



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES PHASE I EXPANSION PLANS FOR ADVOCATE CHRIST MEDICAL CENTER

On May 24, 2011, the Village Board unanimously approved a special use permit, parking variations and height variances for a proposed state-of-the-art ambulatory facility and parking tower for Advocate Christ Medical Center.

The new ambulatory facility will be constructed on the northeast corner of 95th and Kilbourn and will provide outpatient care such as imaging and out patient surgery. It will also be the new location for three ACMC clinical institutes: heart and vascular, neurosciences, and cancer. The Heart and Vascular Institute at Christ Medical Center is a leader in cardiac care for the Midwest and one of the top five ventricular assist device (VAD) institutes in the country. The neurosciences institute addresses neurological care for adults and children. For example, the primary stroke center treats more patients than anywhere else in the Chicago area and ACMC is the #1 hospital in Illinois for head and spine traumas.

This new facility will allow for a future expansion of the Emergency Department.

A new parking tower will be constructed on the northwest corner of 95th and Kilbourn, on the former site of the Paragon restaurant. This will provide an estimated 2000 parking spaces and have an enclosed walkway extending over Kilbourn directly to the new ambulatory facility to provide easier access for patients.

The Groundbreaking is set to begin in October and estimated to be completed by November 2013. The construction project will provide many jobs locally. The long term expansion plans for the hospital are estimated to provide even more jobs and a boost to the Oak Lawn economy.

COMMUNITY ALERT

On May 11, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., Oak Lawn Police responded to a burglary at a home located in the 6200 block of 87th Street in Oak Lawn.

Two subjects conned their way into the home of two elderly residents. They used a ruse of buying the homeowners car which was not for sale. They entered the home uninvited and attempted to split up the elderly residents. One of the residents was on the phone with their son describing what was happening. The son immediately called Oak Lawn Police. The offenders heard the phone conversation and fled the house

The offenders fled the home in their vehicle. While fleeing, the offenders' car struck another vehicle and they proceeded to flee that incident as well. Moments later, the Police located the offending vehicle and apprehended the suspects.

The two occupants were identified by the victims and were subsequently arrested and charged with Residential Burglary along with other charges.

The Oak Lawn Police would like to remind the citizens that these types of "Ruse" Burglaries are common during this time of year. Other types of Ruse Burglary scenarios include:

- * **They are cutting the neighbor's tree and need the resident to step outside to make sure they don't damage property.**
- * **They are from the water department, gas company or electric company and have to check your pipes and/or wires.**
- * **They offer to clean your gutters.**
- * **Any type of "after storm" related cleanup or repair.**

Whatever the story is, they are trying to lure their victim to a secluded room in the house or outside of the home so that a second offender can steal their belongings.

A good rule to follow is: **NEVER LET ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW OR AREN'T EXPECTING TO ENTER YOUR HOME.** Even workers in uniform should be asked for identification. If you are thinking about calling the police, **CALL THE POLICE.** A legitimate person will have no problem waiting. If someone enters your home without permission, **CALL THE POLICE.**

The Oak Lawn Police have also received calls regarding solicitors going door to door. Please remember that anyone soliciting a business door to door must register with the Village Clerk's Office and display their license prominently on their outer garment.

Oak Lawn Rotary Club's
9/11 First Responders Monument



Dancing Under the Stars & Stripes

Fundraiser for Oak Lawn Rotary Club's
9/11 First Responder Monument

Saturday, June 25th • 7:00 pm
Oak Lawn Metra Parking Facility Roof

- ★ Tickets are \$75.00 per person
- ★ Includes Elegant Palermo's Buffet
- ★ Full Open Bar - Johnny Limon DJ
- ★ Dancing Under the Stars

6:00 - 7:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 - 7:30 Oak Lawn Rotary Club Installation of Officers & Directors

7:30 - 8:30 Buffet Dinner Catered by Palermo's on 95th

8:30 - 11:30 Dancing Under the Stars with the Orchestra and Auction

Contact information:

