



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

December 3, 2010

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF OAK LAWN



The holiday season is upon us!

Please visit & support the local businesses in Oak Lawn. Our local businesses are a vital part of our community because they provide economic growth, new jobs, and a sense of community. Local businesses also provide sponsorships for the Village of Oak Lawn's Special Events. These sponsorships enable the Village to offer awesome events to its residents each year. Here are just some of the events Oak Lawn offers:

Easter Egg Hunt
MS-Walk
Summer Concerts
4th of July Parade
Irish Music Festival
Pumpkin Fest

Pet Parade
Movies on the Green
Classic Car Show
Fall on the Green
Santa on the Green

Please browse the list of sponsors for Fall on the Green at the end of the newsletter.



HAPPY SHOPPING!



Message From Your Village Manager,

Dear Fellow Oak Lawn Home Owners, Residents, and Businesses,

Our community operates on a budget approved annually by your Mayor and Board of Trustees. The Village Manager and his management team prepare a financial plan which is submitted to the Governing Board for their review and approval. The Board then deliberates “in public” prior to adopting the budget also “at a meeting open to the public”. The First Budget workshop was held November 10, 2010 and another one was held Wednesday, December 1, 2010. The public hearing to adopt the budget will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

For the sixth consecutive year the “recommended” budget calls for no property tax increase. The Village Manager for 2011 has recommended a levy rate “below one” which historically has not occurred for over a decade. Department Heads have done an excellent job of keeping operating costs down and most of our labor unions have also played a responsible role.

The Illinois State Assembly has approved legislation that “starts” the necessary reform for police and fire pensions that are significantly funded by local property tax payers. The proposed bill is only a start. It is essential to get our fiscal house in order. Oak Lawn officials have wisely managed your local police and fire pension funds but over the years state legislators have been lobbied hard and subsequently have approved benefits that cannot be financially sustained nor logically justified in today’s economic climate. Your local officials get saddled with the “financial impact” of these benefits when it comes to funding these “state mandated benefit enhancements”.

The reform recommended will not unfairly nor adversely impact those already retired. Oak Lawn Village Associates have always been treated fairly and will so in the future. The “central issue” that must not be lost in this public debate concerns “fairness to the Oak Lawn home owners and businesses”. Your overall tax burden is already too high and moderation must be achieved. That has been the central goal of your Governing Body in Oak Lawn and the administration has recommended the necessary steps to get results.

The financial plan submitted to the Board by the village administration will still provide for the quality mix of services you have come to expect and appreciate in concert with continued investment in our streets, water and sewer infrastructure, and Village grounds. The expanded program of special events and community celebrations will continue and strides to improve each and everyone incrementally are taken.

Economic development in your community is another focus that continues to be front and center. Auto dealerships, hotels, general merchandise retail, and restaurants have all been hit hard by the national economic downturn. The Village can help them the most by not increasing the property tax levy rate and continuing a high level of service delivery. We have provided other assistance and acquired strategic properties to assist in long term growth plans. These decisions are not always met with approval nor understanding by some, and the village administration respects that, however, encourages all residents to contact the village manager who will be more than happy to discuss why municipalities across our country are involved financially in such activities.

As we conclude our first year following our village's centennial celebration and enter the holiday season, all of us serving you in your Village of Oak Lawn administration, wish you and your family and friends a warm and joyous 2010 Holiday Season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry R. Deetjen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry R. Deetjen
Village Manager

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN



Oak Lawn Police Department's Walk & Talk Patrol:

The OLPD's Walk & Talk holiday patrol will begin around the Thanksgiving shopping season. This patrol will run until New Year's Day. Police officers will be on foot-patrol in and around our local shopping areas to provide for your safety. And thanks to a grant secured by the OLPD there will be more patrols than in prior years.

Yard Waste & Leaf Pick-Up:

Last day for yard waste pick up is Friday, December 3, 2010. Last day for leaf pick up is Friday, December 10, 2010.

