



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

April 16, 2008



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news



**CELEBRATE OAK LAWN'S
EARTH DAY 2008
Saturday, April 19th
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 A.M.
Wolfe Wildlife
(109th & Laramie Ave)**



The Village of Oak Lawn is pleased to announce our partnership with the Oak Lawn Park District for our 2008 Earth Day celebration. Please join our neighbors and community members at the Wolfe Wildlife for educational displays, giveaways, raffles and other fun activities:

- **Tree Planting demonstration and ceremonial tree planting.**
- **Hybrid vehicle on display**
- **Abitibi/ Paper Receiver activity**
- **Nature walks through Wolfe Wildlife Refuge**
- **Plant give-away and raffle (limited supply)**
- **Organize volunteer clean up group for Wolfe**
- **Recycling, CFL Lighting, LED presentations, and lots more**

Questions? Call 708-857-2225 Nicole Walsh

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 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.

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.

YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Free Health Screenings – Oak Lawn Community Partnership

What: Blood pressure readings will be taken by volunteers from Advocate Christ Medical center and the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

When: Wednesday, **May 14**, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Oak Lawn Library (lower level meeting room), 9427 S. Raymond Avenue

WEST NILES VIRUS

West Niles Virus (WNV) is an infection carried by mosquitoes. People get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. People over the age of 50 and those with chronic diseases may be more at-risk for serious illness. Most human cases occur in late summer and early fall.

Symptoms may include fever, headache, rash and body aches. More severe symptoms may be a high fever, stick neck, confusion and muscle weakness.

Tips to limit the breeding of mosquitoes around your home:

- Check the outside of your home and get rid of any items that may hold water such as old tires and buckets.
- Empty plastic wading pools two times weekly and store inside when not in use.
- Change water two times weekly in bird baths and plant saucers.
- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Water bowls for pets should be emptied and refilled daily.

Tips to protect yourself and your family:

- Limit time outdoors when mosquito activity is heaviest (dusk to dawn).
- Wear socks, shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt.
- Use repellents containing 25-35% DEET. Talk to your doctor before applying to infants and children
- Use mosquito netting over strollers.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short and gutters clean
- Keep screens in good repair and tight fitting.



Our 2008 Summer Concert & Outdoor Movie Series

We are pleased to announce our 2008 *Friday Night Movie* and *Sunday Night Summer Concert* schedules. These events are free, so bring your picnic baskets, refreshments, lawn chairs, and blankets and enjoy some summer fun with the whole family!

Friday Night Movies (movies begin at dusk)

June 27 – *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*

July 25 – *Transformers*

August 15 – *Cars*

Sunday Night Concerts (7pm – 10pm)

May 25 – *Elevation*

June 15 – *Dyed in the Wool*

June 29 – *Matt McBride Band*

July 13 – *The Walk-Ins*

July 27 – *Yard Fulla Cars*

August 17 – *Railroad Gin*

August 31 – *The Crawpuppies*

Food will be available from the Oak Lawn Cub Scouts (hot dogs, soda & chips, Christensen's Wagon (popcorn & lemon shake-ups), and Millie's Ice Cream. The Village Green is located directly east of the Municipal Center and north of the Library.

Come out and join the Oak Lawn Red Ribbon Committee
for a family celebration of drug-free youth at our

RED RIBBON BLOCK PARTY

Friday, April 25, 2008 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM

on the Oak Lawn Village Green
(just north of the Oak Lawn Library)

Rain Location: Oak View Community Center – 4625 W. 110th St.



A few things at the Block Party will be:

*• DJ – with Dance Contests **

** Face Painting * Games with Prizes **

** Educational Information for Kids, Teens & Parents **



While some activities are
free, most of the games
will require tickets.
Tickets cost 25¢ each.



Pizza, Chips,
Pop & Water will be
available for purchase.

This party is for all ages to promote a drug-free and violence-free
lifestyle during National Alcohol Awareness month.

For more information please call:

Kathy Stangel (708) 499-6400 or Ofc. Jim Pacetti (708) 499-7880.

CHOOSE TO BE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND VIOLENCE FREE



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

Pfc Justin K. Cerniuk, US Marine Corps

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

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Sara Losos, AIC

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1st Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82nd Airborne

Sgt Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force

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Pfc Justin Sanchez

HM3 Leslye Thompson

Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.

Keith Libner, US Marine Corps

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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.

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.



Yard Waste pick up began on 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.

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-87th St., South-107th St, East-Pulaski Rd., West-Central Ave.

