



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2011

The Village Board adopted a balanced budget for the Village's general fund of \$39.5 million for the 2011 fiscal year which was essentially the same as the 2010 municipal budget of \$38.8 million. The general fund primarily pays for the Village's fire, police and public works professionals to provide safety and maintenance/cleanup services to Village residents. Please note that the approved general fund budget for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 fiscal years was \$41.2 million, \$41.2 million and \$40.3 million, respectively, as further indication of the continuing effort to reduce local government spending by the current administration. As part of the flat and balanced budget for 2011, the Village Board also approved a tax levy that had almost a 4% reduction in the mill rate for the Village's portion of a resident's property taxes which is approximately 12% of the total tax bill. The Village Board approved a mill rate of .9766% which was below 1% for the first time in fifteen years. The Village's elected officials and the management team takes the stewardship of your tax funds received by the Village very seriously. As proof, the Village's 2011 budget represents the sixth straight year without a tax increase for the Village's proportionate share of property taxes. The state of Illinois's financial woes continue to affect us all.....as evident by the state's recent income tax increase from 3% to 5%.....and it has been estimated that over \$1 million in income tax payments is in arrears and owed to the Village by the state of Illinois based on 2009's income tax receipts. The Village Board will continue to lobby your representatives in Springfield and Washington in ultimately collecting this and all taxes due the Village in order to provide the high level of quality services that all residents have the right to expect.

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, call the Village Clerk's Office at (708) 499-7738 or visit our website at www.oaklawn-il.gov

In What Order Are Streets Snow Plowed?



This is a common question asked by residents. The answer is below:

First, we plow the State Highway Routes that we maintain. These are:

Cicero Avenue:	4 Trucks
95 th Street:	5 Trucks
Southwest Highway:	2 Trucks
103 rd Street:	2 Trucks
111 th Street:	2 Trucks

Note: We do not plow and/or maintain the following Cook County Routes:

Central Avenue:	87 th Street to 115 th Street
103 rd Street:	Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue
Ridgeland Avenue:	87 th Street to 101 st Street
87 th Street:	Sayre Avenue to Cicero Avenue

After State Highway Routes are completed, we then plow the Major Snow Routes in tandem with 2 or 3 truck. The Major Snow Routes are:

Austin Avenue:	87 th Street to 99 th Street
Oak Park Avenue:	87 th Street to 99 th Street
99 th Street:	Austin Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue
91 st Street:	Cicero Avenue to Oak Park Avenue
107 th Street:	Central Avenue to Long Avenue
Long Avenue:	107 th Street to 108 th Place
108 th Place:	Long Avenue to Washington Avenue
52 nd Avenue:	87 th Street to 109 th Street
Kostner Avenue:	93 rd Street to 111 th Street
93 rd Street:	Pulaski Road to Kilbourn Avenue
Kilbourn Avenue:	95 th Street to Southwest Highway
107 th Street:	Laramie Avenue to Pulaski Road
99 th Street:	Pulaski Road to Central Avenue

After Major Snow Routes are completed, then Minor Snow Routes are plowed. Each Minor Snow Route is plowed by individual route drivers. The Minor Snow Routes are:

