

 **Village of Oak Lawn**
A Community United E-Newsletter
April 15, 2011

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

The Village of Oak Lawn Board of Trustees recognized the valiant efforts of Luke Slowinski on becoming an Eagle Scout at the April 12, 2011 Board Meeting. Only a few scouts achieve such an honor and Luke Slowinski has demonstrated and accomplished a huge feat of true community service.

Great job, Luke!



Mayor Dave Heilmann and Eagle Scout Luke Slowinski

The Village of Oak Lawn Board of Trustees announced at the April 12, 2011 Board Meeting, the winners of the first ever Green Team Contest "Design a Green Scene" T-Shirt.



1st Place: Aiste Leskauskas
6th Grade, OLHMS



2nd Place: Evan Martinez
Junior, Pride Alternative School

T-Shirts will be on sale for \$5.00 at Village Hall, Village sponsored events and at all Oak Lawn schools. All proceeds benefit the Green Team efforts to keep Oak Lawn green!

The Village of Oak Lawn Board of Trustees congratulated the Oak Lawn Community High School Drama Team for their 2011 IHSA State Championship. The OLCCHS Drama Team had a stellar win after being tied for first place with the Reavis Drama Team. The Village of Oak Lawn is very proud of all of you!



**OLCHS Drama Club
2011 IHSA State Champions**



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

LCPL Trevor Mulrenin, US Marine Corp.
Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force
LCPL Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corp.
Sp. Michael J. Roberts, US Army
Guard Captain Edward J. O'Connell IV, US Marine Corps
Pfc James William Mazurek, US Army
NC1 Lawrence R. Walton, US Navy
Pfc Justin K. Cerniuk, US Marine Corps
Pfc Santo J. Carollo, US Marine Corps
Jamie Hojek, US Navy Master
Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corps
Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army
TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force
Sgt. 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
Sgt. Maj. Daniel S. Miller, US Marine Corp
Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps
Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force
Sara Losos, AIC

Sgt. Don Brady, US Army
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS
Sp. Timothy Walker, US Army
Sgt. Jennifer D. Kohany, Illinois Army National
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
Sgt. Michael Dignan, US Air Force
Sgt. Matt Barkmeier, US Army
Spec. Donald J. Balsavich
LCPL Timothy A. Evans, US Marine Corps
LCPO Ray Creevy, US Marine Corps
LCPL John Eckert, US Marine Corps
Captain Daniel R. Johnson, US Army
LCPL Christopher L. Aguinaga, US Marine
Petty Officer David Bailey, US Navy
Private 3rd Edward James Mayer, US Army
Officer Jason Hudson, US Army
2LT Jeffrey Finley II, US Army
2nd Lt. Kevin M. Shotas, USMC
Pfc Justin Sanchez
HM3 Leslye Thompson
Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.
Keith Libner, US Marine Corps

Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps
1st Sgt Wade Pasquerella, 82nd Airborne
Sgt. Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force
Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV

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

The Village of Oak Lawn appreciates the many sacrifices our residents in the Armed Forces make for us on a day to day basis. Please keep them in your 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 coleary@oaklawn-il.gov. If any service man or woman would be interested in receiving the “A Community United” they may do so by sending their email information to coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.

The Village of Oak Lawn would like to welcome home any of our service men and women by displaying their name on the marquee along 95th Street. Please feel free to call the Village Manager’s office at (708) 499-7742 with the information regarding your loved one’s homecoming.



What:

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

Where:

Governor’s State University

How to register:

Sign up now for a full day of Veteran business-focused activities at Governors State University.

When:

May 18, 2011

Development of program:

Developed by Veterans for Veterans to promote Veteran owned business, start-ups, Veteran financing options and growing and improving results of existing Veteran owned businesses.

Latest Business Tools:

Marketing your business on a shoestring
Veteran friendly financing opportunities through the SBA and a variety of lenders

Topics:

“Military Friendly” franchising opportunities
Planning your new business
Government contacting/supply opportunities

The “Law and Order of Entrepreneurship”
20 one on one individual counseling sessions with the expert

Price:

This full day event is FREE to all veterans. A complimentary breakfast and full lunch will be provided. All presentation material and other helpful tools will be provided free to attendees on a "Dog Tag" style flash drive.

Business partners of veterans and family members pay only \$25.00 for this \$99.00 value (due at registration).

