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## **A COMMUNITY ALERT**

**U. S. Weather Service forecasts rising temperatures this Thursday, December 30, 2010 and Friday, December 31, 2010 with ice turning to rain. Village Public Works crews will be plowing back snow today and cleaning storm grates at curbside on Wednesday and Thursday. Homeowners are encouraged to report blocked storm grates or assist crews by checking your curbside frontage and clearing blocked basins if you are capable.**

**Click on the Village's website [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) and visit Public Works, Sewer Division to view helpful hints and brochures on storm and sewer related problems during rain conditions.**



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December 3, 2010

The Chicago Tribune Editorial Board  
Chicago Tribune  
435 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

**VIA EMAIL: [ctc-tribletter@tribune.com](mailto:ctc-tribletter@tribune.com)**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Oak Lawn regarding Friday's editorial entitled "*Your next debt bomb*". Our local officials were stunned to read the reference to Oak Lawn and implication by Cook County Treasurer Marla Pappas that our Village was "hiding" bad news about our financial situation, ostensibly because she did not receive a reply to requests for information.

To put it bluntly, nothing could be further from the truth, and we would actually welcome a story by the Tribune about our financial situation.

For six years in a row our Village has adopted tax levy rates that were lower than prior years. We have reduced our workforce and trimmed our payroll. We have invested in technology that has made us more efficient. Our pension fund management allowed us to avoid the market correction of 2008-2009, resulting in a savings of almost \$40 million. Our workforce has made concessions. We have fought hard to attract and retain good businesses in Oak Lawn.

Specifically regarding our debt, which seemed to be the focus of Treasurer Pappas' allegations, our recent bond offering was given an A+ rating by Standard & Poor's, and in their report they stated that the Village's overall debt burden was "moderate". I have attached a copy of the S & P report for you to review.

DAVE TITTMANN  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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After reading your Editorial I contacted the Treasurer's office and learned that the letters they sent were mailed to the Village's elected officials, none of whom work at Village Hall. Several Trustees commented that they never saw such a letter or request. The Treasurer's Office acknowledged that they did not send their request to me or our Finance Director. The certified letter that the Treasurer's Office sent was signed for by a member of our Public Works Department.

I think all of this could have been chalked up to a bureaucratic snafu, except for the negative allegations and implications made in your Editorial. It is important to note that no one from the Treasurer's Office ever contacted anyone at the Village to ask about the status of their request. It also bears noting that no one from the Tribune contacted any of us before unfairly suggesting that we were "refusing" to provide or "hiding" information.

The fact of the matter is our records are fully transparent to anyone who is interested in reviewing them. Our audits (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) have been on public display and are available on our website. Each year our auditors make a presentation at our televised Board of Trustees meetings. At the time of the communication from the Cook County Treasurer's Office to the Village of Oak Lawn, the audit was already on file with the Cook County Clerk, State of Illinois Department of Insurance, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA), U.S. Bureau of Census, the Oak Lawn Public Library and the various national bond rating companies.

The point is we are proud of our stewardship of our residents' tax dollars and have been more than transparent and open when it comes to making this information available. Again, we actually have a pretty good story to tell, and we hope you see fit to tell it by printing this letter.

Sincerely,



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## Your next debt bomb

8:07 p.m. CST, December 2, 2010

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A year ago, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas set out to expose the debt burdens for every governmental unit in her county. The results will startle many voters and, we expect, spur demands across Illinois and the rest of the country to make this information as transparent elsewhere as it now is

here: On Thursday, easy-to-read spreadsheets built from Pappas' research went live on her office's Web site.

### Take a peek.

The point isn't that public debt, by definition, is nefarious. It's that citizens need to be pressing their mayors, school board presidents and other local officials to explain how, exactly, they plan to retire these sometimes huge burdens. Many of those officials will have to admit that they've stuck taxpayers with far more debt than their shrunken revenues can comfortably retire.