Natoma Avenue:	95 th Street to 99 th Street
93 rd Street:	Ridgeland Avenue to Harlem Avenue
Frontage Road:	69 th Avenue to 93 rd Street
Neva Avenue:	Frontage Road to 93 rd Street
89 th Place:	Oak Park Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue
Nashville Avenue:	87 th Street to 93 rd Street
97 th Street:	Central Avenue to McVicker Avenue
Menard Avenue:	95 th Street to Edison Avenue
Melvina Avenue:	95 th Street to 101 st Street
97 th Street:	Southwest Highway to Ridgeland Avenue
Menard Avenue:	91 st Street to 95 th Street
Melvina Avenue:	87 th Street to 95 th Street
93 rd Street:	Southwest Highway to Ridgeland Avenue
89 th Street:	Austin Avenue to Mobile Avenue
Mobile Avenue:	89 th Street to 87 th Street
99 th Street:	Central Avenue to Menard Avenue
Menard Avenue:	99 th Street to 102 nd Street
102 nd Street:	Menard Avenue to Central Avenue
105 th Street:	Central Avenue to Austin Avenue
Austin Avenue:	105 th Street – 103 rd Street
50 th Avenue:	91 st Street to 87 th Street
89 th St./Alexander:	Cicero Avenue to 52 nd Avenue
Columbus Drive:	95 th Street to Cicero Avenue
49 th Avenue:	Columbus Avenue to Southwest Highway
50 th Avenue:	Columbus Avenue to 91 st Street
54 th Avenue:	95 th Street to 99 th Street
97 th Street:	Cicero Avenue to 54 th Avenue
49 th Avenue:	95 th Street to 99 th Street
Keeler Avenue:	Hometown to 99 th Street
Kenton Avenue:	93 rd Street to 99 th Street
97 th Place:	Cicero Avenue to Pulaski Road
105 th Street:	Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue
Lawler Avenue:	103 rd Street to 105 th Street
Lavergne Avenue:	103 rd Street to 109 th Street
Long Avenue:	103 rd Street to Stony Creek Drive
Stony Creek Drive:	Long Avenue to Laramie Avenue
Keeler Avenue:	99 th Street to 103 rd Street
Kenton Avenue:	99 th Street to 103 rd Street
Kenton Avenue:	101 st Street to 103 rd Street
101 st Street:	Cicero Avenue to Pulaski Road

Minor Routes (Continued):

105 th Street:	Cicero Avenue to Pulaski Road
Kedvale Avenue:	103 rd Street to 107 th Street
Keeler Avenue:	103 rd Street to 107 th Street
Kenton Avenue:	103 rd Street to 107 th Street
Keeler Avenue:	111 th Street to 107 th Street
Kenton Avenue:	111 th Street to 107 th Street
109 th Street:	108 th Street
109 th Street:	Cicero Avenue to Pulaski Road

After Minor Routes are completed, drivers are instructed to plow in their assigned area. The Village is divided into 13 different snow plow areas and drivers are assigned basically one truck to an area. In terms of here a driver starts plowing within that area, it rotates. The route drivers have "snow books" and they mark them up so they can alternate at what part of the route they start on during the next "snow event" that calls them out. With respect to how much of a street is plowed, they first do one cut each direction. Then the drivers go back and begin a curb to curb process of snow plowing.

Village owned municipal parking lots and cul-de-sacs are plowed by our sewer division.

I hope you find this information useful.

Mayor Dave Heilmann

**PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**



Our next scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting is February 22, 2011

Cable TV scheduled daily replay:
9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 1:30 a.m.

**7th Annual
Charity Hockey Game
Oak Lawn Police Department**



VS



Oak Lawn Fire Department

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Game Time: 5:00 p.m.

Doors Open at 4:30 p.m.

**Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena
9820 S. Kenton Avenue**

All proceeds from this event will benefit:

Oak Lawn Rotary's ~ 9-11 Memorial

**Building a Monument Honoring the
First Responders who gave their all on 9-11
and the Resilience of the American Sprit.**

TICKETS WILL ONLY BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Adults - \$5.00

Students - \$2.00

**There will be Raffle Prizes,
a Split the Pot Raffle and
a Silent Auction.**



For more information about the game or to donate
a raffle prize contact Jim Pacetti at (708) 499-7880.



4th Annual OLHMS Volleyball Tournament

benefiting
MAKE-A-WISH.

Friday, February 18, 2011 **Oak Lawn-Hometown
Middle School**
Doors Open at 5:45 PM **5345 W. 99th Street**
Games Start at 6:00 PM
Admission: Adults - \$3.00 Students - \$2.00

Competing Teams

OLHMS 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Teams

OLHMS Staff

Oak Lawn Police Dept. ~ Oak Lawn Fire Dept.



**THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN
MIDDLE SCHOOL HAVE **CREATED A DREAM.**
NOW YOU CAN HELP THEM **MAKE IT A REALITY!****

This Charity Volleyball Tournament is a kick-off to OLHMS's Annual Make-A-Wish Walkathon, in which the students and staff have raised over \$231,000 in the past six years. This year's walk will take place on May 13th.

For additional information contact: Mrs. Georgelos at sgeorgelos@d123.org.

Gear Up to Give!



Food Check Out Day
with Cook County
Farm Bureau®

Thursday, February 24th

3:30pm

Jewel Osco

9424 S. Pulaski, Oak Lawn

See a shopping spree competition
between Oak Lawn's Police & Fire
Departments to help collect
non-perishable food items to fill four
Ronald McDonald Houses®

**Appearances by Mayor David Heilmann & Ronald McDonald*



www.cookcfb.org



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NORTHWEST INDIANA

RONALD McDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

www.RonaldHouseChicago.org

Want to get *involved*?! Contact Cook County Farm Bureau at (708) 354-3276



Holiday Service Schedule for Garbage Pick Up:

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

The following holidays will affect your service:
New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas
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.



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 and how to protect the good things in your relationship

DATE: Mondays January 17th to February 28th
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 5210 West 95th Street, Suite 201, Oak Lawn
COST/REGISTRATION: Free & Call (708) 423-3361 X32 to register

OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE & 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, and make better and expanded use of social networks.

DATE: Tuesdays, January 11th to February 22nd
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 95th Street
2nd Floor, Oak Lawn
COST: Free
REGISTRATION: Call (708) 423-3361 X32



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Things you **CAN** recycle are...

Glass jars & bottles
Aluminum cans, foil, pie tins & Tin or steel cans
Cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.
Cardboard (Flatten all boxes)
Telephone books & Junk mail
Plastic bottles & containers
Magazines & catalogs
Newspaper & inserts
Office paper & file folders
Paper Bags



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Things you **CAN'T** recycle are.....

NO Styrofoam
NO Electronics (Only @ the Oak Lawn E-Waste Facility)
NO Ceramics
NO Food waste
NO Plastic grocery bags
NO Motor oil containers
No Hazardous waste containers
NO Light bulbs, window glass or mirrors
NO Yard waste
*Place bagged yard waste next to your carts for recycling.
NO GARBAGE

For more information, visit us at www.oaklawn-il.gov or www.Earth911.com or call us at (708) 636-4400.



OAK LAWN'S GREEN TEAM WANTS YOUR HELP

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 visit us at www.oaklawn-il.gov & www.Greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov



ComEd Recycling

Let ComEd recycle your old, working Fridge, Freezer & Air Conditioner in an environmentally responsible way!

ComEd will haul away that old energy hog for free and give you \$35.00! You can schedule your pick up online.

Or you can call 1-888-806-2273, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Please Note: Offer is available to ComEd residential customers only.

Refrigerator or freezer must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size, empty & working at the time of pick-up, and accessible with a clear & safe path for removal.

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).



Nicor Energy Efficiency Program Using Energy Wisely

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is designed to offer ideas and tools to help Illinois residents and businesses in Nicor's territory to save energy & money.

Low to Moderate Income Program, Elementary Energy Education Program and Residential Multi-Family Direct Install Program, please call (887) 886-4239.

Existing Home Retrofit Program, please call (877) 821-9988.



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

Engineering Department: (708) 499-7814

Police Department (Non-Emergency): (708) 422-8292

Animal Control Department: (708) 499-7720

Health & Sanitation Inspector: (708) 499-7820

Business Operations Department: (708) 499-7821

(708) 499-7837

Police Department: Administration (708) 499-7724

Communications Department: (708) 499-7787

Emergency Operations Department: (708) 636-5141

(708) 636-5142

Fire Department Non-Emergency: (708) 499-7700



Oak Lawn-Hometown
School District 123
Preschool Registration

Kolmar Avenue School
10425 S. Kolmar

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
9:00 AM-11:00 AM and 12:30 PM-2:30
PM

**THE ADVENTURE IN LEARNING STARTS
HERE!**

Please call
708-422-1800
for important registration information
*All students must prove residency

