Residents Show Off Pet Pride At Oak Lawn Chamber’s Pet Parade

On June 11th, as part of Oak Lawn’s Spring Into Summer celebration, residents brought their pets out in force for the Oak Lawn Pet Parade, which led from Oak Lawn Home-town Middle School to the Village Green. A colorful array of people showed up in force for the event, some dressed to resemble their pets, others just glad for the clear day and the chance to flaunt their pets. Thanks to everyone who participated, and to those who showed up to cheer them on!

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‘Acorns on Parade’ Coming to Oak Lawn

Starting July 5th, Village residents are encouraged to come out to view the Oak Lawn Arts Commission’s first public art exhibition, “Acorns on Parade.”

The Oak Lawn Arts Commission would like to invite all residents to the Village Green to view their first public art project called “Acorns on Parade” starting on July 5th. The giant painted acorns will be displayed together for two weeks and then will be installed around Oak Lawn in accordance to the wishes of the sponsors who purchased them.

Local artists have been busy painting them under tents at Village Hall for the past few weeks. These iconic acorns are intended to “sow the seeds of the arts in Oak Lawn,” and will be iconic symbols of Oak Lawn for years to come. Residents who would like to purchase limited edition desk-sized acorns may do so at the Arts Commission Booth at the Farmers Market or at the cashier window at Village Hall. Small acorns may be painted by their owners or left as they are. Don’t miss Acorns on Parade — please come out and celebrate the arts in Oak Lawn!

Chicago/Oak Lawn Hilton Adds To Village’s Beautification

Hilton Hotels national brand promises that every guest they serve will be cared for, valued and respected. As we in Oak Lawn know, that commitment extends to the communities where they reside as well.

The Chicago/Oak Lawn Hilton recently completed a major landscaping project surrounding their hotel and extended that project to the adoption of the Cicero Ave. planter in order to add a single harmonious welcome to guests and a breathtakingly beautiful island of serenity for every citizen in the community.

Commercial property owners who take pride in the appearance of their property and the landscape surrounding their property tell citizens a lot about the pride and care that they put into the product and services they offer. Judging from the beauty and quality that Hilton has put into its recent landscaping project, it is clear that the quality of the service the organization offers to guests is second to none.

Thank you, Hilton Hotels, for brightening the day of thousands of visitors and citizens of Oak Lawn!
LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings!

I want to thank all the people who expressed their pleasure at receiving the first issue of our new Village newspaper. I am very pleased that so many found it valuable and promise that as we move forward, it will only get better.

This month we celebrate our independence. I think July 4th is our most important national holiday because it celebrates the one event that made everything else possible. While most of us will be gathering with family and friends to enjoy a picnic or barbecue at home, I hope that you take a moment to think of those who made our independence possible and those who today, stand vigil on our behalf to keep the promise of liberty and justice alive and well for all Americans.

Please keep in mind, too, that over the July 4th weekend, young children will be outside playing and be especially careful when driving through our neighborhood streets. Holidays when families receive visitors are also times when pets tend to get loose or run frightened by all of the commotion. Stay vigilant behind the wheel and make this 4th of July a safe and happy time.

Parties and celebrations can also result in lots of trash, so I want to remind residents to not leave food outside unattended and to make sure garbage is securely bagged and put into covered containers. Make sure to clean up after pets as well so we don’t provide breeding grounds for flies and vermin.

Last but not least, please remember to keep sunblock and mosquito repellent handy. West Nile virus has been reported in the South Suburban Chicago area, so eliminate standing water in your yard and use a good repellent at those times when mosquitoes are active.

I want to thank all of our residents who have planted gardens and landscaped their lawns. As I travel through our village, I am just amazed at the beauty and care on display throughout our neighborhoods. It is very apparent that many of our residents have devoted a great deal of time and effort to their gardening, and I want you to know that your efforts are not being overlooked!

I hope you have the chance to take advantage of our Farmers Market and the many summer events we have planned for our village, such as Acorns on Parade on the Village Green. What makes Oak Lawn such a great community is the great people who live here. So turn some neighbors into friends by taking part in all that Oak Lawn has to offer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dr. Sandra Bury
Congressman Daniel Lipinski (IL-3) announced last month that the Oak Lawn Fire Department has been awarded a $144,182 grant through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This Operations and Safety Fire Grant will be used to help purchase protective fire equipment, including 18 new self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs) and 43 additional face pieces.

“All first responders perform a difficult and dangerous job,” Rep. Lipinski said. “They put their lives on the line for us each and every day, so I want to do all that I can to fully support their important mission and safety. This federal assistance will provide equipment that will help these men and women do their best possible job.”

### Cook County Property Tax Rates Released

Cook County has released tax rates for 2016 and South Suburban residential property tax is expected to rise slightly in comparison to other areas throughout the county.

