



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

December 1, 2008

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Part-Time Police to be added to Oak Lawn force

The Village Board has approved a new program which will put more police officers on the streets. At the November 25, 2008 meeting, the Board voted to supplement the current force with fully trained police officers who will work part-time shifts in Oak Lawn. The program has an annual budget of \$250,000-\$300,000 which will be paid from traffic fines, as opposed to an increase in taxes. "I believe we have to be proactive when it comes to safety," Mayor Heilmann said. "In a very difficult economy, with municipal revenues shrinking, this is a way we can increase safety for our residents, give assistance to the excellent police team we have in place, and not impose another financial burden on homeowners."

Candidates for the positions must meet strict requirements, including having completed and passed either the 480 hour Illinois Certified Police Officer Training or the 400 Part Time Certification Course, completed a 40 hour mandatory firearms training course, and submit to an extensive background investigation by the Chief of Police.

The program will be implemented in 2009. Interviews will be scheduled through the Oak Lawn Police Department. For more information candidates may call 708.422.8292



Leaf Bags are available at the Cashier Window at the Village Hall. Environmentally friendly yard waste 33g paper bags are 5 for \$2. Leaf bag pick up will continue through December 15.

Residential Rental Property Owners' Annual Registration Forms should be completed and returned to the Village Hall by January 31, 2009. This applies to both single family and multi unit buildings. Forms and copies of the ordinance are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at www.oaklawn-il.gov.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Breakfast with Santa

What: Join Santa for a delicious breakfast while listening to delightful holiday music. Photos with Santa available.

When: Saturday, **December 6**, 9:00 am seating.

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2200

Cost: \$7 – cash bar

Santa Claus is coming to the Children's Museum

What: Santa will be visiting the Children's Museum. Each family will receive a free digital photo of their child/children with Santa with the Museum admission. (Santa's visit is sponsored by Chicago Parent Magazine)

When: Saturday, **December 6**, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Where: Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, 9600 East Shore Drive.

Cost: Admission to Museum: Child - \$3.50. Adult - \$4.

Info: 708.423.6709

Seasons Greetings with the "Ultimate Entertainer"

What: Vocalist Lisa Pappas has appeared in numerous theatre productions and has made several radio appearances in Los Angeles. Buffet will be served.

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2200

When: Wednesday, **December 10**, 12:15 pm

Cost: Adult – \$13. Children (10 & under) \$5. Cash bar.



Holiday Mail for Heroes

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes, Inc. are teaming up to send holiday cards to members of the military and their families in the United States and around the world. Until Wednesday, December 10, the public is invited to send holiday cards with their message of thanks and cheer to a special post office box. The cards will be sorted, packaged and delivered to military bases, veteran's hospitals and military hospitals during the holidays.

Holiday Mail for Heroes
P.O. Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456



SENIOR NEWS

Free Rides for Seniors

What: Seniors 65 and older may take free public transit rides on fixed routes by CTA, RTA, Metra and Pace. Applicants are required to complete a short form and present a government issued identification card to verify age. A photo will be taken if needed.

When: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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

Your questions...our answers

You asked: How do I get a larger recycle toter?

We answered: 96g yard waste toters are now available at \$35 (\$70 value). There is no weight restrictions with these toters. Also available are 55g rain barrels for \$40. Additional 64g recycle toters, a new larger 96g recycle toter and the 18g recycle bins are free. Forms are available at the Village Hall. Delivery is within one week of order. Please note on your form if you want your old container to be exchanged for the new toter.

Remember the Village receives 50% of the recycling profits. Please support the Village in our efforts to go green and earn some green in the process. Thank you for your participation in this great cause!

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

YOUR HEALTH

Tips for protecting your heart when shoveling

- Start shoveling as soon as it starts to snow before it gets too heavy.
- Take breaks and drink plenty of water.
- Use proper form and equipment. The correct size shovel will require less work on your part and make shoveling easier. Lift with your knees instead of your back. Pushing instead of lifting puts less strain on your body.
- Do not eat a heavy meal prior to shoveling.
- Listen to your body. If your body is sending you signals, stop and take a break until your reenergized.
- Do not pick up too much snow at once. It takes longer to do small loads of snow but it places less strain on your heart, back and neck.
- Avoid alcohol prior to shoveling

Be a Little Angel this Holiday Season



Oak Lawn Family Service will continue in the tradition of sharing this Holiday Season by facilitating a Charitable Drive for Families in Need. The program is designed to help local residents and their families currently experiencing a financial hardship due to illness, unemployment, etc. The program provides food, gift certificates and gifts to families. Your contribution will ensure that as many individuals and families as possible will have a nice holiday.