John Zawaski 708.259.5460

or mail payment to Oak Lawn Rotary Club

P.O. Box 612, Oak Lawn, IL 60454

Please RSVP by June 15, 2011

For more information www.monumentaloaklawn.com

All proceeds will go towards the Oak Lawn Rotary Club's 9/11 First Responder Monument

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle Stickers go on sale on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.
The stickers can be purchased for \$25.00 at the cashier window at the Village Hall, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

You can also purchase your vehicle sticker online at:

www.oaklawn-il.gov

Water Restrictions



Starts on Sunday, May 15, 2011

Ends on Thursday, September 15, 2011

If your address is an even number, you can water on the even days.

If you address is an odd number, you can water on the odd days.

Watering Times:

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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Lawn Maintenance: All lawns must maintain 4 inches tall or less and all weeds must be eliminated.



Pools: All pools over 2 feet in height need to be in compliance. Please check our website at www.oaklawn-il.gov for the village ordinances which pertain to fence height and electrical regulations.

Thank you and be a good neighbor.



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 Corp.
Sp. Michael J. Roberts, US Army
Guard 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 Master
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
Sara Losos, AIC
Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps
1st Sgt Wade Pasquerella, 82nd Airborne
Sgt. Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force
Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV

Sgt. Don Brady, US Army
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS
Sp. Timothy Walker, US Army
Sgt. Jennifer D. Kohany, Illinois Army National
Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corps
Sgt. Joseph Klem, 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
Spec. Donald J. Balsavich
LCPL Timothy A. Evans, US Marine Corps
LCPO Ray Creevy, US Marine Corps
LCPL John Eckert, US Marine Corps
Captain Daniel R. Johnson, US Army
LCPL Christopher L. Aguinaga, US Marine
Petty Officer David Bailey, US Navy
Private 3rd Edward James Mayer, US Army
Officer Jason Hudson, US Army
2LT Jeffrey Finley II, US Army
2nd Lt. Kevin M. Shotas, USMC
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

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.



Greetings from the Honor Flight Chicago Volunteers

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures, those men and women who answered our nation's call, especially at times of our greatest need. As a grateful country it is our job to honor and thank our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Our mission at Honor Flight Chicago is to bring our WWII Veterans to Washington D.C., at no cost to them, for a day of Honor. We are losing these Veterans at an alarming rate and we are trying to get as many of these Heroes there as soon as we can. With that in mind, we are holding our 2nd Annual Honor Flight Chicago Benefit to try and accomplish this goal. It will be held as follows:

Place: 115 Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th St
Merrionette Park, IL

Date: Saturday June 11th 2011

Time: 3-8 P.M.

Included: Food buffet, Draft beer, Wine, Soft drinks, Entertainment and Free valet parking.

Cost: \$25 advance \$30 at door

2nd Annual Bourbon Street Fundraiser

Helping to send WWII Vets to Washington D.C.



**Join us for dancing, raffles
and a surprise guest!**

**Saturday, June 11, 2011
3-8 P.M.**

**115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th Street
Merrionette Park, IL 60803**

**\$25.00 ticket in advance
\$30.00 at the door**

**Ticket price includes food buffet, draft beer,
wine, soft drinks, entertainment and FREE valet parking.**

**100% of proceeds benefit Honor Flight Chicago
If you are not able to make it, cash donations are happily accepted.**

To purchase tickets or for more information,
call either Jim Hunter at 708.720.9062 or
Mike Mahoney at 708.425.7103.

RAFFLES • CASH BAR • FUN FUN FUN!!!!

**HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO 988 W. MONTANA STREET CHICAGO, IL 60614
PHONE 773.227.VETS (8387) FAX 773.289.0909 EMAIL BOURBONSTREET@HONORFLIGHTCHICAGO.ORG
WWW.HONORFLIGHTCHICAGO.ORG**



**WWII Vets enjoying their trip to Washington D.C.
HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO**

Spring into Summer!