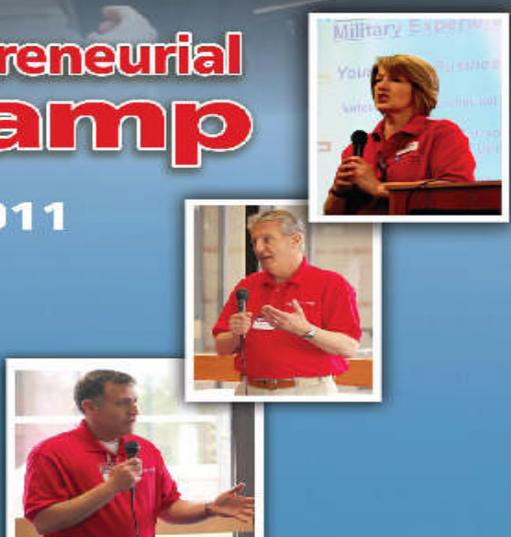
Registration starts at 7:45 a.m.; the program begins at 8:15 a.m. and continues to 3:45 p.m.



Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

Wed., May 18, 2011
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free to all U.S. Veterans



CenterPoint



www.centerpointgsu.com 708.534.4929

at Governors State University

Veterans Boot Camp



Award Winning

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

Free to Veterans (\$25 non Vets)

May 18, 2011

Marketing Your Business on a Shoestring Budget
Financing Opportunities
"Military Friendly" Franchising Opportunities
Planning Your New Business - Business Plans Why?
Government Contracting / Supply Opportunities
the "Law and Order of Entrepreneurship"
Individual Counseling Sessions With the Experts

Click [Here](#) to Register

www.centerpointgsu.com

Or call 708 235-7643

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Greetings from the Honor Flight Chicago Volunteers

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures, those men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need. As a grateful country it is our job to honor and thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Our mission at Honor Flight Chicago is to bring our WWII Veterans to Washington D.C., at no cost to them, for a day of Honor. We are losing these Veterans at an alarming rate and we are trying to get as many of these Heroes there as soon as we can. With that in mind, we are holding our 2nd Annual Honor Flight Chicago Benefit to try and accomplish this goal. It will be held as follows:

Place: 115 Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th St
Merrionette Park, IL

Date: Saturday June 11th 2011

Time: 3-8 P.M.

Included: Food buffet, Draft beer, Wine, Soft drinks, Entertainment and Free valet parking.

Cost: \$25 advance \$30 at door

2nd Annual Bourbon Street Fundraiser

Helping to send WWII Vets to Washington D.C.



**Join us for dancing, raffles
and a surprise guest!**

**Saturday, June 11, 2011
3-8 P.M.**

**115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th Street
Merrionette Park, IL 60803**

**\$25.00 ticket in advance
\$30.00 at the door**

**Ticket price includes food buffet, draft beer,
wine, soft drinks, entertainment and FREE valet parking.**

**100% of proceeds benefit Honor Flight Chicago
If you are not able to make it, cash donations are happily accepted.**

To purchase tickets or for more information,
call either Jim Hunter at 708.720.9062 or
Mike Mahoney at 708.425.7103.

RAFFLES • CASH BAR • FUN FUN FUN!!!!

**HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO 988 W. MONTANA STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614
PHONE 773.227.VETS (8387) FAX 773.289.0909 EMAIL BOURBONSTREET@HONORFLIGHTCHICAGO.ORG
WWW.HONORFLIGHTCHICAGO.ORG**



**WWII Vets enjoying their trip to Washington D.C.
HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO**

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY, April 23, 2011



Three hunts are planned for children: pre-school - fourth grade

11:30 AM * NOON * 12:30 PM

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE GAZEBO



BRING YOUR CAMERA!

All children need to bring their own Easter basket to hunt
No pre-registration required

The Oak Lawn Village Green is located at 94th & Cook Avenue, north of the Oak Lawn Library

VILLAGE MEETINGS & CONTACTS

What:



President and Board of Trustees Meetings

When:

April 26, 2011

Where:

Village Hall, 2nd Floor, Auditorium

Cable TV:

Replays at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 1:30 a.m.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Executive Offices:

Mayor's Office:	(708) 499-7740
Assistant to the Mayor:	(708) 499-7742
Village Manager's Office:	(708) 499-7743
Village Clerk's Office:	(708) 499-7738
Assistant to Village Manager & Village Clerk:	(708) 499-7744

Village Trustees:

District 1: Jerry Hurckes	(708) 346-7001
District 2: Alex Olejniczak	(708) 346-7002
District 3: Robert Streit	(708) 346-7003
District 4: Tom Duhig	(708) 346-7004
District 5: Carol Quinlan	(708) 346-7005
District 6: Tom Phelan	(708) 346-7006

