



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter December 19, 2007



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Holiday Wishes

As we approach Christmas and the Holidays, I wish you good health, peace, and wonderful moments with your families. It is a very special time of the year, and hopefully we all take the time out of our busy and fast paced lives to enjoy the season and the company of those who mean so much to us.

On behalf of the entire Village staff and our families, Happy Holidays to all of you.

We're looking forward to another great year in Oak Lawn.

Dave Heilmann

Your questions...our answers

You asked: How do I sign up for the Senior Discount on my utility bill?

We answered: Seniors aged 65 and older are eligible for a discount on the refuse portion of their utility bill. Seniors pay \$54.78 quarterly while non-seniors \$59.85. To sign up for the discount, bring your state identification and utility bill to the Public Works counter located in the lower level of the Village Hall.

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

Christmas Decoration Safety Tips

Christmas trees

- When selecting a real pine or spruce tree, look for a fresh green color and bendable needles that are tough to pluck off the branches. For a fir tree, fresh needles will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Look for a trunk sticky with sap.
- Cut off two inches of the trunk and put in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep stand filled with water to prevent the tree from drying out.
- Keep tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure it does not block traffic or doorways.
- If using an artificial tree, choose one that was tested and labeled as fire resistant. Pre-lit trees should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

Christmas Lights

- Use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. Look for the UL label. Check lights for broken sockets, frayed wires and loose connections. Replace or repair damaged light sets.
- Do not use more than three light sets per one extension cord. Place cords against the wall to avoid tripping. Do not run cords under rugs.
- Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave home.

Christmas Ornaments

- Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places.
- Never place lit candles on a tree or near any flammable materials.
- Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches, where children or pets can reach.

SENIOR NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Magic Workshop

- What:** Children age 5 through 12 will learn many fascinating and mesmerizing tricks. All materials will be provided.
- When:** Thursday, **December 27, 10:00 – 10:55 am.**
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St.
- Cost:** Resident - \$17. Non resident - \$20.

Irish New Year's Eve Celebration

- What:** Buffet of corned beef and cabbage buffet. Ring in the Irish New Year at 6:00 pm. Cash bar available
- When:** **December 31**, doors open at 4:00 pm., buffet begins at 4:30 pm
- Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103 St., (708) 857-2225

Movie Time

- What:** Watch movie on a big screen and eat some popcorn. Registration is required.
- When:** Wednesday, **January 2**, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St.
- Cost:** Resident - \$2. Non resident - \$3.

Holiday – Break Day of Fun

- What:** Kids (grades 1 – 8) enjoy a day of supervised activities, crafts and more
- When:** Thursday, **January 3**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St.
- Cost:** Resident - \$12. Non resident - \$15.

Dance, Dance, Revolution & Karaoke & More

- What:** Join kids your own age (grades 4-8) and show your moves on the dance pad of Dance, Dance Revolution or sing along on the Karaoke. Ping-pong available.
- When:** Friday, **January 4**, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St.
- Cost:** Resident - \$6. Non resident - \$4.

Broadway Matinee

- What:** Afternoon of songs from hit musicals performed by Dawn Schnolis. Buffet and cash bar available
- When:** Wednesday, **January 16**, 12:15 pm
- Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103 St., (708) 857-2225
- Cost:** Adult - \$17. Children (10 years & under) - \$6



35 gallon toters are still available for Seniors age 65 and older. You may contact the Village at (708) 636-4400 to order one.

Garbage Pick up will be affected by the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Service will be delayed one day following the holiday.

Village Hall will be closed for business on Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25, and December 31 & January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLOWS Council on Aging

PLOWS Council on Aging is in need of volunteers to support the following programs that provide services for Seniors.

1. Medical Transportation Program – Escort service to transport seniors to medical appointments.
2. Home Delivered Meals Program – A service that responds to the vital need of the elderly for good nutrition. It provides a well balanced diet for clients who are homebound or unable to prepare their own meals.
3. Income Tax Assistance – This program runs concurrently with the income tax season. Free tax assistance is available to seniors February through mid-April in four different locations throughout PLOWS service area.

