



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

October 15, 2009

*Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news*



## The Village of Oak Lawn 2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009**

**10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**THE VILLAGE GREEN**

**LOCATED AT 94<sup>TH</sup> & COOK AVENUE**

NORTH OF THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY



**BRING THE FAMILY TO ENJOY  
SOME **FREE** FUN!**

**HAY RIDES, BOBBING FOR  
APPLES, PONY RIDES AND  
PUMPKINS FOR SALE!**

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

**SPINNING PUMPKIN RIDE &  
INFLATABLE PUMPKIN  
MOONWALK**



# RED RIBBON WEEK KICK-OFF PARTY

**Friday, October 16, 2009**

**on the**



**Oak Lawn Village Green**

**(just north of the library)**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**



**Come on out to decorate the area to  
show your support toward a drug and  
violence-free lifestyle.**

**Entertainment will be provided and  
refreshments will be available for purchase.**

## Say "Peace Out" to Drugs!

For more information please call  
Kathy Stangel (708) 499-6400 or Officer Jim Pacetti (708) 499-7880.



**10 Tips for Getting a Mammogram**  
*Recommended by the American Cancer Society*  
1.800.ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**  
**It is never too late to start your monthly mammogram**

1. Yearly mammograms beginning at age 40.
2. Have your mammograms taken at a facility that specializes in mammograms. They should perform at least 3 – 5 per day. The facility should also have a FDA certificate showing that the facility meets high professional standards.
3. If you are happy with the facility continue to go there so that your mammograms can be compared annually. If you are not, take copies of your old mammograms to the new facility so they can compare.
4. Mammogram costs, or a percentage, are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private health plans. Call the American Cancer Society for information about low cost mammograms in the area.
5. Try avoiding the week before your period when your breasts are more tender.
6. You will be given a gown to wear as you will need to undress to the waist.
7. Do not wear deodorant, powder or cream in your underarm area. It can interfere with the quality of the mammogram.
8. Only you and the technologist will be present during your mammogram. Most technologists are women.
9. Mammograms take 20 minutes at most.
10. If you do not receive the results from your doctor within ten days, contact the office or facility. Do not just assume that the test was normal.

## **ARREST MADE – CHILD ABDUCTION ATTEMPTS**

**On Wednesday, October 6 the Oak Lawn Police Department arrested and charged a 27 year old Oak Lawn man for two separate attempted child abduction incidents since August 27, 2009. The man driving a silver sports utility vehicle approached young girls on August 27 and another attempt was made on October 5 near the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School.**

**The Oak Lawn Police Department would like to commend the public, schools, parents, students and media for not only getting the word out but keeping a watchful eye and reporting suspicious people to the police. I would also like to extend my thanks to all of those in our community and the Oak Lawn Police for their excellent work.**

**The safety of the children in our community is our greatest priority. When a child leaves his/her home to walk to school in the morning, parents should not have to worry about them arriving safely. Keeping our streets safe for our children is a joint effort of the community as a whole: parents, schools, students, neighbors along with our Police Department have to work together. This quick arrest proves that this community effort works.**

**Parents, please continue to speak to your children about the dangers of possible child predators and what to do in such a situation. Remind them about not talking to strangers and using the buddy system. Be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to your local Police Department.**

***Mayor Dave Heilmann***



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

**Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force  
Pfc Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corps  
PFC Michael J. Roberts, US Army  
Captain Edward J. O'Connell IV, US Marine Corps  
Pfc James William Mazurek, US Army  
NC1 Lawrence R. Walton, US Navy  
Pfc Justin K. Cerniuk, US Marine Corps  
Pfc Santo J. Carollo, US Marine Corps  
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  
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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne  
Sgt. Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force  
Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV  
Pfc Justin Sanchez  
HM3 Leslye Thompson  
Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.  
Keith Libner, US Marine Corps  
Cpl. John C. Hojek, US Marine Corps  
Sgt. Kevin J. Scharwarko, US Army  
Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corps  
Spc. Don Brady, US Army  
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS  
Sp. Timothy Walker, US Army**



*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 [mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:mgorman@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 [mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov).*

***MONTHLY VEHICLE STICKER GIVEAWAY***

Each month the Village will randomly draw the name of an Oak Lawn resident from our "A Community United" e-mail database. Congratulations to this month's winner: **KEVIN FORD**



***Brown eco-friendly yard waste bags*** are on sale at the Cashiers Window. The cost is \$3.00 for 5 bags. The Village is no longer selling plastic leaf bags, however, if residents have any left over they are welcome to use them. The last day of yard waste pickup will be **December 4**.

