



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

January 5, 2009

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Village Board passes 2009 Budget

As we say goodbye to a very difficult 2008 and hello to the challenges and uncertainties of 2009, I am very proud of the preparation by the Village's management team as well as the significant oversight provided by your Board of Trustees in approving the Village's 100 million budget for the new fiscal year. As difficult and uncertain as the news has been on the economic front, your Village Board remains committed to fiscal responsibility. The highlights of the Village's 2009 budget approved 5-1 by the Board of Trustees during a special meeting on Tuesday, December 16th are as follows:

- 1) A balanced budget with no tax rate increase (including a slight decrease from the 2008 to the 2009 tax levy) for the fourth consecutive year going back to 2006;
- 2) Almost \$1.7 million in reduced municipal government expenditures representing a decrease of approximately 4% as compared to 2008; The Village's approved 2009 budget reduces the size of the general fund to \$40.3 from approximately \$42.0 and \$42.1 based on expenditures in 2008 and 2007, respectively;
- 3) This 4% reduction in the Village's general fund spending is AFTER providing the Village's approximately 360 employees with their annual contractual salary increase of approximately 3.5% and budgeting for an on average 18% increase in the cost of providing health insurance benefits to employees and their families;
- 4) Reduced reliance on the Village's sales tax receipts in light of the nation's faltering economic outlook from approximately 32.8% in 2007 to 31.2% in 2009, with particular scrutiny on the Village's automobile sales tax receipts;
- 5) Pension benefits and pension contributions consistent with prior years;

6) Limit on the increase in the Village's water rates to residents to a general pass through of the 15% rate increase received by the Village from the City of Chicago; the Village Board placed particular emphasis on limiting the increase to the "minimum" water usage by residents usually incurred by its senior residents.

Municipalities all over the country are being impacted by the difficult economic conditions. We will be looking closely at the 2009 numbers each month and continue to make every effort to manage your tax dollars as efficiently as possible.



Residential Rental Property Owners' Annual Registration Forms should be completed and returned to the Village Hall by **January 31**. This applies to both single family and multi unit buildings. Forms and copies of the ordinance are available at the Village Hall and on the Village website at www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Fare Change Information

Effective January 1, 2009

FULL	On Rail	On Bus	Transfers	
	\$2.25	\$2.00	25¢	1 Turnstiles do not accept cash. Purchase Transit Card from the fare vending machine at the rail station. 2 Reduced Fares: Children ages 7-11, elementary and high school students ages 12-20 with CTA Student Riding Permits, and customers with disabilities with RTA Reduced Fare Permits. • Seniors 65+, ride free with RTA Senior Ride Free Permits. • Active military personnel in full uniform or disabled military veterans with a CTA Military Service Pass ride free on CTA. • Customers who are enrolled in the RTA's People with Disabilities Ride Free Program with a valid RTA issued Circuit Permit ride free on the CTA. • Children under age 7 ride free with a fare-paying customer. • The 10 percent bonus for Chicago Card [®] and Chicago Card Plus [™] will be eliminated.
	\$2.25	\$2.00	25¢	
	\$2.25 ¹	\$2.25	None issued	
REDUCED²				
	85¢	85¢	15¢	
	85¢ ¹	\$1.00	None issued	
Passes		Amount		
1-Day Pass	\$5.75			• CTA's 1-Day, 3-Day, 7-Day and U-Pass passes are accepted on the CTA only. • 2-Day and 5-Day Visitor Passes will be eliminated. • Reduced Fare 30-Day Pass will remain \$35.00. • 7-Day CTA/Pace Pass valid on CTA and Pace non-premium/subscriber routes.
3-Day Pass	\$14.00			
7-Day CTA Pass	\$23.00			
7-Day CTA/Pace Pass	\$28.00			
30-Day Pass	\$86.00			



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Customer Information: 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282) CTA TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891)
 Transit Information: 836-7000 from any local area code RTA TTY: 312-836-4949

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Village of Oak Lawn would like to thank the following sponsors of the Santa on the Green event held on Saturday, November 29. The event has grown over the years into a wonderful, magical kick-off to the Christmas season. It is enjoyed by young and old alike. Your generous donations truly contributed to the jovial spirit of the day!

Deja Brew * Dominick's * Dunkin Donuts (108th & Cicero) * Fannie May * Entenmann's * Jewel Osco * McGladrey & Pullen * Oak Lawn Hilton * Pepperidge Farm * Tuzik's Bakery *

SCHOOL NEWS

School District 123 Early Childhood Screening

What: Children will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social, and speech/language development. The district boundaries are: 87th Street on the North, the north side of 107th Street on the South, Pulaski Road on the East and Central Avenue on the West.