**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WILL BE PROVIDING THE RESIDENTS WITH LIVE
CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**



For single family residences:

**Pickup is scheduled for the day after your garbage day.
Tuesday, December 28, 2010 to Monday, January 10, 2011
(Weather Pending)**

Residents are encouraged to recycle their live tree by placing the tree curbside, keeping it visible if snowfall should occur and making sure the tree is free of tinsel, lights, metal, ornaments & bags.

If the tree has tinsel, lights, metal, ornaments & bags and is placed with the garbage on garbage day, Veolia will pickup the tree as regular refuse.

For multi-family residences:

**Drop off is one day: Monday, January 10, 2010
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

@ The Public Works Garage

**5532 West 98th Street, Oak Lawn (Central Avenue & 98th Street)
The tree must be free of tinsel, lights, metal, ornaments, & bags.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS
“GREEN” PROGRAM.**

**“THINK GREEN, LIVE GREEN”
The Oak Lawn Green Team**

**If you have questions, please contact us at greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov
Or (708) 499-7756**



WAYS TO BE “GREEN” DURING THE HOLIDAYS



USE TIMERS for your indoor and outdoor lighting.



GET A FAKE TREE; check first to see which materials are best for the earth.



IF YOU GET A REAL TREE be sure to put it out to be recycled 2 weeks after Christmas. (See Website for more details...)



USE NEWSPAPER OR THE SUNDAY COMICS as wrapping paper.



RECYCLE WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT BOXES AND TISSUE PAPER. Only paper wrapping paper can be recycled. No laminated paper, wrapping paper with glitter, foil wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, string, and plastic wrap.



USE GROCERY BAGS MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL as wrapping for your Christmas gifts. Ask the recipient to use the bag when shopping.

WAYS TO BE “GREEN” DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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USE SOLAR POWERED OUTDOOR LIGHTS.



GIVE OLD CLOTHES AND TOYS to a needy organization.



Instead of buying gifts, GIVE A DONATION to a needy organization.



Give the gift of time by VOLUNTEERING.



IF YOU GET A GIFT YOU DON'T LIKE, give it to a needy organization.



CARPOOL when going holiday shopping & PLAN YOUR ROUTE to be fuel efficient.



Instead of driving downtown to go shopping, TAKE THE OAK LAWN METRA TRAIN which has trains running Monday through Saturday.



Instead of traveling to other cities, towns and villages, SHOP OAK LAWN'S LOCAL BUSINESSES.

WAYS TO BE “GREEN” DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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Do an inventory of your pantry. IF YOU HAVE EXTRA FOOD, give it to a local food pantry.



Many toys and electronic gifts use BATTERIES. When the batteries are used up, drop the dead batteries at one of the battery collection bins at the Village Hall, the Metra Train Station or Oak Lawn Park District Facilities.



If you get a new CELL PHONE, donate your old one to the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” at the Village Hall, Oak Lawn Library or an Oak Lawn Park District Facility.

From the Mayor, the Village Clerk, the Village of Oak Lawn Board of Trustees & the Oak Lawn Green Team!

For more information visit us at: www.oaklawn-il.gov or greeteam@oaklawn-il.gov.

“THINK GREEN, LIVE GREEN”



Electronic-Waste Recycling Facility Information

The Village of Oak Lawn, to further our commitment to making our Village "GREENER", is now operating a permanent Electronic Recycling collection program for our community. All residents are welcome to participate by recycling old, broken and no longer wanted or needed electronics.

The collection site is located at the Village of Oak Lawn Public Works Garage located at **5532 W. 98th Street.**

Grand Opening: Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 2 PM to 4 PM

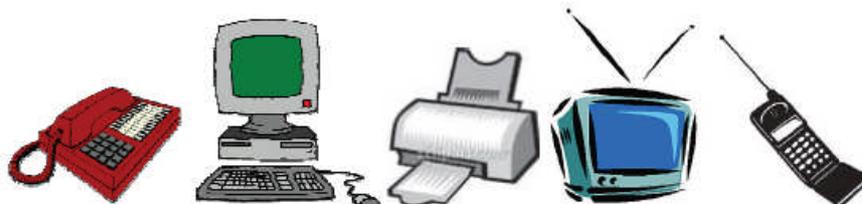
The 2nd Saturday of each month: 10 AM to 12 PM.

