



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

August 4, 2008



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN BUDGET REPORT JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

The Village's overall revenues in the general fund are at 49.6% of budget through the first half of the year. Sales tax revenues for the first 6 months of the year are \$6,407,967. The 2008 budget total for sales taxes was \$13,182,960. Hopefully, the economy will turn around and a strong holiday season will enable the Village to exceed the budgeted figure for sales taxes for the year.

State income taxes came in at \$3,395,071 and have a total 2008 budget of \$5,237,666. Property tax receipts are at \$4,446,333 for the first 6 months and the total budget for this is \$7,984,987. The property tax revenue figure is somewhat misleading since a portion of the actual cash received relates to money that should have come in last year but was delayed.

Expenses after 6 months are at 45%. This is in part due to careful spending but also is a timing issue because certain expenses are coming in the second half of 2008. For example, there are positive budget differences for contractual expenses and obligations for Public Works, Equipment Maintenance and Capital Improvements which are entirely due to timing because several projects will begin during the months of July and August as various street maintenance begins, capital equipment requests are made, and lease/debt financing obtained. Therefore, while we will take all steps to act responsibly with management of your tax dollars, there are expenses we foresee for the second half of 2008 which if combined with a continued sluggish economy could make for difficulty in finishing the year ahead of budget.



Village website www.oaklawn-il.gov. The Village's new website has a wealth of information at your fingertips. You may access the website to print out forms, view the Board of Trustee's minutes and agendas, find out the latest Village news and special events, view the Village Code Book and much more.

Vehicle stickers need to be displayed by August 15. There is a \$10 late fee that goes into effect August 16.

Sunday Night Concerts (7pm – 10pm)

August 17 – *Railroad Gin*
August 31 – *The Crawluppies*

Friday Night Movies (begin at dusk)

August 15 – *Cars*

Events are free. Bring your picnic baskets, refreshments, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy some summer fun with your whole family! 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

TEEN SCENE

Six Flags Great America

When: Thursday, **August 7**, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$55 includes transportation and admission into park. Bring lunch money.

Mark your calendar

FALL ON THE GREEN

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

September 5 – 7, 2008

(further information in next month's newsletter)

THANK YOU TO OUR 2007 GOLD SPONSORS

City Beverage – Budweiser
Mancari's Chrysler Jeep, Inc.
Standard Bank & Trust

Heat & Frost Insulators Union Local #17
Robin Realty
Veolia Environmental Services



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@cnnmow.org

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)**

- In the sale of rental of housing or residential lots
- In the provision of real estate brokerage services
- In the financing of housing
- In the appraisal of housing
- In advertising the sale or rental of housing
- 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**

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

SPORTS & RECREATION

10th Annual Golf Outing – Lois C. Klein Studio

What: A golf outing fundraiser for the Lois C. Klein Studio which records textbooks for the blind & dyslexic.

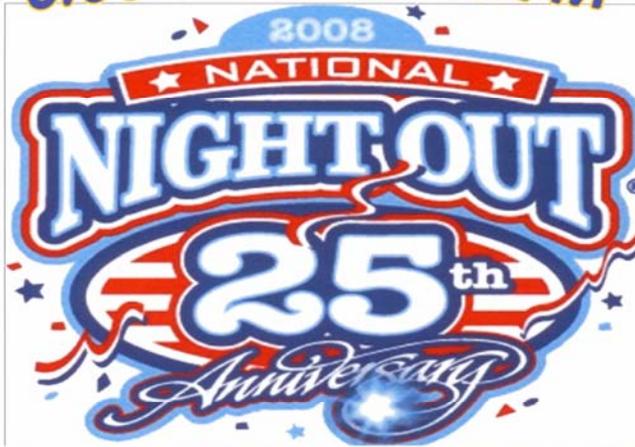
When: Friday, **September 21**

Where: Silver Lake Country Club

Oak Lawn Local History Club

The Oak Lawn Local History Club is seeking the donation or loan of historic items for a special Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Exhibit in early 2009. Please contact Kevin Korst at 708.422.4990 for further information

TUESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2008
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

OAK LAWN MUNICIPAL CENTER
9446 SOUTH RAYMOND AVENUE

*Police & Fire Department
Demonstrations & Open House*

*Police Department's Child
Identification Program*



Refreshments will be available for purchase



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

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
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 Pasquerella, 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
Master 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.



Oak Lawn McGruff House Program

Provides a safe haven for our children.

The Oak Lawn Police Department is currently in the process of implementing a village wide McGruff House Program. A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in a frightening or dangerous situation. A McGruff House in the neighborhood shows someone is looking out for the children. The McGruff House Program is a partnership among law enforcement, schools, and community groups. Having a McGruff House in the neighborhood indicates someone is watching out for its children.

To begin this worthwhile program we are looking for residents who would be willing to allow their house to become a McGruff House. Interested parties can pick up a McGruff House Program Participant Application at the Police Desk inside the Oak Lawn Police Station.

After applications are received they will be screened and qualified applicants will be notified to the date and time of an orientation and training session. We will hold several sessions throughout the summer to accommodate every ones summer plans. Our goal is to have to program up and running at the beginning of the next school year.

McGruff House participants agree to help children as they go to and from school and play in the neighborhood by:

- Telephoning appropriate authorities for help.
- Reassuring or assisting children who are lost or frightened.
- Assisting children who have medical emergencies by contacting appropriate professionals.
- Assisting children who fear becoming victims of personal crime by summoning qualified help.
- Assisting children who have been victimized by crime by calling appropriate authorities.
- Reporting crime and suspicious activities to law enforcement officials, providing as much information as possible.
- Abiding by the restrictions and requirements of the McGruff House Network.