For property tax purposes, Cook County is divided into three regions each of which is reassessed by the Cook County Assessor every three years. The South Suburban Cook County region was reassessed in 2014, the city of Chicago region was reassessed in 2015 and the North Suburban region will be reassessed this year.

Oak Lawn village officials want to make sure that every resident receives the exemptions they are entitled to and encourage anyone with questions or concerns about their property tax to contact the Worth Township Assessors Office to receive assistance in understanding their tax bills and to receive assistance in obtaining all the exemptions and discounts they may be entitled to receive. Contact the Worth Township Assessors Office at 708-371-2900 or visit the township website at www.worthtownship.com.

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Quinlan Recognized for Commitment to Municipal Clerks Association

Village Clerk Jane Quinlan was honored for her two years as president of the Municipal Clerk’s Association of the South and West Suburbs.

Congratulations to Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jane Quinlan, who was honored by the Municipal Clerk’s Association of the South and West Suburbs for her leadership as President of the organization over the past two years.

During her tenure as President, Jane represented Clerks from over 120 municipalities bringing many together for monthly meetings that discussed legislative and legal changes effecting villages and towns throughout Illinois. Oak Lawn is the first ever Certified Master Municipal Clerk. Jan says that her most enjoyable experience as President of the organization is the lasting friendships she has developed with fellow municipal clerks throughout the area.

First Community Volunteer Build Day a Major Success

Last month the Oak Lawn Community Garden held its first ever all-volunteer build day and 30 volunteers constructed seventeen 5 x 10 foot allotment garden beds, ten pantry garden beds and six handicap accessible flower beds, filling every one with compost and topsoil.

Located at 104th and Cook Avenue, the half-acre enclosed garden is a community partnership between the village of Oak Lawn, Hometown, School District 123 and the Oak Lawn Park District. Located at 104th and Cook Avenue, the half-acre enclosed garden is a community partnership between the village of Oak Lawn, Hometown, School District 123 and the Oak Lawn Park District.

A special thanks goes out to Richards High School’s football team, led by coach Tony Sheehan, who provided the muscle needed to haul over 25 cubic yards of compost and topsoil to the finished beds. Volunteers constructing the beds came right from the community and diverse organizations such as the Boy Scouts, University of Illinois Extension, Oak Lawn’s Green Team and allotment gardeners.

The community wide initiative not only provides an outlet for all the diehard and would-be gardeners in our community, it also provides growing space for much-needed fruits and vegetables that pass through our local food pantries and help support needy families in the region.

OLHMS Students Deliver STEM Presentation to State Officials

Science, Technology, Engineering or Math — the academic disciplines collectively referred to as STEM — were the topic presented by Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School students Cayla Fett, Adam Maugeri and Madeline Obrezut at the TECH 2016 event held in Springfield, Ill., this past May.

Presenting a STEM overview and insight into their school’s Maker Space to state officials, the students brought 3D-print models, coding applications and other items to demonstrate the capabilities their school offers to students.

A STEM education can lead to great success within the workplace. According to the students, in 2013 there were nearly 6 million jobs available in the U.S. related to STEM. President Obama has launched an initiative to improve educational resources related to STEM with the goal of increasing the number of American students majoring in STEM-related degrees.

OLHMS students Cayla Fett, Adam Maugeri and Madeline Obrezut share information about the OLHMS Maker Space with Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham.
Looking for a new job? If so, State Senator Bill Cunningham and State Representative Fran Hurley are looking for you to attend a job fair they are hosting at Saint Christina School (3333 West 110th St., Chicago), on July 20th from 9am to 1pm.

The fair is open to the public and potential employers shall be on hand actively seeking eager candidates to fill job openings throughout the area. Candidates are encouraged to bring plenty of resumes!

“One of the most important things we can do as public officials is connecting job seekers with employment opportunities,” Cunningham said. “We urge employers in our community to come out and meet with candidates about opportunities within our district.”

Business representatives and job seekers are encouraged to address questions they may have to Senator Cunningham and Representative Hurley at (773) 445-8128.

Oak Lawn’s Summer Concert Series started with a bang June 5th with the tunes of party band Soda entertaining folks young and young at heart. Country rockers Hillbilly Rockstarz brought their twang-tinged sound to the Green June 26th. This month, the hits keep coming with Peach’s Beach Party serving up the surf sounds by the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett and others. Then on July 24th, Five Guys Named Moe take the stage to present an evening of classic rock to invoke a summer of nostalgia.

