



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter November 1, 2007



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

“A LITTLE HELP” FOR OAK LAWN FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Do you know of any Oak Lawn families who may be having a hard time financially this year?

One of the many joys of the holiday season is giving. However, every year we hear of families who are struggling. While we know that the holidays are about much more than gifts, it is still difficult to hear of families who may not have the money to buy presents for their children.

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, money is being raised privately to see if we can help a few Oak Lawn families financially over the holidays, for whatever needs they may have.

Oak Lawn Park District production of “A Christmas Carol”, which runs November 9th – 18th, where each night after the performance cast members will ask the audience to pitch in a few dollars to help. The efforts will continue from anyone who wants to volunteer.

We will ask neighbors to give names of families who may need the help, and these names will remain private. Then after the money is raised, families will be selected and will receive “a little help” from their community.

It’s the first effort at something like this and we don’t know how much will be raised or how many families may benefit.

But what we do know is that it’s a nice thing to do.

If you know of any families in need, or want to contribute a few dollars, please give my assistant Meg Gorman a call at 499-7740 or by email at mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov and let her know the information. It will all be kept confidential.

Giving to others is a nice way Oak Lawn can begin the holiday season.

Mayor Dave Heilmann

CLERK QUINLAN INITIATES NEW VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Village Clerk Jane M. Quinlan has initiated a new program wherein she will go out to several locations in the community to make it easier for residents to register to vote. "I think it's important that we don't force people to always have to come to Village Hall for their needs," she said. "People have very busy lives and we should make every effort to bring these services out into the neighborhoods to help them out."

Clerk Quinlan will be registering voters at several locations over the next few weeks in preparation for the February 5, 2008 presidential primary. Any person 18 years of age and older may register to vote with a valid Illinois State Driver's license or State ID. Your identification must have your current address information. You may register at the following locations:

**Oak Lawn Library,
5300 W 95th St.
Monday, November 26
7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Oak Lawn Train Station
Monday, December 3
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**St. Germaine Church Lobby
9735 S. Kolin Ave.
Sunday, December 9
8:00 – 10:30 am**

See any SCARY Halloween Houses this year?

If you have, let us know. Due to the increasing number of homes that are decorated and the fact that four Oak Lawn homes were on a state of Illinois list as ones to see for Halloween, we want to make sure that next year we list the homes in advance. If you know of any home in Oak Lawn that would like to show it off and get on our website for Halloween Houses in 2008, please email us with the name of the homeowner, address and any pictures so we can add them on our Tour Guide for Halloween Houses in 2008. Please send your information to cweiler@oaklawn-il.gov.



Leaf bags are on sale at the Village Hall. The cost is \$7.50 per roll of 20 bags. The leaf bags can only be used for leaf collection. Veolia will continue to pick up leaf bags through December 15. Please note that yard waste must be placed in containers with a yard waste sticker or in yard waste brown paper bags. Yard waste cannot be placed in the leaf bags.

SENIOR NEWS

Seniorcise

What: For seniors age 60 and up who want to get in shape and have some fun.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, **January 8 – March 6.** 8:30 – 9:30 am

Where: Community Pavilion, 9400 S. Oak Park

The Veterans History Project

This Veterans Day weekend, the Local History Unit of the Oak Lawn Public Library will unveil a new exhibit and conduct free public programming that explores the local veteran connection in 20th Century conflicts, from WWI to the Persian Gulf War.

Saturday, November 10

12 noon -- ***Making History: The Oak Lawn Veterans Experience*** -- A multimedia presentation featuring the stories of local veterans.

1:00 – 5:00 pm - - ***Grand Opening of the Oak Lawn Veterans History Project Exhibit*** -- stop by the library's Local History Room. This exhibit will run through May 2008.

Sunday, November 11, 2007

11:00 am – ***Veterans Day Ceremony*** – At the Village of Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial, located behind the library. Hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Johnson-Phelps Post #5220 and the American Legion, Post 757. Additional activities to follow at the VFW hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave.

1:00 – 5:00 pm – ***The Oak Lawn Veterans History Project Exhibit*** – Open to the public.

Oak Lawn Public Library
9427 S. Raymond Ave.
(708) 422-4990, www.oaklawlibrary.org.