Departments

<u>Human Resources Department:</u>	(708) 499-7882
<u>Finance Department (Cashier):</u>	(708) 499-7777
<u>Community Services Department:</u>	(708) 423-3361
<u>Public Works Department:</u>	(708) 499-7750
<u>Building Department:</u>	(708) 499-7802 or 7803
<u>Water Department:</u>	(708) 499-7747
<u>Water Department - Bills Inquiries:</u>	(708) 499-7762
<u>Engineering Department:</u>	(708) 499-7814
<u>Police Department (Non-Emergency):</u>	(708) 422-8292
<u>Animal Control Department:</u>	(708) 499-7720
<u>Property Maintenance/Environmental Health:</u>	(708) 499-7820
<u>Business Operations Department:</u>	(708) 499-7821 or 7837
<u>Police Department: Administration</u>	(708) 499-7724
<u>Communications Department:</u>	(708) 499-7787
<u>Emergency Operations Department:</u>	(708) 636-5141 or 5142
<u>Fire Department Non-Emergency:</u>	(708) 499-7700

Oak Lawn Park District & Village of Oak Lawn

Saturday April 30th, 2011

Time: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

Location
Wolfe Wildlife
Refuge
At 109th Street &
Laramie Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL



Highlights

- Big Run's Live Wolves & Coyotes
- Kids crafts and activities
- Plant giveaways & raffles
- Active Transportation Bike Club
- Friends of the Cal Sag
& Fix-a-Flat Clinic
- Rain Garden & Compost demo
- Green living information
- Alternative Fuel Car Demo
- How-To on raising monarch butterflies
- National Take Back Initiative:**
One Day Only
Bring your unused or expired medicine
- And educational and merchant vendor
booths

Join your neighbors & community members at Wolfe Wildlife for a celebration of the spirit of Earth Day. We are focusing on bringing back the monarch butterfly to our area. We will be giving away plants that attract butterflies. Knowledgeable gardeners will be present to answer questions on how to build a butterfly friendly habitat. Come join us and learn how to help the butterflies survive and thrive!

www.olparke.com

Questions? Call 708-857-2225- Nicole Walsh

www.oaklawn-il.gov

**Oak
Lawn**
park district

THE VILLAGE OF
OAK LAWN

Earth Day



Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal!
Saturday, April 30th



National Take Back Initiative **One Day Only:mich** **Bring your unused or expired medicine**

Saturday, April 30, 2011

9 AM – NOON

Wolfe Wildlife Refuge

@ Oak Lawn's 2011 Earth Day Celebration

(109th St. & Laramie, Oak Lawn, IL)

Sponsored by:

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

&

The Oak Lawn Police Department

This national take-back initiative will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction.

What will be accepted:

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances will be collected.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

What will not be accepted:

- Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana, cocaine or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

For more information about National Take Back Initiative visit:

<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov>

For more information about 2011 Oak Lawn Earth Day Celebration visit:

www.oaklawn-il.gov





2011 Green Events
Events, Times & Dates:

Earth Day

Friday, April 22, 2011

Oak Lawn Earth Day Celebration

Wolfe Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, April 30, 2011

Take Back Initiative

Medicine Drug Enforcement Agency
Saturday, April 30, 2011

Arbor Day

Oak Lawn Events, To Be Announced

Stoney Creek Clean-up

Wolfe Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, May 14, 2011

National Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 20, 2011

National Bike to Work Week

May 16th-20th, 2011

National Bike Month

May, 2011

Great American Clean-up

Keep America Beautiful
March 1st – May 31st, 2011
joyce@kcb.org

Electronic Waste Collection

Oak Lawn Public Works, 5532 98th Street
Saturday, June 11th, 2011



2011 Green Events **(Continued)**

Fall on the Green

The Green Team has an information table.

Friday, September 9, 2011

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Sunday, September 11, 2011

America Recycles Day

Keep America Beautiful

November 15th, 2011

Farmers Market

The Green Team has an information table.

June 1, 2011 to October 12, 2011

Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, TBD

Bed Races

To Be Announced

Park District Spring Lecture Series

Oak View Center

110th and Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn

(708) 857-2225

Mondays at 6:30pm



Mar 28th - Tips for the New Gardener

April 11th - Butterfly Gardening

Fee: \$5

All proceeds benefit the greenhouse at the OLPD.