The Oak Lawn Pet Parade, Auto Show & Vendor Fair

Sponsored, in part, by HAWK FORD

Auto Show



*** Special Preview ***



Friday, June 17

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wine, beer, soft drink & food for purchase.

Music and Fun!!

Come See the Hottest Deals in Oak Lawn!!

Enter our free sweepstakes to win a new car!



Saturday, June 18

Pet Parade

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Parade 10:00 a.m.

Step-off from 99th Street and 54th Avenue

Auto Show & Vendor Fair

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dumke Drive and Cook Ave.

Spend the day shopping! See all that Oak Lawn has to offer!!

VILLAGE MEETINGS & CONTACTS



What: President and Board of Trustees Meetings
When: June 14, 2011
Where: Village Hall, 2nd Floor, Auditorium
Cable TV: Replays at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. & 1:30 a.m.

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

Departments

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 or 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
Property Maintenance/Environmental Health: (708) 499-7820
Business Operations Department: (708) 499-7821 or 7837
Police Department: Administration (708) 499-7724
Communications Department: (708) 499-7787
Emergency Operations Department: (708) 636-5141 or 5142
Fire Department Non-Emergency: (708) 499-7700

SPECIAL EVENT DATES: 2011



WHAT:
WHEN:
DATES:
WHERE:

Farmers Market

Every Wednesday; 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
From June 1, 2011 to October 12, 2011
Located at 52nd Avenue & Dumke Drive



WHAT:
WHEN:

Auto Show & Vendor Fair

Friday, June 17, 2011
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 18, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE:
SPONSORED BY:

Located at the Village Green on Dumke Drive
The Chamber of Commerce



WHAT:
WHEN:
WHERE:

Pet Parade

Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
Located at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School

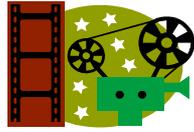


WHAT:
WHEN:
WHERE:
BANDS:

Summer Concerts

All concerts will start at 7:00 p.m.
Located on the Village Green
Walk-In's: Sunday, May 29, 2011
Cover band of all types of music.
Out of Control: Sunday, June 12, 2011
An 8 piece "Wedding Band"
Suburban Cowboys: Sunday, June 26, 2011
Country Band
The New Invaders: Sunday, July 10, 2011
60's Music Invasion
CTA-Chicago Tribute Anthology:
Sunday, July 24, 2011
Hat Guys: Sunday, August 7, 2011
Cover Band & Energetic Dancing
Hey Jimmy: Sunday, August 21, 2011
Premier Party Band and **FIREWORKS!**

WHAT:
WHEN:
WHERE:
MOVIES:



Movies on the Green

All movies will start at dusk
Village Green.

Friday, June 10, 2011:

“Raiders of the Lost Ark”

Friday, June 24, 2011:

“Despicable Me” (Animated)

Friday, July 8, 2011:

“The Blind Side” (Adult Night)

Friday, July 22, 2011:

“Rocky”

Friday, August 5, 2011:

“Karate Kid 2010”

Friday, August 26, 2011:

“Twilight” (Adult Night)



4th of July Parade

WHAT:
WHEN:
START TIME:
PARADE ROUTE:

Monday, July 4, 2011

10:00 a.m.

95th Street between 51st and 55th Ct.



Classic Car Show

WHAT:
WHEN:
TIME:
WHERE:

Sunday, July 10, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On the Village Green & Dumke Drive



Irish Music Festival

WHAT:
WHEN:
WHERE:
TIME:

Friday, July 29, 2011 and Saturday, July 30, 2011,

Behind the Goal Post Tavern

Time to be announced.



