



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

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Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Board Approves New Landscape Improvements for Oak Lawn in 2008

In the continuing effort toward beautification of our Village, the Board voted on February 26 in favor of new landscape improvements for our Village in 2008. A few items you will see are below:

95th & Pulaski - New Entranceway Sign. Custom brick and limestone sign integrated with custom "acorn" finials made from cast concrete that will adorn brick pillars. A dynamic design of landscaping that will include Colorado Spruces, Pear Trees, 5 different varieties of perennials, 3 different varieties of annuals along with tumbled landscaping blocks of which all will be highlighted by professional landscape illumination.

Municipal Center/Village Green - 5 newly planted not-so ordinary pine trees on the Village Green - "species not seen in this region". The Municipal Center and Village Green will be adorned by numerous annuals in newly created flower beds throughout the landscape scene. Look for combinations such as Coleus 'Rustic Orange' & 'Borneo Red' in-between mature oak trees, 'Wax Bronze Leaf Pink' and 'Wax Bronze Leaf Red' Begonias mixed inside the Municipal Center island and the gazebo surrounded by Red Salvia 'Red Hot Sally'.

95th & New England "Water Tower" - The "OAK LAWN" script is already 3 years old and the boxwood bushes that spell "OAK LAWN" are showing off their articulation. Once again this site will be highlighted by about 2,800 Red Salsa Salvia and 1,600 Yellow Janie Marigolds. Look for new oak trees and pine trees which will be complimented by limestone "stone cropping" that will replace the old "brush" behind the homes next to this site. Look in the fall season of the newly planted Yellow Daffodils.

111th & Kostner - Known as "Little 111th" - this will be the 2nd year for this newly designed site of which such perennials as "Knock Out" Roses, Feather Reed Grass, Stella DeOro, Catmint and Firewitch will be in full bloom. A new addition of annuals such as 3,000 Wax Bronze Leaf Pink Begonias and 1,000 Dusty Miller's will add a splash of colorful exuberance!

95th Street Pots - Irrigation/soil will be revived this spring which will enhance the flowering annuals like the Sweet Potato Vines, Purple Wave Petunias and Verbena. The holiday season pots will be surrounded by variegated Cedar, Balsam Fir, Blue Fraser Fir and White Pine inserted by the green rope light tree.

EASTER EVENTS IN OAK LAWN

Skate with the Easter Bunny – Bunny hop with the Easter bunny on the ice during Open Skate at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Rink. Sunday, **March 16**, from 1:30 until 2:50 pm. Admission is \$7 and skate rental is \$3.

Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green - The Oak Lawn Special Events Commission is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on the Village Green on Saturday, **March 22**. Three Easter Egg Hunts are planned at 11:30 am, 12:00 Noon and 12:30 pm. Bring your own Easter basket and camera to take pictures of the children with the Easter Bunny in the gazebo. The Oak Lawn Village Green is located at 94th & Cook Avenue, north of the Oak Lawn Library

Easter Brunch – Sunday, **March 23**, at the Stony Creek Clubhouse Bar & Grille, 5850 W. 103 St. One seating from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. \$14.99 for adults and \$7.99 for children (8 & under). Reservation deadline is March 17, (708) 857-2433.

Easter Egg Hunt Tip – When hiding real eggs, hide them in areas that are protected from dirt, pets and other sources of bacteria. Do not let them sit in a hiding place for more than 2 hours. After the hunt, throw eggs away that are cracked, dirty or not found within 2 hours. Refrigerate the eggs.



Link-Up, Lifeline, and Universal Telephone Services Assistance Program (UTSAP) are programs which provide financial assistance to qualified low-income households to help them obtain and maintain basic local phone service. To apply for assistance individuals should contact their local phone company. AT&T customers – (888) 256-5378. Verizon – (800) 483-4000. www.linkupillinois.org.