Oak Lawn Library Gardening Lecture Series

9427 S. Raymond Ave, Oak Lawn

Birds & Butterflies

April 18, 2011

What: **The Beautiful Yard Club Contest 2011**
Who is Eligible: Amateur Gardeners Only
Sponsored: The Oak Lawn Garden Club
Judging: Gardens will be judged upon:
Originality of Design
Suitability of Plants
Overall Neatness

Entries Due By: Entries must be received by May 30, 2011
How to Enter: Send name, address, & phone number to
juneviolets@comcast.net or call (708) 499-0578

Judging Will Begin: Judges will visit gardens on June 1, 2011
Presentation of Awards: Awards will be given out at the Village of Oak Lawn Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011



Green Team Meetings

When: The last Wednesday of every month. Unless stated.
Time: 7:00 PM

April 27 th , 2011	September 28 th , 2011
May 25 th , 2011	October 26 th , 2011
June 29 th , 2011	November 30 th , 2011
July 27 th , 2011	No Meeting in December
August 31 st , 2011	

Where: Village Hall, 9446 South Raymond Avenue, 2nd Floor

PARENT INFORMATION

What: **District 123 Preschool Screening**
Who: Children ages 2-5 years old.
Type of Screening: The children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self-help, social and speech/language development.

Administrators of Screening: Early childhood professionals will present “game-like” activities to your child that will assess developmental skills. The results will be reviewed with you by a district professional.

Residency: All preschoolers who reside within District 123 boundaries are eligible to attend free of charge.

Boundaries: The district boundaries are North – 87th Street; East – Pulaski Road; South – 107th Street; West – Central Avenue.

Results: Screening results will tell you how your child is developing. Children develop and change quickly during the early years. A yearly check on their progress is suggested.

Appointments: Appointments are necessary. To schedule an appointment please call Lola Vertucci at (708) 423-8363. You will be contacted by telephone prior to receiving a confirmation letter.

Dates: May 20, 2011

Location: Kolmar School, 10425 South Kolmar, Oak Lawn.

What: **Summer Fun Camp Registration**

Sponsored by: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

For Who: Pre-K to 6th grade

Dates: May 31, 2011 to August 12, 2011
Choose your weeks.

Price: Starting at \$65.00 a week.

Activities: Volleyball and basketball sessions, swimming, water games, computers, field trips, photography, arts & crafts, cooking, VBS, science experiments and much more.

Location: 4660 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn
Just East of the Hilton Hotel

Registration: Stop by to register, call (708) 423-1058 or visit us at www.stpoaklawn.com.



What: **National Credit Union Youth Week**

Date: **April 17th – 23rd**

Service: The National Youth Saving Challenge is open to all youth under 18 who visit Bell West during the entire month of April. Nothing but parental permission is required to enter the drawing for \$100 cash, but if you open a new minor account with direct deposit or make a deposit in a minor account during National Credit Union Week you will be entered into an additional drawing for a "themed" birthday party at Kids Safe City in Bridgeview to be used at any time.

For More Information: Please call 576-5631 or visit www.bwccu.org

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Important Dates: **The Museum will be closed Sunday, April 24, 2011 for Easter.**

The Museum will be open on Monday, April 25, 2011 – the day after Easter.

What: **1st Annual Community Service Awards**
We all know an amazing kid or young adult that is doing something fantastic for the community. Here is your chance to acknowledge them. The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is searching north, south, east and west to discover and celebrate children and young adults for their outstanding community service. The Museum is looking for young community leaders in grades 3 – 12 who reside in the Chicagoland area. In the true spirit of community it can be as close as a neighbor or the global community that is part of the magic. Special thanks to H&R Johnson Brothers for sponsoring these awards.

For more information: Visit www.cmoaklawn.org.

What: **Cinderella Ball
A Father/Daughter Event**

When: June 17, 2011

Where: Beverly Country Club

Registration: Registration is now open.
To register at www.cmoaklanw.org

Details: Horse-drawn carriage rides, ballroom dance lessons, a magician, a dinner and more!

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HONORS: Congressman Dan Lipinski & Ron and Sue Rescigno

The Children's Museum announced that Congressman Dan Lipinski, Ron and Sue Rescigno will be honored at this year's annual gala event. The gala event will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on Saturday, April 30, 2011. This year's theme is "You Could Be Magic!"