Taught by a State Certified Teacher

Residency Requirements for Preschool Registration

Families living in Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 should bring the **child's original birth certificate** to registration, along with three documents to prove residency from the following categories:

Category A (one document)

- Real Estate Tax Bill
- Mortgage documents or payment book
- Military housing letter
- Signed Lease
- Section 8 letter

Category B (two documents showing proper address)

- Driver's License or State I.D.
- Bank statement
- Gas, electric, water, cable bill
- Phone bill (no cell)
- Automobile Registration
- Credit Card Statement
- Public Aid Card
- Medicaid Card
- Pay check stub
- City sticker receipt

All District 123 resident families will be served first. Families living outside of District 123 will be invited to sign a waiting list for openings in these classes.

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: 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.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Join us on February 9th for:
“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 February: Oral Health

THE CHILDREN MUSEUM FREE PROGRAM



TAKE – APART

Do you like to see how things tick? This interactive adult/child activity is ready for your inquisitive minds. Different objects are ready to be taken apart. This free program is on the second floor in the kite area. No registration is required. Child must have adult supervision.

THE CHILDREN MUSEUM & THE OAK LAWN ROTARY



Oak Lawn Rotary has been actively doing service in Oak Lawn for 50 years. They have recently decided to charter an Interact Club at the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. An Interact Club is a form of rotary for high school student. Interact Clubs allow high school students to strengthen their leadership skills, give back to the community and connect with people on both a local and international basis. Along with the Interact Club, rotary has two other youth programs. The first is RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, which is a leadership conference where high school students can hone and develop their leadership skills. The other program is Rotary Youth Exchange which allows students study abroad for one year. This is a great cultural and once in a life time experience. If interested there will be an informational meeting on Friday, February 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn located 5100 Museum Drive between Citibank and Oak Lawn's railroad station. Please RSVP by phone to Tracey Barattia (708) 423-6709 X206 or by joining "Interact Informational Meeting" on Facebook.

For inquires or interviews, please contact Adam Woodworth, (708) 423-6709 X021.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM HONORS: Congressman Dan Lipinski & Ron and Sue Rescigno



The Children's Museum announced that Congressman Dan Lipinski, Ron and Sue Rescigno will be honored at this year's annual gala event. The gala event will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton on Saturday, April 30, 2011. This year's theme is "You Could Be Magic!"

Congressman Dan Lipinski has been instrumental in helping the museum secure federal grants and has been a vocal advocate for the museum. The latest grant came through IMLS for \$190,000 in 2009. This helped the museum secure several hands-on educational exhibits prior to opening in July of that same year. Dan and his wife, Judy, also participated in the museum's annual 5K Birthday Dash in Oak Lawn last July and Dan has appeared in a promotional video talking about the benefit the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn brings to the region.

Ron and Sue Rescigno, owners of Rescigno's Mailing Solutions, have been an integral part of the museum since the beginning. Ron serves as Vice President of the museum board and has been a leader in the area of direct marketing and development for the museum. In 2008 and 2009, Sue Rescigno served as chairperson of the museum's annual gala. Under her leadership, the museum broke fundraising records for the event, which netted the museum just over \$81,000 over the two years. Sue has played in another important role assisting the museum with direct marketing strategies.

"Congressman Lipinski has been one of the museum's strongest advocates," said Adam Woodworth, the museum's Executive Director. "Dan understands the positive economic impact that the museum has not only on the Village of Oak Lawn, but on the region. While most of our visitors come from the Chicago area, we have welcomed visitors from 35 other states. When museum visitors stop at Andy's Custard to buy a treat or have lunch at Potbelly's right next door, that's sales tax money flowing into Oak Lawn. We are truly blessed to have Dan Lipinski as a friend of the museum."

"Ron and Sue Rescigno have been involved from day one," said Woodworth. "Whenever you need something, need to brainstorm about marketing, or generate some ideas on how to maximize fundraising efforts, Ron and Sue are two of the first people I call. Back in 2009, we were able to convince Sue to head up the museum gala and during that year, she led a team of committed volunteers to a net income of just over \$56,000. Through her efforts, we were introduced to many people who have now become museum supporters."