Late in 2009, Pappas got County Board approval to collect and post this debt information from local governments. Most complied by uploading their financial statements to her computer system; it's important to note that these numbers originated with the local governments themselves. The treasurer's staff then rearranged the numbers onto spreadsheets. You'll find them at [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com); click on the blue link labeled, "How much does your local government owe?" Among the revelations:

- The 429 governmental bodies that responded had about \$56 billion in debts and liabilities versus \$28 billion in operating budget revenues. Some of that debt load is reasonable; governments borrow money for long-range improvements such as individual take out mortgages to buy homes. Then they retire that debt out of subsequent tax collections.

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• But some governments have much higher ratios of debts to revenues. Example: Evanston lists debts of almost \$358 million as of 2008, but operating revenues of \$94 million. Each Evanstonian's share of those liabilities is a bracing \$4,736 — and that's for municipal government alone, not schools and other local taxing bodies. The city could barely pay off its debts even if it didn't spend one dime on anything else for four years. Pappas' site has Willow Springs, the Barrington Park District, Riverside-Brookfield High School District 208 and others in similarly lopsided fixee. And on and on.

• Pappas' site identifies 69 local governments that, she says, have refused instructions to provide the data. Some of those, she suspects, are trying to hide embarrassing levels of indebtedness. City of Burbank, Winnetka School District 36, village of Oak Lawn, Evanston Township — what's with you and the other governments listed as nonrespondents?

• The city of Chicago lists \$2.5 billion in debts and liabilities (as of 2008), nearly four times revenue of \$6.3 billion (for 2009). In 2008, Cook County owed \$5.8 billion, and had \$2.8 billion in revenue. Local government debts — City Hall, schools, parks, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, etc. — total \$12,484 per Chicagoan. That's a lot of debt for taxpayers to retire.

Here's a troubling asterisk: "Some governments included their pension liabilities and some didn't," Pappas says. That means many of those debts and liabilities could be gravely understated. Sunday's Tribune reported that Chicago suburbs have underfunded their pension systems by some \$5 billion.

Pappas' next mission: Within weeks she'll seek County Board approval to identify the pension debts of every government in Cook County.

The logical question for every official in these local governments: Who's going to pay off all of this debt? Federal and state governments typically seek increases in income and sales taxes. Pappas' fear is that local governments instead will try to retire their debt burdens by raising property taxes.

While Washington and Springfield tell you how much more you need to pay to retire their liabilities, your next debt bomb is ticking away at your local governments right down the street.

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- [Politicians helped bring Chicago's public pension funds to the brink of insolvency \(Chicago Tribune\)](#)
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- [Suburbs face their own pension mess \(Chicago Tribune\)](#)
- [Swear-In switcheroo \(Chicago Tribune\)](#)
- [The suicide pact \(Chicago Tribune\)](#)

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- [Making Money from Money Markets \(SquidKing/Tales.com\)](#)
- [8 Ways to Impress Your Next Landlord \(Curansy\)](#)
- [Why Renters are Guaranteed to Lose Their Money \(Curansy\)](#)
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**Summary:**

**Oak Lawn, Illinois; General  
Obligation**

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# Oak Lawn, Illinois; General Obligation

Credit Profile		
US\$215m GO & GO Leasehold Build America Bonds ser 2010 due 12/31/2025		
Long Term Rating	A+/Stable	New
Debt Law VI (GO)		
Long Term Rating	A+/Stable	Affirmed
Tax Assn VI (GO) (ASS:FFDGT)		
Overhead Rating	A+/Stable/Stable	Affirmed
More issues referenced by bond number.		