***Rental Property License Registration*** forms are due by **January 1, 2010**. It is mandatory by Village Code for all residential property in the Village that is being rented to be registered. Forms are available on line at [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) or at the Village Hall.

## Volunteers Needed

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is looking for volunteers to rake leaves for seniors in the Village. The Partnership will provide equipment, transportation & lunch after the project. This is a great and rewarding way to earn service hours.

**Saturday, November 14 & 21**

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Meet at Village Hall

9446 S. Raymond Ave.

To volunteer or for more information contact  
Jim Pacetti – (708) 499-7880 or [jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### ***Fall Craft Fair & Community Event – Oak Lawn Community HS PTSA***

**What:** Craft fair with 1000's of unique handcrafted items featuring the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase, vendors, Health & Wellness and student activities. Free admission.

**When:** Saturday, **October 17**, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Community HS, 9400 Southwest Highway

### ***A Parent's Homework Survival Guide***

**What:** Tips and techniques to help children stay on track with their homework assignments

**When:** Monday, **October 19**, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., (708) 422-4990

### ***School District 123 Early Childhood Screening***

**What:** Children, ages 3-5 years, will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social, and speech/language development. The district boundaries are as follows: North-87<sup>th</sup> St., South-107<sup>th</sup> St., East-Pulaski Rd, West-Central Ave.

**When:** **November 20**, 2009, **February 5 & April 16**, 2010.

**Where:** Brandt School, 8901 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**Registration:** Call Lola Vertucci or Ann Contino at (708) 423-8363.  
Free for residents



**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN  
COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL GARDEN FLAGS  
\$10.00**

*Available at the Cashier's Window in the Village Hall*

## SENIOR NEWS

### ***Oak Lawn Senior Center Rummage Sale***

**What:** Donations will be taken the Wednesday & Thursday prior to the sale

**When:** Friday, **October 16**, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday, **October 17**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.499.0240

### ***Entertainment by Johnny Gray***

**What:** Monday, **October 19**, 10:00 am

**Where:** Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.499.0240

### ***Annual Leaf Raking Servathon Project***

**What:** The Oak Lawn Community Partnership sponsors this project providing volunteers to rake leaves for seniors who need assistance.

**When:** Saturdays, **November 14 & 21**, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Info:** Officer Jim Pacetti, 708.499.7880

## SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE

### ***Back by popular demand!***

The Village of Oak Lawn will offer the Snow Removal Service Program – sponsored by Trustee Alex Olejniczak. ***Volunteers will shovel within 12 hours of the end of a snowfall.*** Village of Oak Lawn Senior residents may register for snow removal service by contacting:

Estelle Bult  
Oak Lawn Senior Center.  
5330 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St  
(708) 423.3361  
[olseniorcenter@comcast.net](mailto:olseniorcenter@comcast.net)

**Registration: October 1 – 31**  
***(Registration is only available during this time period)***

## SPORTS & RECREATION

### ***Musical Production of "The Producers"***

**When:** **November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22**

**Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St.

**Info:** Tickets available at the Box Office at Oak View Center. Contact Chris Tiesch at 708.857.2200 or [theatre@olparks.com](mailto:theatre@olparks.com)



### ***Nature Hikes – Oak Lawn Park District***

**What:** Customized nature hikes for Girl & Boy Scout troops and grade schools. Topics include mammals, birds, insects, snakes, frogs and turtles.

