



# Village of Oak Lawn

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*Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news*

## **NEW OAK LAWN STOP SIGNS MAKE INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The new and humorous stop signs unveiled on September 30 have put Oak Lawn in the international spotlight. In addition to local news coverage, there was national coverage by the Fox News Network, Good Morning America and the Today Show. Residents have been calling the Village after hearing from relatives and friends out of state after newspapers across the country carried the story about the creative efforts by our Village to draw public awareness to stopping at the signs. Mayor Heilmann was also interviewed on radio programs in Ireland and Germany.

The Village has been contacted by numerous cities who want to follow Oak Lawn's lead and try similar efforts in their communities.

Another 100 signs will go up in the next few weeks, so if you have intersections you would like to draw to our attention, let us know. The new signs will be paid for by 3M, who agreed to do so in exchange for being able to feature the signs in their promotional brochures.

"Hopefully, through this effort we can draw attention to the need to be careful and stop at the signs", said Mayor Heilmann. "And it never hurts to give residents a reason to smile."

## HOW MANY DRIVERS WOULD YOU GUESS GO THROUGH RED LIGHTS ON A DAILY BASIS?

The first working red light cameras in the Village became operational on August 27th at the intersection of 97th and the Southwest Highway. In the first 17 days, 197 citations were issued for drivers running the red light - more than 11 per day.

The red light cameras are expected to reduce the number of drivers running the light by 50%. How does that play out over one year? At 11 per day, that's just over 4000 times annually people are going through a red light at that intersection. That's 4000 times there could be a serious accident. The chances for that will now be reduced dramatically, making it a safer intersection.

95th and Cicero also has working cameras. The numbers at that intersection, one of the busiest in the State of Illinois, are significantly higher.



**Leaf bags** are on sale at the Village Hall. The cost is \$7.50 per roll of 20 bags. The leaf bags can only be used for leaf collection. Veolia will pick up leaf bags starting the week of October 15 and continue through December 15.

## SENIOR NEWS

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

PLOWS Council on Aging is now making appointments to assist senior citizens with applications to the 2008 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program is available to assist persons with winter heating costs. LIHEAP is a federal program administered locally by the Community Economic Development Association (CEDA).



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

**TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force**  
**Sn Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard**  
**Cpl Andrew Chesna, US Marine Corp**  
**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. Kanst, US Marine Corp**  
**Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force**  
**Sgt. Daniel Miller, US Marine Corp**  
**Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corp**  
**Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force**  
**Edward Tamborino, US Navy**  
**Sara Losos, AIC**  
**Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corp**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 Corp**  
**Pfc John C. Hojek, US Marine Corp**  
**Spec. Kevin J. Schwararko, US Army**  
**Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corp**  
**Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corp**  
**Spc. Dan Brady**  
**OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS**  
**Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corp**  
**Karl Schultz, US Navy**  
**Sgt. R.E. Carlson, US Marine Corp**  
**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](mailto: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](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov)

## Ronald McDonald House

The ground was broken officially early in September for the Ronald McDonald House being constructed across 93<sup>rd</sup> Street from Advocate Hope Children's Hospital. Construction began with clearance of trees and other plantings from the site. When completed in 2008, the 16-bedroom facility will provide low cost, convenient shelter for families of patients being treated at Hope Children's Hospital.

### **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: **ANNE VULICH**

## SCHOOLS

### **Vendor Showcase and Craft Fair**

**What:** Come view craft tables and order direct from many popular vendors.

**When:** Saturday, **October 20**, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway

### **Cinderella**

**What:** Original musical adaptation of Cinderella by the Missoula Children's Theatre.

**When:** Friday, **October 26**, 1:00 and 7:00 pm performances

**Where:** Chappel Hall, St. Gerald School, 9310 S. 55 Ct. , (708) 422-0121

**Cost:** Adults - \$5. Children 5 and under - \$3.



## PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR'S HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING ARE 3:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### **SPOOKVIEW – Oak Lawn Park District**

- What:** Spooky scare stations, ghoulish games, chilling crafts, creature movies, freaky food (suggested ages 3 – 10 years)
- When:** Saturday, **October 20**, 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Costume Parade at 2:45 pm. ghost stories by the camp fire at 7:00 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (708) 857-2200
- Cost:** Activity fees range from .50 to \$2.00

### **PUMPKIN CARVING & DECORATING**

- What:** Bring your own pumpkin, carving utensils. Decorations and refreshments will be provided.
- When:** Thursday, **October 25**, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (708) 857-2200 to register
- Cost:** Residents - \$2. Non residents - \$4

### **TRICK OR TREAT ON ICE**

- When:** Sunday, **October 28**, 1:30 – 2:50 pm
- Where:** Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton, (708) 857-5173
- Cost:** Skate rental - \$2.50. Regular skate fees apply

## **SPORTS & RECREATION**

### ***Meet Me in St. Louis – Oak Brook Drury Lane***

- What:** Motorcoach bus trip, lunch included, to the Oak Brook Drury Lane, to enjoy this wonderful production.
- When:** Wednesday, **November 7**, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Registration deadline is **October 22**.
- Where:** Depart from the Community Pavilion, 9400 S. Oak Park Ave.
- Cost:** Resident - \$50. Non resident - \$55.

