



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

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



**Village website [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov).** The Village's new website has a wealth of information at your fingertips. You may access the website to print out forms, view the Board of Trustee's minutes and agendas, find out the latest Village news and special events, and view the Village Code Book and much more.

The **Village Hall will be closed for business on Monday, September 1**, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage service will be delayed by one day.

## **Sunday Night Concerts (7pm – 10pm)**

**August 17 – Railroad Gin**

**August 31 – The Crawluppies**

## **Friday Night Movies (begin at dusk)**

**August 15 – Cars**

Events are free. Bring your picnic baskets, refreshments, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy some summer fun with your whole family! Food will be available from the Oak Lawn Cub Scouts (hot dogs, soda & chips), Christensen's Wagon (popcorn & lemon shake-ups) and Millie's Ice Cream. The Village Green is located directly east of the Municipal Center and north of the Library

## SENIOR NEWS

### ***“Living Will and Power of Attorney for Healthcare”***

**What:** Information you wanted to know but never knew who or what to ask.  
Presented by Advocate Christ Hospital.

**When:** Monday, **August 18**, 11:00 am

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

## Oak Lawn Park District's Labor Day Events

**Monday September 1, 2008**

**10:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Wolfe Wildlife Refuge (109th & Laramie)**

10:30am - 5th Annual 1-Mile Dog Walk - Free  
11:00am - 3rd Annual Doggie Talent Show - Free  
11am-2:30pm - Kids Crafts  
11am-2:30pm - Kids Carnival Games - 25 cents  
11:30am-2:30pm - Animal Face Painting - \$1-\$3  
11:30am-2:30pm - Rope Climbing in the Trees - Free  
11:30am - Perennial Plant Exchange - Free  
11:30am - Bug Walk - Free  
12:15pm - Kids' Teddy Bear Parade - Free  
12:30pm - Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creature Show....Free  
1:30pm - The Neverly Brothers, "Rockabilly Meets British Invasion" – Free

In the event of rain, entertainment by Jim Nesci & the Neverly Brothers will be held at the Oak View Center (4625 W. 110th St). There will be a concessions stand on site. Park District sponsor Pet Supply Plus will have representatives on hand to answer questions about pet supplies and pet nutrition.

## TEEN SCENE

### ***Vertical Endeavors Teen Trip***

**What:** Vertical Endeavors, in Warrenville, offers 18,000 sq. ft. of climbing on three different wall types. They have the most artificial natural looking rock of any rock climbing gym in the world so you feel like you are actually climbing outdoors. This trip is open to those ages 11 -18. Bring a sack lunch.

**When:** Friday, **August 22**, bus leaves at 9:30 am and returns at 5:00 pm

**Info:** Colleen O'Gorman, 708.857.2420

**Cost:** \$40.

Mark your calendar  
**FALL ON THE GREEN**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
September 5 – 7, 2008

(further information in the next newsletter)

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2007 GOLD SPONSORS**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Community Nutrition Network & Meals on Wheels Foundation**

Community Nutrition Network and Meals on Wheels Foundation are in **dire need** of volunteers to assist with their mission: providing nutritious meals and services to older adults in suburban Cook, Grundy, and Kendall Counties to improve their quality of life. They are in need of Meals on Wheels Drivers and Group Dining Site Volunteers.

Drivers deliver a route of meals using their own vehicles. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Group Dining Site Volunteers lend a hand by helping prepare and serve or coordinating/sponsoring an activity, group outings, dancing, singing and parties.

To become a volunteer in the Oak Lawn area, please contact Marie Arrigoni at (708) 422-5180 or [arrigoni@cnnmow.org](mailto:arrigoni@cnnmow.org)

**SPORTS & RECREATION**

***Fishing at Memorial Pond***

**What:** Come fishing at Memorial Pond (102nd & Major) and learn about the fish that inhabit the pond and receive informational handouts to take home. Open to children ages 6 – 12. Cane poles and bait will be provided.

