



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

April 1, 2008



*Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news*

## **Oak Lawn strengthens ordinances on adult use and public indecency**

At the request of Mayor Heilmann, the Village attorneys investigated whether the current adult use restrictions and public indecency ordinances were as strongly worded as legally permissible. While adult uses cannot be prohibited as a matter of constitutional law, the effort was made to ensure that the Village has strong regulations in place. The former ordinance permitted adult uses in the restricted manufacturing district. However, because Oak Lawn's zoning had allowed certain uses to be considered special uses, it was possible for an adult use to be permissible in the commercial districts.

On March 25, 2008, the Board amended our zoning ordinance to further restrict the location of any adult entertainment facility.

As for public indecency, it was discovered that the former ordinance was not updated with the language approved by the United States Supreme Court. On March 25, 2005, the Board also amended and strengthened this ordinance.

## **On the Move Voter Registration**

Clerk Quinlan will be at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Rink to register voters on Thursday, April 17, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. All you need is a driver's license or Illinois State ID with your current address to register. The Ice Rink is located at 9320 S. Kenton Ave.



**Yard Waste** pick up begins Tuesday, **April 1**. Yard waste can be deposited into 33 gallon garbage cans that are marked with a Yard Waste sticker facing the street. You may also use brown yard waste bags available at most stores.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT**

The Oak Lawn Park District was recently presented the distinguished award of being accredited through the National Recreation and Park Association. It is the only accredited agency in the state of Illinois and one of 73 throughout the country. Congratulations to Oak Lawn Park District Director Maddie Kelly and the entire staff on achieving this on this great honor!

## **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM RECEIVES AWARD**

On March 26, the Oak Lawn Children's Museum was honored by The Business Ledger as a recipient of the Annual Award for Business Excellence (AABEs) for 2008 at a reception at the Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois. The Children's Museum received this award for its educational programs.

The AABEs, given for business achievement, growth and community involvement, are presented to suburban companies, business organizations and non-profit organizations. The recipients were selected by a panel of Business Ledger staff and event sponsors from more than 100 nominations.

### **Our Children, Our Government - a partnership for the future**

"Our Children, Our Government - a partnership for the future" is a program initiated last year in the Village of Oak Lawn. Children from our community are selected by the principals of their school to participate in a morning of education at Village Hall. The eighth grade students spend time with the Mayor, Clerk, Village Manager, Fire and Police Chiefs, and the 911 Emergency Communications Director to get a first hand view of how their Village Government operates on a day to day basis.

On Friday, February 22, students from St. Linus participated in the program. It was an enjoyable and educational morning. Here is what one of the students had to say:

***Dear Mayor Heilmann,***

***"I enjoyed the program very much! It was very interesting to me because I love Social Studies and I was able to see it in action. I really enjoyed the 911 center because I have always wondered how it works. I liked it so much because I am very interested in technology and it was cool to see how our government uses it. Thank you for the amazing opportunity."***

***Sincerely,  
Jeremy Gentile  
Gr. 8 St. Linus School***

## TAX APPEALS

Worth Township is opened for appeals at the Cook County Board of Review until May 2. The Cook County Board of Review is the second level of appeals in appealing your property taxes. It is a complimentary service for Cook County residents.

An appeal can be argued if the taxpayer believes their home's market value is overvalued, or on what is called "lack of uniformity". In a case of lack of uniformity, comparable homes within the same property classification, same neighborhood code, and similar square footage should be submitted. This information is available either on your tax bill or via the internet.

The Board of Review's website, [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com) provides an extensive overview of the duties and responsibilities the Board of Review has to taxpayers. Here you can begin your search on evaluating whether or not your property has been over assessed.

Worth Township is located at 11601 S. Pulaski. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Assessors Office at Worth Township at (708) 371-2900 or Commissioner Brendan F. Houlihan, Office of the Board of Review of Cook County, at (312) 603-3644.

The Oak Lawn Police Department is reminding all residents to beware of suspicious phone solicitors, suspicious mail or e-mails requesting that you send money to claim a prize or to provide personal information. Some of these callers can be persistent and are smooth talkers. If you think it is a scam, just hang up. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is too good to be true. Any questions can be directed to the Oak Lawn Police Department at (708) 422-8292.