If you would like to receive an invitation for this event, call Bernadette at the museum at (708) 423-6709 extension 204.

**Oak Lawn Public Library
5300 West 95th 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.oaklawnlibrary.org for details.



**OAK LAWN LIBRARY
HISTORY EXHIBIT**

**Preserving the Buildings in Oak Lawn's past by viewing 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 95th Street

www.oaklawnlibrary.org

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is sponsoring free health screenings! Free blood pressure screenings given by the Oak Lawn Fire Department & free hearing tests performed by an audiologist from Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Wednesday, February 9, 201, From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street

(708) 422-4990 or 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 or call (708) 857-2200.

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. Seniors Rates: \$16.00 per hour, Regular Rates: \$20.00 per hour. (This is not per person) Pay for 3 hours & get the 4th hour free! Call for tee times at (708) 857-2436 or (708) 785-5689.

**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. & 12:00 p.m.
If you can help, please contact
Jennifer Owen at (708) 422-5180**



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, please call: (708) 599-3660 or visit us at:
www.wesleyanchurch.com**



ST. GERALD'S MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

**February 19, 2011 - Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Buffet Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.**

**Open Bar, Live & Silent Auction, Tickets: \$40.00
Treat yourself to a night out with friends and family!
Good food, beer, wine and a specialty drink.**

DJ for dancing and a chance to relax and enjoy yourself!

**Benefits St. Gerald School, for tickets, please call Cathy Jo Andrews at
(708) 369-2124 or call the Development Office at (708) 422-2194 or visit our
website at development@stgerald.com**

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:



A Free Concert

Arianna Trio will be performing romance-inspired classical pieces & jazz standards on flute, harp and bass.

Sunday, February 13, 2011

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Oak Lawn Public Library Presents:

“Bullet Proof Interviewing” Workshop

Job hunters will learn how to take on the toughest interview question with a smile.

Monday, February 28, 2011

7:00 p.m.

PARK LAWN

“Win a Trip to Ireland” Raffle

Drawing will take place at Gaelic Park on February 19, 2011, during the Park Lawn’s “A Rhapsody in Blue” live and silent auction. Tickets are on sale for Park Lawn’s “Trip to Ireland Tour for Two” Raffle with the winner receiving an all expensed paid trip to Ireland for seven days and five nights. The trip would include round trip airfare, first class hotels, nine meals per person and transportation to locations such as the Dublin Castle, the Blarney Stone, a Burlington Cabaret Dinner & Show, Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet and the Cliffs of Moher.

Two raffle tickets cost \$100 each and only 400 tickets will be sold. Winner need not be present to win! Tickets to the auction are sold separately.

Please contact Laurie Leiser, Park Lawn Raffle Coordinator at lleiser@parklawn.com & Kristen Bonk, Park Lawn Marketing Manager at kbonk@parklawn.com or call Park Lawn at (708) 425-6867.



DOLLARS FOR DOTTY

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending”. –Maria Robinson

Dotty is a 48 year old woman with a caring, loving family. Kevin, her partner of 14 years, Ken and Kathy, her 2 children, and 7 grandchildren, Kenny, Robert, Mitchell, Jake, Leah, Logan and Cassidy are the loves of Dotty's life.

Summer is Dotty's favorite time of year. The family activities are endless. They enjoy the zoo, beaches, festivals, camping, and hiking, all of the wonderful things that form lifetime memories. The summer of 2010 was different. In early June, Dotty started to experience severe pain to her back, right side, and stomach. She made 3 trips to the emergency room each time receiving a CT scan. All 3 times she was sent home with pain pills and a diagnosis of bulging discs. Struggling with the pain throughout the summer, Dotty was unable to participate in the family outings she loved so much. Going to work was getting more difficult as the pain steadily increased.

On September 22, 2010 Dotty was rushed to the hospital a 4th time. It was that day that would change the lives of Dotty, her family and her friends forever. She was diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer, medically known as Aden carcinoma of Cecum with it being in the lymph nodes. That day a perforated tumor, the size of a large man's fist, was removed along with twelve inches of colon.

