



Village of Oak Lawn

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Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS ACT

The Smoke Free Illinois Act went into effect at midnight on January 1, 2008. Smoking is prohibited in a public place or place of employment. This means places where employees are required to enter, leave, or pass through during the course of employment. This includes but is not limited to bars, banquet halls, bowling alleys, casinos, churches, dormitories, offices, prisons, private clubs, restaurants and sports arenas.

Smoking is prohibited within 15 feet of any entrance, exit, window and ventilation intake.

No person may smoke in any vehicle owned, leased or operated by the State or a political subdivision of the State.

Exempted from the law:

- Private residences (when used as a child care, adult day care, health care facility or any other home-based business open to the public the home must be smoke free).
- Retail tobacco stores (more than 80% of income comes from the sale of tobacco products and smoking devices and does not have a liquor, food or restaurant license).
- Private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Hotel/motel rooms (not more than 25% of rooms can be designated as rooms where smoking is allowed)

Responsibilities of a business owner:

- Do not permit smoking in a public place, a place of employment, or within the distance required by the Act.
- Do not permit smoke to drift into a building or facility through an entrance, window, ventilation system or other means.
- Post no smoking signs at every entrance/exit.
- Remove all ashtrays from all areas where smoking is prohibited.

- Communicate to all existing and future employees that smoking is prohibited.

Smoking shelters on the property

- A proprietor may designate an area as an outdoor patio where smoking is permitted only if the area:
 1. Is 15 feet or more from entrances, exits, windows that open and ventilation intakes.
 2. Is controlled by the proprietor of the place of employment.
 3. It cannot be considered an enclosed area, as defined in the Smoke Free IL Act Section 10.

Fines

Any person, corporation, partnership, association or other entity violating the no smoking provisions of the Act may be fined by one of the enforcement agencies.

Each day that a violation occurs is a separate violation.

- A person who smokes in a prohibited area can be fined from \$100 to \$250
- A person who owns, operates, or otherwise controls a public place or place of employment that violates the Act shall be fined not less than \$250 for the first violation, not less than \$500 for the second violation within one year after the first violation and not less than \$2,500 for each additional violation within one year after the first violation.

Local Law Enforcement and the Illinois Department of Public Health are the enforcing agencies. You may report violations to (866) 973-4646. Go to www.smoke-free.illinois.gov for further information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 122

Harnew Elementary, located at 9101 S. Meade, will hold a Town Hall Meeting on January 8th at 7pm.

All who live in District 122 are welcome to attend.

Superintendent Tom Smyth will present information on District 122 finances & the proposed Educational Referendum.

Water rate increase

The Village of Oak Lawn purchases Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago on a wholesale basis and maintains and distributes a water system for our Village customers that includes residents, businesses and 12 South Suburban municipalities. The City of Chicago has notified the Village of Oak Lawn, effective January 1, 2008, that it has increased wholesale rates for its customers (including Oak Lawn) by 15% and consequently, the rate on your 2008 bills will reflect this rate increase decision. Please note that the City of Chicago expects to implement a 15% increase in 2009 and a 14% increase in 2010. This represents a 50% compounded rate increase in the cost of water over the next three years.

New Property Maintenance Ordinance

All owners of residential rental property are required to register their rental property with the Village of Oak Lawn. The \$25.00 registration fee for a Residential Rental Property License will be waived for landlords registering from February 1 to March 1, 2008. Applications are available at the Village Hall Please call (708) 499-7820 for further information.

Your questions...our answers

You asked: How do I dispose of my Christmas tree?

We answered: You may put your Christmas tree out with your garbage on pick up day and Veolia will take it for you.

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

SNOW ROUTE REMINDER

Please be mindful of streets that are snow routes. Signs are posted. If there is one inch of snow or more, motor vehicles should not be parked on those designated streets. The Oak Lawn Police Department will be enforcing this and citing illegally parked cars.

Early Voting for February 5th Primary Election

Early Voting for the February 5th primary election will be available in the Clerk's Office beginning Monday, January 14 and continues through Thursday, January 31. The Clerk's Office is located on the 2nd floor of the Village Hall at 9446 S. Raymond Ave. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. The Clerk's Office will be open for Early Voting only on Saturdays, January 19 & 26 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

"On the Move" Voter Registration Program

Clerk Quinlan will be available to register residents to vote at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., on Monday, January 7, from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.

Please call Clerk Quinlan at (708) 499-7738 for further information on registration or Early Voting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dance, Dance, Revolution & Karaoke & More

What: Join kids your own age (grades 4-8) and show your moves on the dance pad of Dance, Dance Revolution or sing along on the Karaoke. Ping-pong available.

When: Friday, **January 4**, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St.

Cost: Resident - \$6. Non resident - \$4.

The Kate Sullivan Band

What: Free Concert with a mix of Irish music, favorite sing alongs and a variety of artists.