The Summer Concert Series events take place from 7:00pm-9:30pm on the Village Green, located directly east of the Municipal Center, and north of the Library. The concerts are free to the public, and refreshments are available from the Oak Lawn Scouts (hot dogs, polish sausage, chips and soda), Good Humor (ice cream treats) and Christensen’s Wagon (popcorn and lemon shake-ups). For more information, please call the Village of Oak Lawn at (708) 499-7837 or visit the Village website at www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Soda opened Oak Lawn’s Summer Concert Series June 5th with a high-energy set of covers that got the young audience in particular on its feet.
OLPD Supports Special Olympics

Oak Lawn Police have been donating their time and resources to help Special Olympics. Clockwise from top: the beard-growing bunch from OLPD; Special Olympics Torch Run #5 participants; Oak Lawn’s “Cop on Rooftop” officers

Your Oak Lawn Police have long supported the Special Olympics through fundraising during the year. Over the past few months, they have engaged in several activities including joining in taking part this past April with the NHL Players tradition of growing beards during the playoffs in order to raise donations. Police officers used their facial follicles to raise over $4,000 in donations.

In May, the Department participated in the “Cop On A Rooftop” event that saw some of Oak Lawn’s finest taking positions on the rooftop of Dunkin’ Donuts while others collected donations on the streets below. Over $3,300 was collected for Special Olympics by this activity.

Last month, Oak Lawn officers took part in the Special Olympics Torch Run that wound its way throughout the state of Illinois. Oak Lawn’s Police Personnel, Mel Clark, Dennis Keenan, Joel Bess, Brian Carlson, Katie Gologgoy, Scott Kirk, Steve McNeela, Kyle Rodriguez, Tim Shanahan and Dan Wiora ran or biked through Leg 5 of the Torch run that wound its way through Oak Lawn and Palos Heights.

We want to express our gratitude to the officers who serve and protect us not only in the big, important ways, but also with the year-around community service projects they take part in that make life in our community better for everyone.

Oak Lawn PD Renews ‘Operation Chill’

While most people try to avoid receiving a ticket from the police, this summer some Oak Lawn youngsters may be hoping to be pulled over!

The Oak Lawn Police Department has begun their Summer Bike Patrol Program and they are armed with stacks of tickets that need to be issued to young people “caught in the act” of doing something good.

Working with their partners at 7/11 Stores, “Operation Chill” is entering its 21st year and police will be issuing tickets that can be exchanged at nearby 7/11 stores for a free small Slurpee.

According to Oak Lawn Chief of Police, Michael Murray, Operation Chill allows police officers to foster good relationships with young people. “In addition to our other programs that allow our Officers to interact with children in the school environment,” Murray said, “Operation Chill gives us the opportunity to continue positive relations with the youth of our community through the summer.”

In order to receive a ticket, children need to be on the lookout for officers and make sure that they are obeying rules and practicing proper safety measures when biking, skateboarding and engaging in other summertime activities.

Lions Club Honors Oak Lawn First Responders

Richards High School Leo Club Vice President Aiste Leskauskas (top) and Leo Club President Kim McEvilly (bottom) address the crowd at Law and Order Night hosted by the Lions Club of Oak Lawn.

Oak Lawn Police Officer Brian Carlson and Oak Lawn Firefighter William Dearth were honored as the police and firefighter of the year by the Oak Lawn Lions Club recently. Assisting in presenting the awards were Leo Club President Kim McEvilly and Vice President Aiste Leskauskas from Richards High School.

Since 1972, the awards have been presented to honor firefighters and police officers who exhibit exemplary professional conduct and leadership while contributing to public safety in Oak Lawn. Winners are chosen by the police and fire department of the village.

Leo Clubs are a high school affiliate of Lions Club International. The first such club in Illinois was founded at Richards High School in 1969 by Oak Lawn native Len Pearson.

Congratulations to Officer Carlson and Firefighter Dearth for receiving such a high honor!
During the month of May, the Oak Lawn Police Department conducted 42 tobacco compliance checks of the tobacco retailers throughout the Village. These checks were done in accordance with the guidelines established by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission that provided the Village with a grant to allow us to continue with our comprehensive educational and enforcement program on minimum-age tobacco laws. All of the businesses were given letters and information/education packets in early October 2015, prior to any checks being conducted.

Below is a summary of the results of the first round of compliance checks:

- A total of 42 compliance checks were conducted.
- Two businesses were closed.
- One business is not selling tobacco products.
- None of the remaining 39 businesses were found to be selling cigarettes to minors.

An urgent appeal to all business owners who sell cigarettes to continue to be vigilant and to "card hard."

