



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter November 20, 2007



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



## **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**A Mini Holiday Parade from the Police Department  
to the Gazebo will begin at 3:00 p.m.**

**Santa Claus will arrive with the Parade and be  
available for pictures and to hear children's requests.  
(bring your camera)**

**The Hospitality Tent will feature face painters,  
Christmas Caroling by the Covington School Choir  
cookies and cocoa will be served.  
Tree Lighting Ceremony between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.**



**Our Children, Our Government -  
a partnership for the future**

"Our Children, Our Government - a partnership for the future" is a program initiated last year in the Village of Oak Lawn. Children from our community are elected by the principals of their school to participate in a morning of education at Village Hall. The eighth grade students spend time with the Mayor, Clerk, Village Manager, Fire and Police Chiefs, and the 911 Emergency Communications Director to get a first hand view of how their Village Government operates on a day to day basis.

On Friday, November 9, 2007, students from St. Catherine of Alexandria participated in the program. It was an enjoyable and educational morning and here is what one of the students had to say:

***“Thank you so much for inviting me and Pat to come to the Village Hall! I learned a lot about our government and had a great time. One of my favorite departments was the Communications Department. I thought it was really fascinating how our neighborhood can help out other parts of this area as well as our own. Please give my thanks to Mrs. Gorman for driving us back to school and I hope to see you around the neighborhood and at Oak Lawn Park District!”***

***Sincerely,***

***Lily Carmody***

**HOLIDAY NEEDY PROGRAM**

Oak Lawn Family Service will be sponsoring a Holiday Needy Family Program again this year. The program is designed to help local residents and their families who are experiencing financial difficulties due to illness, unemployment, or other hardships. The program provides food, gift certificates, clothing, toys and gifts to Oak Lawn families. Any interested resident may call to make a donation or sponsor a family, preferably by December 15, 2006. Your contribution will provide a bit of happiness to many individuals and families during the holiday season. All referrals and donations can be made to Oak Lawn Family Service at (708) 423-3361.

## **CLERK QUINLAN INITIATES NEW VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

Village Clerk Jane M. Quinlan has initiated a new program wherein she will go out to several locations in the community to make it easier for residents to register to vote. "I think it's important that we don't force people to always have to come to Village Hall for their needs," she said. "People have very busy lives and we should make every effort to bring these services out into the neighborhoods to help them out."

Clerk Quinlan will be registering voters at several locations over the next few weeks in preparation for the February 5, 2008 presidential primary. Any person 18 years of age and older may register to vote with a valid Illinois State Driver's license or State ID. Your identification must have your current address information. You may register at the following locations:

**Oak Lawn Library,  
5300 W 95<sup>th</sup> St.  
Monday, November 26  
7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Oak Lawn Train Station  
Monday, December 3  
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**St. Germaine Church Lobby  
9735 S. Kolin Ave.  
Sunday, December 9  
8:00 – 10:30 am**

### ***Your questions...our answers***

***You asked:*** I saw the new 35 gallon garbage toter that the Village has for seniors. Is it to late too sign up and get one?

***We answered:*** No, it's not too late. Please call us at (708) 636-4400 and we'll make sure you get the smaller one in exchange for your current blue toter.

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



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

**Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corp  
Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army**

**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. Zylus, 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**

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)



**The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23** in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no garbage service on Thanksgiving. Service will be pushed back one day on Thursday and Friday. **Leaf Bags** are available at the Cashier Window at the Village Hall. A roll of 20 costs \$7.50. Leaf bag & yard waste pick up continues through **December 15**.

**Senior Bus** is available to Oak Lawn residents with disabilities and Senior Citizens. Applications are available at the Village Hall, the Senior Center or by calling (708) 499-7820. Qualifying residents are allowed one round trip anywhere in Oak Lawn or to Chicago Ridge Mall. The bus runs on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance between 8:00 am and 12:00 Noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### ***Pamper Me Silly – Fundraising Event for U.S. Servicewomen in Iraq***

**What:** A fundraising event hosted by Hearts Afire Passion Parties to raise monies to purchase “girlie gifts”, makeup, lotions, other female necessities and Christmas decorations for servicewomen serving overseas in Iraq. Many vendors appealing to women will be available for your shopping pleasure. Split the pot.