Dotty has already received CT scans, MRIs, x-rays, labs and 2 surgeries. Several of these tests must be repeated. She will endure very aggressive chemotherapy receiving three different chemo treatments biweekly for at least 6 months.

Working is no longer possible for Dotty. She does not have any health insurance. The county and state have advised her that they cannot assist her with any financial aid toward the \$14,200 cost of each chemo treatment. Her medical and personal bills are stacking up. In order to help alleviate the financial strain she is facing, her family and friends are hosting a fundraiser benefit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011, Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Any donation you can offer to help the success of this event will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for donations for our prize raffles and silent auction as well as monetary donations which can be mailed directly to:

CHASE BANK, c/o Dollars 4 Dotty, 16057 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, IL 60441; Attention: Monica

Please visit our website (under construction) www.dollars4dotty.com for information regarding the benefit and all other donation options. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a volunteer listed on this letter.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Your support and generosity can help make a significant impact on this very special family.

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OAK LAWN BASEBALL
Free/Voluntary Winter Clinics

Oak Lawn Baseball is offering FREE/VOLUNTARY winter clinics to review game fundamentals. Clinics will be held at Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School at 5345 West 99th Street in Oak Lawn. Parents need to stay for the clinic. No registration is required.



Mustang: 9 - 10 years old
Sunday, February 13, 2011
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 20, 2011
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Girls Pitching Clinic: 5 - 7 Years old
Sunday, February 13, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pinto: 8 years old
Sunday, February 20, 2011
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 6, 2011
3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Girls Pitching Clinic: 8 - 12 years old
Sunday, February 13, 2011
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shetland: 6 – 7 years old
Sunday, March 6, 2011
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Girls T-Ball: 5 & 6 years old
Sunday, February 27, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Boys T-Ball: 5 -6 years old
Sunday, March 6, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Girls Pixie: 7 & 8 years old
Sunday, February 27, 2011
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Girls Petite: 9 -10 years old
Sunday, February 27, 2011
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CineVerse:

Oak Lawn's free weekly film discussion group will examine a film shot in Chicago, "Mad Dog and Glory" (1993) on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Oakview Center located at 4625 West 110th Street in Oak Lawn.

On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, CineVerse will examine the gritty crime thriller "In Cold Blood" (1967) at 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Oakview Center located 4625 West 110th Street in Oak Lawn

Please always check signage for room number. For more information, call (708) 529-9028 or visit www.cineversegroup.blogspot.com.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
4460 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 423-1058

www.stpoaklawn.com

(Located just east of the Hilton on 94th and Cicero Avenue)



St. Paul Lutheran School will be hosting an Open House
Sunday, February 13, 2011
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be activities for the children featuring the books of New York Times bestselling children's author, Kevin Henkes!

St. Paul provides an excellent education in a Christian environment for children entering pre-kindergarten through 8th grade, as well as, day care before and after school. Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school years begins in February.

COME AND DISCOVER WHAT IS SO SPECIAL HERE
AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL!



PLOWS SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM

This is a program offering a housing alternative for persons for all ages who might be interested in sharing living space, expenses and possibly household duties with another person. PLOWS staff members screen home providers and home seekers and introduce potentially compatible people for the purpose of possibly sharing a home. One person in the match must be a senior. The obvious advantage is to reduce the cost of housing, but other benefits are companionship and maintaining independence. We are a not-for-profit organization assisting people in the community. For more information, call PLOWS at (708) 361-0219.

February's Observances



African American History Month



Potato Lover Month



Grapefruit Month



Library Lovers Month



Bake for Family Fun Month



Canned Food Month



Friendship Month



Cat Health Month



National Cherry Month



Bird Feeding Month

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SALUTES OUR RESIDENTS IN THE ARMED FORCES**



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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.



THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS!



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.