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### What NOT to Send:

- Aerosol-type containers
- Anything that will melt or spoil, as shipping can take up to three weeks
- Pornography, alcohol or tobacco
- Anything fragile or irreplaceable, to avoid disappointment in the event that items should break or parcels be lost or stolen

### DO Send:

#### Entertainment:
- books, magazines, crossword puzzles, iTunes gift cards, head/phones/ear buds, DVDs (movies and TV series), video games

#### Hygiene items (travel size are best):
- baby wipes, deodorant, facial tissues, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, razors

#### Food:
- beef jerky, powdered drink mixes, coffee (ground or K-Cups), granola/protein bars, trail mix, raisins or other dried fruit, mixed nuts/peanuts, fruit cups

#### Miscellaneous Items: 
- 3 in 1 detergent/fabric softerener/dryer sheets, air fresheners, international calling cards

### Thinking about sending a care package to our soldiers overseas? There are a few guidelines you’ll want to follow, and the USO of Illinois is, as always, happy to help.

### A solemn occasion worth celebrating took place at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post early last month with the installation of its officers. Among those sworn in to serve were sitting Post Commander Richard Bukowski and Auxiliary President Sue Opila. Mayor Dr. Sandra Bury and Clerk Jane Quinlin were on hand to view the proceedings and to congratulate the men and women who continue to serve their community.

### Johnson-Phelps VFW Post Installs Officers

At Johnson-Phelps VFW Post for the installation of officers (L-R): Village Clerk Jane Quinlan, Post Commander Richard Bukowski, Auxiliary President Sue Opila, and Mayor Dr. Sandra Bury.
Richards Students Create Coloring Books for Charity

Although it started out as just a nice idea, a project undertaken by students at Richards High School has proven to be both a comfort to patients and families at Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital and a rich and rewarding educational experience for students.

Developed by English teacher, Sara Carlson and Art teachers, Michelle Richardella and Kristin Tyszkiewicz, the project called for students to create original children’s coloring books that would be distributed at the Ronald McDonald House near the town who have a child being treated at the hospital. The coloring books offer a respite for both patients and young siblings who may be staying at the RMH.

Creative writing classes at Richards developed the stories; art classes drew the images and, graphic design classes conceived the covers, page layouts, and other artistic elements.

“We looked at the elements of children’s stories,” Carlson said. “The challenge for students was to come up with a rhyme scheme, and rhythm for a specific age group.”

In all, more than 100 Richards students collaborated on the project, which resulted in nearly 20 original coloring books. Richards printed multiple copies of each for RMH.

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Thanks Go Out to Parents Mentoring OLHMS Students

A pillar is defined as an object that provides critical support. It can also be defined as a person or group of people that provide support for others. The later definition is what describes Mr. Gincy Hartin and Mr. Matt Kenah, two parents who gave up their time each Wednesday to mentor young 4th and 5th grade students at Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School as part of the Pillars Club.

This was the second year that both parents devoted their time to have lunch, listen and discuss issues impacting young students in an informal setting at the school. Conflict resolution, managing stress, solving problems and coping with stress in the home were just some of the topics the two discussed with students, imparting to each advice and wisdom that comes from experience.

We want to thank Mr. Hartin and Mr. Kenah for their unselfish contribution as part of the Pillars Club. Their contribution contributes to better futures for the children they mentor and for our entire community.

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District 218 to Host Back to School Health Fair

School District 218 will be hosting its ninth annual Back to School Health Fair on Thursday, Aug. 4th at Richards High School from 11am to 2pm. Free and reduced-fee immunizations, physicals and dental exams will be offered along with eye screening. Visitors will also enjoy free food, entertainment and school supplies.

Advocate Christ Medical Center will be providing the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and offer a limited number of free physicals and immunizations for under insured and uninsured children. Saint Xavier University Health Clinic will offer physicals for only $35, Tdap vaccine immunizations for $60 and meningococcal vaccine for only $125. Crestwood’s Ingalls Care Center will also be offering physicals for just $35.

Parents must bring immunization records with them so they can be updated and officials will be on hand to provide information on various health concerns and additional screenings that may be available.

Free games, prizes, a bounce house, clowns and face painting will be available to keep youngsters entertained while dental screening, teeth cleaning, dental fluoride treatment, blood pressure testing, bone density screening and body mass index measurements will be available to apprise parents and guardians of information they need to keep their children healthy and happy.
Richards Students Qualify for Foreign Language National Honor Society

Richards High School recently honored its students who met the rigorous standards for induction into the foreign language national honor society for students of Spanish and French.