WHAT: **Fall on the Green**
WHEN: Friday, September 9, 2011
 Saturday, September 10, 2011
 Sunday, September 11, 2011
WHERE: Located on the Village Green



WHAT: **Pumpkin Fest**
WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: On the Village Green



WHAT: **Santa on the Green**
WHEN: Saturday, November 26, 2011
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: On the Village Green

PACE BUS SCHEDULE TO US CELLULAR FIELD EXPRESS

WHAT: Pace's US Cellular Field Express
PRICE: Only \$4.00 each way, per person
 Exact fare required
WHEN: All night, weekend, and holiday games
 All daytime games June through August
 No Pace service to weekday daytime games in
 May and September
WHERE: Route 774
 Oak Lawn Metra Station
 9525 South Tulley Avenue
 Bus stop is at 52nd Avenue and Yourell Drive
 Parking is free on the Metra Parking Deck
 No parking fees collected around bus department time
DEPARTURE TIMES: 11:15 a.m.
 1:00 p.m.
 4:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m.

Rain Barrels Are Now on Sale at The Village of Oak Lawn



What is a Rain Barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams.

What are the Advantages of a Rain Barrel?

It Saves You Money

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water).

Helps Reduce Stormwater Pollution

Rainwater stored in rain barrels helps reduce the amount of stormwater runoff and the amount of pollutants that are picked up and carried to storm sewers, creeks and rivers.

Conserves Water Supply Resources

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Rainwater used from rain barrels helps reduce the amount of water used from underground aquifers.

Better for Plants and Gardens

Rainwater stored in rain barrels is a naturally soft water and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. For this reason, plants respond very well to rainwater. After all, it's what plants in the wild thrive on!

Helps Inform Your Neighbors

One of the best reasons to start harvesting rainwater with rain barrels is to teach and encourage others to do the same. You will help to spread the culture of rainwater collection and in turn, help your larger community and the environment.

Rain Barrel Instructions

- It is a good idea to put your barrel up on a flat, stable platform (concrete blocks, landscaping blocks or other solid support). The added height increases the water pressure and allows you to put a bucket under the spigot to bring water to your indoor plants. A full 55 gallon rain barrel weighs over 450 pounds.
- Install an overflow hose to direct water away from your house foundation for times of high rainfall.
- Locate and install your rain barrel to keep kids safe. Keep your rain barrel lid tight at all times to prevent children, animals and insects from entering or falling in.
- Measure and cut the downspout. Use the existing elbow or a flexible spout attachment to direct the water to the top of the barrel. The end of the downspout should be cut 6-8 inches above the top of the barrel. Downspouts can be cut with a hacksaw. Flexible spouts can be purchased at hardware stores or home centers.
- In the Fall, you need to empty your rain barrel and then leave the valve (spigot) open. Remove the cap on the lower fitting. Leave the barrel in place and in the Spring just close the valve and install the cap.
- Divercers are available that can easily switch the downspout from filling the barrel to normal operation once the barrel is full.

Using Rain Barrel Water

- Water your flowers, trees, shrubs, and lawn.
- Wash your car, rinse tools or muddy boots.
- Do not drink water from your rain barrel.
- Do not cook or bathe with water from your rain barrel.

Additional Products and Accessories

Additional Products, accessories and installation are made available by UpCycle Products at wholesale pricing to the residents of Oak Lawn at www.UpCycle-Products.com. Look on the right hand side of the home page for a link named Cook County IL residents. Click the link to view additional items available for your Garden and Rain Barrel.



Automatic diverter for connecting Rain Barrel to downspout. Available in sizes to fit a 2x3 inch or a 3x4 inch downspout. Hose is provided.



New this year
Authentic Oak Wooden Rain Barrel

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How to Order

- Orders and payments will be accepted via mail or in person during normal business hours of 8:30AM to 5:00PM at Oak Lawn Village Hall located at 9446 S. Raymond Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Order form must accompany payment. Check or cash is acceptable. Please do not mail cash.
- Once your order is received a Village of Oak Lawn employee will deliver your barrel(s) to your home within one week of order.
- Installation is the responsibility of the homeowner or see additional accessories and products from UpCycle Products.
- Questions not answered in this brochure can be directed to 708-499-7748 or email your question to the Green Team at GreenTeam@Oaklawn-il.gov.