**When:** Friday, **November 30**, 8:30 – 11:30 pm

**Where:** BJ McMahon’s, 5432 W 95 St.

### ***Christmas at Marist***

**What:** Come celebrate Christmas Chicago Style with diverse foods representing the many neighborhoods of the city: Little Italy, Chinatown, Greek Town, Maxwell Street and the good old Southside. Entertainment provided by World Class Noise & the Marist Chorus

**When:** Saturday, **December 1**, 6:30 pm - Midnight

**Where:** Marist High School, 4200 W 115<sup>th</sup>, (773) 881-5374

**Cost:** \$25 in advance & \$30 at the door. Cash bar

### ***Free Family Concert***

**What:** An interactive sing-along concert of original music and traditional folk tunes with a twist

**When:** Sunday, **December 2**, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

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

### ***Christmas Craft Workshop***

**What:** Christmas carols and tree lighting. Children can make a variety of crafts and their own edible gingerbread house. Crafts cost from 10 cents to one dollar. Refreshment stand and Christmas Treasure sale.

**When:** Sunday, **December 2**, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. (708) 422-4200

### ***Family Game Night***

**What:** Games, trivia challenges, Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) and more. All ages welcome

**When:** Thursday, **December 6**, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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

### ***Breakfast with Santa***

**What:** Enjoy an abundant holiday breakfast with Santa and his helpers.

**When:** Sunday, **December 9**. Two seating times: 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

**Where:** The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

**Cost:** Adults - \$22. Children 3-12 - \$15. 2 and under – free. Reservations required, (708) 229-8850

## ***SPORTS & RECREATION***

### ***Holly Days – Figure Skating Exhibition and Craft Show***

**When:** Saturday, **December 8**, 4:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton.

## **YOUR HEALTH**

### **Iceberg vs. Kale**

Did you know that iceberg lettuce is very low in nutrients compared to other members of this leafy green vegetable family? Replace iceberg lettuce with kale, swiss chard, dandelion greens, beet greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, spinach and chicory greens to get more bang for your buck.

## **JUST FOR SENIORS**

### **Seniorcise**

**What:** For seniors age 60 and up who want to get in shape and have some fun.

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, **January 8 – March 6.** 8:30 – 9:30 am

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

## **TEEN SCENE**

### **Auditions for the musical “Fame”**

**When:** **December 10 & 11** at 7:30 pm

**Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (780) 857-2200

### **Woodfield Christmas Shopping**

**What:** Christmas shopping at Woodfield. Transportation and light breakfast Will be provided.

**When:** Saturday, **December 8,** 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Info:** (708) 857-2200. Registration deadline is **November 26.**

## **SCHOOLS**

### **School District 123 Early Childhood Screening**

**What:** Children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social, and speech/language development. The district boundaries are: North-87<sup>th</sup> St., South-107<sup>th</sup> St, East-Pulaski Rd., West-Central Ave.

**When:** **January 14, February 11, March 10, April 28, May 19, 2008**

**Where:** Brandt School, 8901 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Registration:** (708) 423-8363. Free for residents

## **PARK LAWN'S NEW YEAR CASH RAFFLE**

Tickets: 3 for \$25 or 9 for \$50

Drawing: January 15, 2008

1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$300

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> prizes: \$200

Purchase all 9 New Year Cash Raffle tickets and you are eligible to participate in the special Bonus Bonanza raffle. For an additional \$10 you can purchase a separate chance to win two airline tickets on AirTran Airlines. Plus, your additional \$10 ticket purchase will be matched \$1 for every \$2 by the Coleman Foundation and will be allocated to Park Lawn's Capital Campaign to rebuild Park Lawn Center. Contact Laurie Leiser at (708) 425-6867 or email at [lleiser@parklawn.com](mailto:lleiser@parklawn.com)

## **THANK YOU TO OUR 2007 FALL ON THE GREEN GOLD SPONSORS**

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

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

## ***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:



**Whitney's Bar & Grille**, located in the **Hilton Oak Lawn**,  
9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, 708/229-8888,  
invites diners to enjoy **\$5 OFF Lunch Entrée** or **\$10 OFF Dinner Entrée**  
*with this coupon* during the month of November.

Whitney's fresh seasonal menu and casually elegant atrium atmosphere offer the perfect setting for a great meal, at a surprisingly affordable price.

The award-winning **Whitney's Bar & Grille** is open 7 days a week for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and the always popular Sunday Breakfast Buffet.

**Hilton**  **Oak Lawn**

*~ Please present coupon prior to ordering. Not valid with other offers or on holidays. Close to \$Mktg. ~*

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