Accepted Items:

- Personal Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Radios
- Printers
- Keyboards/
Electronic Mouse
- CPUs, CD
ROM/Zip/Tape
Drive
- CDs, DVDs,
Floppies, etc.
- Speakers/Stereo
Systems
- Televisions
- VCR, DVD, Laser
Disc Players
- Hand Held Games
- Video Game
Systems
- Word Processors
- Fax/ Scanner
Machines
- Adding Machines
- Telephone/Cell
Phones
- CBs'/Two Way
Radios
- Paper Shredders
- Answering Machines
- Pagers
- Batteries
(Automotive / Deep
cycle, rechargeable,
single use etc)

Please see our website www.oaklawn-il.gov for further details.

The hauling of any and all items from the resident's vehicle to the collection containers is the sole responsibility of the resident.



RECYCLE HERE
MIX ALL RECYCLABLES
DEPOSITE TODO LO RECICLABLE AQUÍ



Glass jars & bottles
 Botellas y envases de vidrio



Aluminum cans, foil & pie tins
 Latas, papel y recipientes de aluminio



Tin or steel cans
 Latas de acero u hojalata



Cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc
 Cajas de cereal, tubos de cartón, etc.



Cardboard (flatten all boxes)
 Cajas de cartón (desarmadas)



Telephone books
 Directorios telefónicos



Junk mail
 Correspondencia publicitaria



Plastic bottles & containers
 Botellas y envases de plástico



Magazines & catalogs
 Revistas y catálogos



Newspaper & inserts
 Periódicos y propaganda



Office paper & file folders
 Papel de oficina



Paper bags
 Bolsas de papel

PLEASE:

- **NO** styrofoam
 Hule espuma
- **NO** electronics
 Electrónicos
- **NO** ceramics or dishes
 Cerámicas
- **NO** food waste
 Desperdicios de comida
- **NO** plastic grocery bags
 Bolsas de plástico
- **NO** motor oil containers
 Envases de aceite automotriz
- **NO** hazardous waste containers
 Envases de químicos o contaminantes
- **NO** light bulbs, window glass or mirrors
 Lámparas, ventanas de vidrio o espejos
- **NO** yard waste
 Desperdicios de jardín

Place bagged yard waste next to your carts for recycling (from April - November)
 Coloque la bolsa con desperdicios de jardín al lado de su bote de basura para reciclar
 (desde el mes de abril hasta noviembre)

NO GARBAGE
BASURA

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN

Village of Oak Lawn
www.oaklawn-il.gov

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 call 636-4400.

You can also visit www.Earth911.com to learn about alternate sites to bring your recyclable items that the Village cannot take curbside.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

For information regarding:
Rain Barrels, yard waste totes and
additional recycling options
Please call the Village Hall for more
information at (708) 636-4400



Cell Phones for Soldiers

The Village of Oak Lawn Green Team and the Oak Lawn Park District are actively collecting Cell Phones for the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” charity. Please consider donating your old phones.

Bring them to The Oak Lawn Village Hall, Oak Lawn Library,
and Oak Lawn Park District!



PARKWAY TREE PLANTING



**Increase your property values.
Reduce storm water pressure.
Cool your yard with increased shade.
Beautify Oak Lawn!**

**Deadline:
Extended to December 31, 2010**

**Your cost:
\$65.00 for Oaks
\$75.00 for all other trees**

**Contact us today!
(708) 499-7098
hgreen@oaklawn-il.gov
www.oaklawn-il.gov**

OAK LAWN'S GREENTEAM



Help Oak Lawn go Green!

The Village of Oak Lawn's Green Team wants to help its residents learn, practice & participate in recycling events and programs.

The Green Team provides such programs as: Electronic Waste Recycling Facility, Cell Phones for Soldiers, and Battery Recycling.

Do you have questions about recycling?

Would you like to join the Green Team?

Would you like to volunteer?