## Rationale

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has assigned its 'A+' rating to the Village of Oak Lawn, Ill.'s series 2010 general obligation (GO) bonds. We also affirmed our 'A+' long term rating and underlying rating (SPUR) on the village's series 2009A and 2009B bonds. The outlook is stable. The rating reflects, in Standard & Poor's opinion, the village's:

- Participation in the deep and diverse Chicago metropolitan area economy;
- Good income and very strong wealth levels as indicated by median household buying income and market value per capita;
- Improving financial situation, with the village projecting breakeven operations for fiscal 2010; and
- Moderate debt burden.

In our opinion, offsetting these factors is the village's recent history of operating shortfalls, which resulted in the general fund balance dropping to a negative position.

The village's unlimited-tax GO pledge secures the series 2010 bonds. We understand that Oak Lawn will use 2010 bond proceeds for street improvements and other capital projects. It will issue the series 2010B bonds as taxable Build America Bonds, with the federal interest subsidy paid directly to the village.

Oak Lawn (population 55,000) is located 15 miles southwest of downtown Chicago in Cook County. Residents have access to a wide variety of jobs throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, and can commute to downtown Chicago via a Metra commuter train station located in the village. Equalized assessed valuation (AV) growth in the village has been good, in our view, averaging 7% annually from 2005-2009. The village's market value of \$4.3 billion equates to \$81,190 per capita, which we consider to be very strong. The village's tax base is very diverse, with the 10 largest taxpayers accounting for only 1% of equalized AV. Effective buying income is a good 103% of national household averages and 97% of state household averages. Unemployment in the village for 2009 averaged 10%, nearly on par with the state's 10.1% and above the nation's 9.3%.

As a home-rule community, the village is not subject to property tax caps and can levy its own sales tax (currently 0.5%). The recession, however, has taken its toll on the village's finances. For fiscal 2009 (Dec. 31) the village reported a \$2.7 million general fund drawdown, which reduced the unreserved general fund balance to negative

### Summary: Oak Lawn, Illinois: General Obligation

\$315,000, or negative 0.7% of expenditures, a figure we consider low. Management attributes the shortfall in 2009 to the impact of the recession on key revenues, including \$1.1 million shortfalls in amounts budgeted for both sales and motor tax revenues. The 2009 shortfall came on top of a \$7.6 million general fund drawdown in 2008. Oak Lawn structured its 2010 general fund budget with break-even operations. With sales tax revenues running on target and with restrained expenditures, management projects that the village will report a general fund surplus of at least \$-90,000 for 2010 despite delays in state income tax payments.

Standard & Poor's considers the village's financial management practices "standard" under its Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology, indicating the village maintains adequate policies in some, but not all, key areas. The village uses a combination of three years' historical data and outside information in formulating revenue and expenditure projections. Management provides the board with quarterly budget reports. It plans capital spending with the help of a five-year capital plan.

In our opinion, the village's overall debt burden is moderate at 4.8% of market value and \$3,920 on a per capita basis. Its crrying charges were moderate at 9.5% of total governmental expenditures in fiscal 2009. (Amortization is below average, with 82% of the village's GO debt retired in 20 years.) We understand that Oak Lawn does not have additional debt plans at this time.

### Outlook

The stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's expectation that management will continue to take the steps necessary to maintain at least balanced operations and rebuild the village's general fund reserves. Failure to return to balanced operations could place downward pressure on the rating. Conversely, management's ability to generate surplus revenues and build fund balance reserves could result in a future positive rating action. Participation in the deep and diverse Chicago metropolitan area economy helps to stabilize the rating.

### Related Criteria And Research

- USPF Criteria: GO Debt, Oct. 12, 2005
- USPF Criteria: Key General Obligation Ratio Credit Ranges – Analysis Vs. Reality, April 2, 2008

Complete ratings information is available to RatingsDirect on the Global Credit Portal, subscribers at [www.globalcreditportal.com](http://www.globalcreditportal.com) and RatingsDirect subscribers at [www.ratingsdirect.com](http://www.ratingsdirect.com). All ratings affected by this rating action can be found on Standard & Poor's public Web site at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com). Use the Ratings search box located in the left column.