We are currently collecting donations for the Christmas Drive. Please consider the suggestions below when planning your donation:

Gift Certificates: Target, Toys R Us, K-mart, or other local stores

Food Gift certificates: Jewel, Dominick's, Freshline, Boston Market

Food: Non-perishable items such as canned goods and other fixings to prepare a Holiday meal can be dropped off at our office. Perishable items such as frozen turkeys/meat, fruits, vegetables and dairy, ***may be accepted but will require advance notice.***

Please call us at your earliest convenience to let us know that you will be a "Little Angel." We look forward to hearing from you. We would appreciate if donations can be dropped off by Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Oak Lawn Family Service
9401 S. 53rd Court
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-423-3361
familyservice@oaklawn-il.gov

Thank you for your support!

If you are, or know someone in need, please contact us at the above phone number or email.

FEMA EXTENSION THROUGH DECEMBER 16

Residents and businesses now have through December 16 to file their application for federal assistance for damages incurred by this past fall's catastrophic flooding. You may apply for assistance online at www.fema.gov or contact FEMA at 800.621.3362.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Holiday Break Fun Camp

What: Each day holiday crafts will be made, holiday movies will be shown and a lot of games and activities. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes.

When: Monday, **December 22** and Tuesday, **December 23**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. On Monday, **December 29** there is a field trip to the Racquet, Fitness & Gymnastics Center. On Tuesday, **December 30**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm there is a field trip to the Ice Arena. Registration deadline-**December 15**.

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., 708.857.2200

Cost: Residents - \$30. Non residents - \$42.

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce 2009 CheckAwards Gift Books \$30.00

Gift checkbooks (valued at over \$600) are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 5314 W. 95th St. Present one for a monetary discount applied to your purchase when shopping or dining at any of the participating Oak Lawn businesses. Cash, checks, Visa/Mastercard/Discover are accepted.

For further information contact the Chamber at 708.424.8300 or office@oaklawnchamber.com

**Annie's, Ltd. * Archer Bank * Art Clay World * Augle Photography Studio *
Avenue Florist * Baja Sol Tortilla Grill * Beggars Pizza * Chez Paul
Limousine * Coldstone Creamery * Deja Brew * Heaven Sent * Huck Finn
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* Oak Lawn Car Wash * Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena & Pools * Papa
Joe's * Serendipity * SportClips * Studio 21 Salon & Spa * The BookEnds
Café * The 95th Street Grille * The Children's Museum * Top Notch
Beefburgers * Touch of Sun Tanning * Tuzik's Bakery * Vino Tinto Wine Bar*



You are invited to the new Ronald McDonald House®



**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE NEAR
ADVOCATE HOPE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO
COME VISIT OUR NEW "HOME AWAY FROM HOME"
FOR FAMILIES OF PEDIATRIC PATIENTS BEING
TREATED AT ADVOCATE HOPE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**When: Saturday, December 13th from 10:00am-3:00pm
The Last tour will begin at 2:30pm
Where: 4410 W. 93rd St; Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

**If you have any questions, call us at 708-423-5285!
No RSVP Needed to Attend.
Parking available in the hospital lots**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Blue Man Group

What: Production at the Briar Street Theatre in Chicago.
When: Wednesday, **December 3**, departs at 12 Noon and returns at 5:00 pm
Where: Wheelchair accessible motorcoach bus leaves from Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.
Cost: \$50 for Oak Lawn residents and \$60 for non-residents. 708.857.2200

Unplanned Parenthood – A One-Man Comedy Show

What: Comedy show starring Ken Kaz with appetizers, drinks and raffle.
When: Saturday, **December 6**, 6:30 pm
Where: St. Gerald's Chapell Hall, Southwest Highway & Central Ave.
Cost: \$30 tickets can be purchased at St. Gerald's, 708.422.0234

The Bucket List

What: Showing of the move "The Buck List", starring Jack Nicholson & Morgan Freeman
When: Wednesday, **December 10**, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., 708.422.4990