Please contact the Green Team at:
(708) 499-7750

or

www.oaklawn-il.gov

www.Greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov



**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
WILL BE CLOSED FOR
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS ON THE
FOLLOWING DAYS:**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2010
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010
(OBSERVED)**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011
(OBSERVED)**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



VILLAGE CONTACTS

Executive Offices:

Mayor's Office: (708) 499-7740
Assistant to the Mayor: (708) 499-7742

Village Manager's Office: (708) 499-7743
Village Clerk's Office: (708) 499-7738
Assistant to Village Manager & Village Clerk: (708) 499-7744

Village Trustees:

District 1: Jerry Hurckes (708) 346-7001
District 2: Alex Olejniczak (708) 346-7002
District 3: Robert Streit (708) 346-7003
District 4: Tom Duhig (708) 346-7004
District 5: Carol Quinlan (708) 346-7005
District 6: Tom Phelan (708) 346-7006

Human Resources Department: (708) 499-7882

Finance Department (Cashier): (708) 499-7777

Community Services Department: (708) 423-3361

Public Works Department: (708) 499-7750

Building Department: (708) 499-7802
(708) 499-7803

Water Department: (708) 499-7747

Water Department - Bills Inquiries: (708) 499-7762



VILLAGE CONTACTS (Continued)

<u>Engineering Department:</u>	(708) 499-7814
<u>Police Department (Non-Emergency):</u>	(708) 422-8292
<u>Animal Control Department:</u>	(708) 499-7720
<u>Health & Sanitation Inspector:</u>	(708) 499-7820
<u>Business Operations Department:</u>	(708) 499-7821 (708) 499-7837
<u>Police Department: Administration</u>	(708) 499-7724
<u>Communications Department:</u>	(708) 499-7787
<u>Emergency Operations Department:</u>	(708) 636-5141 (708) 636-5142
<u>Fire Department Non-Emergency:</u>	(708) 499-7700



Veolia Environmental Services

**Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (708) 409-9700
Fax: (708) 450-9179**

Holiday Service Schedule for garbage pick up:

The following holidays will affect your service:

**New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day**

Service will be delayed one day following the holiday.

Senior Discount

Senior Citizens may be eligible for a senior citizen discount for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection service.

To be eligible you must be 65 years old and the owner of the record for the residence. Please call Veolia at (708) 409-9700 for the procedure to follow to secure your discount.

DISTRICT 123 EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Children ages 3-5 years will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self-help, social, and speech/language development. Early childhood professionals will present "game-like" activities to your child that will assess developmental skills. The results will be reviewed with you by a district professional.

ALL PRESCHOOLERS who reside within District 123 boundaries are eligible to attend free of charge.

The district boundaries are as follows:

**North - 87th Street
South - 107th Street
East - Pulaski Road
West - Central Avenue**

Screening results will tell you how your child is developing. Children develop and change quickly during the early years. A yearly check on their progress is suggested. Appointments are necessary.

To schedule an appointment please call:

Lola Vertucci at (708) 423-8363

Screening dates:

December 3, 2010

February 25, 2011

May 20, 2011



**Location:
Kolmar School
10425 S. Kolmar
Oak Lawn, IL 60453**

****You will be contacted by telephone prior to receiving a confirmation letter**

**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN'S
8TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY "GIVE A GIFT" DRIVE
Now through Friday, December 3, 2010
In support of the COURAGE PROGRAM
TOGETHER WE COPE & HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**



Accepting a wide variety of donations such as: receiving blankets, hand lotions, baby bottles, body lotions, bibs, purses, hooded towels, wallets, crib sheets, scarves, pacifiers, bottle washers, baby food, infant formula, diaper bags, diapers (size 1-6), baby toys, teething rings, new or gently used children's clothing in all sizes, new or gently used coats, winter jackets, scarves, gloves, mittens, boots, non-perishable food & gift cards.

Drop off donations at:

*Oak Lawn Village Hall
9446 S. Raymond Ave.*

For more information and/or questions, please contact:

*Jane Quinlan, Village Clerk at
(708) 499-7738 or jquinlan@oaklawn-il.gov*

Sponsored by:

**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
EMPLOYEES MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION
HAWK FORD**



**WORTH TOWNSHIP
YOUTH COMMISSION OFFICE**



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARE PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES TOYS & CLOTHING TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP THROUGH THE GENEROUS DONATIONS OF THE RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS LOCAL SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, SCOUTING, CHARITABLE, FRATERNAL & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR NUMEROUS FAMILIES TO ENJOY THIS TIME OF YEAR.