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

PFC Garrett Coffey, US Army
TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force
Sn Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard
Cpl Andrew Chesna, US Marine Corp
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. Kanst, US Marine Corp
Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force
Sgt. Daniel Miller, US Marine Corp
Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corp
Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force
Edward Tamborino, US Navy
Sara Losos, AIC
Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corp
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 Corp
Pfc John C. Hojek, US Marine Corp
Spec. Kevin J. Schwararko, US Army
Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corp
Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corp
Spc. Dan Brady
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS
Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corp
Karl Schultz, US Navy
Sgt. R.E. Carlson, US Marine Corp
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

Give a Little Back this Thanksgiving

Oak Lawn Family Service will continue in the tradition of sharing this Thanksgiving by facilitating a Charitable Drive for families in need. The program is designed to help local residents and their families experiencing a financial hardship due to illness and/or unemployment by providing food and gift certificates. Your contribution will ensure that our less fortunate residents will have a Thanksgiving meal.

Donations are being collected at the office located at 9401 S. 53rd Court. Non-perishable items such as canned goods, stuffing mix or other fixings to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Perishable items may be accepted but will require advance notice so that we can arrange for prompt pick up or delivery. Gift certificates such as Jewel, Dominick’s Freshline and Boston Market would be greatly appreciated.

Please call to notify of your intent to donate, arrange delivery of donations, if you are interested in sponsoring a family or if you know of a family in need. (708) 423-3361, ext 10

Your questions...our answers

You asked: How should the toters be positioned for pick-up service?

We answered: Toters should be placed on the street/alley with the handle located in the same direction of your home. The lip on the opposite side is what actually hooks onto the truck’s lift.

You asked: Can I get one of the new humerous stop signs by my house and can I pick the phrase?

We answered: Sure. Just let us know where you would like one and the phrase you prefer. If you have additional messages you'd like to have us include, let us know that as well.

You asked: Would it be possible to get a Meijer store built in Oak Lawn?

We answered: Meijer is a super-store which sells food and general merchandise. There are 181 stores in the Midwest with the closest being in Bolingbrook.

Meijer is a fine store and would be a welcome addition to Oak Lawn. However, the footprint for a Meijer store is about 225,000 square feet. Unfortunately we currently do not have a location that would accommodate that size store. If and when the space became available to fit a Meijer, we would certainly investigate that and contact them to see if there would be interest in building in Oak Lawn.

If you have a question about Oak Lawn, please let us know. We'll put the answer in our *A Community United* e-newsletter.

Job Opportunities in the Village of Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Emergency Communications is now accepting resumes for the position of Emergency Telecommunicator. Process 9-1-1 calls, dispatch police, fire and EMS. Fast-paced, high call volume, sophisticated phone and radio systems. Outstanding pay and benefits package. Visit www.oaklawn-il.gov for complete job posting.

TEEN SCENE

Auditions for the musical "Fame"

When: December 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (780) 857-2200

SCHOOLS

A Salute to our Veterans

What: St. Gerald's 5th grade students perform a salute to our veterans

Where: St. Gerald Chapell Hall, 9310 S 55 Ct.

When: Thursday, **November 8**, 9:00 am.

Mother McAuley HS “Ladies Night Out Vendor Fair”

When: Friday, **November 9**, 7 pm – 11 pm

Where: Mother McAuley HS

Cost: \$10 includes, drink ticket, massages, shopping and fun.

Christmas at Marist

What: Come celebrate Christmas Chicago Style with diverse foods representing the many neighborhoods of the city: Little Italy, Chinatown, Greek Town, Maxwell Street and the good old Southside. Entertainment provided by World Class Noise & the Marist Chorus

When: Saturday, **December 1**, 6:30 pm - Midnight

Where: Marist High School, 4200 W 115th, (773) 881-5374

Cost: \$25 in advance & \$30 at the door. Cash bar

PARK LAWN'S NEW YEAR CASH RAFFLE

Tickets: 3 for \$25 or 9 for \$50

Drawing: January 15, 2008

1st prize: \$1,000

2nd prize: \$500

3rd prize: \$300

4th & 5th prizes: \$200

Purchase all 9 New Year Cash Raffle tickets and you are eligible to participate in the special Bonus Bonanza raffle. For an additional \$10 you can purchase a separate chance to win two airline tickets on AirTran Airlines. Plus, your additional \$10 ticket purchase will be matched \$1 for every \$2 by the Coleman Foundation and will be allocated to Park Lawn's Capital Campaign to rebuild Park Lawn Center. Contact Laurie Leiser at (708) 425-6867 or email at lleiser@parklawn.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

South Suburban PADS

South Suburban PADS overnight shelter services are operating. PADS is in need of volunteers. There are many volunteering opportunities available. Please contact Elizabeth Moore at (708) 754-4357 for more information or to volunteer.

Park Lawn Craft Show & Bake Sale

What: Items are hand crafted by Park Lawn's program participants.

When: Saturday, **November 2**, 2:00 – 6:00 pm.