**When:** Saturday, **August 23.**

**Cost:** Fee is \$10 for Oak Lawn residents and \$11 for non-residents. Parents are free. Please call 708-857-2200.

### ***Nerf Football League***

**What:** The Oak Lawn Park District's Nerf Football League is open to boys and girls ages 8-9 and is modeled after the former sheriff's program. This is a recreational league and is designed to teach the fundamentals of football in a non-contact and fun environment. Games will be played at Lawn Manor Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each child will receive a t-shirt and a certificate of participation.

**When:** Thursday, **September 4**. Registration deadline is **August 25**.

**Cost:** Fee is \$300 per team. 708-857-2420.

### ***Casting Call: Guys and Dolls Auditions***

**What:** *Guys and Dolls* will run for two consecutive weekends, November 14-16 and November 21-23.

**When:** Sunday, **September 7**, from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Monday, **September 8**, from 7:30 – 10:30 pm.

**Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th Street.

### ***Day Trip to Shipshewana Flea Market***

**When:** Tuesday, **September 9**

**Info:** 708-857-2200 or visit [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com).

### ***Day Trip to St. Charles Scarecrow Festival & Riverboat Ride***

**When:** Friday, **October 10**

**Info:** 708-857-2200 or visit [www.olparks.com](http://www.olparks.com).

### ***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing – Lois C. Klein Studio***

**What:** A golf outing fundraiser for the Lois C. Klein Studio which records textbooks for the blind & dyslexic.

**When:** Friday, **September 21**

**Where:** Silver Lake Country Club

## **Oak Lawn Local History Club**

The Oak Lawn Local History Club is seeking the donation or loan of historic items for a special Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Exhibit in early 2009. Please contact Kevin Korst at 708.422.4990 for further information



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

**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**  
**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**  
**Michael S. Zylius, US Navy**  
**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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Wade Pasquerella, 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**  
**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**  
**Master 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](mailto: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](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov).*



# Oak Lawn McGruff House Program

## Provides a safe haven for our children.

The Oak Lawn Police Department is currently in the process of implementing a village wide McGruff House Program. A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in a frightening or dangerous situation. A McGruff House in the neighborhood shows someone is looking out for the children. The McGruff House Program is a partnership among law enforcement, schools, and community groups. Having a McGruff House in the neighborhood indicates someone is watching out for its children.

To begin this worthwhile program we are looking for residents who would be willing to allow their house to become a McGruff House. Interested parties can pick up a McGruff House Program Participant Application at the Police Desk inside the Oak Lawn Police Station.

After applications are received they will be screened and qualified applicants will be notified to the date and time of an orientation and training session. We will hold several sessions throughout the summer to accommodate every ones summer plans. Our goal is to have to program up and running at the beginning of the next school year.

McGruff House participants agree to help children as they go to and from school and play in the neighborhood by:

- Telephoning appropriate authorities for help.
- Reassuring or assisting children who are lost or frightened.
- Assisting children who have medical emergencies by contacting appropriate professionals.
- Assisting children who fear becoming victims of personal crime by summoning qualified help.
- Assisting children who have been victimized by crime by calling appropriate authorities.
- Reporting crime and suspicious activities to law enforcement officials, providing as much information as possible.
- Abiding by the restrictions and requirements of the McGruff House Network.

For further information or questions please contact Officer Jim Pacetti at (708) 499-7880 or [jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov](mailto:jpacetti@oaklawn-il.gov).

**Please join us in keeping our community safe.**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### ***Enchanted***

**What:** Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks to watch this movie on the West Lawn.

**When:** Friday, **August 15**, 8:00 pm

**Where:** Southwest Chicago Christian School, 101<sup>st</sup> & Central Ave.

### ***Knights of Columbus Flea Market***

**What:** Huge flea market in Church parking lot. Concessions available and free face painting for kids. Crafters and vendors spots still available at \$15.

**When:** Saturday, **August 16**, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** St. Louis deMontfort Church, 8808 S. Ridgeland, 708.599.3468

### ***Dave Schmidt and the Snoudts Summer Concert***

**What:** A hard-driving blues/rock band will perform. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by Progressive Financial Services, Inc. and Al's Beef/Nancy's Pizza.