DONATIONS MAY INCLUDE NEW & GENTLY USED OUTDOOR WEAR SUCH AS JACKETS, COATS, HATS, MITTENS, SCARVES & BOOTS. (NO OTHER CLOTHING) NEW TOYS ONLY, GIFT CERTIFICATES OR MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO ENABLE THE TOWNSHIP TO PURCHASE NEW CLOTHING & TOYS. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TOWN OF WORTH" WITH A NOTE ON THE MEMO PORTION INDICATING "CHRISTMAS CARE PROGRAM".

ANY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



WORTH TOWNSHIP YOUTH COMMISSION CHRISTMAS CARE/ADOPT A FAMILY COAT DRIVE INFORMATION



Worth Township Youth Commission Office will accept new toys, new clothes & new and slightly used coats for families with young children who are experiencing financial difficulties through the holidays.



New toys are given to the families in your community by the generous donations from local businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and private families.

You can bring your donations to the Youth Commission Office through Thursday, December 23, 2010. Please bring unwrapped articles to the Youth Commission Office located at
WORTH TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL
11601 SOUTH PULASKI ROAD
ALSIP, IL 60803

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Sortino,
Youth Commission Director, at (708) 371-2900.



WORTH TOWNSHIP PRESENTS:
SANTA'S ROOM



CHILDREN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT CAN STOP IN &
VISIT SANTA ANYTIME DURING THE HOURS OF:

3:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

MONDAY – FRIDAY

DECEMBER 6, 2010 TO DECEMBER 10, 2010

DECEMBER 13, 2010 TO DECEMBER 17, 2010

AT

WORTH TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL

11601 SOUTH PULASKI ROAD

ALSIP, IL 60803

(ENTER THE MAIN DOOR OFF OF PULASKI ROAD)

A SMALL GIFT WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH CHILD WHO
VISITS SANTA.



HOPE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRESENTS: BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Sunday, December 5, 2010
Ridge Country Club
10522 South California Avenue
Chicago, IL

Two Seatings are available at
9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Children: \$15.00

Adults: 20.00

Full breakfast buffet with an omelet station, along with a variety of family-friendly entertainment and activities, including a storyteller, crafts and pictures with Santa Claus!

For Tickets: (847) 384-3430

Proceeds (\$) benefiting Hope Children's Hospital
Also, please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy
for the children at Hope



TEDDY BEARS FOR 
COMER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Please donate NEW Teddy Bears at the
Following locations:



Oak Lawn Senior Center
5330 West 95th Street



The Craft Show Store
5370 West 95th Street



For more information contact:
Carol Hopp at chopp@oaklawn-il.gov

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



11th ANNUAL KEVIN DOWLING
"CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS" TOY DRIVE



Saturday, December 4th
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

115 Bourbon Street
3359 West 115th Street

No Cost! Just bring a NEW toy or make a monetary donation!
Includes: Food, drinks, entertainment, crafts, and Santa will
have a gift for all children attending the event!

If you can't attend, a toy pick-up can be arranged, or you can mail donations to:

Mary Smith
10524 South Kenneth
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please make checks payable to "Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund".

You can also SPONSOR the event. Your name will be on all ads generated as well as on t-shirts and banners at the toy drive. Last year's event had 700 people in attendance!

For more information or to arrange for a toy pick-up, please contact:

Jim McKeever, (773) 972-6264 or jg.mckeever@comcast.net
Mary Fran Smith, (708) 499-3235 Pat O'Malley, (773) 238-8403
Kathy Kobiernicki, (708) 425-8192 Jim Dowling, (708) 774-9532

Or visit us at: www.kevindowlingscholarshipfund.com

All toys and donations will benefit: Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, Courage Programs of Oak Lawn, LaRibida Hospital and in memory of F. F. Tom Fenton, Loyola Hospital's Ronald McDonald Child Life Program and Burn Center.

"TO GIVE IS BETTER THAN TO RECEIVE"

**CALVIN CHURCH PRESENTS:
A Community Christmas Program
For YOU and YOUR Family**

JESUS SHINES!