55 Gallon Rain Barrels available in Black, Blue, Terra-Cotta, and Gray (Shown on Front).

Disclaimer

With proper installation, maintenance and use, your rain barrel should function properly. The Village of Oak Lawn assumes no liability for the installation, maintenance, property damage or injury associated with your rain barrel.

All of the plastic rain barrels are made from re-cycled food grade barrels. The rain barrels have a screw on top with one inch holes, screen mesh to keep out debris and mosquitoes, an overflow male hose connection, a drain valve and a connection to attach additional barrels.



UpCycle Products, Inc.
400 E. Wapella Ave.
Minooka, Illinois 60447
www.UpCycle-Products.com
815-735-9583



**THE OFFICIAL 2011 GREEN TEAM T-SHIRTS
ARE ON SALE AT VILLAGE HALL!**

The Village of Oak Lawn Green Team
2011 "Design a Green Scene" T-Shirts
On Sale Now! Only \$5.00 Each

The original designs of the winners of our Green Team Design a T-Shirt Contest. All proceeds will support the Green Team's efforts to make The Village of Oak Lawn a greener place to live.

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____

Please circle which design you would like.

#1 Design #2 Design

Quantity: _____ All t-shirts are unisex sizes.

Please circle size.

Adult Sizes: Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

\$1.00 more for XXL and XXXL

Kid Sizes: XS Small Medium Large XL

\$.25 more for kid sizes

Payment type: Cash or Check only. Please make the check out to The Village of Oak Lawn Green Team.

Total Quantity: _____ Amount Due: \$ _____

Please remit your payment & order form to Carmle O'Leary, the Village of Oak Lawn Green Team, 9446 South Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

"Think Green, Live Green"

For Office Use Only: Please apply all monies collected for the sale of the Green Team T-Shirts to account #820-9999-9999-67700-9999. Thank you!

***Forms are online or at the cashier window. Please return your forms and money/checks to the cashier window. Bring your receipt to the Clerk's Office, 2nd floor, to pick up your shirt.**



2011 Green Events

Events, Times & Dates:

Electronic Waste Collection

Oak Lawn Public Works, 5532 98th Street
Saturday, June 11th, 2011

Fall on the Green

The Green Team has an information table.
Friday, September 9, 2011
Saturday, September 10, 2011
Sunday, September 11, 2011

America Recycles Day

Keep America Beautiful
November 15th, 2011

Farmers Market

The Green Team has an information table.
June 1, 2011 to October 12, 2011

Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up

Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, TBD

Bed Races

To Be Announced

Park District Spring Lecture Series

Oak View Center; 110th & Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn; (708) 857-2225
Mondays at 6:30pm; Fee: \$5
All proceeds benefit the greenhouse at the OLPD.



“THINK GREEN, LIVE GREEN”



What: **The Beautiful Yard Club Contest 2011**
Who is Eligible: Amateur Gardeners Only
Sponsored: The Oak Lawn Garden Club
Judging: Gardens will be judged upon:
Originality of Design
Suitability of Plants
Overall Neatness

Entries Due By: Entries must be received by May 30, 2011
How to Enter: Send name, address, & phone number to juneviolets@comcast.net or call (708) 499-0578

Judging Will Begin: Judges will visit gardens on June 1, 2011
Presentation of Awards: Awards will be given out at the Village of Oak Lawn Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011



Green Team Meetings

When: The last Wednesday of every month. Unless stated.
Time: 7:00 PM
June 29th, 2011 September 28th, 2011
July 27th, 2011 October 26th, 2011
August 31st, 2011 November 30th, 2011
No Meeting in December

Where: Village Hall, 9446 South Raymond Avenue, 2nd Floor

Annual Garden Walk



Annual Garden Walk
Sunday, June 26, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For ticket information, please call (708) 363-2371
Rain or Shine



FYI: Banana Peel Study
A study by Gustavo Castro, a researcher at Biosciences Institute, Botucatu, Brazil

A new study indicates that banana peels are not just ordinary waste or ideal for composting. Banana peels can now remove heavy metals from polluted water. Two types of experiments were used in this research. The first experiment, the team ground up banana peels and added them to a jar of water with a high concentration of heavy metals. The second experiment, they made a filter out of banana peels and pushed water through them. In both experiments, they found the same results: heavy metal was removed from the water and bonded to the banana peels. Banana peels seem to be working better than the filters that are currently being used today and it is much more cost efficient, too!