## OAK LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT **CARBON MONOXIDE: THE SILENT KILLER**



Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, nausea, burning sensation to the eyes and flu like symptoms. The use of a UL approved carbon monoxide detector can give residents an early warning that potentially dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present in the home.

The National Fire Protection Association and the Oak Lawn Fire Department recommend that every home have a working carbon monoxide detector in each sleeping area of the home and a working smoke detector on every level of the home including the basement.

You can avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by following a few measures:

1. Install and maintain a working carbon monoxide detector in all sleeping areas.
2. Have a qualified technician inspect furnaces, gas stoves, including wood burning & gas fireplaces.
3. Regularly inspect fireplaces & chimneys and vents to insure proper ventilation is taking place.
4. Never use a charcoal or gas fueled barbecue grill indoors.
5. Never start a gas powered vehicle or lawn equipment including snow blowers inside a closed garage.

**Following these simple steps will help insure that you have a safe winter and holiday season!**



## REGISTER TO VOTE

You can register to vote at the Oak Lawn Village Hall Clerk's Office located at 9446 South Raymond Avenue. You will need to present two forms of picture IDs with your current address. It takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks to receive your voter card.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's Office at (708) 499-7738 or visit our Website at [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov)

**Register  
to **VOTE****



# 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.





VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN  
Residential Rental License Applications



Residential Rental License Applications for 2011 must be completed and returned to The Village Municipal Center by December 31, 2010 to avoid additional fees. Applications are available at the Village or online at [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) listed under permits and forms.



# THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Is looking for VOLUNTEERS for:



Channel 4: Comcast

Channel 99: AT & T U-verse

The Village of Oak Lawn is in need of people to assist us with Channel 4 and Channel 99.

If you are interested and would like to assist us with Channel 4 and Channel 99, please contact the Village of Oak Lawn at (708) 499-7742.



OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE  
GENESIS THERAPY CENTER



Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program

PREP is an educational program. PREP is for couples who want to make their relationship the best it can be. It doesn't matter if you are a new couple or if you have been together for many years, it's designed for relationships at all different stages. The skills can help you build, maintain, and even rebuild a healthy and long lasting relationship.

TOPICS COVERED:

Danger signs

Relationship expectations

How to talk & listen to one another

Road blocks that get in the way of good communication

How to protect the good things in your relationship

DATE: Mondays January 17<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 5210 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 201, Oak Lawn

COST: Free

Registration is required by calling  
(708) 423-3361 X32

**OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE  
AND  
GENESIS THERAPY CENTER**

**COPING WITH WORK  
AND FAMILY STRESS**



**Learn how to develop and apply active coping strategies, increase your use of social support and reduce your use of avoidance coping in order to deal effectively with stresses at work and at home.**

**LEARN TO:**

**Identify and modify sources of stress**

**Learn effective problem solving and communication skills**

**Re-think problem situations**

**Manage the effects of stressful situations**

**Learn active coping skills**

**Make better and expanded use of social networks**

**DATE: Tuesdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> to February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Oak Lawn High School, Room 111  
9400 Southwest Highway, Circle Driveway**

**COST: Free**

OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE  
GENESIS THERAPY CENTER

GUIDING GOOD CHOICES



THIS PARENT PROGRAM AIMS TO STRENGTHEN AND CLARIFY FAMILY EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR, ENHANCE THE CONDITIONS THAT PROMOTE BONDING IN THE FAMILY AND TEACH SKILLS TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THEIR FAMILY AND RESIST DRUG USE.

THE SESSIONS ARE INTERACTIVE AND SKILL BASED, WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS TO PRACTICE NEW SKILLS AND RECEIVE FEED BACK FROM WORKSHOP LEADERS AND THEIR PARENT PEERS.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE: HOW TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE IN YOUR FAMILY; SETTING CLEAR FAMILY EXPECTATIONS ON DRUGS & ALCOHOL; AVOIDING TROUBLE; MANAGING FAMILY CONFLICT; AND STRENGTHENING FAMILY BONDS.