When: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 20 and May 18, 2007.

Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd Ave.

Registration: (708) 423-8363. Free for residents

“After Christmas Electronic Waste Collection Day”

**January 10, 2009
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Oak Lawn Street Garage
5550 W. 98th Street**

All residents are welcome to participate by recycling old or broken electronics such as: tvs, radios, printers, monitors, CPU's, telephones, curling irons, power cords, toasters, electronic games and any electronic/battery operated gadgets (anything with a plug). Any and all types of light bulbs and batteries (except car batteries) will be accepted. Further information is available at www.oaklawn-il.gov.

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Green Team

JOIN THE VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Recycle – Reuse - Reduce

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Green Team

Many residents call and ask many questions with regards to recycling. One of the most frequently asked question is what can and cannot be recycled. The list on the next pages goes into specific detail what you may and may not recycle curbside. Please note that when you put something not acceptable into the recycle toter, it reduces the quality of the recycling material and the amount of profit the Village receives. For example, plastic bags and styrofoam, which are considered a contaminant, are not acceptable curbside. Screws, nails, metal shards do not fall under the “metal - cans & foil” category nor does any larger metal objects (such as a shelving system) that you cut down to fit into the toter. When non acceptable waste or contaminants are mixed in with the recyclables, it slows down the process and the company needs to dispose of that waste. The Village’s profit is reduced to cover that cost. You can still recycle some of these materials, just not curbside. Visit www.earth911.com to find locations to take scrap metal, plastic shopping bags, and more.

Another frequently asked question is how residents can get another recycle toter or a larger one. Additional recycle toters, in 64g and 96g size, are now available to Oak Lawn residents at no cost. Also available to residents is a 96g yard waste toter. There is no weight restriction with the yard waste toter. This is a shared cost between the Village and the resident at \$35 per toter (\$70 value). 55g rain barrels are also available for \$40.

Order forms are available at the Cashier’s window at the Village Hall. Please note on your form if you want your old recycle toter to be exchanged for the new one.

Remember the Village receives 50% of the recycling profits. Please support the Village in our efforts to go green and earn some green in the process. Thank you for your participation in this great cause!

Earlier this year the Village introduced its “Green Team” chaired by Trustee Olejniczak. The Village has many new programs to help become more environmentally friendly and responsible through this committee’s joint efforts. If you are interested in learning more or participating in this program, please contact the Village Forester, Heather Green at hgreen@oaklawn-il.gov.

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
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MIXED RECYCLABLES

Place all recyclables together in the wheeled recycling cart.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Music of the Movies

What: Pianist Eugene Kwok plays musical scores and songs from popular films

When: Sunday, **January 11**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St., 708.422.4990

Woodfield Mall & IKEA Trip

What: A day of shopping at Woodfield Mall & IKEA. Lunch is on your own.

When: Tuesday, **January 13**. Wheelchair accessible motorcoachbus departs at 10:00 am and returns at 5:00 pm

Where: Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave.

Tickets: Residents - \$20. Non residents - \$30. 708.857.2225

Back Home Again - Starring Katie Quick

What: Entertainment by country singer, Katie Quick, a native Chicago Southsider and winner of US 99.5 Talent Competition. Buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Entertainment begins at 1:30 pm.

When: Wednesday, **January 14**.

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2225

Tickets: Adults - \$13. Children, 10 & younger, - \$5.

Free Magic Show for Families

What: Magician Dennis DeBondt performs magic. He has been called the best magician for family fun by Chicago Magazine. No advance registration.

When: Sunday **January 18**, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95 St., 708.422.4990

St. Linus Ladies Bunco Night

What: 2nd Annual Ladies Bunco Night sponsored by the Ladies Guild. Buffet, drinks and BUNCO included.

When: Saturday, **January 31**, Doors open - 6:00 pm. Bunco - 7:30 pm

Where: St. Linus Parish Center, 10400 S. Lawler

Info: Lisa Quinn, 708.425.2094.

2009 CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation is now offering a commemorative 2009 Village of Oak Lawn Centennial Calendar with more than 70 historic photographs. Each month highlights a different aspect of Village history. The cost is \$12 and are available at the Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 708.422.4990.

