



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

September 15, 2009

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Village Board Approves Fire Department Concessions Agreement

At the September 8 meeting, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with the Fire Department for nearly 900,000 in concessions covering a period of September, 2009 through the end of 2010. The concessions agreement avoids the layoff of firefighters due to budget deficits.

Oak Lawn and its firefighters reached an agreement on cost-cutting concessions Tuesday night, saving about a dozen firefighter jobs and putting an end to a bitter dispute over ways to close the Village's budget shortage.

Included in the concessions are "working furloughs" wherein each firefighter will work 80 hours for free between now and the end of the year. They have also agreed to a wage freeze for 2010, work holidays on straight time, and forego a uniform allowance.

"These are very difficult economic times and I'm thankful to all involved that we were able to reach this agreement", said Mayor Dave Heilmann.

"Everybody seems to be happy and I'm glad we got it worked out", Union President Ted Moran said.



Village of Oak Lawn



One Day Only!

Electronic recycling drop off @ Public Works Garage: 5532/ 5550 W 98th St.

Sat. October 3, 9am - 1pm

All electronics will be taken. Anything with a plug will be collected. You may also drop off used inkjet/toner cartridges and all batteries (except automobile). Remove all acid or ink and place in paper bag or newspaper to prevent spillage.

Your questions...our answers

You asked: How do I go about getting a handicapped placard?

We answered: You may obtain a temporary handicapped placard in the Village Clerk's Office. Forms are available on the Village website at www.oaklawn-il.gov or at the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall at 9446 S. Raymond, 708.499.7738. Have your doctor fill out the form and return it to the Clerk's Office. Permanent placards are available through the Secretary of State's Office, however, the Clerk's Office can fax the form to the State for a quicker return. The Clerk's Office can also provide you with a temporary placard while you wait for the delivery of your permanent placard from the State.

You asked: When are the watering restrictions lifted?

We answered: The watering restrictions are discontinued as of today September 15.

You asked: When are the watering restrictions lifted?

We answered: The watering restrictions are discontinued as of today September 15.

You asked: Can I view the Public Access Channel if I have Satellite TV?

We answered: The Public Access Channel can only be viewed on Channel 4 on Comcast and Channel 99 on AT&T UVERSE.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

FLASH – Fun and Leisure After School Hours

What: Program dedicated to providing safe, healthy, fun and recreational opportunities to children before and after school. Joint venture between School District 123 and the Oak Lawn Park District.

When: Before school – 7:00 am until school begins. After school – school dismissal until 6:00 pm.

Where: Covington & Hannum elementary schools.

Info: Contact Colleen at 708.398.6288 or cgorman@olparks.com.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Youth Indoor Soccer Draft League

What: Open to girls and boys ages 6 – 13. Teams begin practicing December 12 and games begin in January.

When: Early Bird Registration runs through November 14. General Registration runs November 15 – November 21. Late fees apply after November 22.

Cost: Early bird: Resident - \$69. Non resident - \$95. General Registration: Resident - \$79. Non resident - \$105. Late Registration: Resident – \$89. Non resident - \$115.



The Village of Oak Lawn 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival



WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE 2ND
ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL IN OAK LAWN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

THE VILLAGE GREEN
LOCATED AT 94TH & COOK AVENUE
NORTH OF THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY



BRING THE FAMILY TO ENJOY
SOME FREE FUN!

HAY RIDES, BOBBING FOR
APPLES, PONY RIDES AND
PUMPKINS FOR SALE!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PUMPKINS
FOR SALE



YOUR HEALTH

Free Prostate Cancer Screenings – Advocate Christ Medical Center

What: Advocate will be offering free prostate cancer screenings for the community. The checkup – for men primarily between the ages of 40 and 75 – will involve a digital rectal examination and a PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test.

When: Wednesday, **September 23**, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Where: Advocate Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St.

Info: Contact 800.323.8622 to registrar and refer to code 1C16.