Congressman Dan Lipinski has been instrumental in helping the museum secure federal grants and has been a vocal advocate for the museum. The latest grant came through IMLS for \$190,000 in 2009. This helped the museum secure several hands-on educational exhibits prior to opening in July of that same year. Dan and his wife, Judy, also participated in the museum's annual 5K Birthday Dash in Oak Lawn last July and Dan has appeared in a promotional video talking about the benefit the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn brings to the region.

Ron and Sue Rescigno, owners of Rescigno's Mailing Solutions, have been an integral part of the museum since the beginning. Ron serves as Vice President of the museum board and has been a leader in the area of direct marketing and development for the museum. In 2008 and 2009, Sue Rescigno served as chairperson of the museum's annual gala. Under her leadership, the museum broke fundraising records for the event, which netted the museum just over

\$81,000 over the two years. Sue has played in another important role assisting the museum with direct marketing strategies.

“Congressman Lipinski has been one of the museum’s strongest advocates,” said Adam Woodworth, the museum’s Executive Director. “Dan understands the positive economic impact that the museum has not only on the Village of Oak Lawn, but on the region. While most of our visitors come from the Chicago area, we have welcomed visitors from 35 other states. When museum visitors stop at Andy’s Custard to buy a treat or have lunch at Potbelly’s right next door, that’s sales tax money flowing into Oak Lawn. We are truly blessed to have Dan Lipinski as a friend of the museum.”

“Ron and Sue Rescigno have been involved from day one,” said Woodworth. “Whenever you need something, need to brainstorm about marketing, or generate some ideas on how to maximize fundraising efforts, Ron and Sue are two of the first people I call. Back in 2009, we were able to convince Sue to head up the museum gala and during that year, she led a team of committed volunteers to a net income of just over \$56,000. Through her efforts, we were introduced to many people who have now become museum supporters.”

If you would like to receive an invitation for this event, call Bernadette at the museum at (708) 423-6709 extension 204.

What:	The Museum Doctor is in Program
Program:	Dr. Kent Nelson and Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital staff are partnering with the museum to present a series of educational topics that teach children about their bodies and promote wellness. A visiting senior pediatric resident doctor leads these activities, and gives children a great opportunity to learn from and interact with a pediatrician in a welcoming and positive, non-medical and non-intimidating environment.
Time:	This program takes place at 11:30 a.m.
Where:	On the second floor
Who:	It is available to all visitors
Registration:	No registration is necessary.
Subject:	This month the subject will be exercise and fitness.

What:	Feeling Lucky Raffle
Grand Prize:	A Trip to Las Vegas: 3 nights at Treasure Island, Roundtrip Airfare for 2 on Southwest Airlines
Price of Tickets:	\$20.00
Proceeds:	All proceeds benefit the Children’s Museum in Oak Lawn.
Buy Tickets:	Call the Children’s Museum in Oak Lawn at (708) 423-6709 X204

Oak Lawn Public Library

What: **International Storytime**
Program: Fee monthly programs delivered entirely in Polish, Spanish and Arabic.
Registration: advance registration is required.
Dates: Select Saturdays.
For more details: Call or visit www.oaklawlibrary.org for details.

What: **History Exhibit**
Program: Preserving the Buildings in Oak Lawn's past by viewing photographs and artifacts from 19 historic structures, including the Auschwitz House, Keyhole House, Covington School & Trinity Lutheran Church.
Time/Location: Hours posted at the Local History Room, www.oaklawlibrary.org.

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT

What: **Chicago Fire Camps & Training Development School**
Program: The Oak Lawn Park District is offering the Chicago Fire Camps & Training Development School again this spring at Centennial Park. Every Saturday for 4 weeks players will have the chance to play soccer under the guidance of the Fire's professionally licensed coaches, following one of two specialized curriculums.

1st Curriculum: **The Play S.A.F.E. Program: Soccer, Awareness, Fun, Education.**
Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Who: Ages: 5 to 10

2nd Curriculum: **The A.T.T.A.C.K. Program: Attitude, Training, Techniques, Awareness, Competition, Knowledge.**
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Who: Ages 10 to 14
For more details: Please check the Winter/Spring brochure or visit us at www.olparks.com or call 857-2420.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



**As if you needed
another reason
to donate blood...**

Blood Drive

**Sponsored by Olive Chapter - Order of the
Eastern Star & Oak Lawn Masonic Lodge**

Saturday, May 7th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Located at the Oak Lawn Masonic Lodge
9420 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn**

**To schedule your appointment,
please call Ruth Cook at 708-474-7338
or email cook.ruth@sbcglobal.net.**

**Please eat a good meal and drink
plenty of fluids prior to donating.**

PHOTO ID REQUIRED.