**Info:** Chris Chenoweth (708) 857.2200

## **YOUR HEALTH**

### ***American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Illinois.***

**What:** American Cancer Society 5K Walk to raise funds for the continued fight against Breast Cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

**When:** Sunday, **October 18**. Registration – 8:00 am. Walk – 9:00 am.

**Where:** South Suburban – Centennial Park Soccer Field, Orland Park.

Chicago Lakefront – Lawrence and the Lake

West Suburban – Chicago Premium Outlets, Aurora

Northwest Suburban – AT&T Campus, Hoffman Estates

Lake County – Independence Grove, Libertyville

**Info:** For registration or further details call 312.279.7376 or email

[MakingStridesIllinois.com](http://MakingStridesIllinois.com) or [southsuburbanstrides@cancer.org](mailto:southsuburbanstrides@cancer.org).

### ***Autism Today & Tomorrow Expo***

**What:** An all day event for parents, educators, health professionals or anyone who wishes to learn more about Autism. Vendors with products will be present.

**When:** Saturday, **October 24**, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Where:** Moraine Valley Community College, Building M, Conference Center, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, 708.974.5735.  
[morainevalley.edu/wdcs](http://morainevalley.edu/wdcs).

### ***Flu Shot – St. Germaine Parish***

**What:** Registered Nurses will be available to give flue shots. Call 708.636.5060 to set up an appointment . Cost - \$22.00. Free Medicare Part B.

**When:** Sunday, **October 18**, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (after all Masses)

**Where:** St. Germaine Parish Hall (Church basement) 98<sup>th</sup> & Kolin

## **SEASONAL FLU SHOTS**

Contact your doctor to see if you are a candidate for the seasonal flu shot. Check [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) for updates. Take the following common sense steps to help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap. Keep a hand sanitizer handy.
- Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. Use the crook of your arm if tissue is not available.
- Frequent sanitizing of commonly used objects - doorknobs, telephones ...

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### ***The Barry Family Benefit***

- What:** Benefit for the family of John Barry an Oak Lawn resident who recently passed away from ALS leaving behind a wife and three small children.
- When:** Sunday, **October 18**, 3:00 – 9:00 pm
- Where:** Local 150 Operating Engineers' Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside
- Info:** Donations are being accepted at Integra Bank, 7661 S. Harlem. Checks are payable to the Barry Family Benefit Fund.

### ***Fall Harvest Fair***

- What:** Pony rides, crafts, treats and games in celebration of the Fall Harvest. Please bring non-perishable food items for local food pantries.
- When:** Saturday, **October 24**, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- Where:** Trinity Covenant Church, 9230 S. Pulaski, 708.422.5111

### ***Spookview Halloween Happening***

- What:** Ghoulish games, chilling crafts, creature movie features and freaky food. Costume parade at 2:45 pm. Stories by the campfire at 7:00 pm. Admission is free. Activity fees range from .50 - \$2.00.
- When:** Saturday, **October 25**, 3:00 – 7:00 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St., 708.857.2200

### ***Pumpkin Carving & Decorating***

- What:** Bring a pumpkin and your imagination and the Park District will supply the decorations. Light refreshments will be served.
- When:** Monday, **October 26**, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St., 708.857.2200

### ***All About Me***

- What:** Ladies night out shopping event. Appetizer buffet and over 40 vendors to shop from. \$3.00 admission. [www.allaboutme11015.com](http://www.allaboutme11015.com)
- When:** Thursday, **November 5**
- Where:** 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115<sup>th</sup> St., Merrionette Park

### ***Friends of Kevin Gray Benefit***

- What:** Benefit for the family of Captain Kevin Gray, 22 year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department who tragically lost his life in a traffic accident on his way home from work leaving behind his wife and four children.
- When:** Sunday, **November 22**, 2:00 – 7:00 pm
- Where:** 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115<sup>th</sup> St., Merrionette Park
- Info:** [www.friendsofkevingray.com](http://www.friendsofkevingray.com)

**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/mental handicap**

- **In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots**
- **In the appraisal of housing**
- **In the provision of real estate brokerage services**
- **In advertising the sale or rental of housing**
- **In the financing of housing**



**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.**

# Village of Oak Lawn Recycling Program

## CANS & FOIL



- Metal cans
- Aluminum cans
- Aerosol cans (non-hazardous, empty, e.g., whipped cream, hairspray)
- Foil, metal lids and food trays