The study is published in the Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research which is a journal of the American Chemical Society.



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PARENT INFORMATION



Richards Summer Programs

Richards High School will sponsor a wide assortment of summer athletic camps for middle school and high school students starting in early June. All camps will take place on the Richards campus located at 10601 South Central Avenue in Oak Lawn.

Baseball: 7th, 8th graders and Incoming Freshman
Contact: Brian Wujcik at (708) 499-2550 X5087 or Brian.wujcik@chsd218.org.
Dates & Times: June 13th to June 16th; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$40 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218
Note: Wear practice pants or sweats pants; Shorts are NOT recommended
Bring: Glove and spikes; bats & helmets will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own. Bring WATER and SUNSCREEN.

Baseball: Future Bulldogs: Co-Ed Baseball Camp for Grades 1 to 6
Contact: Brian Wujcik at (708) 499-2550 X5087 or Brian.wujcik@chsd218.org.
Dates & Times: July 11th to July 14th, 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders; 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 4th, 5th & 6th graders; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$35 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee to be paid at the first session; Fee includes Richards Baseball t-shirt.
Note: Wear practice pants or sweat pants; Shorts are NOT recommended.
Bring: Glove and spikes; bats and helmets will be provided but participants are welcome to bring their own; Bring water and sunscreen.

Basketball: Boys: 2011 Incoming Freshmen
Contact: John Chappetto at (708) 499-2550 X5340 or john.chappetto@chsd218.org
Dates & Times: June 20th to June 24th; Monday to Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Main Gym
Fee: \$35 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee includes Richards Basketball t-shirt.

Basketball: Future Bulldogs: Boys, grades 4th through 8th.
Contact: John Chappetto at (708) 499-2550 X5340 or john.chappetto@chsd218.org
Dates & Times: June 27th to June 30th; 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Location: Main Gym

Fee: \$35 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee includes Richards Basketball t-shirt.

Basketball: Girls: Basic Skills & Introduction to Richards Basketball; Grades 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Contact: Jeff Kortz at (708) 499-2550 X5180 or jeff.kortz@chsd218.org

Dates & Times: TBA, please email for dates

Location: Main Gym

Fee: \$35 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218.

Football: Incoming Freshman

Contact: Tony Sheehan at (708) 499-2550 X5353 or jeff.kortz@chsd218.org

Dates & Times: June 27th to 30th; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee includes a Richards t-shirt.

Note: Bring form and fee to first session or send check to Coach Sheehan at Richards. Remember, shorts, gym shoes, football spikes and sunscreen all camp days.

Softball - Camp 1: 8th Graders, Incoming Freshman and HS

Times for Camp 1: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Softball – Camp 2: 3rd to 7th Graders.

Times for Camp 2: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Greg Foertsch, Gregory.foertsch@218.org

Dates: June 13th to 16th

Camp Brochure: Available online at www.chsd218.org.

Location: Varsity field, north of tennis courts.

Fee: \$40 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee includes a Richards t-shirt.

Note: Registration deadline is May 29th.

Bring: Bring softball glove, bat, water, spikes, hat/visor, sunscreen, sweat pants and long shirt for sliding.

Volleyball: Boys and Girls: Students entering 6th grade and older

Contact: Troy Grevengoed at (708) 499-2550 X5286 or

Troy.grevengoed@chsd218.org

Dates & Times: June 20th to 23rd; 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Main Gym

Fee: \$50 cash or check; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; Fee includes a Richards t-shirt and size guaranteed with paid registrations by June 3.