PAINT THE TOWN PINK: Health Information for Women

What: Advocate Christ Medical Center in partnership with the American Cancer Society and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals free presentation and lecture series on Breast Cancer. Free lunch to follow the presentation. Vendor fair is provided. Seating is limited. All proceeds benefit education at the Advocate Christ Center for Breast Care.

When: Saturday, **October 3**, 8:00 am until 1:30 pm. Registration required by **September 25**. Contact 1.8900.323.8622 (code 1C35)

Where: Christ Medical Center Auditorium and Conference Center, 93rd and Kilbourn Ave.

Info: Patrice Stephens at 708.684.5849; Peggy Kupres at 708.684.3835 or Donna Boersma at 708.684.3291.

American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Illinois.

What: American Cancer Society 5K Walk to raise funds for the continued fight against Breast Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

When: Sunday, **October 18**. Registration – 8:00 am. Walk – 9:00 am.

Where: South Suburban – Centennial Park Soccer Field, Orland Park.
Chicago Lakefront – Lawrence and the Lake
West Suburban – Chicago Premium Outlets, Aurora
Northwest Suburban – AT&T Campus, Hoffman Estates
Lake County – Independence Grove, Libertyville

Info: For registration or further details call 312.279.7376 or email MakingStridesIllinois.com@southsuburbanstrides@cancer.org.

Autism Today & Tomorrow Expo

What: An all day event for parents, educators, health professionals or anyone who wishes to learn more about Autism. Vendors with products and raffle prizes will be present.

When: Saturday, **October 24**, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Moraine Valley Community College, Building M, Conference Center, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, 708.974.5735.
morainevalley.edu/wdcs.

Massage Therapy

What: Massage therapy is used to reduce stress, increase circulation and detoxify overexerted muscles. Open to men and women. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Where: Community Pavilion, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave.

Info: 708.857.2420

Personal Training

What: Meet with a certified personal trainer who will design a program to improve your cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and endurance. Increase flexibility, improve body image and lose weight.

Where: Community Pavilion, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave.

Info: 708.857.2420

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Kickn4Kordas fundraiser

What: Fundraiser for the family of Sue Kordas who passed away after a long courageous battle with Synovial Sarcoma.

When: Sunday, **September 27**, 2:00 – 7:00 pm

Where: 115 Bourbon Street, Merrionette Park

Info: Donations are being accepted at Private Bank, 3052 W. 111th St. in Chicago (Attn: Sharon Duer) or through PayPal on the website www.kickin4kordas.com. For raffle or admission tickets and/or donations of food, silent auction or raffle prizes please contact any of the following Committee Members: Don O'Keefe – 708.424.1876, Meg Gorman – 708.214.9402, Mary & Jim Hopkins – 708.499.4335, Mimi & Al Zaleski – 708.422.8647, Michelle Carberry – 708.423.5859, Marybeth Rotkovich – 708. 937.3073, Tom Kordas – 773.330.8224, Marty O'Connell – 708.907.5367

Boy Scout Troop 618 Spaghetti Dinner

What: All you can eat spaghetti dinner

When: Saturday, **October 3**, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 97th & Brandt

Cost: Adults - \$6.00. Children - \$4.00

“Angels” Caring ... Above & Beyond 2009 Fashion Show

What: Fashion show sponsored by the Auxiliary of Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. All proceeds will benefit the support of Ronald McDonald House at Hope, Pediatric Oncology and the Cancer Institute.

When: Sunday, **October 4**. 2:00 pm cocktail hour. 3:00 pm dinner.

Where: Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. Hickory Hills

Cost: \$45.00 per person. \$450.00 per table. 708.684.5252 or 708.945.3503.

The Barry Family Benefit

What: Benefit for the family of John Barry an Oak Lawn resident who recently passed away from ALS leaving behind a wife and three small children.