When: Sunday, **January 6**, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

Broadway Matinee

What: Afternoon of songs from hit musicals performed by Dawn Schnolis. Buffet and cash bar available

When: Wednesday, **January 16**, 12:15 pm

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103 St., (708) 857-2225

Cost: Adult - \$17. Children (10 years & under) - \$6



35 gallon toters are still available for Seniors age 65 and older. You may contact the Village at (708) 636-4400 to order one.

The Village Hall will be closed on **Monday, January 21, 2008**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day. Garbage service will not be affected.

CAN YOU HELP?

The recent fire at an Oak Forest apartment complex had not only killed three people but has left more than seventy people homeless. While donations have been pouring in to the Oak Forest City, volunteers are needed to assist in this emergency effort. Oak Forest has asked the Together We Cope agency to help organize this massive relief effort. If you care to make a donation or volunteer your time, you may contact Together We Cope at (708) 633-5040.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Adult Open Hockey Hours

What: "Pick-up" hockey scrimmage time. Full equipment is required.

When: Mondays & Wednesday, 12:00 – 1:15 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave.

Cost: \$8 per session. \$72 for a 10 session punch card.

Golf Simulators at Stony Creek Golf Course

What: Play golf every day at the course on the newly updated simulators. You can play over 40 different courses from across the country.

Where: Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103 St.

Info: Call (708) 857-2433

Stony Creek Practice Center

What: Enjoy indoor golf indoors and improve your golf game at the Stony Creek Indoor Learning Center.

Where: **Stony 5850 West 103 St.**

Auditions for "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

What: Auditions will be held for the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

When: Sunday, **January 6**, 1:00 pm. Monday, **January 7**, 7:30 pm.

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

“Fame” the musical – tickets on sale

What: Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre’s teen production of Fame
When: Fridays, **February 15 & 22**, Saturdays, **February 16 & 23** and
Sundays, **February 17 & 24**.
Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., (708) 857-2200
Cost: Adults - \$19. Seniors & children - \$18.

SCHOOLS

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**Kolmar School
(708) 422-1800**

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School District 123 Early Childhood Screening – Free for Residents

What: Children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social, and speech/language development. The district boundaries are: North-87th St., South-107th St, East-Pulaski Rd., West-Central Ave.
When: **January 14, February 11, March 10, April 28, May 19, 2008**
Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave. (708) 423-8363.

YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY

Massage Therapy at the Community Pavilion

What: Massage therapy, open to men and women. Children under 12 must Be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
Info: Call (708) 857-2420 to schedule a massage.

Personal Training at the Community Pavilion

What: Meet with a certified personal trainer who will design a program to improve your cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance.
Info: Call (708) 857-2420

Free Health Screenings

What: The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will hold free blood pressure and glaucoma screenings.

When: Wednesday, **January 9**, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR 2007 FALL ON THE GREEN GOLD SPONSORS

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SENIOR NEWS

Eddie Korosa, Jr., America's Prince of Polka

What: Eddie Korosa, Jr., will give a concert. He has performed on television, radio and in movies for over 40 years as well as at Polish festivals all over the world.

When: Monday, **January 14**, 10:00 am

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

Box Lunch Day

What: Lunch sponsored by Comfort Keepers. Refreshments and bingo. Tickets may be purchased at the Center.

When: Thursday, **January 31**, 2008, 10:30 am.

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



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

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

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

**TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force
Sn Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard
Cpl. Andrew Chesna, US Marine Corps
Staff Sgt Christopher Reich, US Army Reserves
Dennis A Youngren, SrA, US Air Force
Captain David Pfeiffer, US Air Force
Captain Craig Lanigan, Army Reserves
Michael S. Zylius, US Navy**

**Pfc Benjamin T. Kunst, US Marine Corps
Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force
Sgt. Daniel Miller, US Marine Corp
Rebecca Joy Inflow, US Naval Air Corps
Pfc Stephen Lukaiewicz, US Air Force
Sara Losos, AIC**

**Pfc Christopher Mann, US Marine Corps
1st Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 82nd Airborne
Sgt Jeff M. Marsinkowski, US Air Force
Sp4 Archie Thompson, IV
Pfc Justin Sanchez**

**HM3 Leslye Thompson
Sgt. Robert Sanchez, Jr.**

**Keith Libner, US Marine Corps
Cpl. John C. Hojek, US Marine Corps
Sgt. Kevin J. Scharwarko, US Army
Gustavo Guerrez, US Marine Corps
Pfc John W. Campbell, US Marine Corps
Spc. Don Brady, US Army**

OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS

**Cpl. John Elder, US Marine Corps
Karl Schultz, US Navy**

**Sgt. R.E. Carlson, US Marine Corps
Sp4 Joseph J Necom, USA**

Sgt. John Patrick White

Tech Sgt. Michael Dignan, US Air Force

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

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

BUSINESS SPECIALS FOR OAK LAWN RESIDENTS ONLY

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



Avenue Flower Shop

10632 S. Cicero Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453

708-636-7090

www.avenueflowershop.com

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Hours for wonderful food and great service are
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Sunday 11 am- 9 pm
Start the New Year out right!
Eat at Pluto's and use this coupon
for the month of January to receive 10 % off your order



"Always think of Pluto's for your meals and catering needs."

**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**