Bring: Bring water bottles for hot days.

Cross Country Camp 1: Incoming Freshman – Seniors

Cross Country Camp 2: 7th and 8th graders.

Contact: Kelly Kaczmarek at (708) 499-2550 X5292 or

kell.kaczmarek@chsd218.org

Dates & Times Camp 1: July 4th to July 29th, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Dates & Times Camp 2: July 11th to July 15th, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Location: Meet by the trees near tennis courts.

Fee: \$10.00 cash or check, Make checks payable to CHSD 218 which includes a camp t-shirt.

Special Note: Bring water, sunscreen and towel on extra sunny days and wear appropriate running shoes/clothing every day.

Soccer: Boys

Contact: Dan Scanlon at (708) 499-2550 X5369 or Dan.scanlon@chsd218.org.

Dates & Times: July 25th - 29th; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Polaris Fields at 108th & Kenton Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Fee: \$35 due by Friday, June 3, 2011; Make checks payable to CHSD 218.

Special Note: Bring water bottle, shin guards, cleats and running shoes every day. Sunscreen and towel are recommended for extra hot/sunny days.

Soccer: Girls

Contact: Marie Strelka at (708) 499-2550 X5772 or Marie.strelka@chsd218.org

Dates & Times: July 25th - 29th; 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Polaris Fields at 108th & Kenton Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Fee: \$35 due by Friday, June 3, 2011; Make checks payable to CHSD 218; deadline is July 1, 2011.

Special Note: Bring water bottle, shin guards, cleats and running shoes every day. Sunscreen and towel are recommended for extra hot/sunny days.

Tennis: All athletes entering grades 9th to 12th grades

Contact: Stephanie Koss at (708) 371-1880 or Stephanie.koss@chsd218.org

Dates & Times: July 11th to July 15th, Monday to Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Tennis Courts

Fee: \$30 due by Friday, June 3, 2011; Make checks payable to CHSD 218.

Special Note: Bring tennis racquet, water, sunscreen and towel.

Swimming/Diving/Water Polo: No experience necessary.

Contact: Joel Staszewski at (708) 499-2550 X5364 or Joel.staszewski@chsd218.org

Swimming Dates & Times: July 18th to July 24th; 0:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Richards Pool, enter at Door S12.

Water Polo Dates: July 18th to July 24th; 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: Free. Registration will take place on the first day of camp.

Location: Richards Pool, enter at Door S12

Special Note: Please supply your own swim wear and towel.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Book your child's birthday party with us! If you are interested in booking a birthday party on a weekend during the month of June, hurry! Book now while there are still spots available. They are going fast!



What: **Cinderella Ball
A Father/Daughter Event**

When: June 17, 2011

Where: Beverly Country Club

Registration: Registration is now open.

To register at www.cmoaklawn.org

Details: Horse-drawn carriage rides, ballroom dance lessons, a magician, a dinner and more!

What: **The Museum Doctor is in Program**

Program: 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.

Time: This program takes place at 11:30 a.m.

Where: On the second floor

Who: It is available to all visitors

Registration: No registration is necessary.

Subject: This month the subject will be emotions.



What: **The Oak Lawn Firefighters Local 3405's Inaugural Duck Races!**
When: July 4th, After the Parade
Where: Lake Shore Park
9610 East Shore Drive
Ducks will travel down the creek into the lake and Prizes will be given to the first 10 ducks that cross the finish line!
Price: Ducks are \$10.00 each
Tickets: Your duck tickets can be purchased at any firehouse in Oak Lawn, the Children's Museum or by call Bob Lanz at (708) 269-7144.