Criteria for admission to the foreign language honor society include completing three semesters of language study, a grade point average of 3.6 in Spanish or French classes, and an overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Students who qualified in Spanish for the first time included Basmala Ahmad, Zenaah Alawi, Ahmad Almanasra, Layla Barakat, Daniel Birmingham, Ramona Bourjas, Kasifi Cabel, Sofia Elana Carrillo, Samantha De Loera, Katelyn Deppe, Samantha Diaz, Victoria Granuza, Gina Guerra, Allison Isiotok, Victoria Jeziorzak, Abigail Jimenez-Barreza, Jason Kargol, Politimi Labrakis, Caitlin Lamirez, Clifford Lamirez, Patrycja Las, Jonathan Le, Allison Lively, Madisyn McDaniel. Also, Margaret Murphy, Diana Orinaitae, Melissa Peric, Evelyn Perera, Aleksandra Piotrowski, Mya Reyes, Zachary Rizzo, Matthew Rockey, Keeley Rodriguez, Ashley Rosenbrock, Hussein Salem, Steven Serrano, Marina Smentek, Caitlyn Solomon, Alexis Traylor, Lesy Villarreal, Janiyah Williams. Students qualifying for the second year in Spanish included Autumn Black, Megan Bradbury, Sarah Coffman, Elisabeth Founou, Sahreen Jabee, Karina Kachnowski, Sara Kiziak, Mercedes Masali, Karina Mikola, Dominique Miller, Emer Moloney, Meghan Murphy, Margaret O’Shea, Mary Rabadi, Nour Saleh, Karolyn Wong, Stanislav Wrobel.

Students who qualified for French national honor society for the first time included Catherine Aginaga, Grace Cook, Tonya Hicks, Lytia Huijun, Amani Jabee, Kay Mei, Brian Muniz, Viviana Urbano, and Egle Zelinkeviciute. Students qualifying for French NHS a second time included Kylie Kowaleski, Aileen Kuypers, Jason Mallo, and Carolina Martinez.

Richards Students Earn Scholarships

Each year, the PTA Council for Ridgeland School District 122 holds a staff volleyball game to raise money for their Higher Education Scholarship. The scholarship is open to graduating seniors who have attended Ridgeland School District for at least five years, have a 2.5 or greater GPA and plan to attend an accredited institution of higher education. This year, the proceeds from the game allowed the council to award four $500 scholarships. Applicants were selected based upon their desire for higher education, community service, good moral character and their leadership ability. Winners were:

Madeline Sievers – Madeline plans to attend Moraine Valley and DePaul University for Speech Pathology.

Sara Kiziak – Sara plans to attend Purdue University for Physical Therapy.

Jorge Ramirez – Jorge plans to attend Dominican University for Business Administration.

Julie Kasprzak – Julie plans to attend Eastern Illinois University for Elementary and Special Education.

Congratulations!
Pet Pride At Oak Lawn
Chamber’s Pet Parade (continued from page one)

Some of Oak Lawn’s furriest strutted their stuff in this year’s Oak Lawn Pet Parade.

Get Your $35 School Physical at
Ingalls Care Center in Crestwood

Now Offered at Ingalls Care Center in Crestwood
Discounted school, sports and camp physical exams and completion of required forms (any required immunization or labs additional). Payment due at time of service.

Before AUGUST 20th
Oak Lawn’s 10th annual Spring Into Summer event on June 11th brought families out for a day of fun, pets, cars, communication and more. The event was started 10 years ago by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce to promote the diversity of business in the Village. Sponsored by Hawk Ford, this year’s celebration once again featured the Oak Lawn Auto Show, which offered visitors the chance to make deals on new wheels with any of the 10 local dealerships, this is a staple of Spring Into Summer that’s at the heart of the Oak Lawn business community.

Residents also got to visit the annual Vendor Fair, featuring a variety of area businesses, live music on the Village Green, and kid’s activities including a petting zoo sponsored by Advocate Christ Medical Center, and interactive learning experiences offered by members of the Oak Lawn Fire Department. And certainly not least on the list of goings-on was the return of the Pet Parade, which coincided with the Vendor Fair’s inclusion this year of area animal shelters with adoptions available.
Aperion Care Hosts Community BBQ to Celebrate Renovations

Aperion Care has spent the last few years completely renovating the interior of their facility on 94th and Ridgeland. On June 9th, they kicked off the completion of their new exterior renovation with a community barbecue to celebrate. Live music, entertainment and delicious barbecued food under a large tent were very welcoming. Tours of the facility were offered, and the Chamber of Commerce came out to support the ribbon cutting. Mayor Bury and Clerk Quinlan were in attendance representing the Village. Aperion Care has done a really wonderful job with the renovations.

New Ambulance to Serve Oak Lawn Community

Oak Lawn’s Fire & Rescue Department has received an upgrade that will improve the experience for patients and for EMTs. A new ambulance has been placed in service that will respond from the station at 103rd and Kostner. This new ambulance was designed with patient care and comfort as the highest priority. It will replace a 2010 ambulance that will now service in reserve status.

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS FOR EARLY DETECTION

Saturday, July 23, 2016 9 am – 1 pm
Klein Park, 97th and Homan, Evergreen Park

Step Up to Stop Melanoma. Advocate Christ Medical Center’s Cancer Institute and March4Meg are holding a day of free skin cancer screenings.