Oak Lawn Centennial History Club

A group of interested community members are now in the process of forming an Oak Lawn Centennial History Club in anticipation of the Village's 100 year anniversary celebration in 2009. The founding members have decided to focus their energies toward producing an exhibit for display during Oak Lawn's centennial year. The club plans to meet in the Library's Local History Room. For more information, please contact Phillip Leo at (708) 636-5665.



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

**Pfc Santo J. Carollo, US Marine Corps
Lt. Colonel John Paul Klatt, US Air Force
Jamie Hojek, US Navy**

**Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corps
Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army**

**TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force
Sn Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard**

Cpl. Andrew Chesna, US Marine Corps

Staff Sgt Christopher Reich, US Army Reserves

Dennis A Youngren, SrA, US Air Force

Captain David Pfeiffer, US Air Force

Captain Craig Lanigan, Army Reserves

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Pfc Benjamin T. Kunst, US Marine Corps

Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force

First Sgt. Daniel Miller, US Marine Corp

Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps

Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force

Sara Losos, AIC

Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps

1st Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82nd Airborne

Sgt Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force

Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV

Pfc Justin Sanchez

HM3 Leslye Thompson

Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.

Keith Libner, US Marine Corps

Cpl. John C. Hojek, US Marine Corps

Sgt. Kevin J. Scharwarko, US Army

Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corps

Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corps

Spc. Don Brady, US Army

OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS

Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corps

Karl Schultz, US Navy

Sgt. R.E. Carlson, US Marine Corps

Sp4 Joseph J Necom, USA

Sgt. John Patrick White

Tech Sgt. Michael Dignan, US Air Force

The Village of Oak Lawn appreciates the many sacrifices our residents in the Armed Forces make for us on a day to day basis. We ask our residents to keep all of those in the Armed Forces in their prayers. If you are an active service man or woman or have a loved one currently serving in the armed forces, please send their name and military information to mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov.

If any service man or woman would be interested in receiving the “A Community United” to keep in touch with the latest happenings in their hometown, they may do so by sending their email information to mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov

SENIOR NEWS

Tax Preparation

What: Trained volunteers, certified by the IRS, are available to prepare seniors taxes. Appointments only.

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95 St., (708) 499-0240

How to Sell Your House Tax-Free & Other Tax Tips for Seniors

What: Certified Elder Law Attorney Amy Parise-Delaney will explain how seniors can avoid paying capital gains taxes when selling their home.

When: Thursday, **March 13**, 2:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

AARP – Driver Safety Program

What: A two day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to those who complete the course. Coffee and snacks provided. Fee is \$10

When: **April 3 & 4**, in person registration starts Saturday, **March 8**

May 29 & 30, in person registration starts Saturday, **May 3**

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

SCHOOLS

Squiggles to Grins – Art Program

What: The Children’s Museum in Oak Lawn is partnering with KidzArt with a program combining age appropriate art, songs, group gross motor activities, poetry, story telling.

When: Wednesdays, **March 5 - 26**, 10:30 – 11:15 am.

Where: The Children’s Museum, 9600 East Shore Drive

Info: Mary Grant, (708) 233-6923

AERO School District 123 Early Childhood Screening – Free for Residents

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

When: **March 10, April 28, May 19, 2008**

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

“Spring Fling” Vendor/Craft Fair

What: Vendor and craft fair sponsored by the Sward School PTA

When: Saturday, **March 15**, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Sward School Gym, 98th & Brandt

Spring Arts & Crafts Fair

What: Hundreds of unique handcrafted items, gift items and home décor. Independent representatives from vendors such as Party Lite, Pampered Chef and Creative Memories, etc. The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will feature a Business Showcase.

When: Saturday, **March 15**, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 Southwest Highway

THE SANCTUARY

A Women’s Wellness Group

A place where women can connect together in a spirit of support to learn, share experiences, and explore possibilities for possible growth.

Open to: Women who are residents of Oak Lawn

When: Friday evenings through March 21, 2008

Where: Oak Lawn Family Service
9401 S. 53rd Ct.

