



Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN BUDGET SUMMARY FOR 2011

The Village Board adopted a balanced budget for the Village's general fund of \$39.5 million for the 2011 fiscal year which was essentially the same as the 2010 municipal budget of \$38.8 million. The general fund primarily pays for the Village's fire, police and public works professionals to provide safety and maintenance/cleanup services to Village residents. Please note that the approved general fund budget for the 2009, 2008 and 2007 fiscal years was \$40.3 million, \$41.2 million and \$42.1 million, respectively, as further indication of the continuing effort to reduce local government spending by the current administration. As part of the flat and balanced budget for 2011, the Village Board also approved a tax levy that had almost a 4% reduction in the mill rate for the Village's portion of a resident's property taxes which is approximately 12% of the total tax bill. The Village Board approved a mill rate of .9766% which was below 1% for the first time in fifteen years. The Village's elected officials and the management team takes the stewardship of your tax funds received by the Village very seriously. As proof, the Village's 2011 budget represents the sixth straight year without a tax increase for the Village's proportionate share of property taxes. The state of Illinois's financial woes continue to affect us all.....as evident by the state's recent income tax increase from 3% to 5%.....and it has been estimated that over \$1 million in income tax payments is in arrears and owed to the Village by the state of Illinois based on 2009's income tax receipts. The Village Board will continue to lobby your representatives in Springfield and Washington in ultimately collecting this and all taxes due the Village in order to provide the high level of quality services that all residents have the right to expect.

REGISTER TO VOTE

You can register to vote at the Oak Lawn Village Hall Clerk's Office located at 9446 South Raymond Avenue. You will need to present two forms of picture IDs with your current address. It takes approximately 4 to 6 weeks to receive your voter card. If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's Office at (708) 499-7738 or visit our Website at www.oaklawn-il.gov

PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS



Our next scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting is January 25, 2011

Cable TV scheduled daily replay:
9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.,
& 1:30 a.m.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN Is looking for VOLUNTEERS for:



Channel 4: Comcast

Channel 99: AT & T U-verse

The Village of Oak Lawn is in need of people to assist us with Channel 4 and Channel 99.

If you are interested and would like to assist us with Channel 4 and Channel 99, please contact the Village of Oak Lawn at (708) 499-7097.



OAK LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

CARBON MONOXIDE: THE SILENT KILLER

Signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, nausea, burning sensation to the eyes and flu like symptoms. The use of a UL approved carbon monoxide detector can give residents an early warning that potentially dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present in the home.

The National Fire Protection Association and the Oak Lawn Fire Department recommend that every home have a working carbon monoxide detector in each sleeping area of the home and a working smoke detector on every level of the home including the basement. You can avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by following a few measures:

1. Install and maintain a working carbon monoxide detector in all sleeping areas.
2. Have a qualified technician inspect furnaces, gas stoves, including wood burning & gas fireplaces.
3. Regularly inspect fireplaces & chimneys and vents to insure proper ventilation is taking place.
4. Never use a charcoal or gas fueled barbecue grill indoors.
5. Never start a gas powered vehicle or lawn equipment including snow blowers inside a closed garage.

Following these simple steps will help insure that you have a safe winter!



OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE / GENESIS THERAPY CENTER

Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program

PREP is an educational program. PREP is for couples who want to make their relationship the best it can be. It doesn't matter if you are a new couple or if you have been together for many years, it's designed for relationships at all different stages. The skills can help you build, maintain, and even rebuild a healthy and long lasting relationship.

TOPICS COVERED:

Danger signs

Relationship expectations

How to talk & listen to one another

Road blocks that get in the way of good communication

How to protect the good things in your relationship

DATE: Mondays January 17th to February 28th

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 5210 West 95th Street, Suite 201, Oak Lawn

COST & REGISTRATION: Free & Call (708) 423-3361 X32 to register

OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICE & GENESIS THERAPY CENTER COPING WITH WORK AND FAMILY STRESS



Learn how to develop and apply active coping strategies, increase your use of social support and reduce your use of avoidance coping in order to deal effectively with stresses at work and at home.

LEARN TO:

Identify and modify sources of stress

Learn effective problem solving and communication skills

Re-think problem situations

Manage the effects of stressful situations

Learn active coping skills

Make better and expanded use of social networks

DATE: Tuesdays, January 11th to February 22nd

TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Oak Lawn High School, Room 111
9400 Southwest Highway, Circle Driveway

COST: Free

Oak Lawn Family Service - Genesis Therapy Center GUIDING GOOD CHOICES



This parent program aims to strengthen and clarify family expectations for behavior, enhance the conditions that promote bonding in the family and teach skills to parents and children to successfully meet the expectations of their family and resist drug use.

The sessions are interactive and skill based, with opportunities for parents to practice new skills and receive feed back from workshop leaders and their parent peers.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE: How to prevent drug abuse in your family; Setting clear family expectations on drugs & alcohol; Avoiding trouble; Managing family conflict; and strengthening family bonds.

DATE: Future dates & times TBD
TIME: Saturday groups forming
LOCATION: 5210 West 95th Street
2nd Floor, Oak Lawn
COST: Free
REGISTRATION: Call (708) 423-3361 X32



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Things you CAN recycle are...

Glass jars & bottles
Aluminum cans, foil, pie tins & Tin or steel cans
Cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.
Cardboard (Flatten all boxes)
Telephone books & Junk mail
Plastic bottles & containers
Magazines & catalogs
Newspaper & inserts
Office paper & file folders
Paper Bags



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Things you CAN'T recycle are.....