Receive a premium Heartland Blood Centers BBQ Set & Apron
when you share the gift of life at this blood drive!
It's our way of saying 'thanks' for being a dedicated blood donor!

Eat a good meal
and drink plenty of
water before donating

Donate blood, it will save lives!



Homeless Shelter Needs Volunteers

South Suburban PADS seeks volunteers to staff their emergency overnight shelter that will operate out of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Chicago Heights this summer. Volunteers assist with guest services, hospitality, supervision, registration and completion of paper work. Shelters are open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday beginning May 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Volunteers are asked to work one four-hour shift during the overnight hours, once each month. Volunteers are also needed to supply a hot, ready-to-serve evening meal once a month. Interested parties please call (708) 754-4357 and ask for Dawn Thrasher, Community Resource Coordinator.

What: Moraine Valley E-Wast Collection
When: Saturday, April 16, 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Moraine Valley Community College
Building T Parking Lot
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills

For More Information: Call (708) 974-5412
or visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

What: Free Movie Viewing During Earth Month At
Moraine Valley Community College
Why: Celebrating Earth Month:
A different eco-focused movie will be shown
When: Every Monday in the month of April
Time: 6:15 p.m.
Location: Dorothy Menker Theater
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills

Cost: Free: Each attendee will receive an eco-friendly door prize.
For More Information: Visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

What: Tree Walk – Explore Trees on Campus
Moraine Valley Community College
When: April 17th & April 18th
Time: 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. 1:15 p.m.
Location: Meet at the Clock Tower at Building S
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills

For More Information: Visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

What: **Spring Fest**
Moraine Valley Community College
When: April 20, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Outside in the Quad
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills
For More Information: Visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

What: **Nature Study Area Tours**
Moraine Valley Community College
Guide: Professor Jana Svec
When: April 21, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: Meet by the large rock by perimeter path north of Building P.
***Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.**
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills
For More Information: Visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

What: **Second Cities & Consumption Mini-Conference**
Moraine Valley Community College
When: April 21, 2011
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Building U, Room U111
Why: Students present research papers, posters and panel discussions about health, environmental and economic issues.
9000 West College Parkway
Palos Hills
For More Information: Visit www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability

Moraine Valley Community College will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.

What: **Property Tax Seminar**
Sponsored By: Dan Patlak
Cook County Board of Review Commissioner
Location: Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home
5570 West 95th Street
Date: April 26, 2011
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Seminar Description: The seminar will explain how to appeal your property tax assessment should you believe you are over assessed in Cook County.

What to Bring: Attendees are asked to bring their property tax bills. Commissioner Patlak's staff will help you fill out appeal forms.

For More Information: Please call (708) 425-0500

RSVP By: April 25, 2011

What: **Meals On Wheels Needs Your Help!**

Who: Volunteers are needed.

When: Meals are sent Monday thru Friday.

Time: Between 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

For more details: Call Jennifer Owen at 422-5180.

What: **Angel Food Ministries**

Reduced Cost for Food Program at the Wesleyan Community Church

Where: 8844 South Austin Avenue, Oak Lawn.

For more details: Call 599-3660 or visit us at www.wesleyanchurch.com.

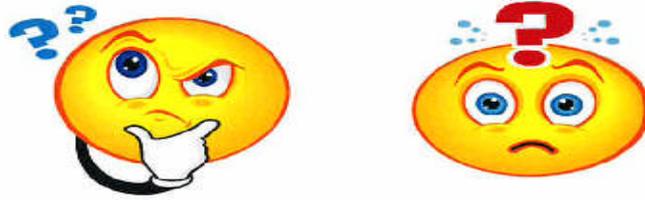
What: **Plows Shared Housing Program**

Program: This is a program offering a housing alternative for persons for all ages who might be interested in sharing living space, expenses and possibly household duties with another person. PLOWS staff members screen home providers and home seekers and introduce potentially compatible people for the purpose of possibly sharing a home.

Who: One person in the match must be a senior. The obvious advantage is to reduce the cost of housing, but other benefits are companionship and maintaining independence. We are a not-for-profit organization assisting people in the community.

For more details: Call PLOWS at 361-0219.

