

FRIDAY

7:30AM BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn 360 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269

8:00AM - 10:15 AM BUS TOUR TO SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

Note: Driver's License or State ID # and D.O.B. must be submitted by September 18th to attend the tour.

Employing over 13,000 people, 5,100 civilians with 5,500 active-duty Air Force, and additional 2,400 Air National Guard and Reserve personnel, Scott Air Force Base is located next door to O'Fallon. Including two, new cybersecurity commands, Scott AFB controls the logistics of every bolt, bullet, and soldier of the U.S. Department of Defense, as well as protecting the cyber security interest of the United States across the globe.

A bus will pick all participants up from the Hilton Garden Inn at 8 a.m. on Friday and travel to Scott AFB for a one-hour tour and mission brief of the base. At 9:30 a.m. we will stop and meet the community planner for 30 minutes to discuss military installation planning and community partnerships before returning to O'Fallon at 10:15 a.m.

10:30 - 11:00 AM CHANGING HOW WE HIRE POLICE OFFICERS

Hiring good police officers is hard. Especially when you must jump through hoops and wait months for testing cycles to find candidates. In 2023, O'Fallon, Illinois abolished their hiring practices for police officers by getting rid of the testing consortium and moving to a process that reflects how employees in every other profession are hired. Hear from O'Fallon Police Chief Kirk Brueggeman how the process was created, and how it is working.

11:15 - 12:00 PM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

Economic Development is a long, slow, and expensive game. Hear how the City of O'Fallon crafted and economic development strategy and plan in partnership with HSHS-St. Elizabeth's Hospital to attract a \$300+ million hospital campus and set-up the region for future growth. Also hear from the President of HSHS-St. Elizabeth's on their operations and future plans.

12:00 PM LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING - AI IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Presentation on AI in Local Government Research Study by Dr. Eunju Rho, Associate Professor, NIU Department of Public Administration.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hilton Garden Inn – O'Fallon
360 Regency Park, O'Fallon, IL 62269

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Name: _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ *Date of Birth _____

*Name as it appears on DL or State ID _____

*Driver's License or State ID #: _____ *State of Issue _____

____ Yes, I will attend the Meeting Thursday October 3 and Friday October 4

____ Yes, I will attend the Social Hour & Dinner On Thursday evening

____ Yes, my spouse or partner will attend dinner on Thursday evening

Registration Fee: \$55 – Includes buffet breakfast & lunch on Friday

REGISTER by Wednesday, September 18.

*information required for Scott Air Force Base Tour

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