Learn more at march4meg.com

For more information or to register, call 1.800.3.ADVOCATE (1.800.323.8622)
Event Code: 1C10
Oak Lawn Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 7:00am-1:00pm, July 6-Oct. 12th
Corner of Dumke Dr. & 52nd Ave.
Come partake in farm-fresh vegetables and fruits, baked goods, hot dogs, sausage, cheeses, jewelry, dog biscuits, salsa, eggs, popcorn, lemon shake-ups, bagels, mandel brot, Jewish biscuits, nuts, candy, activities for children and more. Every Wednesday through October 12th.

Village of Oak Lawn Annual Fourth of July Parade
Monday, July 4th, 2016, 10:00am
Starting Point: 95th St. and 51st Ave., Oak Lawn
Come out to celebrate American independence with your Oak Lawn community! The procession will start at 95th St. and 51st Ave., and head westbound to 55th Ct. Be there early and guarantee your vantage spot for all of the festivities!

Summer Concert: Peach’s Beach Party
Sunday, July 10th, 7:00-9:30pm | Village Green, 95th St. & Cook Ave.
Oak Lawn’s free summer concert series rolls on with the summer sounds of Peach’s Beach Party, bringing the Jimmy Buffett/Beach Boys vibe here to Oak Lawn. Food will be available from the Oak Lawn Scouts, as well as Good Humor ice cream, and popcorn and lemon shakes-ups from Christensen’s Wagon. For more information, please call the Village of Oak Lawn at (708) 499-7837 or visit www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Movies on the Green: “The Good Dinosaur”
Friday, July 22nd, 7-45pm (dusk) | Village Green, 95th St. & Cook Ave.
Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner for this month’s installment in Oak Lawn’s Movies on the Green series. This month’s film is the The Good Dinosaur, in which an Apatosaurus named Arlo finds friendship with a young human. Enjoy an evening of family fun under the stars!

Village and Park District Announce Summer Concert Series
The Village of Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Park District have teamed up for their annual Summer Concert Series, taking place two Sundays each month on the Village Green. It is on directly east of the Municipal Center and north of the Library. Food will be available at the events from the Oak Lawn Scouts (hot dogs, Polish, chips & soda), Good Humor (ice cream) and Christensen’s Wagon (popcorn & lemon shake-ups).

Step Up to Stop Melanoma
Saturday, July 23, 9:00am-1:00pm
Klein Park, 97th and Homan, Evergreen Park
Advocate Christ Medical Center’s Cancer Institute and MarchMead are holding a day of FREE Melanoma (skin cancer) screenings. Screenings will be conducted by Advocate Christ Medical Center physicians and nurses. Private area available for screening. If comfortable, participants are encouraged to wear a bathing suit under their clothes, and clothing which provides easy access to view areas of concern. Participants are encouraged to notify the person performing the skin cancer check of unusual or changing skin areas of concern. Individual registration is required for all family members who are being screened. For more information or to register, call 1.800.3ADVOCATE (1.800.332.8622) or go online at http://healthadvisor.ad vocatehealth.com/classes and refer to Event Code: 1C10.

Surf’s Up at Vacation Bible School
Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ Oak Lawn invites the children of the community to their “Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love” Vacation Bible School July 11th-15th from 9:00-1:30pm. Each day will feature games, crafts, Bible stories and cool music with dance moves. Children age four through fifth grade are welcome. Cost is $10 per child (or $30 per family) for the whole week.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Visit cokesburyhs.com/pilgrimfaith or call (708) 422-4200 to register, or for more information.
Oak Lawn Business to advertise

Call Fanning Communications today!

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Save the Date!

St. Gerald Giant Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk
In Memory of Colette McGinnis
Saturday - October 29, 2016
GiantPumpkin5K.com

St. Gerald’s
FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
93rd & Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL

4:30 pm - Doors Open
7:00 pm BINGO time!
Great Pay Outs & Jackpots!

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GREEN COVERALL
PULL TABS
FREE COFFEE
GOOD FOOD!

CALL 708-422-2194 FOR MORE INFO
## Memory Lane

**Mondays, July 11th & 25th**

Memory Lane is a group where members share experiences from their life based on encouraging questions. Members have the option to record their memories through writing or to simply talk about their memories. Group facilitators will help members create written memoirs if requested. Please call the Oak Lawn Senior Center with any questions.

### Memory Lane

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### Arts & Crafts

**Thursdays, July 7th & 21st**

10:00 - 12:00

Linda Sears will instruct you in creating a craft that you can take home with you at the end of the day.

### RTA Information Hot Dog Cook Out

**Thursday, July 21st** | 11:00

Registration is required by Monday, July 18th at noon.

### Box Lunch

**Thursday, July 28th** | 10:00 – 1:00

Box lunch will be at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Box lunch is $5.00 per person. Last day to sign up is before noon on Monday, July 25th.