When: **April 28 & May 19**

Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd 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 107th St. to North side of 111th 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

*Due to Popular Demand, this Spring
We will be offering 2 sessions of our Women's Wellness Group*

The Sanctuary

*A place where women can connect together
in a spirit of support to learn, share experiences
& explore possibilities for personal growth.*

*We will be adding a group on Wednesdays, starting **April 16, 2008** for 10 weeks.*

*Because this is a new group we are looking for women who are interested
in attending on Wednesday evenings to email or call so we can determine
what would be the most convenient starting time 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm.
Each session will last approximately 90 minutes.*

General Information for Spring Sessions
Open to Women who are residents of Oak Lawn
Fee: \$5

Friday Evenings 7:00 - 8:30 pm

April 18, 2008 through June 20, 2008 for a total of 10 Sessions
at Oak Lawn Family Service 9401 South 53rd Court - Oak Lawn

Wednesday Evenings (90 minute sessions)

Starting time either 6:30 or 7:00 pm (to be determined)
April 16, 2008 through June 18, 2008 for a total of 10 Sessions
at Oak Lawn Senior Center 5330 West 95th Street - Oak Lawn

*Please let us know if you are interested in our **Wednesday Group**,
so we can determine the best starting time.*

Maximum size for each group is 6-8 participants.

*You can contact Oak Lawn Family Service at 708-423-3361, or email
familyservice@oaklawn-il.gov with "**Women's Group**" as the Subject.*

J. Covington Elementary is celebrating 70 years! 1938-2008

The Covington Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is excited to announce the 70th anniversary of J. Covington Elementary School. To commemorate this event, the Covington PTO has partnered with School District 123 to plan a summer landscape project, which will include a paver brick sidewalk in front of the school and surrounding the flag pole. You are invited to help us celebrate this occasion. We are offering all staff and families, current as well as past, an opportunity to purchase a decorative brick, with your personal message engraved. The cost of each brick is \$50. Please share this opportunity with any former Covington families. Thank you for your consideration.

The Covington PTO

Order forms are available at the Village of Oak Lawn.
For additional information, please contact Julie Misner
708-636-1837
mygrlz4@sbcglobal.net

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.

Wanted – Crafters for “Fall on the Green 2008”

The Village of Oak Lawn has spaces available in the 13th Annual Arts & Crafts Show at the Fall on the Green on September 5th and 6th, 2008 at 9446 S. Raymond Ave. For more information and an application, please contact Deanne Adasiak (708) 499-7837 or email dadasiak@oaklawn-il.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Earth Day Celebration

What: Family friendly event celebrating nature featuring nature activities, tours of Wolfe Wildlife and a proper tree planting session. The first fifty people will receive a free tree or shrub. Raffle for several larger plants. You must be present to win

When: Saturday, **April 19**, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Where: Wolfe Wildlife Refuge, 109th & Laramie.

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

Park Lawn’s 11th Annual Big Bikes Big Hearts Charity Motorcycle Run

What: Motorcycle riders of all ages will enjoy a 100 mile scenic route that leaves from Papa T’s in Midlothian and ends in Frankfort.

When: Sunday, **May 18**. Registration begins at 9:00 am at Papa T’s.

Where: Papa T’s, 4660 W. 147 St., Midlothian

Cost: Entry fee is \$15/rider and \$10/passenger and includes raffles, bike show, entertainment and run pins. Non run participants are invited to post run party at \$10. (708) 425-6867. www.parklawn.com

MONTHLY VEHICLE STICKER GIVEAWAY

Each month the Village will randomly draw the name of an Oak Lawn resident from our “A Community United” e-mail database. Congratulations to this month’s winner:
TIM & PEGGY TRIPP

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State Road Plaza

TIPS & TIDBITS

College Supplies

Comforters, towels, photos, ramen noodles and the list goes on. It won't be long before your high school senior heads off to college. Start picking up the necessities and the not so necessary items each pay check, you'll save yourself some time, money and a lot of frustration later this summer. Remember to order a medical/prescription card and teach your child how to use it. Talk to your family doctor about the meningitis & hepatitis vaccinations. Check the local hospitals/clinics near your child's college to see if they are in your network.

JULIE

Spring is in the air and many homeowners start projects that require digging around the home. Call JULIE at (800) 892-0123 before you dig. For a copy of JULIE's homeowners guide visit www.illinois1call.com.

SPORTS & RECREATION

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

BATTER UP

It's time for baseball in Oak Lawn

Westside Opening Day Parade Saturday, April 19

Players will begin their march promptly at 9:30 am from behind the Simmons Middle School and continue to the Westside Fields, 9400 S. Oak Park.

Oak Lawn Baseball Opening Day Parade Sunday, April 27 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Parade begins at 96th Street & Cook Avenue and concludes at Home Field at 99th Street & Central Avenue.

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 feature this edition is:

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