Where: Park Lawn, 5040 W. 111th St., (708) 425 7377, ext. 234

Hawaiian Luau

When: Saturday, **November 3**, 4:00 pm

Where: 9536 S. Minnick, (708) 753-0306

The Skylarks Unlimited – Free Concert

What: Musical memories from the 1930s through the 1970s with a salute to the USO and Hit Parade.

When: Sunday, **November 4**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St., (708) 422 4990.

A Christmas Carol

What: Musical production by the Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre

When: **November 9, 10, 16 & 17** at 8:00 pm and **November 11 & 18** at 3:00

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 Street. (708) 857-2200

Cost: Adults - \$19. Seniors & Children - \$18. Shows sell out quickly, be sure to order your tickets in advance.

Craft Faire & Food Fest

What: Homemade gift items, crafts, delicious homemade Greek food and pastries

When: Saturday, **November 10**, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday, **November 11**, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 10301 S. Kolmar, (708) 636- 7874

A Family Harvest Fest

What: Learn traditions and life styles as told by folktale artist Laurie Snaer

When: Saturday, **November 17** register by November 9. Doors open - 4:15 pm
Buffet - 4:30 pm

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W 103 St.

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

Pamper Me Silly – Fundraising Event for U.S. Servicewomen in Iraq

What: A fundraising event hosted by Hearts Afire Passion Parties to raise monies to purchase “girlie gifts”, makeup, lotions, other female necessities and Christmas decorations for servicewomen serving overseas in Iraq. Many vendors appealing to women will be available for your shopping pleasure. Split the pot.

When: Friday, **November 30**, 8:30 – 11:30 pm

Where: BJ McMahan’s, 5432 W 95 St.

HEALTH NEWS

Free Health Screenings by Oak Lawn Fire Department & Advocate

When: Wednesday, **November 14**, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

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

The Sanctuary – A Women’s Wellness Group

What: A place where women can connect together in a spirit of support to learn, share experiences, and explore possibilities for personal growth. This group is open to all women who are residents of Oak Lawn.

When: Fridays, **November 2, 9, 16, 30 & December 7, 14, 21, 2007** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

Info: (708) 423 3361m Carolyn at ext. 34 or Gloria at ext. 27. or email familyservice@oaklawn-il.gov and have The Sanctuary or Women’s Group as the subject.

MRSA – Methicilin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (Staph)

It’s important to understand that skin infections are common. Staph aureus is one of the more typical types of infection. 30% of the population carries Staph aureus on the skin or in the nose without getting ill. 1% carries MRSA, which is more difficult to treat, but treatment is available.

Three points to keep in mind:

- Good personal hygiene, particularly frequent hand washing, is the best defense against illnesses.
- Cover wounds to prevent contact with others.
- If you have a skin infection, see your doctor

“Roll 4 Dice” benefit for Jeff Fordice

On Sunday, November 18, the “Roll 4 Dice” Benefit for Jeff Fordice will be held at 115 Bourbon Street, located at 3359 W. 115th Street from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes food, beer, wine, soft drinks and entertainment. Silent auction and raffle will be held during the event. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Linda Fordice, (708) 425 8441 or by email at ljf46@comcast.net.

Jeff, a lifetime Oak Lawn resident and member of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish, was diagnosed in August, 2006 with testicular cancer. During his course of treatment, Jeff still managed to student teach and earn his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from St. Xavier University.

Monetary donations are being accepted at Founders Bank, 10515 S. Cicero Avenue in the name of “Roll 4 Dice”. All donations will be used for the sole purpose of helping Jeff with his medical responsibilities throughout recovery.

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***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 in the "A Community United" e-mail newsletter. Our feature this edition is:



Whitney's Bar & Grille, located in the **Hilton Oak Lawn**,
9333 South Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn, 708/229-8888,
invites diners to enjoy **\$5 OFF Lunch Entrée** or **\$10 OFF Dinner Entrée**
with this coupon during the month of November.

Whitney's fresh seasonal menu and casually elegant atrium atmosphere offer the perfect setting for a great meal, at a surprisingly affordable price.

The award-winning **Whitney's Bar & Grille** is open 7 days a week for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and the always popular Sunday Breakfast Buffet.

Hilton  Oak Lawn

~ Please present coupon prior to ordering. Not valid with other offers or on holidays. Close to \$Mktg. ~

Discount Tire

Discount Tire provides retail sales of tires, wheels and related accessories and services. Employees are skilled and knowledgeable experts in their field. Discount Tire is located at 6635 W. 95 St., (708) 233 9026. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm. Saturday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Closed on Sundays. ***Discount Tire will repair Oak Lawn residents flat tires and rotate tires for free.***

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