DATE:	FUTURE DATES & TIMES TBD
TIME:	SATURDAY GROUPS FORMING
LOCATION:	5210 WEST 95 <sup>TH</sup> STREET 2 <sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, OAK LAWN
COST:	FREE
REGISTRATION:	CALL (708) 423-3361 X32



**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 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn (Central Avenue & 98<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov)  
Or (708) 499-7756



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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!



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THE REMOVAL TEAM WILL NOT RISK INJURY, REMOVE PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MODIFY YOUR HOME (E.G. REMOVE DOORS OR RAILINGS) TO REMOVE THE UNIT(S).

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**Increase your property values.  
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Cool your yard with increased shade.  
Beautify Oak Lawn!**

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Extended to December 31, 2010**

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\$65.00 for Oaks  
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**Contact us today!  
(708) 499-7098  
[hgreen@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:hgreen@oaklawn-il.gov)  
[www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://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](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov)

[www.Greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:www.Greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov)



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



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

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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District 5: Carol Quinlan	(708) 346-7005
District 6: Tom Phelan	(708) 346-7006

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

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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)**

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



**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 Sue Berardi at (708) 499-7791 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 - 87<sup>th</sup> Street  
South - 107<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**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**

# PARK LAWN LUCKY 5 RAFFLE



Drawing on Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1,500

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:kbonk@parklawn.com) or

Visit our website at [www.parklawn.com](http://www.parklawn.com)



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
St. Louis de Montfort  
Council #14553 presents:**

**Night Out At Y B Hungry Restaurant**

The Knights of Columbus, St. Louis de Montfort Council #14553 will be promoting Y B Hungry Restaurant, 6840 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street in Oak Lawn on Monday, January 17, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are asking all parishioners and their friends to consider have a meal there on that day. Please help us pass the word. We have below a voucher which you should cut out and take to Y B Hungry. Our Council will receive 10% of the cost of your meal. The owner only requests that children must be accompanied with an adult. Our continued success in doing many good things for our Church, School and Community is dependant on your support. If you have any questions, please call Pete at (708) 599-6871.

***"Night Out @ Y B Hungry"***

**Will be on Monday, January 17, 2011  
From 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.  
6840 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn  
St. Louis de Montfort Council #14553 will receive  
10% of every purchase.**

**Please bring this coupon with you.**

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***"Dine At Y B Hungry Restaurant"***

**Group: Knights of Columbus-St. Louis de Montfort Council #14553  
Benefit Day & Time  
January 17, 2011**

**4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Amount of Purchase**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
No other coupon can be used with this offer.**

# 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



**Oak Lawn Public Library**  
**5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Oak Lawn, IL 60453**  
**(708) 422-4990**



**INTERNATIONAL STORYTIMES**  
**Free monthly programs delivered**  
**entirely in Polish, Spanish and**  
**Arabic. Advance registration is**  
**required.**

**Select Saturdays**

**Call or visit [www.oaklawlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawlibrary.org)**  
**for details.**



# OAK LAWN LIBRARY HISTORY EXHIBIT



**Preserving the Buildings in Oak Lawn's past view  
photographs and artifacts from 19 historic structures,  
including the Auschwitz House, Keyhole House,  
Covington School & Trinity Lutheran Church.  
Hours posted at the Local History Room  
5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
[www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)**



*OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY is offering:*

*Free Winter Programs for children & teens!*



*Registration begins January 2, 2011*

*To register at 5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street*



*Or call us at (708) 422-4990*

*Or visit us at [www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)*



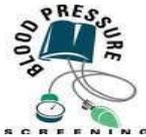
OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(708) 422-4990



The library will be closed on the following days:  
Friday and Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>



OAK LAWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WILL BE  
SPONSORING FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS



Blood pressure screenings will be given by the Oak  
Lawn Fire Department and Glaucoma tests will  
given by Dr. Narbone of Complete Vision Care.