### Basic Computer Skills Tutoring

**Available!**

Need help setting up and using email or navigating online agencies? Contact the Oak Lawn Senior Center for more information.

Please bring in non-perishable food for our local food pantry.

Are you in need of walkers, canes, wheelchairs, or other medical supplies? Contact the Oak Lawn Senior Center. Rentals are free to Oak Lawn Citizens.
The Outdoor Movie Series is held on our Village Green and admission is free!
Bring your blankets, refreshments, and lawn chairs and enjoy some summer fun under the stars!
(located directly east of the Municipal Center and north of the Oak Lawn Library)

Food will be available from the Oak Lawn Scouts (hot dogs, polish sausage, chips & soda), Good Humor (ice cream) and Christensen’s Wagon (popcorn and lemon shake-ups)

July 22
The Good Dinosaur
Movies begin at dusk!
(bet. 7:45P - 8:15P)

August 19
Jurassic World

For more information, please call the Village of Oak Lawn 708.499.7837 or visit our website at www.oaklawn-il.gov.
Oak Lawn Matters

JULY 10  PEACH'S BEACH PARTY
Jimmy Buffett, Beach Boys, Zac Brown, Variety

JULY 24  FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Classic Rock, Variety

AUGUST 7  RGANG
Motown, Rhythm & Blues, Variety

AUGUST 21  SPOKEN FOUR
Top 40, Covers, Variety

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
at
Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, Oak Lawn

Who can receive food assistance?
The Pantry provides emergency food for families and individuals in Oak Lawn, Horwood, Worth, Hometown, Riverdale, Riverdale Park East, Chicago Ridge and Alsip.

Proof of address by photo ID and tenant only. For non-agreements, present when coming to apply for assistance.

When can you receive food?
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays
A family may receive food once a month.

Where do I go to get food?
3941 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn
Enter through the courtyard at 51st Avenue, then go through door to your left.

How can I help the Pantry?
The Community Food Pantry at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ serves food to several hundred families supported locally by donations from churches, businesses and community groups. You can help by:

- Bringing food on 4th Saturdays to the church at 3941 S. 51st Ave.
- Volunteering on 2nd Saturdays to the church at 9427 S. Raymond Ave.
- Donating goods on any Monday.

Several items are especially needed by the Pantry include:
- Canned Meat
- Canned Stews
- Spaghetti Sauce
- PASTA
- One-Car Dinners
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hearty Soups
- Oaked Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Green Beans
- Peas
- Toilet Paper
- Clorox

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ
3941 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn
708.422.4990
www.pulpil.org

Welcoming all. Worshiping God. Working together to serve others.
District Manager-Chicago – Vitamin Shoppe, Oak Lawn

Job Description
Come be a part of something great and join our family of Health Enthusiasts! The District Manager is a leader on the Vitamin Shoppe field team driving sales and customer satisfaction within his/her district. This individual will have full accountability for 12-16 stores and have responsibility for financial results, including all key metrics, while working to ensure compliance with company policies, procedures and applicable laws. The ideal candidate establishes strong relationships with business partners to deliver high quality service to all stakeholders and customers.

Job Requirements
The District Manager will partner closely with the Field Leadership team and Regional Director; as the voice of his/her assigned district, this individual will need to build and maintain strong relationships across the organization.

• Provides strategic leadership, planning, and execution of solutions for current and future business needs.
• Builds strong partnerships with Regional Director and Field Leadership team; coaches Field associates (Health Enthusiasts) in delivery of strategic initiatives.
• Utilizes data, trend analysis, statistical reports, and benchmarking to conduct root cause analysis of current state and identification of metric-driven solutions.
• Provides leadership and assessment of Health Enthusiasts’ performance to ensure identification and development of high-potentials and bench strength.
• Holds profit & loss responsibility for the district while ensuring consistent policy and procedure compliance.
• Provides coaching, mentoring, and overall direction of accountabilities for store management teams in order to meet District, Region, and Company goals.
• Ensures the safety/security of company assets, customers, and Health Enthusiasts through regular store visits and training of store standards/compliance with company and government safety standards.
• Effectively communicates business and financial objectives to management teams; audits store performance, collects data and communicates store results to Regional Director.

Experience
3-5 years related and relevant, multi-store experience as a District Manager in a retail environment
High level of professional and interpersonal ability and flexibility, combined with solid problem-solving skills and a strategic business sense.
Equivalent combination of education and experience is acceptable.

For more information or to apply, visit http://cb.com/28MyS83
Source: CareerBuilder.com

Sales Manager Program – Mattress Firm, Oak Lawn

Interested to find out why employers review Mattress Firm as “a great place to work!” on Glassdoor.com and why we are recognized as one of the nation’s top work places?