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

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

SHOP LOCAL & SHOP OAK LAWN

**ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD, The Green Oaks Shopping Center,
9507 South Cicero Avenue**



Andy's Frozen Custard recently had their Grand Opening in Oak Lawn to "standing-room" crowds only. Andy Kuntz, president of Andy's Frozen Custard, was excited about remodeling of the former Del Taco restaurant. According to Andy, the difference between ice cream and frozen custard is frozen custard is made fresh every hour. Basically, any frozen dessert gets worse as time goes on. So the fresher it is, the better it is. The creamier it tastes. Frozen custard is also served slightly warmer than ice cream. If you go to your local ice cream shop and get a scoop of hard ice cream, generally that product is around zero degrees and will actually freeze your taste buds. Our product still feels cold on your palette and your mouth, but won't freeze your mouth. By the time you get to the end of a sundae or concrete, you're still able to taste that it is a strawberry or a caramel. With something colder, by the time you get to the fourth bite, you really can't taste the flavor. That's really the big difference with frozen custard and ice cream. Look for the "BIG" cone on Cicero Avenue and stop in and enjoy the newest treat in our neighborhood.

QDOBA, Oak Lawn Town Center, 5137 West 95th Street



Construction has already begun on the new Qdoba Mexican Grill where Hollywood Video was located. Qdoba serves burritos made in the San Francisco burrito style, tacos, quesadillas, taco salads, chile con queso, Mexican gumbo, and fresh guacamole. The restaurant fits into the "fast casual" category, offering both quick service and a higher quality of food than typical fast-food restaurants. Customers order by selecting an entrée, then choosing its ingredients. All of the items are made in plain view of the customer. The chain's current slogan is "Fast Fresh and Friendly". Look for the grand opening in early spring.



SMASHBURGER, Oak Lawn Town Center,

5145 West 95th Street

Qdoba's will have a new neighbor - Smashburger. Construction on the new Smashburger store should begin in late February. Smashburger is fast becoming every city's favorite place for burgers. It is perfect for eating in or having a better burger to go, a quick workday lunch, the weekend burger and beer, date night, a family dinner, or with the team after the game. Smashburger has something great for everyone. Along with their great-tasting

burgers and smashfries - smashchicken sandwiches and signature salads, veggie frites and haystack onions, Häagen-Dazs shakes and bottled beer and wine - help make smashburger every city's favorite place for burgers.



2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Children's Museum

A future family restaurant is in the planning stage right next door to The Children's Museum - 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill. Owners Dale Eisenberg and Mike Ventre decided to create their own special place for families to enjoy a tasty meal delivered on toy trains. At 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Dale and Mike have recreated the look and feel of a 50's lunch counter, rekindling the fond memories of a time past. But one thing never goes out of style – finding a place where people of all generations can sit back, relax and enjoy a tasty meal. Dale and Mike pride themselves in creating a place that appeals to kids of all ages! Offering old fashion burgers, fries, hot dogs, sandwiches, salads and more, 2Toots Train Whistle Grill has something for everyone! And their homemade treats and hand dipped ice cream creations are second to none! Look for 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill to open in late spring.

Medical Center, 102nd & Cicero Avenue



RSA PROPERTIES - 10201 SOUTH CICERO - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DESIGNBRIDGE
CORPORATION, LLC - 10201 SOUTH CICERO - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RSA Properties recently purchased the Fox Valley Suzuki Dealership at 10201 S. Cicero Avenue. The 24,000sqft building was sold for \$1.5 M dollars and will be converted into a lavish, 3 story medical facility. Ground breaking will begin in the spring of 2011. RSA Properties also owns the Merrionette Park Medical Center located at 116th & Kedzie.



Medical Center, 95th & Normandy

The former Napleton Honda Dealership was recently sold for \$3M. The 17,000sqft building located at 5800 W. 95th Street sits on 2.5 acres and will be the home to a 40,000 sq.ft Medical Office. An outstanding medical architectural and planning firm has been hired for a planned orthopedic center. The perimeter brick wall and landscaping will remain as well as a portion of the existing brick building, however, there will be significantly renovations for new design. Builder Don Jeanes will be the construction company on-site.



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.