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Oak Lawn Public Library

5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street

(708) 422-4990

[www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)



**MEALS ON WHEELS**  
Needs Your Help!

Volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels Program.  
Meals are sent Monday thru Friday between  
9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
If you can help, please contact  
Jennifer Owen at (708) 422-5180



OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

RAGTIME PIANO: PIANIST, SUE KELLER  
PERFORMING RAGTIME PIECES MADE POPULAR BY  
COMPOSERS DURING THE LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> & EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2011

2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

5300 WEST 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET

(708) 422-4990

[WWW.OAKLAWNLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.OAKLAWNLIBRARY.ORG)

**FREE FAMILY EVENT  
AT THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**MORRIS THE MAGIC MAN**  
**A Family-friendly magic show filled with fun,  
audience participation & puppets.**

**For ages 3 & up.**

**Sunday, January 23, 2011**

**3:00 to 3:45 p.m.**

**Oak Lawn Public Library**

**5300 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street**

**(708) 422-4990**

**[www.oaklawnlibrary.org](http://www.oaklawnlibrary.org)**



**FREE MOVIE: SECRETARIAT**  
**TRUE STORY OF PENNY CHENERY &**  
**HER LONG-SHOT BUT PRECOCIOUS**  
**STALLION SETTING THE UNBEATEN**  
**TRIPLE CROWN RECORD IN 1973.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2011**

**2:00 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.**

**OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**5300 WEST 95<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**(708) 422-4990**

**[WWW.OAKLAWNLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.OAKLAWNLIBRARY.ORG)**

# OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT PASSPORT TO NATURE



Children are spending more time than ever indoors playing video games, watching TV and surfing the internet, causing them to slowly lose touch with nature.



Our year round nature programs are a fun way to get your family back in touch with nature.



Please visit us at [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com) or call (708) 857-2200

## OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT



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

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

*"Adaptation"*

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(Check building signage for room number)

Oak View Center  
4625 West 110<sup>th</sup> Street



**OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT'S  
STONY CREEK CLUBHOUSE PRESENTS:**



**NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY NIGHT  
(21 YEARS OLD AND OLDER)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2010  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 P.M.  
DINNER AT 8:00 P.M. AND  
ENTERTAINMENT AT 9:30 P.M.**

**DINNER IS AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00  
YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF:  
STEAK OR CHICKEN PICCATA**

**CASH BAR**

**DINNER RESERVATIONS DEADLINE:  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
MARY GRANA: (708) 857-2433 X2301**





## STONEY CREEK GOLF COURSE



Indoor Golf Simulator for the Winter Season  
Play great golf courses and keep your swing in  
shape during this winter season!

Play courses such as Bay Hill, Castle Pines,  
Pinehurst #2 (1999 U.S. Open) with your favorite  
friend. You can also play Pebble Beach or St.  
Andrews Links Old Course without flying.

Rates Seniors: \$16.00 per hour

Regular Rates: \$20.00 per hour

(This is not per person)

Pay for 3 hours & get the 4<sup>th</sup> hour free!

Call for tee times at

(708) 857-2436 or (708) 785-5689





## **South Suburban PADS Shelters**

**PADS offers free emergency, overnight shelter nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. between October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010. For more information or to volunteer please call PADS at (708) 754-4357.**



## ***ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES***

***Reduced Cost for Food Program  
Wesleyan Community Church  
8844 South Austin Avenue  
Oak Lawn, IL***

***For more information & the December Menu, please call: (708) 599-3660***

***Or visit us at:***

***[www.wesleyanchurch.com](http://www.wesleyanchurch.com)***



# Oak Lawn's Jr. Jordans & Eagles Basketball



Special Olympics Fundraiser



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL DAY!



