



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

May 2, 2008



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

OAK LAWN BOARD APPROVES AMENDED 2008 BUDGET

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees voted Tuesday April 22 to adopt an amendment to the current year Village general fund budget in response to economic conditions impacting municipalities. The Village estimated a projected \$1.7 million deficit and therefore a significant number of expenditures were analyzed and reduced. Keeping in mind the tough economy, higher daily living expenses to homeowners, and recession conditions, the board majority voted to pare expenses for 2008 in its continuing effort to avoid tax increases. The Board and staff will continue to review Village finances and to take all necessary steps to be fiscally responsible and provide a high level of excellent service to residents. To review the power-point presentation of the Amended Budget, please visit our website at www.oaklawn-il.gov.

CONGRATULATIONS OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT

Nearly 200 million people use park and recreation services to enhance their physical and social well-being. They seek the highest quality leisure experiences. Agency self-assessment and peer review is an excellent process for evaluating the quality of the agency. The National Recreation and Park Association developed an accreditation process to test park and recreation systems. The Oak Lawn Park District was awarded the status of accreditation on March 14th. At this time, the Oak Lawn Park District is one of only 73 agencies in the country who are nationally accredited, and the only agency in the State of Illinois.

This accreditation has set the groundwork for the Park District to elevate the level of standards of service, professional operations and management practices in order to serve the community.

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

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

Tips to Maintain Your Brain

- Do something every day to prevent heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and stroke – all of which can increase your risk of Alzheimer's.
- Keep your body weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels within recommended ranges.
- Eat less fat and more antioxidant-rich foods.
- Keep your body active. Walk 30 minutes a day.
- Read, write, play games, learn new things, try a crossword puzzle.
- Volunteer, join a club or take a class. Leisure activities that combine physical, mental and social elements may be most likely to prevent dementia.
- Take precautions against head injuries. Use your seat belt, wear a helmet when cycling or in-line skating.
- Don't smoke, drink alcohol excessively or use drugs.

Sunday Night Concerts (7pm – 10pm)

May 25 – Elevation

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.

Your questions...our answers

You asked: Does the Village still provide the Parkway Tree Planting program?

We answered: Yes, the 2008 Parkway Tree Planting Program is underway and although the spring deadline was March 15 and the fall deadline is July 31, you can still place your order now to increase your chances of obtaining your first selection. You pay only 25% of the total cost! Applications received after the deadline may be slated for planting the following season, pending availability.

To observe the various selections available, visit the Village demonstration site at 99th St. & Central around the ballpark. For pricing and further questions, please contact the Village Forester, Heather Green at (708) 499-7098.

If you have a question about Oak Lawn, please let us know. We'll put the answer in our next *A Community United* e-newsletter.



It is Illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Creed, Ancestry, National Origin, Age, Sex, Marital, Military or Familial Status, Unfavorable Discharge from Military Service, or Physical or Mental Handicap.

**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN DOES BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW
(THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1988)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> In the sale of rental of housing or residential lots | <input type="checkbox"/> In the appraisal of housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the provision of real estate brokerage services | <input type="checkbox"/> In advertising the sale or rental of housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In the financing of housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Blockbusting is illegal |

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint with the:

**Fair Housing Administrator, Village of Oak Lawn
9446 South Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453
708-499-7806**



Water Restrictions are in effect as of **May 15**. Odd numbered addresses may water on odd days and even numbered addresses on even days from **7:00 – 11 am and 7:00 – 11 pm**. Automated underground sprinkling systems may be used between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m.

TIPS & TIDBITS

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Community Nutrition Network & Meals on Wheels Foundation

Community Nutrition Network and Meals on Wheels Foundation are in **dire need** of volunteers to assist with their mission: providing nutritious meals and services to older adults in suburban Cook, Grundy, and Kendall Counties to improve their quality of life. They are in need of Meals on Wheels Drivers and Group Dining Site Volunteers.

Drivers deliver a route of meals using their own vehicles. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Group Dining Site Volunteers lend a hand by helping prepare and serve or coordinating/sponsoring an activity, group outings, dancing, singing and parties.

To become a volunteer in the Oak Lawn area, please contact Marie Arrigoni at (708) 422-5180 or arrigoni@cnmow.org

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Heat & Frost Insulators Union Local #17
Robin Realty
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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**

**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
1st Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82nd 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.

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.

SENIOR NEWS

Rummage Sale

What: Oak Lawn Senior Citizen Council will hold a rummage sale at the Senior Center. Raffle drawings for gift certificates to area businesses.

When: Friday & Saturday, **May 2 & 3.**

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95 St., (708) 499-0240

Senior Citizen Safety

What: The Cook County Sheriff’s Department will offer the “do” and “don’t” tips on personal, home and vehicle safety.

When: Monday, **May 19**, 10:00 am

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95 St.