What: **The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn's Birthday Dash-5K Run**
When: Saturday, July 20, 2011
Registration: Registration for our annual 5K run and Kids' Dash is now open. Please visit www.cmoaklawn.org and click on the link to register. This event will take place in coordination with the museum in Oak Lawn, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and engaging children, and their families, in the joy of learning. Both parents want to run in the 5K? The Children's Museum will watch your child while you run for no additional cost. For more information please visit www.cmoaklawn.org or contact Bernadette at (708) 423-6709 X204.

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT

Oak Lawn Park District Theater
4625 West 110th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 857-2200



“Sugar”
(Some like It Hot)

“Sugar” will be running for two consecutive weekends!

Friday, June 3, 2011
Show Time: 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10, 2011
Show Time: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Show Time: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 2011
Show Time: 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 2011
Show Time: 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 2011
Show Time: 3:00 p.m.

Ticket prices: \$21.00 for adults
\$20.00 for Seniors & Children
Tickets are still available.



Oak Lawn Park District Sports Camp



Summer is right around the corner! The Oak Lawn Park District is offering Sports Camp at the Community Pavilion for children entering 3rd to 8th grade. If your child enjoys playing sports, no matter their ability, then Sports Camp is for them! They will receive specialized instruction as they play many familiar sports and games like basketball, softball, floor hockey, volleyball, soccer, archery, badminton and flag football just to name a few!

We are offering multiple options, including Full Day Sports Camp (M-F), Full Day with Transportation, Mini-Camp (MWF), Mini-Camp with Transportation and various Extended Camp options up until 6 p.m. Please check out the Park District summer brochure, visit our website at www.olparks.com or call Shannon Nolan at (708) 857-2420 for more information.

CHURCH INFORMATION

“Ugly Tie Brunch”



The public is invited to an “Ugly Tie Brunch” at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Hosted by the Pilgrim Faith Men’s Group, the menu includes French toast sticks, muffins, sausage, hash browns, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. Free will donations will be accepted.

Just for fun, men are invited to wear their ugliest tie, though attire will generally be casual. The brunch will be in the church basement, accessed by the doors facing the parking lot. The church is at 9411 South 51st Avenue in Oak Lawn and is handicapped accessible.



OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

What: **International Storytime**
Program: Fee monthly programs delivered entirely in Polish, Spanish and Arabic.
Registration: advance registration is required.
Dates: Select Saturdays.
For more details: Call or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org for details.

What: **History Exhibit**
Program: Preserving the Buildings in Oak Lawn's past by viewing photographs and artifacts from 19 historic structures, including the Auschwitz House, Keyhole House, and Covington School & Trinity Lutheran Church.
Time/Location: Hours posted at the Local History Room, www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Homeless Shelter Needs Volunteers

South Suburban PADS seeks volunteers to staff their emergency overnight shelter that will operate out of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Chicago Heights this summer. Volunteers assist with guest services, hospitality, supervision, registration and completion of paper work. Shelters are open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday beginning May 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Volunteers are asked to work one four-hour shift during the overnight hours, once each month. Volunteers are also needed to supply a hot, ready-to-serve evening meal once a month. Interested parties please call (708) 754-4357 and ask for Dawn Thrasher, Community Resource Coordinator.

What: **Meals On Wheels Needs Your Help!**
Who: Volunteers are needed.
When: Meals are sent Monday thru Friday.
Time: Between 9:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
For more details: Call Jennifer Owen at 422-5180.

What: **Angel Food Ministries**
Reduced Cost for Food Program at the Wesleyan Community Church
Where: 8844 South Austin Avenue, Oak Lawn.
For more details: Call 599-3660 or visit us at www.wesleyanchurch.com.

What: **Plows Shared Housing Program**
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.

Who: 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 details: Call PLOWS at 361-0219.



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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SMASHBURGER, Oak Lawn Town Center, 5145 W. 95th

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.



Medical Center, 102nd & Cicero Avenue

RSA Properties recently purchased the Fox Valley Suzuki Dealership at 10201 S. Cicero Avenue. The 24,000 sq.ft. 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 17,000 sq.ft. Building located at 6701 West 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.