Come & participate in a traditional Christmas program
by singing & acting out the Christmas Story!

For kids ages 5 to 12

Adults are invited to join the Calvin Church choir for this program.

KIDS'S PRACTICES:

Sundays, November 28th & December 5th
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 11th
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PERFORMANCE:

Sunday, December 12, 2010
At 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the performance.

Register online at _____ or

Call The Calvin Church Office at (708) 422-0790

Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We are located at 101st & Central Avenue in Oak Lawn
Come & be a part of a beloved Christmas tradition!



VIP RAFFLE TICKETS FOR MARIST HIGH SCHOOL



“Christmas around the World”
Saturday, December 4, 2010
7:00 p.m. to Midnight

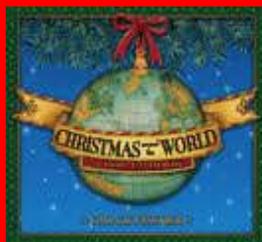
SPECIAL OFFER:
PRE-SALE VIP RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGE: \$150.00

VIP Package Includes:
Two tickets to the event

VIP Pre-Party in the ARC
From 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Open Bar: Beer & Wine and hors d'oeuvres
One entry in the
Christmas at Marist Tuition Raffle

For tickets: Mary & Dan Omiecinski @ (708) 425-2986
Danomic65@aol.com



MOTHER McAULEY PRESENTS: GIRLS NIGHT OUT!



Friday, December 10, 2010
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mother McAuley High School
3737 West 99th Street
Chicago, IL 60655
(773) 881-6500

A night of games and activities hosted by Mother McAuley's Clubs, Organizations and Intramurals. All 7th and 8th grade girls are invited to participate.

Registration:

www.mothermcauley.org/jr_hgi/GirlsNightOut2010.html

For more information please contact:
Nancy Lynch at (773) 881-6566 or
nlynch@mothermcauley.org

Girls Rule!

PARK LAWN LUCKY 5 RAFFLE



Drawing on Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Prize: \$1,500

3rd Prize: \$500

Tickets are \$50 each. Only 555 tickets will be sold.

For an additional \$15, you can purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket. The winner will split the pot with Park Lawn.

For more ticket information, please call:
Kristen at (708) 425-6867 or
Email Kristen at kbonk@parklawn.com or
Visit our website at www.parklawn.com



**ST. CATHERINE'S MEN'S CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010
8:30 P.M.
AFTER BASKETBALL GAMES**

**KANE HALL
ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL BASEMENT**

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**AGENDA ITEMS:
CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010
AT O'ROURKE'S OFFICE & MARTINI BAR**

**SPORTS NIGHT 2011:
PLANNING UPDATE**

**VOLUNTEER SIGNUPS:
2011 CLUB ACTIVITIES**



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Open late every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month

Join Us for Story Time
Everyday at 11:00 a.m.

WIN A BRAND NEW 2011 HYUNDAI SONATA
Just 1,000 Tickets will be sold!
Tickets are just \$50.00 each
Grand Prize Drawing to be held on December 18, 2010

GRAND PRIZE:
2011 HYUNDAI SONATA
From Happy Hyundai!

2ND Prize: Six Day Western Caribbean Cruise
And \$600.00 Airfare Allowance!

3rd Prize: \$250.00 Cash!

More Chances to Win!

Each week from September 14, 2010 to December 11, 2010
The Museum will draw a \$50.00 prize winner
The Winning Ticket will go back in the pot for the remaining \$50.00 prizes
& the 3 Grand Prizes

Tickets can be purchased at:
The Children's Museum
5100 Museum Drive
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
OR

Online at www.cmoaklawn.org

In the designation field, type SONATA
A copy of your completed ticket stub will be emailed to you.
All Proceeds benefit the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
For inquires or interviews, please contact Adam Woodworth
@ (708) 423-6709 X201

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM 
Christmas Tree at Brookfield Zoo

Come see our decorated Christmas tree at Brookfield Zoo located in the north mall near the carousel. The tree number is 253. Thank you to all the children who visited the museum to help make ornaments and make this year's tree a special one.

