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Chamber Coffee to Kickoff Oak Ridge Dogwood Arts Festival Activities

March 11, 2008 – The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce will host its weekly networking coffee on Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the Joyce Conference Room at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 1400 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The event will serve as the kickoff to the Dogwood Arts Festival activities in Oak Ridge. In addition to Chamber members, the 451 homeowners who live along the Oak Ridge Dogwood Trail will be invited.

According to Homer Fisher of the University of Tennessee and head of the Chamber's Image department, "This coffee not only allows us the opportunity to show appreciation to the homeowners along the trail, it is also a way for us to officially announce events taking place in Oak Ridge which are associated with the Dogwood Arts Festival."

In addition to the Dogwood Trail, the Oak Ridge Dogwood Arts Festival includes an open garden at the Emma Spray Garden in Historic Jackson Square, the first-ever Dogwood Run and the fourth annual Dogwood Arts Festival Cardboard Regatta. The Dogwood Run will take place on Saturday, April 19 and will run through the Briarcliff neighborhood. The Cardboard Regatta will take place on Sunday, April 27 at Melton Hill Lake. Registration forms for both events can be found on the Chamber's website, www.orcc.org.

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The Dogwood Arts Festival will be held from April 4-23. The Oak Ridge Dogwood Trail runs up Louisiana Avenue from the Oak Ridge Turnpike, then west on West Outer Drive, onto Whippoorwill Drive and back down Wisconsin Avenue to the Oak Ridge Turnpike.

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

The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is an Accredited Chamber of Commerce with approximately 700 members.

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