A small stipend is paid in several programs to help defray the cost of gasoline. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (708) 361-0219

SPORTS & RECREATION

Adult Open Hockey Hours

What: "Pick-up" hockey scrimmage time. Full equipment is required.

When: Mondays & Wednesday, 12:00 – 1:15 pm

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

Cost: \$8 per session. \$72 for a 10 session punch card.

New Year's Eve Open Skate

What: Bring in the New Year early in the day. Open skate with party favors. Music, lights & entertainment provided by C & M Pro Sounds.

When: Monday, **December 31**, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

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

Cost: \$8 per skater. \$1 per non skating adult. Skate rental - \$3.

Auditions for "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

What: Auditions will be held for the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

When: Sunday, **January 6**, 1:00 pm. Monday, **January 7**, 7:30 pm.

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

"Fame" the musical – tickets on sale

What: Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre's teen production of Fame

When: Fridays, **February 15 & 22**, Saturdays, **February 16 & 23** and Sundays, **February 17 & 24**.

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

Cost: Adults - \$19. Seniors & children - \$18.

SCHOOLS

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Your Child into School District 123 Tuition Preschool**

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School District 123 Early Childhood Screening – Free for Residents

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

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

Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. (708) 423-8363.



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

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

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Pfc Benjamin T. Kunst, US Marine Corps

Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force

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Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps

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Sara Losos, AIC

Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps

1st Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82nd Airborne

Sgt Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force

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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

Tech Sgt. Michael Dignan, US Air Force

The Mayor would like to send Christmas Cards to all of our service men and women. Please contact Meg Gorman at (708) 499-7740 or email at mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov with your loved ones address.

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

ZAZZ PARK LAWN'S ANNUAL SINGLE'S AUCTION & PARTY

Park Lawn's annual single's auction and party, ZAZZ is scheduled for Friday, February 29th at the Ashton Place in Willowbrook. The highlight of the evening is the date auction of date packages with bachelors and bachelorettes who are recruited before the auction. We are desperately seeking single men and women to volunteer and participate in the date auction portion of this event. This event attracts over 600 singles from all over. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door.

Gene Honda, announcer for the White Sox, Blackhawks and WTTW will serve as Master of Ceremonies again this year and through Gene we have had the fortunate opportunity to recruit our first celebrity bachelorette. Bonnie Greene, US 99 News and Traffic Reporter will join us and is excited to be a part of this event!

If you are interested in participating in the date auction or volunteering, please contact Nancy Schmitz at (708) 425-6867.

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YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Snow Shoveling Tips

Exertion from snow removal can put serious strain on a person's heart and increase the heart attack. Here are some heart healthy tips:

- Shovel when snow starts falling, that is when it is its lightest.
- Remain hydrated. When it's cold it's easy to forget that you can become overheated. Take breaks and drink plenty of water.
- Use proper form and equipment. Lift with the knees instead of the back. Pushing instead of lifting puts less strain on the body.
- Avoid heavy eating prior to shoveling.
- Listen to your body.
- Try not to pick up too much snow at once.
- Avoid alcohol.

Cook County Prescription Drug Discount Card

The Cook County Prescription Drug Discount Card provides uninsured participants with the following benefits:

- 20% average savings on prescription drugs for the uninsured.
- Extra savings on all mail order prescriptions.
- Plus savings on medications not covered by insurance.
- Unlimited family use.

All commonly prescribed drugs are covered. Program participants can use the card at over 57,000 participating pharmacies (see www.naco.advancerox.com for a complete list. No enrollment fee, no age or income requirements. Cards are available in the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall or at the Senior Center

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 winners: **JOE & KORY ADELMAN**

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:

<p>CHRISTMAS TREES</p> <p>\$ 5.00 off Any Fresh Cut Or Artificial Tree (4'-6')</p> <p>Limit 1 coupon per tree. Not to be used with any other offer Valid thru December 24, 2007</p>	 <p>10841 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453</p>	
<p>CHRISTMAS TREES</p> <p>\$ 10.00 off Any Fresh Cut Or Artificial Tree (7' and Up)</p> <p>Limit 1 coupon per tree. Not to be used with any other offer Valid thru December 24, 2007</p>	 <p>10841 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453</p>	



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