**Oak Lawn**

**Police & Fire**



**4th Annual**



**Charity Hockey Game**

**Sunday, April 13, 2008**



**Game Time: 3:30 P.m.**



**Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena  
9320 S. Kenton Avenue**

All proceeds from this event will benefit:  
The Courage Program & the Oak Lawn  
Park District Special Recreation Department

TICKETS WILL ONLY BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

**Adults - \$5.00**

**Students - \$2.00**

There will be Raffle Prizes,  
a Split the Pot Raffle and  
a Silent Auction.

For more information about the game or to donate a  
raffle prize contact Jim Pacetti at (708) 499-7880.



## **THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN SALUTES OUR RESIDENTS IN THE ARMED FORCES**

**Pfc Santo J. Carollo, US Marine Corps  
Lt. Colonel John Paul Klatt, US Air Force  
Jamie Hojek, US Navy**

**Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corps  
Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army**

**TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force  
Sn Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard  
Cpl. Andrew Chesna, US Marine Corps  
Staff Sgt Christopher Reich, US Army Reserves  
Dennis A Youngren, SrA, US Air Force  
Captain David Pfeiffer, US Air Force  
Captain Craig Lanigan, Army Reserves  
Michael S. Zylius, US Navy**

**Pfc Benjamin T. Kunst, US Marine Corps  
Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force  
First Sgt. Daniel Miller, US Marine Corp  
Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps  
Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force  
Sara Losos, AIC**

**Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne  
Sgt Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force  
Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV  
Pfc Justin Sanchez  
HM3 Leslye Thompson  
Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.**

**Keith Libner, US Marine Corps  
Cpl. John C. Hojek, US Marine Corps  
Sgt. Kevin J. Scharwarko, US Army  
Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corps  
Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corps  
Spc. Don Brady, US Army  
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS**

**Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corps  
Karl Schultz, US Navy  
Sgt. R.E. Carlson, US Marine Corps  
Sp4 Joseph J Necom, USA  
Sgt. John Patrick White  
Tech Sgt. Michael Dignan, US Air Force**

*The Village of Oak Lawn appreciates the many sacrifices our residents in the Armed Forces make for us on a day to day basis. We ask our residents to keep all of those in the Armed Forces in their prayers. If you are an active service man or woman or have a loved one currently serving in the armed forces, please send their name and military information to [mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov).*

*If any service man or woman would be interested in receiving the "A Community United" to keep in touch with the latest happenings in their hometown, they may do so by sending their email information to [mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov)*

## PARK LAWN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### **Park Lawn Tag Days**

**April 18 & 19**

**8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Park Lawn is in need of hundreds of volunteers for the Annual Tag Day Fundraising Event. Volunteers are asked to work for a 2 hour minimum. Volunteers will receive an orange safety vest to wear for their own personal safety. Please contact Kristen Wells, (708) 425-[6867](tel:6867) or at [kwells@parklawn.com](mailto:kwells@parklawn.com).

## SENIOR NEWS

### **AARP – Driver Safety Program**

**What:** A two day refresher course designed to meet the needs of driver's age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to those who complete the course. Coffee and snacks provided. Fee is \$10

**When:** **May 29 & 30**, in person registration starts Saturday, registration - **May 3**

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

## SCHOOLS

### **AERO School District 123 Early Childhood Screening – Free for Residents**

**What:** Children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social and speech/language development. The district boundaries are: North-87<sup>th</sup> St., South-107<sup>th</sup> St, East-Pulaski Rd., West-Central Ave.

**When:** **April 28 & May 19**

**Where:** Brandt School, 8901 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (708) 423-8363.

### ***Atwood Heights School District #125 – 3 & 4 Year Old Screening***

**What:** Screening to identify preschool age children who may be eligible for special education and at-risk preschool programs for the 2008-2009 school year. District boundaries in Oak Lawn are: East side of Kostner to West side of Pulaski, South side of 107<sup>th</sup> St. to North side of 111<sup>th</sup> St.

**When:** Friday, **May 2**, Call for an appointment between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Lawn Manor Primary Center, 4300 W. 108 Pl., (708) 423-3078

## **Local 63 Fence Apprenticeship Program**

The Ironworkers Local 63 Fence Erector Apprenticeship Program & the Fence Association of Chicago will be accepting applications for admission to the Fence Erector Apprenticeship Program.

Applications will be taken on April 21 thru April 25, 2008 from 10:00 am thru 1:00 pm at 2523 W. Lexington St., Broadview, Illinois. Requirements are as follows:

- You must apply in person
- Your birth certificate (you must be 18 years or older)
- Proof of 8 credit hours toward a high school diploma, or higher or GED equivalent
- You must be able to read, write and speak the English language.
- You must provide a physical from a doctor stating that you are capable of performing manual labor.
- Driver's license or State ID.