Founded in 1986 with a single store, Mattress Firm has grown to become the largest specialty bedding retailer in the world with more than 3,500 retail locations. As big as we are, we are not done growing yet! We have an aggressive expansion plan and are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our Sales Manager in Training Program.

Regardless of how much sales or management experience you’ve had over the years, or what you studied in college, you can rest assured that with our Sales Manager in Training Program, Mattress Firm will provide you with the tools you need to improve lives one night at a time.

We offer a great compensation package that includes a base + uncapped commission + monthly bonus opportunities! Not only do we offer a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, life, vision, 401K, tuition reimbursement and paid vacation, we also provide an amazing employer purchase program so you, too, can be sleeping happy!

At Mattress Firm, we promote from within, reward success and foster a culture of fun and friendship. There has never been a better time to see what Mattress Firm can mean to you!

Job Responsibilities
As a Sales Manager, you have the opportunity to explore your entrepreneurial side. You will be engaged with inside retail sales, marketing, and business development while providing quality customer service.

Additional responsibilities of a Sales Manager include:

Sales Administration
• Driving sales to meet or exceed budget
• Executing the company’s selling program
• Providing excellent customer service during and after the sale
• Maintaining awareness of competitor’s advertise- ments and services offered
• Completing assigned training and development
• Participating in company/vendor training classes to remain current on products, offerings, and programs

Store Execution
• Ensuring assigned stores are to company standards
• Following opening and closing procedures and bal- ancing of books
• Ensuring policies and state regulations are followed
• Managing merchandise through verifying open orders daily, transferring merchandise, bagging floor models for transfers and/or customer pickups
• Communicating with management to keep them informed
• Assisting in the administrative functions of the store
• Completing other projects and specials assignments as requested by supervisor

Store Merchandising
• Ensuring merchandise and POP is current and dis- played appropriately
• Ensuring consistency of store pricing
• Managing the movement of damaged, discontinued, and slow moving merchandise

Job Requirements
Candidates should possess superior communication and customer service skills. Ideal Sales Managers will have experience with inside sales, marketing, and business development.

Additional requirements of a Sales Manager include:

• Results Driven
• Service Oriented
• Strong fit within organization’s culture
• Fast thinker with high self-motivation
• Demonstrates honesty and integrity
• Ability and willingness to work weekends, evenings, and holidays

For more information or to apply, visit http://cb.com/28Lq7mK
Source: CareerBuilder.com

Welder – Aerotek, Oak Lawn

Job Description
A growing manufacturer of custom construction and repair systems is looking for skilled Welders to join their fabrication and welding department.

Welders will be responsible for measuring and completing project layouts according to blueprint specifications. Candidates must have previous experience and demonstrated ability to MIG and/or TIG welding, use fabrication tools, and interpret blueprints.

This is a full-time position. Candidates must be available to work overtime.

About Aerotek:
Aerotek, headquartered in Hanover, Md., is a leading provider of technical, professional and industrial staffing services. Established in 1983, Aerotek is an operating company of Allegis Group, the largest provider of staffing services in the U.S. Aerotek operates a network of more than 200 non-franchised offices throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe.

The company is an equal opportunity employer and will consider all applications without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by law.

If you would like to request a reasonable accommoda- tion, such as the modification or adjustment of the job application process or interviewing process due to a disability, please call 888-237-6835 or email accommodation@taerotek.com for other accommodation options. For other questions, see below.

For more information or to apply, visit http://cb.com/28Nk0Ty
Source: CareerBuilder.com
Event Schedule

9:00am - Registration opens for all show car (entry at 95th and Southwest Highway) and daily materials distributed at Showcase Classic event trailer

9:00am - 10:30am DJ Music

10:45am - 11:45am First live musical performance by Tony Ocean and Anthony "Frank" Cassano (streaming live to troops via internet)

12:00pm - 1:00pm VFW Honor Guard presentation and dedication to the troops reading by Sandra Bury (live to the troops)

12:15pm - 12:25pm Vice President of USO of Illinois Jessica Dolan and Rachel Feinberg speech about USO of Illinois mission and how funds are used annually in support of the troops (live to troops)

12:30pm - 1:30pm Second musical performance by Legendary Drifters (live)

1:00pm - 2:00pm Professional car judging begins on show field car begins 100 point scale (see registration for trailer for details)

1:45pm - 2:45pm Third musical performance performed by singer extraordinaire Ed Collins (live for troops)

2:00pm - 3:00pm DJ Music

2:45pm - 3:15pm Fourth musical performance performed by Legendary Drifters second set

3:00pm - 4:00pm DJ Music

4:15pm - 5:15pm Fifth musical performance performed by Blackwater Chicago

5:30pm - Close Awards presentation by Showcase Classics and Napleton Auto Group

*All event will start on time.