Fee: \$5.00

To join or for more information please contact (708) 423-3361
Deb at ext. 25 or Rachel at ext. 28 or email familyservice@oaklawn-il.go with
The Sanctuary or ***Women’s Group*** as the subject.



Oak Lawn Citizen Police Academy
Wednesday evenings, March 12 – May 21, 2008
Oak Lawn Municipal Center

The Oak Lawn Citizen Police Academy consists of ten, two and one-half hour blocks of instruction designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Police Department. Class sizes will be limited and there will be no cost to anyone who enrolls. Oak Lawn residents age 18 and older may apply. Classes are taught by our own police officers in their various areas of expertise. A sampling of the class topics includes but is not limited to: Community Relations, Crime Prevention, D.A.R.E. & EDGE, Drug & Gang Awareness, Identity Theft, Senior Citizen Police Liaison, Juvenile Justice System.

Applications are available at the Oak Lawn Police Front Desk. For additional information about the Academy contact: Officer Jim Pacetti, Community & School Relations, (708) 499-7880, jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov

YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Health Screenings

What: Free blood pressure readings taken by volunteers from Advocate Christ Medical Center and the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

When: Wednesday, **March 12**, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond

5th Annual SXU Health Fair

What: Free screenings, information, chair massages, refreshments and much more. Open to the community.

When: Friday, **March 28**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: St. Xavier University Shannon Center

Info: (773) 298-3592

How to Stop a Nosebleed

- Pinch the top of the nose with your thumb and forefinger
- Tilt the chin down slightly toward the chest.
- Keep the position for at least 10 minutes.
- If bleeding continues, repeat the procedure for another 10 minutes.
- If blood accumulates in your mouth, spit it out. Swallowing blood can cause vomiting.
- Don't tilt head backwards because that opens a passageway to the lungs.
- If you experience dizziness, lightheadedness, shortness of breath or if your nose continues to bleed for longer than 30 minutes, seek professional help immediately.
- Once a nosebleed has stopped, refrain from blowing for at least 24 hours.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Midwest Ramblers Cajun Band

When: Sunday, **March 9**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S Raymond Ave., lower level meeting room
(708) 422-4990, free admission

Shamrock Supper starring the Trinity Academy Dancers

What: Traditional Irish dinner and entertainment provided by the Trinity Academy Dancers.

When: **March 10, 11 & 12**, 4:15 pm. Registration deadline – March 4.

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

Cost: Adult - \$17. Children (10 & under) - \$6. Cash bar available.

Southwest Business Cooperative Networking Event

What: A joint venture of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau and many other Southside Chambers to connect local chambers and business associations together under one roof.

When: Wednesday, **March 12**, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

Cost: \$30 per person, reservations by Friday, March 7. Contact the Oak Lawn Chamber at (708) 424 8300.

Spring Clean-Up

What: Oak Lawn Park District Horticulturist Dolly Foster will share tips to make your spring clean-up easier and faster. Find out how incorporation gardening activities can improve your state of mind, mood and enrich your life. Free admission

When: Tuesday, **March 25**, 7:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

College Illinois

What: Nancy Stephens, Associate Director of **College Illinois**, will speak about college funding options and the benefits of enrolling. **College Illinois** is a 529 prepaid tuition program that allows parents/grandparents to pay for tuition today. Annual enrollment period ends on April 29.

When: Tuesday, **April 1**, at 7:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., (708) 422-4990

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn's Annual Gala Event

When: Saturday, **April 12**, 6:30 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

Tickets: \$125 per person. Call (708) 741-4710 for more information

Jazz Favorites Starring Vince Clark and Megan Curran

What: Finger snapping, classical jazz provided by entertainer Vince Clark and pianist Megan Curran

When: Wednesday, **April 16** at 12:15 pm. Registration deadline – **April 8**

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

Cost: Adults - \$12. Children (10 & under) - \$5. Cash bar available

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Aquafina MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

What: Free official skill competition of the Major League Baseball for children ages 7-14. Overall champions will advance to the sectionals and possibly compete at a Major League Ballpark in June. All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and file out a registration/waiver prior to the start of competition.