Applicants must pass a drug test and have reliable transportation to jobsites and school. For further information, please call (773) 626-0999 or (708) 345-6067.

## ***YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY***

### ***Free Health Screenings - Oak Lawn Community Partnership***

**What:** Free hearing tests provided by audiologists from Advocate Christ Medical Center and free blood pressure screenings offered by the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

**When:** Wednesday, **April 9**, 10:00-11:30 am.

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422-4990

### ***Community Educational Event – Multiple Sclerosis (MS)***

**What:** Advocate Christ Medical Center will host a community educational event to provide information about Multiple Sclerosis and the various treatment options available for this disorder. Featured speakers w/b

**When:** Monday, **April 14**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Where:** Christ Medical Center's Auditorium, 4440 W. 95 St

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR***

### ***College Illinois***

**What:** Nancy Stephens, Associate Director of **College Illinois** will speak about college funding options and the benefits of enrolling. **College Illinois** is a 529 prepaid tuition program that allows parents/grandparents to pay for tuition today. Annual enrollment period ends on April 29.

**When:** Tuesday, **April 1**, at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

### ***Free Child ID Program***

**What:** The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child ID reports that include a color photo, fingerprints and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency.

**When:** Saturday, **April 12**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422-4990

### ***The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn's Annual Gala Event***

**When:** Saturday, **April 12**, 6:30 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

**Tickets:** \$125 per person. Call (708) 741-4710 for more information

### ***Jazz Favorites Starring Vince Clark and Megan Curran***

**What:** Finger snapping, classical jazz provided by entertainer Vince Clark and pianist Megan Curran

**When:** Wednesday, **April 16** at 12:15 pm. Registration deadline – **April 8**

**Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103 St.

**Cost:** Adults - \$12. Children (10 & under) - \$5. Cash bar available

### ***Family Programs: Animal Encounters***

**What:** Dr. Robert James, zoologist and author, brings a variety of live animals, including a porcupine, alligator and ostrich. No advance registration. for children kindergarten and up.

**When:** Sunday, **April 20**, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422-4990

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**MOM'S CLUB**

The MOMS Club is a support group just for you, the mother-at-home of today, interested in the world around you, wanting a variety of activities for you and your children, and proud of your choice of at-home mothering for your family. There are over 2,000 chapters internationally.

An Oak Lawn Chapter just started in February. Monthly business meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at the Oak Lawn Library in the Lower Level Meeting Room at 10:00 am.

***SPORTS & RECREATION***

***Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run***

**What:** Free official skill competition of the Major League Baseball for children ages 7-14. Overall champions will advance to the sectionals and possibly compete at a Major League Ballpark in June. All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and file out a registration/waiver prior to the start of competition.

**When:** Saturday, **April 12**, 10:00 am.

**Where:** Centennial Park

***2008 MS Walk***

**What:** Take a hike and raise funds for the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**When:** Sunday, **May 4**. Check-in: 7:30 am. Walk: 9:00 am

**Where:** Richards High School, South Parking Lot, 10601 S. Central

**Register:** Pam Munley (708) 346-0758 or Joanne Schiavone (708) 424-8939  
OakLawnMS@gmail.com

***Oak Lawn Park District Summer Softball***

**What:** Open registration for summer softball leagues: Men's 12" & 16", Women's 11", and Co-rec. 16". Team fee - \$575. 18 & Older.

**When:** Games begin week of **May 5**, registration deadline – April 25.

**Where:** Centennial Park, 93 & Oak Park Ave., (708) 857-2200

***BUSINESS SPECIALS FOR OAK LAWN RESIDENTS ONLY***

Each e-mail will feature a few Oak Lawn businesses with special offers for our residents. Just mention that you are an Oak Lawn resident and read about the offer the "A Community United" email newsletter. Our features this edition are:

**FREE ATTORNEY VISIT**

***Attorney Michael J. Maslanka is offering a free, in-your-home, consultation to elderly (65 and over) or disabled Oak Lawn residents.*** Michael has been an attorney for 23 plus years and is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and St. Xavier University, and is an Oak Lawn resident. You can reach Michael at (312) 641-2424.

***Offer good through May 31, 2008.***

***Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of A Community United. Please know that your comments and concerns are always appreciated at [information@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:information@oaklawn-il.gov)***