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*St. Gerald School Board & Development Office
Presents*

1st Annual Trivia Night

Saturday April 16th, Chapell Hall
Doors Open 6pm. Game Starts at 7pm
Tickets \$15/person

Maximum Table of 10, a team of 8 will hold the table.
Groups of less than 8 will be seated with other groups to form a team.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

For tickets, contact the Development Office at (708) 422-2194 or
development@stgerald.com

Deadline for tickets: April 13

Wine, Beer & Pop for sale

Bring Your Own Food



2011 MS WALK

Sunday, May 1, 2011

**Check in begins at 7:30 a.m. in Richards H.S. South Parking Lot
10601 South Central Avenue**

**The walk begins at 9:00 a.m. in Richards H.S. parking lot & continues
through the Wolfe Wild Refuge and ends back at Richards H.S. parking lot.**

To register, contact Megan & John Quinlan at OakLawnMS@gmail.com

All proceeds benefit the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society.

Church Events

What: **Pilgrim Faith Preschool**
Looking for former students for final celebration.
Why: Pilgrim Faith Preschool, established in 1966, will be closing at the end of the current school year. They are seeking contact information for all former students so they can be invited to the final celebration of the preschool.
When: May 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
Open House: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For more information: Anyone with information about former Pilgrim Faith Preschool students is asked to contact Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ at (708) 422-4200 or office@pilgrimfaith.org.

What: **THE LIVING LAST SUPPER**
In a dramatic re-enactment
Performed by: The Master's Theatre of New Hope Church
5100 West 115th Street
Alsip, IL 60803
The Crucifixion
April 16th at 6:00 pm & April 17 at 10:45 am
The Resurrection
April 23rd at 6:00 pm & April 24th at 10:45 am
The Ascension
April 30th at 6:00 pm & May 1st at 10:45 am

What: **Rabies Vaccine & Microchip Clinic**
Sponsored by: Cook County Animal and Rabies Control
Toni Preckwinkle, President
Board of Cook County Commissioners
Vaccines & Prices: Rabies Vaccine:
1 year, \$7.00, 3 year, \$21.00, Microchip, \$10.00
Ferrets, \$9.00
Available to all dogs, cats and ferrets 3 months old and greater owned by Cook County residents with valid ID. Cash or check, no credit or debit.
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Date & Location: See our website www.cookcountygov.com for the 2011 schedule of events.
Telephone: (708) 974-6140



I NEED ASSISTANCE. CAN FEMA HELP?

What kind of disaster assistance can FEMA provide?

It depends on the type of your disaster damages.

If your home is damaged and you cannot live there safely, you may be eligible for temporary housing assistance.

If you're a homeowner, you could also be eligible for money to help with the cost of repairing damages not covered by insurance.

Owners and renters could be eligible for money to help replace furniture, clothes or other damaged personal items.

If you have other serious disaster-related needs, you could be eligible for money to help with expenses such as medical, dental and transportation costs.

FEMA can help you contact other disaster recovery agencies that may be able to help you on the road to recovery. For example, you may be able to qualify for a low interest disaster loan through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will require a separate loan application.

What do I need to do?

If you have insurance, please call your insurance company before calling FEMA. Only damages that

are NOT covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster

assistance. By law we can not duplicate benefits.

Apply for assistance with FEMA. Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 to apply by telephone.

What happens after I apply?

We will mail you a copy of your application and a copy of Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals and Households Program. After that, a FEMA inspector will contact you for an appointment to survey your damaged property if necessary.

How can I check the status of my application?

Go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or TTY 1-800-462-7585.

It's important to remember that FEMA programs offer temporary assistance and are not designed to return individuals to pre-disaster status.

What time period does FEMA assistance apply to?

Damages incurred between July 22 and August 7, 2010 may be eligible for FEMA assistance.



THE VILLAGE OF

OAK LAWN

The Village of Oak Lawn would like residents to be aware of available resources for further information on Fair Housing. Please refer to the websites below.

Fair Housing Information

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/FairHousingJan2002.pdf>

Rental Housing Discrimination

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/>

Foreclosure Prevention

<http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

Housing Choice Voucher Program

<http://www.thehacc.org/index.aspx>

For further information please contact the Fair Housing Administrator
9446 South Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453, 708 499-7806

The Oak Lawn Fair Housing Commission meets the third Tuesday
Of January, April, July and October @ 4:00 p.m.
in the Lower Level Conference Room.