Senior Citizen Safety Expo

What: Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community Partnership.

When: Wednesday, **May 21**, 9:00 am – Noon

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95 St.

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: Thursday & Friday, **May 29 & 30**, registration starts Saturday, **May 3**

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

Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise & Luncheon

What: Take a luncheon paddlewheel riverboat cruise on the Pride of the Oregon. Sponsored by the Senior Fellowship Group in Oak Lawn.

When: Thursday, **May 15**. Bus departs from Trinity Lutheran Church at 97th & Brandt Ave.

Cost: Members - \$37. Nonmembers - \$38. Includes meal, tax, tip & transportation. For reservations call Mickey at 422-2355.

National Dog Bite Prevention Week

May 18 – 24

More than 4.7 million people a year are bit by dogs. Many experts believe that public education could help prevent these bites. The third full week of May is National Dog Bite Prevention Week. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the United States Postal Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are each working to educate Americans about dog bite prevention.

800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of these are children. 386,000 of those require treatment in an emergency department and about a dozen die. The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for children ages 5 to 9 years.

Consider the following before getting a dog:

- Consult with a professional to learn about suitable breeds of dogs for your household.
- Be sensitive to cues that a child is fearful or apprehensive about a dog and, if so, delay acquiring a dog.
- Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it. Use caution when bringing a dog into the home of an infant or toddler.
- Neuter virtually all dogs.
- Never leave infants or young children alone with any dog.
- Do not play aggressive games with your dog.
- Properly socialize and train any dog entering the household.
- Immediately seek professional advice if the dog develops aggressive or undesirable behaviors.

Teach children basic safety around dogs:

- Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.
- Do not run from a dog and scream.
- Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still.
- Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
- Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
- If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.

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.

Pace's U.S. Cellular Field Express

only **\$3.00** each way, per person exact fare required

Let everyone else endure the traffic to U.S. Cellular Field while you relax on a Pace bus. Park for free in Bolingbrook, Burr Ridge, Markham, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, or Tinley Park and arrive at the ballfield ready to cheer for our Chicago White Sox.

All Night, Weekend, and Holiday Games PLUS Opening Day (April 7) and all daytime games June through August

Sorry, no Pace service to weekday daytime games in April, May, or September.

Six Suburban Departure Points

free parking at each

Route 773

Markham
Pace South Division
2101 W. 163rd Place
Park on the east side of the Pace lot

Tinley Park
Southtown Star
6901 W. 159th Street
Park/Depart from northwest parking lot.

Route 774

Oak Lawn
Metra Station
9525 S. Tulley Ave.
Bus stop is at 52nd and Yourell Drive.
Parking is free on the Metra Parking Deck.
No parking fees collected around bus departure time.

Palos Heights
Metra Station
11451 Southwest Highway
Bus stop is on upper level near the station.
Look for Pace Bus stop sign.
No parking fees collected around bus departure time.

Route 775

Bolingbrook
Pace Park-n-Ride
120 E. Old Chicago Drive
Illinois 53 (Bolingbrook Dr.)
and Old Chicago Drive

Burr Ridge
Pace Park-n-Ride
McClintock Dr. & Lincolnshire Dr.
East of County Line Square
Shopping Ctr.

Game Time	DEPART					
	Bolingbrook	Burr Ridge	Markham	Oak Lawn	Palos Heights	Tinley Park
12:05 PM	9:20 AM	9:50 AM	9:35 AM	10:05 AM	9:40 AM	10:05 AM
1:05 PM	10:20 AM	10:50 AM	10:35 AM	11:05 AM	10:40 AM	11:05 AM
2:55 PM	12:10 AM	12:40 PM	12:25 PM	12:55 PM	12:30 PM	12:55 PM
3:05 PM	12:20 PM	12:50 PM	12:35 PM	1:05 PM	12:40 PM	1:05 PM
6:05 PM	3:20 PM	3:50 PM	3:35 PM	4:05 PM	3:40 PM	4:05 PM
7:11 PM*	4:20 PM	4:50 PM	4:35 PM	5:05 PM	4:40 PM	5:05 PM

*The May 25 game @7:05 PM will also use this departure schedule.



847-364-PACE (7223)
TTY 847-364-5093
RTA Travel Information Center
836-7000 (from any suburban area code)

SCHOOLS

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

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: **May 19**

Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. (708) 423-8363.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROGRAM

Together We Cope is collecting school supplies to accommodate 1000 plus children. Pens, pencils, rulers, glue, notebook paper, notebooks, backpacks are some suggestions of the supplies being collected. Volunteers will be needed for sorting and distributing the donations. If you are interested in running a school supply with your organization, school or parish please contact Ann at (708) 633-5040.