When: Saturday, **April 12**, 10:00 am.

Where: Centennial Park

Stony Creek Golf Complex

STONY CREEK GOLF COURSE FEES

Please visit our website for specials - www.golfstonycreek.com

<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u># OF HOLES</u>	<u>RESIDENT</u>	<u>NON-RESIDENT</u>	<u>JR/SR</u>	<u>CART FEES</u>
*WEEKDAYS	18 HOLES 9 HOLES	\$20.00 \$14.00	\$24.00 \$17.00	\$18.00 \$12.00	\$12.00 \$8.00
WEEKDAY TWILIGHT (after 3 p.m.)	18/9 HOLES	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$13.00	\$8.00
WEEKENDS/ HOLIDAYS	18 HOLES 9 HOLES	\$21.00 \$15.00	\$25.00 \$18.00	\$19.00 \$14.00	\$12.00 \$8.00
WEEKEND TWILIGHT (after 3 p.m.)	18/9 HOLES	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$14.00	\$8.00

All resident golfers must show a current I.D. with photo or drivers license to receive resident rates.

Astroturf Tees

		<u>Seniors</u>
Small Bucket	\$4.00	\$3.50
Large Bucket	\$6.50	\$5.50
Giant Bucket	\$9.00	\$8.00
Pro Bucket	\$13.00	\$12.00

Grass Tees

		<u>Seniors</u>
Small Bucket	\$4.25	\$3.75
Large Bucket	\$7.00	\$6.50

2008 Range Pass

The 2008 Range Pass is valid from March 15, 2008 - October 1, 2008. This is not a membership program, but a program that permits unlimited range play at a reduced rate. Range passes are valid only during posted hours of operation. Stony Creek has the sole responsibility to decide operational conditions. Lights will be on until 9pm May 1 - September 15 conditions permitting. Stony Creek Golf Course has the sole discretion and right to limit the participants in this program and has the right to discontinue this agreement without notice. Any participant who abuses the program and/or does

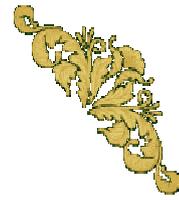
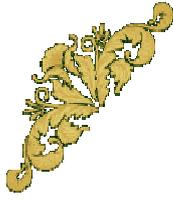
not abide by the Policies and Regulations is subject to having their privileges revoked without refund. All questions should be directed to Head Professional Carol Rhoades 708-857-2433.

Rates:

Adult (18 - 61)	\$450
Senior (62+)	\$420
Junior (6-17)	\$250
Family (<i>children actively enrolled in school</i>)	Please see Carol for price

BUSINESS SPECIALS FOR OAK LAWN RESIDENTS ONLY

Each e-mail will feature a few Oak Lawn businesses with special offers for our residents. Just mention that you are an Oak Lawn resident and read about the offer the "A Community United" email newsletter. Our features this edition are:



Quigley's Irish Pub
Your Family Friendly St. Patricks Headquarters
4010 W 111th St, Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 952-4774

Quigley's Irish Pub would like to offer the lovely citizens of Oak Lawn a 20% food discount. Please present a copy of this ad to the server before ordering.

Offer expires on March 31, 2008.

St. Paddy's Day events at Quigley's

Sunday, March 9th, Southside Irish Parade, Live Irish Music & Irish Dancers

Monday, March 10th, movie screening of "The Quiet Man"

Tuesday, March 11th, Irish Pub Trivia

Wednesday, March 12th, Irish Coffee Contest

Saturday, March 15th, Irish Soda Bread Contest, "A Southside Tradition!", live Irish Music & Irish Dancers

Monday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, live Irish Music & Irish Dancers

Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of A Community United. Please know that your comments and concerns are always appreciated at information@oaklawn-il.gov