It is Illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person based upon race, color, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, marital status, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, familial status or physical or mental handicap

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In the appraisal of housing

In the provision of real estate brokerage services

In advertising the sale or rental of housing

In the financing of housing

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

SHOP LOCAL & SHOP OAK LAWN

**ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD, The Green Oaks Shopping Center,
9507 South Cicero Avenue**



Andy's Frozen Custard recently had their Grand Opening in Oak Lawn to "standing-room" crowds only. Andy Kuntz, president of Andy's Frozen Custard, was excited about remodeling of the former Del Taco restaurant. According to Andy, the difference between ice cream and frozen custard is frozen custard is made fresh every hour. Basically, any frozen dessert gets worse as time goes on. So the fresher it is, the better it is. The creamier it tastes. Frozen custard is also served slightly warmer than ice cream. If you go to your local ice cream shop and get a scoop of hard ice cream, generally that product is around zero degrees and will actually freeze your taste buds. Our product still feels cold on your palette and your mouth, but won't freeze your mouth. By the time you get to the end of a sundae or concrete, you're still able to taste that it is a strawberry or a caramel. With something colder, by the time you get to the fourth bite, you really can't taste the flavor. That's really the big difference with frozen custard and ice cream. Look for the "BIG" cone on Cicero Avenue and stop in and enjoy the newest treat in our neighborhood.

QDOBA, Oak Lawn Town Center, 5137 West 95th Street



Qdoba Mexican Grill is now open for business. Qdoba serves burritos made in the San Francisco burrito style, tacos, quesadillas, taco salads, chile con queso, Mexican gumbo, and fresh guacamole. The restaurant fits into the "fast casual" category, offering both quick service and a higher quality of food than typical fast-food restaurants. Customers order by selecting an entrée, then choosing its ingredients. All of the items are made in plain view of the customer. The chain's current slogan is "Fast Fresh and Friendly".



SMASHBURGER, Oak Lawn Town Center,

5145 West 95th Street

Qdoba's will have a new neighbor - Smashburger. Construction on the new Smashburger store should begin in late February. Smashburger is fast becoming every city's favorite place for burgers. It is perfect for eating in or having a better burger to go, a quick workday lunch, the weekend burger and beer, date night, a family dinner, or with the team after the game. Smashburger has something great for everyone. Along with their great-tasting burgers and smashfries - smashchicken sandwiches and

signature salads, veggie frites and haystack onions, Häagen-Dazs shakes and bottled beer and wine - help make smashburger every city's favorite place for burgers.



2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Children's Museum

A future family restaurant is in the planning stage right next door to The Children's Museum - 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill. Owners Dale Eisenberg and Mike Ventre decided to create their own special place for families to enjoy a tasty meal delivered on toy trains. At 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Dale and Mike have recreated the look and feel of a 50's lunch counter, rekindling the fond memories of a time past. But one thing never goes out of style – finding a place where people of all generations can sit back, relax and enjoy a tasty meal. Dale and Mike pride themselves in creating a place that appeals to kids of all ages! Offering old fashion burgers, fries, hot dogs, sandwiches, salads and more, 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill has something for everyone! And their homemade treats and hand dipped ice cream creations are second to none! Look for 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill to open in late spring.

Medical Center, 102nd & Cicero Avenue



RSA PROPERTIES - 10201 SOUTH CICERO - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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RSA Properties recently purchased the Fox Valley Suzuki Dealership at 10201 S. Cicero Avenue. The 24,000 sq.ft. building was sold for \$1.5 M dollars and will be converted into a lavish, 3 story medical facility. Ground breaking will begin in the spring of 2011. RSA Properties also owns the Merrionette Park Medical Center located at 116th & Kedzie.



Medical Center, 95th & Normandy

The former Napleton Honda Dealership was recently sold for \$3M. The 17,000 sq.ft. building located at 6701 West 95th Street sits on 2.5 acres and will be the home to a 40,000 sq.ft Medical Office. An outstanding medical architectural and planning firm has been hired for a planned orthopedic center. The perimeter brick wall and landscaping will remain as well as a portion of the existing brick building; however, there will be significantly renovations for new design. Builder Don Jeanes will be the construction company on-site.



NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO OAK LAWN

If you are opening a new business in the Village of Oak Lawn, please contact the Mayor's Office at (708) 499-7742 or email us at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov. We will include your new business information in "A Community United" E-Newsletter for two weeks. THIS SERVICE IS FREE. Over 2,000 residents receive "A Community United" E-Newsletter every other Thursday. It is our way of welcoming you to the Village of Oak Lawn and letting the residents learn about a new business in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of "A Community United" E-Newsletter. If you are interested in receiving the E-Newsletter via regular mail or email, please contact Carmie O'Leary at (708) 499-7742 or email your request at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.