**When:** Saturday, **August 16**, 5:30 pm

**Where:** Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ's north end lawn, 94<sup>th</sup> St. & 51<sup>st</sup> Ave.

**Info:** 708.422.4200

### ***Low Cost – Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinic***

**What:** Mobile clinic services will be offered on a first come first served basis. Pet owners must present a valid drivers license or State ID.

**Cost:** \$7.00 – 1 year rabies vaccine; \$21 – 3 year rabies vaccine; and \$10.00 for microchip identification

**Info:** 708.389.2125 or 708.974.6140

### **August 27, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Ck. Cnty. Comm. Murphy's Office  
5405 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St., Crestwood

### **September 3, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Stickney Township Senior Center  
7745 S. Leamington, Burbank

### **September 16, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Joy Fellowship Baptist Church  
2025 E. 175<sup>th</sup> St., Lansing

### **September 23, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Burnham Village Hall  
14450 Manistee, Burnham

# The Apple Tree Program



“Apple Tree” is a program which can help families with the financial difficulty of replacing school supplies for their children throughout the school year.

## What you need to do:

- Pick up an application  
Available at Worth Township office or Oak Lawn Family Service
- Take your completed application to the Worth Township office along with the following information:
  - Birth certificates for your children
  - Identification and Utility Bill with the same address
  - Supply list from your child's school

## How you can help:

The program is made possible by the generous donations made by local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups.

Wish list: Crayola crayons, Washable markers, Pens (blue, black, red), #2 pencils, Red correction pens, Highlighters, Pencil sharpeners and large erasers, School boxes/pencil bags, Elmer's glue (4oz), Glue sticks, Loose leaf paper, Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled 70ct), 3&5 subject notebooks, Fiskar scissors, Pocket folders, Protractors, Compasses, Wooden rulers, Crayola washable paints, Lined index cards, Book covers, Kleenex (200 & 350ct), Paper towels, Sandwich & Gallon size Zip Lock bags, School bags (Back Packs)

For more information or to drop off donations, please contact

Worth Township	Oak Lawn Family Service
11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip, IL 60803	9401 South 53 <sup>rd</sup> Court, Oak Lawn
708-371-2900	708-423-3361

or You Can Drop Off School Supply Donations  
in the **Apple Tree Program** Drop Box  
at the Village of Oak Lawn at 9446 South Raymond Avenue

## YOUR HEALTH

### **Stress – Venus vs. Mars**

We all face stress in our daily lives and according to the Center for Disease Control the reason men and women react differently is due to hormones. Cortisol, epinephrine and oxytocin play a crucial role. When stress strikes, hormones called cortisol and epinephrine raise a person's blood pressure and circulating blood sugar levels. Cortisol alone lowers the effectiveness of the immune system.

“In women, when cortisol and epinephrine rush through the bloodstream in a stressful situation, oxytocin comes into play. It is released from the brain, countering the production of cortisol and epinephrine, and promoting nurturing and relaxing emotions. While men also secrete the hormone oxytocin when they're stressed, it's in smaller amounts, leaving them on the short end of the stick when it comes to stress and hormones.” (<http://women.webmd.com/features/stress-women-men-cope?print=true>)

According to Carl Pickhardt, PhD, psychologist and spokesman for the American Psychological Association both sexes manage sex differently. “Women often seek support to talk out the emotional experience, to process what is happening and what might be done. Whether its friends, family or a support group, women like to tell their stories. Men often seek an escape activity to get relief from stress, to create a relaxing diversion, to get away.”

## **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:



4949 West 95th Street  
Oak Lawn, IL, 60453

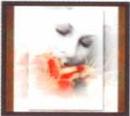
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## **FREE ATTORNEY VISIT**

***Attorney Michael J. Maslanka is offering a free, in-your-home, consultation to elderly (65 and over) or disabled Oak Lawn residents.*** Michael has been an attorney for 23 plus years and is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and St. Xavier University, and is an Oak Lawn resident. You can reach Michael at (312) 641-2424.

***Offer good through August 31, 2008.***

**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)**