



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

September 15, 2008

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Recovering From the Storm

Record amounts of rainfall greeted us this past week. On Saturday morning we had crews in service before 6:00 am, having already been hit with seven inches of rain. We provided pumps for homeowners throughout the day and assisted where we were able. Most streets were clear but some began hitting the saturation point as the rains continued over the weekend. There were power outages on Sunday on the north side of Oak Lawn. These were reported at 10:28 am and restored at 11:45 pm and 12:36 pm due to separate feeds and problem origination in Burbank. This underscores the need for an emergency backup sump pump.

We have had multiple meetings and conferences with MWRD officials over the past few years and certain maintenance efforts were undertaken. We believe that this has helped and the flooding could have been much more severe. We will be inspecting areas for illegal hook-ups of sanitary lines into the storm sewers because this can lead to back-ups of sanitary systems into a home.

It is important for residents who need service to call the non-emergency police number 708.422.8292 which is open 24 hours per day. They gather the names, addresses, nature of complaints, and fax that information to the Public Works Department which then dispatches crews to assist.

Storms of this magnitude cause significant damage. During these times, know that we will do everything we can as your village government to help, and we thank all residents for their patience.

Mayor Dave Heilmann

95th Street Repaving

Repaving of 95th Street commenced last week and driving will be slow with traffic backed up during rush hour travel times. Two out of three lanes will be blocked from time to time to allow workers to adjust and repair manholes prior to and after the “grinding” of surface asphalt down to the road base.

95th Street has not been paved for approximately two decades and over that period of time vehicular traffic has increased and the Illinois Tollway has embarked on a 95th Street entrance that only encourages more traffic. Improvements to the riding surface of 95th became essential.

The aggressive resurfacing schedule requires that the section of 95th Street from I294 to Pulaski Road be completed by October 31, provided there are no weather delays. This \$6 million plus project is welcomed by the Village and we thank IDOT for prioritizing the Oak Lawn stretch.



Voter registration is available in the Clerk's Office until Thursday, **October 2**. The Clerk's Office is located on the 2nd Floor of the Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. In Person Registration will be available at the County Clerk's Office October 8 through October 21. The County Clerk's Office is located at 69 W. Washington, Chicago. 312.603.0906.

Early Voting will be available in the Clerk's Office beginning Monday, **October 13** through Thursday, **October 30**. The Clerk's Office will be opened on October 13 for Early Voting only. It will also be opened on Saturdays, October 18th & 25th for Early Voting only.

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

Your questions...our answers

You asked: What can be recycled?

We answered: Mixed paper, cardboard, metal, glass and plastics. All recyclables can be mixed together. Please rinse any recyclable of food or any other matter that might attract rodents.

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

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 winners: BONNIE PACIGA

SENIOR NEWS

Among Friends *Adult Day Care, Inc*

13333 S. Cicero Ave.
Crestwood, Illinois
708.396-2345

18430 S. Halsted St.
Glenwood, Illinois
708.755.2345

Monday – Friday
6:00 am – 6:00 pm

Among Friends Adult Day Care's philosophy is *"to address the concerns of the entire family, while catering to the immediate physical and social needs of the individual."*

Contact Among Friends to arrange for a personalized tour or to receive additional information.

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU JOB OPPORTUNITY

The 2010 Census Operation has begun and there will be numerous employment opportunities available. One of the offices will be located in Oak Lawn. For more details call the toll free recruiting line at 800.470.8896.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Back to School Skate

When: Friday, **September 19**, 8:30-9:50 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton

Cost: Admission is \$7 per person. Skate rental is an additional \$3.

Info: 708-857-5173 or visit www.olparks.com.

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

Worldwide Day of Play

What: The Oak Lawn Park District will be hosting a Worldwide Day of Play. Variety of games, an obstacle course and interactive family activities. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the entire day at the park.

When: Saturday, **September 27**, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Centennial Park, 93rd St. & Nashville Ave. 708-857-2200.