### ***Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring THE ROCKETTES***

- What:** Motorcoach bus trip to watch this dazzling production.
- When:** Wednesday, **November 14**, **12:30 – 5:00 pm**. Registration deadline is **October 31**.
- Where:** Depart from OakView Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St.
- Cost:** Resident - \$56. Non resident - \$61

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### ***Spaghetti Dinner - Boy Scouts of America, Troop 618***

**What:** All the spaghetti you can eat dinner.

**When:** Saturday, **October 20**, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave.

**Cost:** Adults - \$5. Children (4-12) - \$2.50

### ***Free Child ID Program***

**What:** The Oak Lawn Police Department will create free Child IDs. The two page report includes a color photo, fingerprints and information that could help authorities locate children in the event of an emergency. No registration required.

**When:** Saturday, **October 27**, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422-4990

### ***Household Hazardous Waste Day***

**What:** An opportunity to rid your home of hazardous waste products. You must be in your vehicle and may have a wait of 10 – 40 minutes. Save time and car pool. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

**When:** Saturday, **October 27**, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Just North of 159<sup>th</sup> Street on Lorel Avenue, Oak Forest

### ***Octoberfest & Chili Cook-Off***

**What:** Chili cook-off with cash prizes, food, drinks, raffles & entertainment. Sponsored by St. Gerald Holy Name Society

**When:** Saturday, **October 27**, 7:00 pm

**Where:** St. Gerald's parking lot, 93<sup>rd</sup> & Central

**Cost:** \$25 pre sale tickets until **October 21**. \$45 contestant's fee

**Info:** Matt Egan (708) 423-1023, Matt Gulino (708) 499-5645, Al Kowalski (708) 424-6505

### ***The Skylarks Unlimited – Free Concert***

**What:** Musical memories from the 1930s through the 1970s with a salute To the USO and Hit Parade.

**When:** Sunday, **November 4**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422 4990.

### ***A Christmas Carol***

**What:** Musical production by the Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre

**When:** **November 9, 10, 16 & 17** at 8:00 pm and **November 11 & 18** at 3:00

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

**Cost:** Adults - \$19. Seniors & Children - \$18. Shows sell out quickly, be sure to order your tickets in advance.

## **“Roll 4 Dice” benefit for Jeff Fordice**

On Sunday, November 18, the “Roll 4 Dice” Benefit for Jeff Fordice will be held at 115 Bourbon Street, located at 3359 W. 115<sup>th</sup> Street from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes food, beer, wine, soft drinks and entertainment. Silent auction and raffle will be held during the event. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Linda Fordice, (708) 425 8441 or by email at [ljf46@comcast.net](mailto:ljf46@comcast.net).

Jeff, a lifetime Oak Lawn resident and member of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish, was diagnosed in August, 2006 with testicular cancer. During his course of treatment, Jeff still managed to student teach and earn his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from St. Xavier University.

Monetary donations are being accepted at Founders Bank, 10515 S. Cicero Avenue in the name of “Roll 4 Dice”. All donations will be used for the sole purpose of helping Jeff with his medical responsibilities throughout his time of recovery.

## **TEEN SCENE**

### ***Teen Band local exposure***

If you are in a teen band and need a local place to show off your music and talent, come to the Basement this fall. This is the perfect opportunity for you music lovers to listen and share your talent with other musicians your age in the Oak Lawn area. To set up a Friday or Saturday night time for your group, send a demo and contact information to Colleen at the Oak View Center and/or call (708) 857-2200 or email [cogorman@olparks.com](mailto:cogorman@olparks.com).

## **HEALTH NEWS**

### ***What can you do to prevent Osteoporosis?***

- Eat foods high in calcium
- Eat a balanced diet from the five food groups.
- Get plenty of exercise, particularly weight bearing exercise like walking, tennis, or dancing.
- Check with your doctor about medicines to prevent bone loss.
- Modify your home to avoid falls.
- Avoid smoking.
- Avoid excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages.

**Who needs testing for Osteoporosis?**

- All women aged 65 and older.
- All postmenopausal women under age 65 who have one or more risk factor
- Women who have been on hormone replacement therapy for prolonged periods.
- Women who have had a history of bone fractures.

**FOOD ALLERGY SUPPORT GROUP**

Local parents of children with severe and life threatening food allergies are forming a POCHA (Parents of Children Having Allergies) support group for the south and south-west suburbs. The group will provide a forum to learn about food allergies-- both practical tips and the medical science, exchange recipes, and learn from the experience of other parents who have dealt with and are dealing with the same issues. If your child has been diagnosed with severe food allergies and you are interested in POCHA, send an email to [foodallergyparents@hotmail.com](mailto:foodallergyparents@hotmail.com) for more information.

**LifeLine Screening**

**What:** Non-invasive and painless screening using doppler ultrasound technology for Stroke, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Disease and Osteoporosis.

**When:** Wednesday, **October 24**

**Where:** Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Avenue

**Info:** Pre-registration is required. (800) 324-1851

**Cost:** Complete Wellness Package (all 4 screenings) - \$129.

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## ***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 in the “A Community United” e-mail newsletter. Our feature this edition is:

The logo for Discount Tire features the words "Discount Tire" in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is a different color: 'D' is purple, 'i' is red, 's' is orange, 'c' is yellow, 'o' is green, 'n' is light green, 'T' is blue, 'i' is purple, and 'r' is purple. The letters have a slight shadow effect.

**Discount Tire** provides retail sales of tires, wheels and related accessories and services. Employees are skilled and knowledgeable experts in their field. Discount Tire is located at 6635 W. 95 St., (708) 233 9026. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. Saturday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Closed on Sundays. ***Discount Tire will repair Oak Lawn residents flat tires and rotate tires for free.***

***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](mailto:information@oaklawn-il.gov)***