# **EVENT REQUEST FORM**

Let's Celebrate Your Business!

Complete this form to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony, groundbreaking ceremony, or anniversary celebration.



Events are booked based on availability. Please consult with our Events & Programs Director:

events@orcc.org or 865-483-1321 ex. 101



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#### **Business and Contact Information:**

Name of Business	
Address —	
Contact Name	Title
Phone Number	Email Address
Are You A Member?: Yes No	
Tentative Event Date:	Tentative Event Time Frame:
Backup Event Date:	
WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING?	
New Business in Oak Ridge/Grand Opening	Anniversary Celebration
Existing Business, New Location	Remodeled Business
Groundbreaking Project	Other:
Write a brief background on the milestone or project we are celebrating:	

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#### **Choosing Your Date:**

- Consult with the Events & Programs Director to choose your date and time
- Allow enough time to promote your event 1 to 2 months is a good rule of thumb.
- Try to avoid major holidays and major community events. For dates and times outside our regular operating hours (M-F 8AM-5PM), we can arrange for you to use our ribbon and large scissors, but we cannot guarantee Chamber staff representation.

### A typical ribbon cutting will last ~30 minutes and include:

- Time for networking
- Words of welcome and congratulations by a Chamber representative
- Comments by public officials who are present
- Remarks and introductions from a representative of your organization
- Formal photos taken (Commemoration with ribbon, shovels, confetti pop, etc.)
- Refreshments and giveaways

#### The Chamber will:

- Publicize your event to Chamber membership
- Promote event on Chamber's social media platforms
- Send media alert to the Oak Ridger and Oak Ridge Today
- Invite City Council members to be present
- Provide the ribbon, oversized scissors, and biodegradable confetti poppers
- Coordinate the official photograph and provide you with a framed copy
- Submit photo to media outlets not present at the ceremony

#### **Host Ribbon Cutting Checklist:**

- Pre-Event Meeting w/Host and Chamber Events & Programs Director
- Invite company VIPs, employees, neighboring businesses, customers, clients, friends and family
- Promote on social media
- Balloons and/or signs to guide guests to your location
- Have refreshments available
- Have a table designated for nametags, giveaways, flyers, etc.
- Consider a drawing for door prizes (This is a great way to collect business cards!)

**Events & Programs Director** 

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