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

*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.*

DISTRICT 123 OAK LAWN HOMETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL MAKE-A-WISH WALKATHON

On May 16, 2008, Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School will once again sponsor a walk-a-thon to benefit The Make-A-Wish-Foundation. The student council selected this project in memory of Brad Pipala, a 2003 graduate of McGugan Junior High School, who passed away in July of 2004 after losing his battle with cancer. His strength of character and positive attitude made a lasting impression on those who knew him as did the actions of the Make-A-Wish Foundation on his behalf. They granted Brad's wish for a fishing boat from which he derived great joy. Experiencing first-hand the difference these wishes can make in a person's life solidified the choice of this organization to receive the funds raised by our philanthropic endeavors. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have embraced this project with great enthusiasm for four years. Each year has shown an increase in student involvement and in funds raised.

2005 -- 1st year -- 350 participants raised \$16,100
2006 -- 2nd year -- 650 participants raised \$34,200
2007 -- 3rd year -- 700 participants raised \$40,300
2008 -- 4th year -- 710 participants raised \$48,539 (and still growing...)

Teresa Loch, Sofia Georgelos, Kristy Lukas, Student Council Advisors express their gratitude to all who helped the students achieve their goal. For additional information, contact sgeorgelos@d123.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Auditions for "Seussical"

When: Sunday, **May 4**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm (kids 8-12)
Monday, **May 5**, 7:30 – 10:30 (adults)
Tuesday, **May 6**, 7:30 – 10:30 (adults)

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (708) 857-2200

Together We Cope Golf Outing

What: Enjoy golf, lunch, dinner & prizes while supporting Together We Cope.

When: Wednesday, **May 7**, 10:30 registration, 11:30 am shot gun start

Where: Odyssey Country Club, Tinley Park

Cost: \$120 per person. Golf only - \$85 and dinner only - \$45.

Info: Together We Cope, (708) 633-5040

Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp

What: Patrick Rea, SBA Regional Director & U.S. Army Reserve General will speak and provide information as to how to start a new business and enhance an existing one. Experts will be available to discuss business plans, business operations, human resources, cash flow management, financing start-up & growing businesses. (seating is limited to the first 100 registrants)

When: Thursday, **May 8**

Where: The CenterPoint for Entrepreneurs at Governors State University.

Info: (708) 534-4929, fax (708) 534-1646 or e-mail info@centerpointgsu.com

Clean up Stony Creek

What: Help in the clean up of Wolf Wildlife Refuge. Join thousands of volunteers throughout the Chicagoland in a metropolitan effort to clean our local waterways. Dress for the weather and bring your own gloves.

When: Saturday, **May 10**, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.

4th Annual Kite Fly

What: “Fly 4 Kids” is a statewide Kite fly designed to create awareness for the Park District Youth License Plate. The revenue from the sale of these plates helps support park district after-school programming in Illinois.

When: Saturday, **May 10**, 10:00 am

Where: Centennial Park, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., (708) 857-2420

Mother’s Day Brunch at Stony Creek

What: Enjoy an all you can eat elegant breakfast buffet.

When: Mother’s Day, Sunday, **May 11**. One seating, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103 St., (708) 857-2433 X 2301.

Cost: Adults - \$14.99. Children (8 & under) - \$7.99. Reservation deadline – **May 5**.

1000 Mile Walking Club – 6th Annual 5K Walk

When: Sunday, **May 17**. 7:45 packet pickup and event day registration
8:30 am – 5K Walk.

Where: Stony Creek, 5850 W. 103 St., (708) 857-2200

Cost: \$10 through **May 4**

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

“Singing in the Rain”

When: May 30 & 31, June 6 & 7 at 8:00 pm. June 1 & 8 at 3:00 pm

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (708) 857-2200

Cost: Adults - \$20. Seniors & Children - \$19.

Spring Trip to the Morton Arboretum

What: Board the Acorn Express open-air tram for an exciting one-hour narrated tour through the ever-changing landscapes of this outdoor museum. Box lunch included

When: Friday, **May 30**, bus departs at 9:00 am and returns at approximately 3:00 pm. In person registration begins Saturday, **May 17**, 9:00 am – 11:00 pm.

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95 St.

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:

Papa Joe's

Come visit ***Papa Joe's***, an Italian restaurant and pizzeria. Papa Joe's has an extensive menu featuring Italian cuisine, chicken, veal, seafood, steaks and chops. A variety of salads and relishes are served with each dinner. Papa Joe's has a full carry out service. Catering is available as well. Let Papa Joe's cater your next party. ***Papa Joe's would like to offer the residents of Oak Lawn the following: purchase one lunch and receive a second lunch with a value of up to or equal to \$6.00 free or purchase one dinner and receive a second dinner with a value of up to or equal to \$12.00 free.***

10745 S. Cicero Ave
(708) 636-5030

Hours of Business

Monday through Thursday, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm
Fridays & Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 midnight
Sundays, 1:00 – 10:00 pm

Offer good Mondays - Thursdays through May, 2008

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.

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