For further information or questions please contact Officer Jim Pacetti at (708) 499-7880 or jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov.

Please join us in keeping our community safe.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Council Wolfe Wildlife

When: Tuesday, **August 12**, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Where: Wolfe Wildlife, 109th & Laramie

Info: 708.499.0240. \$1 lunch tickets available at the Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St.

“Living Will and Power of Attorney for Healthcare”

What: Information you wanted to know but never knew who or what to ask. Presented by Advocate Christ Hospital.

When: Monday, **August 18**, 11:00 am

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

ST. GERALD'S CARNIVAL

Thursday, August 7, 5:00 – 10:00 pm

Friday, August 8, 5:00 – 10:00 pm

Saturday, August 9, Noon – 4:30 pm, 6:00 – 10- pm

Sunday, August 10, 1:00 – 10:00 pm

FAMILY TENT

Thursday Evening – *Grandma vs. Pancake*

Friday Evening – *Neverly Brothers*

Saturday Evening – *Pudding Head Band*

Sunday Evening – *Wild Bill Band*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Free Shred Day at Bell West Community Credit Union

What: Bring two bankers' size boxes of unwanted personal documents to be shredded on the spot by Accurate Document Destruction, Inc. A free seminar on “Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft” will be presented by Fred Brambila from Liberty Mutual Insurance Group.

When: Saturday, **August 9**, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Bell West Community Credit Union, 9930 Southwest Highway

Info: Member Services at 708.499.4800 or www.bwccu.org

Auxiliary of Advocate Christ Medical Center – Fundraiser for Hope Hospital

What: Family Style Dinner, Comedy Show and cash bar

When: Sunday, **August 10**, dinner at 4:30 pm, show at 6:00 pm.

Where: Senese's Comedy Club, 10345 S. Central Ave.

Cost: Send a check for \$35 per person payable to Auxiliary of Advocate Christ Medical Center to: Mary Holmes, 6254 Kallsen Dr., #2, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477. 708.614.0162

Enchanted

What: Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks to watch this movie on the West Lawn.

When: Friday, **August 15**, 8:00 pm

Where: Southwest Chicago Christian School, 101st & Central Ave.

Knights of Columbus Flea Market

What: Huge flea market in Church parking lot. Concessions available and free face painting for kids. Crafters and vendors spots still available at \$15.

When: Saturday, **August 16**, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: St. Louis deMontfort Church, 8808 S. Ridgeland, 708.599.3468

Low Cost – Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic

What: Mobile clinic services will be offered on a first come first served basis. Pet owners must present a valid drivers license or State ID.

Cost: \$7.00 – 1 year rabies vaccine; \$21 – 3 year rabies vaccine; and \$10.00 for microchip identification

Info: 708.389.2125 or 708.974.6140

August 27, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ck. Cnty. Comm. Murphy's Office
5405 W. 127th St., Crestwood

September 3, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Stickney Township Senior Center
7745 S. Leamington, Burbank

September 16, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Joy Fellowship Baptist Church
2025 E. 175th St., Lansing

September 23, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Burnham Village Hall
14450 Manistee, Burnham

The Apple Tree Program



“Apple Tree” is a program which can help families with the financial difficulty of replacing school supplies for their children throughout the school year.

What you need to do:

- Pick up an application
Available at Worth Township office or Oak Lawn Family Service
- Take your completed application to the Worth Township office along with the following information:
 - Birth certificates for your children
 - Identification and Utility Bill with the same address
 - Supply list from your child's school

How you can help:

The program is made possible by the generous donations made by local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups.

Wish list: Crayola crayons, Washable markers, Pens (blue, black, red), #2 pencils, Red correction pens, Highlighters, Pencil sharpeners and large erasers, School boxes/pencil bags, Elmer's glue (4oz), Glue sticks, Loose leaf paper, Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled 70ct), 3&5 subject notebooks, Fiskar scissors, Pocket folders, Protractors, Compasses, Wooden rulers, Crayola washable paints, Lined index cards, Book covers, Kleenex (200 & 350ct), Paper towels, Sandwich & Gallon size Zip Lock bags, School bags (Back Packs)

For more information or to drop off donations, please contact

Worth Township	Oak Lawn Family Service
11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803	9401 South 53 rd Court, Oak Lawn
708-371-2900	708-423-3361

or You Can Drop Off School Supply Donations
in the **Apple Tree Program** Drop Box
at the Village of Oak Lawn at 9446 South Raymond Avenue

YOUR HEALTH

Five tips for healthy sleep:

- Have a regular relaxing bedtime routine in a dark, cool and quiet bedroom.
- Make sure your pillows and linens provide you with comfort
- Exercise regularly, but finish your workout at least three hours before bedtime
- Avoid foods and drinks high in caffeine for at least eight hours and alcohol for a few hours before bedtime
- Keep work materials, computers and televisions from your sleep environment
- If you experience trouble sleeping on a regular basis, speak to your healthcare official

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 "A Community United" email newsletter. Our features this edition are:



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Oak Lawn, IL, 60453

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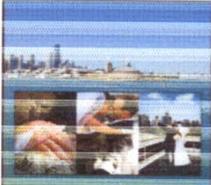
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FREE ATTORNEY VISIT

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 August 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