When: Sunday, **October 18**, 3:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Local 150 Operating Engineers' Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside

Info: Donations are being accepted at Integra Bank, 7661 S. Harlem. Checks are payable to the Barry Family Benefit Fund.



***VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL GARDEN FLAGS
\$15.00***

Available at the Cashier's Window in the Village Hall



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

**Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force
Pfc Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corps
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
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
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
Spc. Don Brady, US Army
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS
Spec. 4 Timothy Walker, US Army**



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

**Officer Jason Hudson, US Army
Sgt. Jennifer D. Kohany, Illinois Army National Guard
Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corps
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
Sgt. Matt Barkmeier, US Army
Spec. Donald J. Balsavich
LCPL Timothy A. Evans, 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 mgorman@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 mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov.

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: **DAN & BETH KELLY.**

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/mental handicap

- **In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots**
- **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**



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.**

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 application at Worth Township or Oak Lawn Family Service
 - * Take your completed application to the Worth Township office along with COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
 - * Birth certificates for your children
 - * Identification and Utility Bill with the same address
 - * Supply list from your child's school
- (Worth Township will NOT make copies - 2009 Update)*

How you can help:

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

Wish list: Crayola crayons, Washable markers, Pens, #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, Paper towels, Sandwich & Gallon size Zip Lock bags, School bags

For more information or to drop off donations, please contact

Worth Township
11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803
708-371-2900

http://www.worhtownship.com/apple_tree_program.htm

Apple Tree Program Drop Box
at the Village of Oak Lawn at 9446 South Raymond Avenue

Village of Oak Lawn Recycling Program

CANS & FOIL

- Metal cans
- Aluminum cans
- Aerosol cans (non-hazardous, empty, e.g., whipped cream, hairspray)
- Foil metal lids and food trays



CARDBOARD

If your business generates a large quantity of cardboard, bin collection service for separated, flattened corrugated cardboard is available. Contact the Recycling Program.

Please note the items that can and cannot be recycled. If you ever have any questions about what can and can't be recycled curbside, please contact mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov. You can visit www.Earth911.com to learn about alternate sites to bring your recyclable items that the Village cannot take curbside.

***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:



Oak Lawn's Best Kept Secret

Great Food
In A Beautiful
Setting

Oak Lawn Park District's
STONY CREEK
Golf Course, Restaurant & Banquet Facility
BAR & GRILL

5850 West 103rd St. • Oak Lawn
(Located 2 Blocks West Of Central)
708-857-2433
OPEN 7 DAYS 10 AM - 9 PM
www.golfstonycreek.com

1/2 OFF ENTREE
Buy One Entree At Regular
Price, Receive Entree Of Equal
Or Lesser Value For 1/2 PRICE
Coupons may not be combined with any
other offer. Valid with Valpak® coupon only.
Expires 9/30/09.

Enjoy our: Outdoor Patio,
Bean Bags, Bocce Ball,
Horseshoes, Miniature Golf,
18 Hole Golf Course,
Banquets & Catering Available

MARGARITA
MONDAYS
\$2.99
ALL DAY

Valpak.com
VISA

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 24 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 December 31, 2009.

RESUME WRITING SERVICES

Sending out your resumes and not getting the response you're looking for? Recent college grad? Old resume needs tweaking? ***I CAN HELP!*** I am an HR Manager (and Oak Lawn resident) with more than 20 years of experience in Human Resources. Over the course of my career I have literally reviewed 10s of thousand's of resumes. I know what works and what doesn't. I know what kind of resumes HR professionals find most informative and easiest to read. With the job market the way it is today, it is essential to have a resume that captures the HR professional's interest. ***So who better to write your resume than ME!*** Rates are reasonable and turnaround time is quick. **(Also offering Cover Letter writing services as well).**

GET YOUR RESUME TO THE TOP OF THE PILE! - 20% DISCOUNT TO OAK LAWN RESIDENTS!!

Sandy Killeen
708-650-0636
sandykilleen@yahoo.com

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