SENIOR NEWS

Free Rides for Seniors

What: Seniors 65 and older may take free public transit rides on fixed routes by CTA, RTA, Metra and Pace. Applicants are required to complete a short form and present a government issued identification card to verify age. A photo will be taken if needed.

When: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95 St.

Plows Shared Housing Program

What: A program offering a housing alternative for persons of all ages who are interested in sharing living space, expenses and household duties with another person. PLOWS' staff screen home providers and seekers.

One person in the match must be a senior.

Contact: 708.361.0219

SPORTS & RECREATION

Casting Call: Funny Girl

What: Auditions for Funny Girl will be held. Come in proper attire and be prepared to sing and dance. Open to those in high school (with proper id) and older.

When: Monday & Tuesday, **January 5 & 6**, 7:30 – 10:30.

Where: Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110 St., 708.857.2200

Dirty Dancing at the Cadillac Palace Theatre

What: Wheelchair accessible motorcoach trip to the Cadillac Palace Theatre to see *Dirty Dancing*.

When: Thursday, **January 8**, bus leaves at 6:00 pm and returns at 10:30 pm.

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

Tickets: Residents - \$95. Non residents - \$.105 708.857.2200

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 (708) 422-5180.

PADS Homeless Shelters

To volunteer to work at one of 29 overnight shelters in the South Suburbs call 708.754.4357 and ask for Denise.

YOUR HEALTH

Oak Lawn Community Partnership Health Screenings

What: Free blood pressure and glaucoma screenings

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

Where: Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95 St., 708.422.4990

Pomegranates – “The Seeds of Health”

According to ***Psychology Today***, January 2009, pomegranates are high in vitamin C & B5 and potassium. They are rich in antioxidants. They have more antioxidants than red wine, blueberry juice and green tea and are more potent. One 8 ounce glass of pome4grante juice for a year has been shown to reduce cardiovascular risk factors and high blood pressure. It also slows the spread of prostate cancer.

They are in season from September through January and store form months in a cool, dry place.



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
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
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
Spc. Don Brady, 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. 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 “A Community United” email newsletter. Our features this edition are:



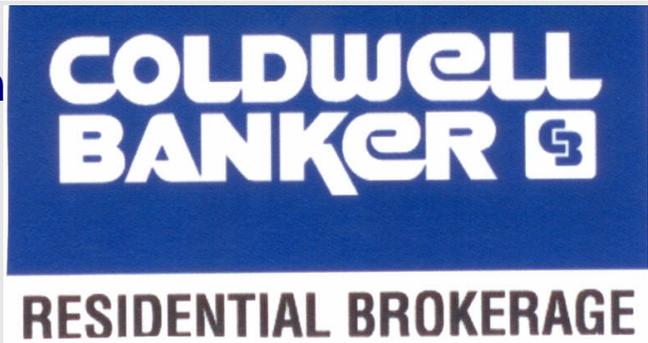
MILLIE'S ICE CREAM SHOPPE has new owners and a new menu. It features homemade soups, chili and deli sandwiches, with meats hand carved off the bone and, of course, delicious ice cream in a quaint old fashioned ice-cream parlor atmosphere. New Owners with a new menu. Dine-in, Carry-out, Delivery. Party trays are available. *Millie's would like to offer you 50% off any food or ice cream order (up to a \$5 value). Expires January 31, 2009*

5172 W. 95th Street. 708.423.3293.

Monday - Thursday, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm and Friday and Saturday,
11:00 am - 9:00 pm.
Closed Sundays

The Grant/Widel Team

Terry, Kai and Dawn
Coldwell Banker
Residential Brokerage
708.424.4000



“List your home with us by March 31, 2009, and we will pay the \$395.00 processing fee.”



The Daly Agency

**2553 W. 111th St.
Chicago, IL 60655
866.419.6697
ldaly77@yahoo.com**

Village resident Larry Daly, a Family Protection Advisor and owner of The Daly Agency, has created a website for parents regarding Teen Driver Insurance. <http://www.teendriverinsurance.com/il-Daly>. The website was designed to provide information for parents of teenage drivers regarding safety, awareness and tips on how to lower insurance costs. It is a tool to educate parents can use to lessen the stress that most parents face when their children move into the driver's seat. It contains an online driver safety course, a listing of more than 100 teen driver safety tips, teen driver/parent driving contract, parental testimonials and links to many other organizations that provide helpful information. He also writes a free monthly e-zine "Driver's Seat" for which you may subscribe to through the website. Give Larry a call at his office at if you have any questions or would like help with your protection.

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