The Children's Museum 
Annual Gingerbread House Program

Come join us for our annual tradition that the museum has offered for years. For \$5.00 per house, we will provide the pre-assembled house, frosting, and candies. All you have to do is glue on the decorations and have fun! Many of our visitors return year after year for this annual Gingerbread House tradition. Inquire in the Art Room and staff will be able to get you a kit. This program is ongoing until Christmas.



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

"The Museum Doctor is in"



Dr. Kent Nelson and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital staff are partnering with the museum to present a series of educational topics that teach children about their bodies and promote wellness. A visiting senior pediatric resident doctor leads these activities, and gives children a great opportunity to learn from and interact with a pediatrician in a welcoming and positive, non medical and non-intimidating environment. This program takes place at 11:30 a.m. on the second floor. It is available to all visitors and no registration is necessary.

The subject for the month of December:
Winter Safety



**THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, December 11, 2010**



The museum will be offering various holiday crafts, games and caroling throughout the day. We are planning on a visit from Santa (but with his busy schedule we have not confirmed the time, yet). There will be additional activities like the Gingerbread Program and face painting for an additional fee. Come celebrate the fun of the holidays with us!

**For more information please call
(708) 423-6709**



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CINEVERSE, Oak Lawn's free weekly film discussion group, will meet to examine the following movies:

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Wednesday, December 1, 2010

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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 coleary@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 coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.

The Village of Oak Lawn would like to welcome home any of our service men and women by displaying their name on the marquee along 95th Street. Please feel free to call the Village Manager’s office at (708) 499-7742 with the information regarding your loved one’s homecoming.





I NEED ASSISTANCE. CAN FEMA HELP?

What kind of disaster assistance can FEMA provide?

It depends on the type of your disaster damages.

If your home is damaged and you cannot live there safely, you may be eligible for temporary housing assistance.

If you're a homeowner, you could also be eligible for money to help with the cost of repairing damages not covered by insurance.

Owners and renters could be eligible for money to help replace furniture, clothes or other damaged personal items.

If you have other serious disaster-related needs, you could be eligible for money to help with expenses such as medical, dental and transportation costs.

FEMA can help you contact other disaster recovery agencies that may be able to help you on the road to recovery. For example, you may be able to qualify for a low interest disaster loan through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will require a separate loan application.

What do I need to do?

If you have insurance, please call your insurance company before calling FEMA. Only damages that are NOT covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster

assistance. By law we can not duplicate benefits.

Apply for assistance with FEMA. Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 to apply by telephone.

What happens after I apply?

We will mail you a copy of your application and a copy of Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals and Households Program. After that, a FEMA inspector will contact you for an appointment to survey your damaged property if necessary.

How can I check the status of my application?

Go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or TTY 1-800-462-7585.

It's important to remember that FEMA programs offer temporary assistance and are not designed to return individuals to pre-disaster status.

What time period does FEMA assistance apply to?

Damages incurred between July 22 and August 7, 2010 may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

www.fema.gov

1-800-621-3362 or hearing impaired 1-800-462-7585



THE VILLAGE OF
OAK LAWN

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.

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 or mental handicap

In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots
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CHICAGO BEARS SCHEDULE

**Bears vs. New England Patriots
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HOME GAME**

**Bears vs. New York Jets
Sunday, December 26th @ 12:00 p.m.
HOME GAME**



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**DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
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9507 South Cicero Avenue
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The Village of Oak Lawn is happy to announce that we now have our very own Andy's Frozen Custard which opened on Thursday, November 11, 2010!

Andy's Frozen Custard began in Osage Beach, Missouri, when John and his wife Carol were looking for a change. John, who had sold everything from cars to real estate, took on the challenge of selling frozen custard. The venture has defined them as legendary Springfield, Missouri residents.

The first store at the lake took off like a rocket. Lines of people gathered to taste the incredible new treat. Inspired by their success, the family targeted Springfield, Missouri for their next location and new home. With their first location, they introduced supreme frozen custard to the city; a legacy was born.

John and Carol's son Andy worked long hours beside his high school sweetheart and soon-to-be wife Dana at the store in Springfield. Through hands-on work, Andy learned the business from the ground up, continually striving to expand and improve it.