Gymnastics Open House

What: A parent or guardian must accompany children during open gym session. There will be a leotard and apparel sale and informational booths.

When: Saturday, **September 27**, 9:00 -10:00 am and 10:30 – 11:30am

Where: Oak Lawn Racquet, Fitness and Gymnastics Center, 10444 S. Central Ave.

Cost: Fee is \$5 per child per session or \$12 per family per session.

Info: 708-857-2215.

Day Trip to St. Charles Scarecrow Festival & Riverboat Ride

When: Friday, **October 10**

Info: 708-857-2200 or visit www.olparks.com.



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

**PFC Michael J. Roberts, US Army
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. Zylus, 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
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.

**Hearts for Hope Halloween Bash
October 24
Willowbrook Ballroom**

Funds raised from this event will be earmarked to help start up a comprehensive Diabetes Clinic at Hope Children's Hospital. If you are interested in making a contribution or attending, please contact the Office of Development at 708.684.3764.

**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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

10th Annual Golf Outing for Lois C. Klein Studio

What: Golf outing raising funds for the Louis C. Klein Studio in Orland Park – Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic.

When: Sunday, **September 21.**

Where: Silver Lake Country Club, 147th & 82nd Ave.

Info: 708.349.9356

Benefit 4 Bob

What: Fundraiser for the family of Bob Barker, an Oak Lawn resident who lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer

When: Saturday, **September 27**, 3:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115 St.

Oak Lawn Sertoma's 6th Annual Pub Tour

What: Raffles, food (served at Demma's Bar and Grill at 5:00 pm) and complimentary beverage at each stop.

When: Sunday, **September 28**, sign up 11:00 am and departure at 12:30 pm

Where: Tour starts at Westlawn Memorial Post 192, 7731 S. Harlem

Info: Dave at 708.424.0978 or Marcia at 708.636.3083

Cost: \$15 donation

Boy Scout Troop 618 Spaghetti Dinner

What: All you can eat spaghetti

When: Saturday, **October 4**, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Where: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt

Cost: Adults - \$6 Children, 4-12 - \$3

YOUR HEALTH

Advocate Christ Medical Center's Cessation Classes

What: "Freedom from Smoking" course presented by the American Lung Association.

When: Seven week program beginning Tuesday, October 7 through November 18 at 6 pm.

Where: The Harbor Room at Advocate Christ Medical Center

Cost: \$60 with a \$30 refund upon completion of the course.

Info: 708.684.4229

Insect Stings:

People who have a severe reaction to an insect sting (difficulty breathing, swelling, dizziness and nausea) need to be transported to an emergency room or call 911 immediately. Here are some tips to treat a more common local reaction:

- Remove the stinger quickly. Pull it out or scrape it out with a card or piece of plastic.
- Clean the area with soap and water.
- Apply ice or a cold compress.
- Ibuprofen or acetaminophen for the pain.
- Benadryl, Claritin & Zyrtec will help the itching and burning.
- Topical corticosteroid creams can help alleviate the inflammation.
- If swelling, redness or pain worsens or spreads to the surrounding area, or if you develop fever or chills, or if symptoms persist for more than three days, contact a physician.

THE SANCTUARY

A Women's Wellness Group

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

- Open to:** Women who are residents of Oak Lawn
When: Friday evenings, September 12 – October 31, 2008
Where: Oak Lawn Family Service
9401 S. 53rd Ct.
708.423.3361
Fee: \$5.00 (Each Friday meeting)

For additional information and to register please contact:

Joanne Dal Santo ext. 43

Lisa Cuevas ext. 45

email familyservice@oaklawn

(Please type The Sanctuary or Women's Group in the subject)

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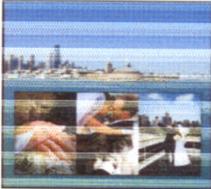
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Attorney Michael J. Maslanka is offering a free, in-your-home, consultation to elderly (65 and over) or disabled Oak Lawn residents. Michael has been an attorney for 23 plus years and is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and St. Xavier University,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

Offer good through September 30, 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