January 15, 2011

Brother Rice High School

Doors Open at 12:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per ticket

The Special Recreation Athletic Support Association (SRA~~S~~A), in conjunction with ST. Linus Parish, the Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Department, and Brother Rice High School, will be hosting a Special Olympics Basketball Day. This will be a major fundraiser for these Athletes. All proceeds raised will go to benefit the Athletic Program of the Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Department.

For ticket & sponsor information please contact

Todd Mallo @ (708) 857-2200 or

[tmallo@olparks.com](mailto:tmallo@olparks.com)

# "WE GOT THIS"

## A Benefit for Ken Martin



Last July, 28 year old Ken Martin was diagnosed with Stage 4 Adrenal Gland Cancer. Adrenal gland cancer is extremely rare, literally affecting 1 in a million people. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Ken underwent surgery to remove a 7 pound tumor, his adrenal gland, kidney, spleen, and a portion of his pancreas. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy & treatments to attack the cancer which has spread to his bones and lymph nodes. Ken married his fiancée, Lynn, two days prior to his surgery. She has been at his side every step of the way. Ken's family & friends, otherwise known as Team Martin, want to show Ken the amount of love & compassion that exists in the world, and truly "pay it forward" because throughout all of our lives Ken has been there for us when we needed him most. Ken is a good friend, a trusted companion and an overall amazing guy.

Friday, January 21, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

\$25.00 per ticket purchased in advance

\$30.00 per ticket at the door

Ticket price includes: dinner buffet, beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages.

115 Bourbon Street

3359 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street

Merrionette Park, IL

All proceeds and donations will go directly to the Martin Family to assist with medical expenses. If you are unable to attend the benefit but would like to support Ken & his family, donations can be made to:

*We Got This! A Benefit for Ken Martin* account

at any Archer Bank location.

Please use the following tax ID number 27-3182448.

For more information or to purchase tickets, send an email to

[wegothisbenefit@gmail.com](mailto:wegothisbenefit@gmail.com)



OAK LAWN WESTSIDE WARRIORS: 2011 SEASON  
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION 

ALL DIVISIONS PLAY AT THE SAME LOCATION

For busy families, parents with children in more than one division or if you just want the convenience of only going to one field, this is the place to play!



2011 REGISTRATION DATES



DATES:

FEES:

T-Ball: \$75.00  
Baseball: \$125.00  
Softball: \$100.00

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

AGES:

Baseball 5-14  
Softball 7-14

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MULTI-PLAYER FAMILY DISCOUNT:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> child gets \$10.00 off, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child gets \$20.00 off and the 4<sup>th</sup> child gets \$30.00 off of their registration fee. Every family must buy raffle tickets.





### REGISTER A BUDDY PROGRAM:

Have a friend who is thinking about joining, too? Bring in a NEW PLAYER to Westside, register and pay together and each of you will get \$10.00 off your registration.



### RAFFLE TICKETS:

We will again be holding the raffle as our primary, mandatory fundraiser. EACH FAMILY will be required to buy \$50.00 in raffle tickets. You can choose to keep the raffle tickets for yourself or sell them. There will be 10 in a booklet at \$5.00 each. We will be raffling off various amounts totaling over \$5,000.00 from Opening Day through our Picnic as well as having weekly Saturday drawings.



### POINTS:

Returning Families, please remember you will also be responsible for payment of any points not earned last year.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please call (708) 430-4310

Or visit us at [www.leaguelineup.com/westsidewarriors](http://www.leaguelineup.com/westsidewarriors)

OUR LADY OF LORETTO  
WOMEN'S GUILD PRESENTS:



**BINGO**

*NEW YEAR'S DAY BINGO*

*PARISH HALL  
8925 S. Kostner*

*Doors open at 1:00 p.m.  
Games begin at 3:00 p.m.*

*Admission: \$25.00 for 15 games*

*For more information call (708) 424-7471*





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



**LCPL Trevor Mulrenin, US Marine Corp.**

**Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force**

**LCPL Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corps**

**Sp. 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**

**Jamie Hojek, US Navy**

**Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corps**

**Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army**

**TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force**

**Sgt. 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**

**Sgt.Maj. Daniel S. Miller, US Marine Corp**

**Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps**

**Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force**





**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN  
SALUTES OUR RESIDENTS IN THE  
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(Continued)**



**Sara Losos, AIC  
Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps  
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 Corps  
Cpl. John C. Hojek, US Marine Corps  
Sgt. Kevin J. Scharwarko, US Army  
Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corps  
Sgt. Don Brady, US Army  
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS  
Sp. Timothy Walker, US Army  
Sgt. Jennifer D. Kohany,  
Illinois Army National Guard  
Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corps  
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  
Sgt. Matt Barkmeier, US Army**



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

**Spec. Donald J. Balsavich  
LCPL Timothy A. Evans, US Marine Corps  
LCPO Ray Creevy, US Marine Corps  
LCPL John Eckert, US Marine Corps  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Daniel R. Johnson, US Army  
LCpl. Christopher L. Aguinaga, US Marine  
Petty Officer David Bailey, US Navy  
Private 3<sup>rd</sup> Edward James Mayer, US Army  
Office Jason Hudson, US Army  
2LT Jeffrey Finley II, US Army  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Kevin M. Shotas, USMC**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 95<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

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[www.fema.gov](http://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  
In the appraisal of housing  
In the provision of real estate brokerage services  
In advertising the sale or rental of housing  
In the financing of housing

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SPONSORS**

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[www.veoliaes-sw.com](http://www.veoliaes-sw.com)

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(630) 241-1984  
[www.totalparkingsolutions.net](http://www.totalparkingsolutions.net)

**MC2**  
**Electricity Supplier for Oak Lawn**  
**Commercial & Industrial**  
**(877) 622-7697**  
[www.mc2energyservices.com](http://www.mc2energyservices.com)

**WARREN OIL**  
**Supplier of Gasoline for the**  
**Village of Oak Lawn**  
**(773) 735-6900**  
[www.alwarrenoil.com](http://www.alwarrenoil.com)

**STANDARD BANK**  
**Financial Institution**  
**(708) 499-2062**  
[www.standardbanks.com](http://www.standardbanks.com)

**CITY BEVERAGE – BUDWEISER**  
**Beer Distributor**  
**(773) 650-9200**  
[www.abwholesaler.com](http://www.abwholesaler.com)

**MARKETPLACE OF OAK LAWN &**  
**GREEN OAK SHOPPING**  
**Property Management Company**  
**(312) 642-9510**

[www.robincompanies.com](http://www.robincompanies.com)

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**St. Xavier University**  
**Tria Architecture**  
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**Freshline Foods**  
**Skyline Restoration**  
**Kelly Nissan**  
**Law Offices of Kevin Cunningham**  
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**Southwest Spring, Inc.**  
**Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc.**  
**Kevin Electric**  
**Prestige Painting & Custom Design, Inc.**  
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**Joe and Franks' Homemade Sausage LLC**  
**Marathon Sportswear, Inc.**  
**Guardian Pest Control**  
**Resource Management Associates**  
**Blake Lamb Funeral Home**  
**Clark Environmental Mosquito Management**

**Rainbow Farm Enterprises, Inc.**  
**International Union of Operating Engineers**  
**Local 150**  
**Martin & Martin, Inc.**  
**Lockstone Advisors, LLC**  
**Showcase Classics, Inc.**  
**Phil Wengel, Inc.**  
**H D Supply Waterworks**  
**Red Wing Shoe Source**  
**Brett Equipment Corporation**  
**Spring Air Filter, Inc.**

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**DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND THROUGHOUT**  
**THE YEAR**  
**SHOP LOCAL & SHOP OAK LAWN**



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