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With the opening of the new locations and devoted new fans, Andy's Frozen Custard created quite the following, driven by a supreme product and unmatched customer service. At the heart of each Andy's is a fun work environment, where part time jobs for teens and full time positions for adults are valued equally, and all share in the fanaticism that brought Andy's to life.

Andy's Frozen Custard has 16 company & franchise stores located in several states. These little shops offer customers, near and far from its roots, a slice of hometown Americana, where it's fun to be a kid for a while.

Four locations in the Chicagoland area:
260 S. Weber Road, Bolingbrook
719 Church St., Evanston
Block 37, 108 N. State St., Chicago
9507 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn



Visit Andy's Frozen Custard Today!

You're invited!



Business-to-business open house:
Network with local business owners
Opportunity to share ideas, contacts and
business referrals
Support businesses in your local community

December 3rd, 2010 10 to 1PM
The UPS Store #1278
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Oak Lawn IL 60453
708-423-0059

Direct Mail

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L.A. BOXING
6310 West 95th Street
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(708) 599-UBOX (8269)
www.laboxing.com/oaklawn

The Village of Oak Lawn is happy to announce the opening of L.A. Boxing. L.A. Boxing is the world's largest boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts gym! We are offering a fool proof plan to lose weight, build muscle, release stress and take care of your body. All you have to do is show up. Built-in personal training with every membership and unlimited training options like boxing, kickboxing, self-defense, mixed martial arts, full-body conditioning, Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai, youth classes and a fully equipped weight room, cardio room, locker room and shower room.

We are not your typical health club! All of our classes are taught by professional-handpicked fighters, with years of experience, who bring you the advanced health and exercise benefits of real fight training. We have two main types of memberships and also offer kids classes. Our workouts have been proven to burn 800-1000 calories per hour. Our training is not based on aerobics or kicking and punching air (Tae Bo); we use real techniques, heavy bags and pads to get you into shape. The added impact of hitting a 150 lb. heavy bag helps produce quicker muscle tone and strength. Putting that in terms of food our unique classes burn about two quarter pounders worth of calories!



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L.A. Boxing membership is primarily focused on fitness aspect of martial arts. Here you will learn the basics, but not find yourself overwhelmed with technique nor will you have to ever worry about being punched. Our goal is to put you through an ultra-calorie workout which will, strengthen and tone your body while building endurance and functional fitness.

L.A. Boxing has a second type of membership which is their premium membership. The premium membership includes all of the above mentioned classes as well as Jiu Jitsu, Wrestling, Judo and Thai-boxing. Where the focus is more on technique and geared towards possible competition. The classes become more physical and are reserved for the members with the premium membership. You can of course choose to upgrade your membership whenever you like.

And finally at L.A. Boxing, boys and girls learn self-defense, self-confidence and discipline while having fun in a safe and entertaining group class format. And it's a great way for them to get out their energy and frustrations, too.



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The children will learn: **Self-confidence:** Children become more self-confident at L.A. Boxing because they progress at their own pace & are not compared to others. **Coordination:** Our youth program challenges the entire body, developing coordination, balance, agility and poise. **Discipline:** Boxing, Kickboxing, Jiu Jitsu and MMA training will help your child to discover that through self-discipline and perseverance he or she can accomplish almost anything. **Self defense:** L.A. Boxing teaches children to think instead of panic in potentially serious situations. And how to react to threats from other kids.

Please check out our website for a detailed description of classes and a virtual tour at www.laboxing.com/oaklawn.



Join L.A. Boxing today!



NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO OAK LAWN

If you are opening a new business in the Village of Oak Lawn, please contact the Mayor's Office at (708) 499-7742 or email us at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov. We will include your new business information in "A Community United" E-Newsletter for two weeks. **THIS SERVICE IS FREE.** Over 2,000 residents receive "A Community United" E-Newsletter every other Thursday. It is our way of welcoming you to the Village of Oak Lawn and letting the residents learn about a new business in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of "A Community United" E-Newsletter. If you are interested in receiving the E-Newsletter via regular mail or email, please contact Carmie O'Leary at (708) 499-7742 or email your request at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.