It's A Wonderful Life in Munster, Indiana

When: Thursday, **December 11**, departs at 11:00 am and returns at 5:00 pm
Where: Wheelchair accessible motorcoach bus leaves from Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.
Cost: \$50 for Oak Lawn residents and \$60 for non-residents. 708.857.2200

Sunday With Friends – Chicago Christmas Nostalgia

What: Reminisce with Larry & Clare Bergnach about Chicagoland holiday traditions and celebrations of the past in this variety show.
When: Sunday, **December 14**, 2:00 pm
Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., 708.422.4990

Parent Forum & Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Come out once a month to discuss, review and suggest new ideas or program strategies! Also, meet other parents of children with disabilities. Staff will be provided to watch children during the meeting. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. For further information, please contact Jacqueline Canty @ 708.857.2200 or jcanty@olparks.com

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 (708) 422-5180.

PADS Homeless Shelters

To volunteer to work at one of 29 overnight shelters in the South Suburbs call 708.754.4357 and ask for Denise.

Christmas Care Program

Worth Township is need of new or “gently” used outdoor wear (jackets, coats, hats, mittens, scarves and boots – no other clothing) New toys only, gift certificates or a monetary contribution to enable the Township to purchase new clothing and toys. Please make your check out to “Town of Worth” with a note on the memo portion indicating “Christmas Care Program”. For further information please contact 708.371.2900.

2009 CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now offering a commemorative 2009 Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Calendar with more than 70 historic photographs from the Library’s Local History archives. Each month highlights a different aspect of Village history. The cost is \$12 and are available at the Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 708.422.4990.



**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
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 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.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Blue Man Group

What: Bus trip to see the Blue Man Group on a wheelchair accessible motor coach bus at the Briar Street Theatre in Chicago.

When: Wednesday, **December 3**, bus departs - 12:00 noon, returns - 5:00 pm

Where: Bus will depart from the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Cost: Oak Lawn residents - \$50. Non residents - \$60. 708.857.2200

It's A Wonderful Life in Munster, Indiana

What: The Oak Lawn Park District is hosting a trip to see It's A Wonderful Life at Theatre at the Center in Munster Indiana on Thursday, **December 11**.

When: The wheelchair accessible motor coach will depart from Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. at 11:00 am and will return at 5:00 pm.

Cost: Oak Lawn residents - \$50. Non residents - \$60. 708-857-2200.

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:

Kids Eat FREE
on Mondays!*

Jason's deli®

*Limit 2 free Junior Meals
per purchase of an adult entrée
Dine-in only after 4 PM

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708-233-0368

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No. _____

This Gift Certificate Entitles - VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN RESIDENT

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and/or \$5.00 off any hair or skin care product

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TUESDAY - SATURDAYS

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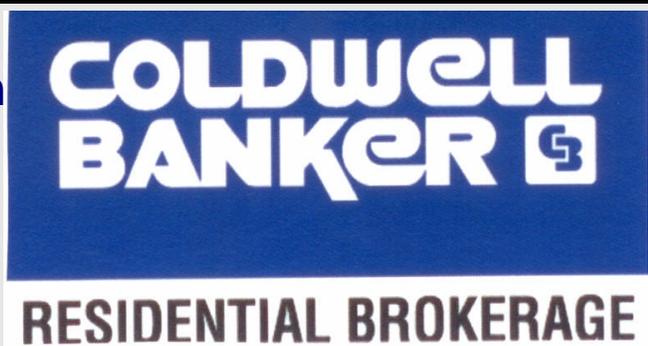


The Daly Agency
2553 W. 111th St.
Chicago, IL 60655
866.419.6697
ldaly77@yahoo.com

Village resident Larry Daly, a Family Protection Advisor and owner of The Daly Agency, has created a website for parents regarding Teen Driver Insurance. <http://www.teendriverinsurance.com/il-Daly>. The website was designed to provide information for parents of teenage drivers regarding safety, awareness and tips on how to lower insurance costs. It is a tool to educate parents can use to lessen the stress that most parents face when their children move into the driver's seat. It contains an online driver safety course, a listing of more than 100 teen driver safety tips, teen driver/parent driving contract, parental testimonials and links to many other organizations that provide helpful information. He also writes a free monthly e-zine "Driver's Seat" for which you may subscribe to through the website. Give Larry a call at his office at if you have any questions or would like help with your protection.

The Grant/Widel Team

Terry, Kai and Dawn
Coldwell Banker
Residential Brokerage
708.424.4000



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