*Rinse beverage and food cans, foil and trays*

## PAPER



- White, colored, glossy paper
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Cardboard (flattened and cut to fit loosely)
- Junk mail
- Manila folders
- Paper ream wrappers
- NCR (carbonless) paper
- Paperboard (e.g., office supply, cereal and tissue boxes)
- Paperback books
- Telephone directories
- Non-metallic wrapping paper
- Shredded paper
- Paper envelopes (plastic windows okay)
- Self-stick notes
- Paper bags
- Maps
- Paper egg cartons



*Staples, paper clips, labels and tape are okay*

## GLASS

- Bottles and jars



## PLASTIC

- #1-5, & #7 Containers (e.g., soda/water bottles, cottage cheese containers, yogurt cups, pipette boxes, triple-rinsed laboratory bottles)
- Aseptic containers (e.g., milk/juice cartons, drink boxes and pouches)



*Look for the number on the bottom of the containers*

## CARDBOARD

If your business generates a large quantity of cardboard, bin collection service for separated, flattened corrugated cardboard is available. Contact the Recycling Program.

## NOT ACCEPTED

- Paper, plastic or foil with food residue
- Waxy/ coated cardboard
- Film plastic (e.g., plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap)
- Plate glass (e.g., window panes, mirrors)
- Ceramics, porcelain
- Light bulbs
- Glassware (e.g., Pyrex)
- Hardback books
- Blueprints
- Photographs
- Thermal fax paper
- Frozen food boxes/cartons (e.g., ice cream)
- Carbon paper
- Metallic paper
- Paper napkins/towels
- Tyvek envelopes (e.g., overnight mailing packages)
- Plastic # 6- Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam blocks/ "peanuts", food containers/ cups)
- Plastic pipe/tubing



Contact Us  
Village of Oak Lawn  
9446 S. Raymond  
(708) 636-4400  
[www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov)

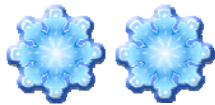
## MIXED RECYCLABLES

Place all recyclables together in the wheeled recycling cart.

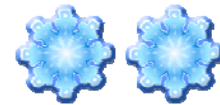
Please note the items that can and cannot be recycled. If you ever have any questions about what can and can't be recycled curbside, please contact [mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov). You can visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) to learn about alternate sites to bring your recyclable items that the Village cannot take curbside.

## 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 "A Community United" email newsletter. Our features this edition are:



### WINTER'S ON ITS WAY



### IS IT TIME FOR A NEW FURNACE?

Oak Lawn resident with 25 years of experience in removing, installing and servicing furnaces and air-conditioners! Need your furnace cleaned and checked? Will beat ANY estimate! All work warranted. Free Estimates. **15% discount to Oak Lawn residents.** Call Ron @ 708-567-1982 or 708-346-0369.

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## FREE ATTORNEY VISIT

**Attorney Michael J. Maslanka is offering a free, in-your-home, consultation to elderly (65 and over) or disabled Oak Lawn residents.** Michael, an Oak Lawn resident, has been an attorney for 24 years and is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and St. Xavier University. You can reach Michael at (312) 641-2424.

***Offer good through December 31, 2009.***

## RESUME WRITING SERVICES

Sending out your resumes and not getting the response you're looking for? Recent college grad? Old resume needs tweaking? ***I CAN HELP!*** I am an HR Manager (and Oak Lawn resident) with more than 20 years of experience in Human Resources. Over the course of my career I have literally reviewed 10s of thousand's of resumes. I know what works and what doesn't. I know what kind of resumes HR professionals find most informative and easiest to read. With the job market the way it is today, it is essential to have a resume that captures the HR professional's interest. ***So who better to write your resume than ME!*** Rates are reasonable and turnaround time is quick. **(Also offering Cover Letter writing services as well).**

**GET YOUR RESUME TO THE TOP OF THE PILE! - 20% DISCOUNT TO OAK LAWN RESIDENTS!!**

Sandy Killeen  
708-650-0636  
[sandykilleen@yahoo.com](mailto:sandykilleen@yahoo.com)

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](mailto:information@oaklawn-il.gov)