NO Styrofoam
NO Electronics (Only @ the Oak Lawn E-Waste Facility)
NO Ceramics
NO Food waste
NO Plastic grocery bags
NO Motor oil containers
No Hazardous waste containers
NO Light bulbs, window glass or mirrors
NO Yard waste
*Place bagged yard waste next to your carts for recycling.
NO GARBAGE

For more information, visit us at www.oaklawn-il.gov or www.Earth911.com
or call us at (708) 636-4400.

OAK LAWN E-WASTE FACILITY
5532 West 98th Street

Public Works Garage
(708) 499-7750



EXAMPLES OF RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

Computers & Peripherals: CDs, CDRWs, DVDs, Zip & Floppy Drives & Disks, CPUs, Hard Drives, Laptops, Notebooks, Monitors, Printers, Routers, Scanners, Servers, Modems, Network Equipment, Inkjet/Toner Cartridges, Any parts related to a computer or plugs into or interacts with a computer.

Office Equipment: Adding Machines, Copiers, Fax Machines, Postage Machines, Power Cords, Electronic Staplers, Fans, Multifunctional Machines.

Communication Equipment: Adapters, Chargers for any device, Answering Machines, Cell Phones, Corded Phones, Cordless Phones, Pagers, Televisions, Radios, Stereos, Boom Boxes, Metal/Plastic Speakers, Home Entertainment Systems, Any Electronic or Battery Operated Gadgets.

Miscellaneous: All batteries including car batteries, Battery Back-Ups, Data Cartridges, Digital Cameras, DVD/Video Players & Disks, VHS Players & Tapes, Electronic Game Devices, Pocket PCs, Plastic Game Batteries or Plug Ins, Christmas Lights, Microwave ovens, MP# Players, Any cable or wire from electronics, cords, plugs, loose wiring from any home entertainment system or other.



Items Not Accepted: Worn out shoes or any light bulb, Items with Freon, household glass, etc., Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Coffee Pots, etc.



Here are some other Green Team Resources to help you “Think Green, Live Green!”

“Where can I recycle.....?” Visit www.earth911.com to find out where you can recycle various items.

Permanent Electronic Collection Site: 5532 West 98th Central; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parkway Tree Planting Program: The Village has a shared cost (\$65 or \$75) parkway tree planting program.

“Life is a Bikeway”: The Village is working to implement a master bike plan & create more bike access.

Water Conservation: The Village has various tools to assist you in water conservation. Visit www.oaklawn-il.gov for more information.

Rain Barrels: For a limited time available through the Village or MWRD for \$50 each.

Rain Gardens: The Village has installed a demonstration rain garden at 52nd & 103rd.

Composting: The Village has an easy “how to” composting guide.

LED Street Lights: The Village has installed various testing sites of LED street lights.

Paper, Plastic, Metal & Glass (Single Family Households): The Village collects traditional items curbside.

Paper, Plastic, Metal & Glass (Multi-Family Units): The Village provides dumpsters for collection, 5532 West 98th Street. For a list of acceptable paper, plastic, metal & glass items visit www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Paper Shredding: The Village Clerk offers community shred days. Dates will be posted on our website as soon as they are selected.

Cell Phone Collections: The Village collects cell phones & donates them to “Cell Phones for Soldiers”.

Battery Collections: The Village collects batteries at the Village Hall, Metra Station & Park District facilities.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Call the IEPA at (217) 785-8604 or visit www.epa.state.il.us for more information.

Used Paint: Latex paint is not collected at HHW sites. Instead, continue to paint, paint something else, give paint away, store it for later or dry it up. Visit www.DEA.gov for more information.

Medicine: For recommended disposal methods visit www.smarxtdisposal.net. One day drop off visit www.DEA.gov.

Books, Magazines, Audio Visual & Eyeglass Donations: The Oak Lawn Library and the Village Hall.

CFL Bulbs: Recycle at Ace Hardware, The Home Depot and Lowes. Please visit www.energystar.gov and www.cflbulbs.com.

Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids & Keys: Recycle with the Oak Lawn Lions Club. Visit www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org.

Eyeglasses: The Village collects eyeglasses & donates to VOSH. Visit www.vosh.org.

Shoes: Recycle gently worn or new shoes with Share your Soles. Visit www.shareyoursoles.org.

OAK LAWN'S GREENTeam



Help Oak Lawn go Green!

The Village of Oak Lawn's Green Team wants to help its residents learn, practice & participate in recycling events and programs. The Green Team provides such programs as: Electronic Waste Recycling Facility, Cell Phones for Soldiers, and Battery Recycling.

Do you have questions about recycling? Would you like to join the Green Team? Would you like to volunteer? Please contact the Green Team at: (708) 499-7750 or visit us at: www.oaklawn-il.gov & www.Greenteam@oaklawn-il.gov

COMED RECYCLING 

LET COMED RECYCLE YOUR OLD, WORKING FRIDGE, FREEZER & AIR CONDITIONER IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE WAY!
COMED WILL HAUL AWAY THAT OLD ENERGY HOG FOR FREE AND GIVE YOU \$35.00! YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR PICK UP ONLINE OR YOU CAN CALL 1-888-806-2273, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. OR 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY. PLEASE NOTE: OFFER IS AVAILABLE TO COMED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ONLY.

REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER MUST BE BETWEEN 10 AND 30 CUBIC FEET IN SIZE, EMPTY & WORKING AT THE TIME OF PICK-UP, AND ACCESSIBLE WITH A CLEAR & SAFE PATH FOR REMOVAL.

THE REMOVAL TEAM WILL NOT RISK INJURY, REMOVE PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MODIFY YOUR HOME (E.G. REMOVE DOORS OR RAILINGS) TO REMOVE THE UNIT(S).



**Nicor Energy Efficiency Program
Using Energy Wisely**

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is designed to offer ideas and tools to help Illinois residents and businesses in Nicor's territory to save energy and money.

Low to Moderate Income Program, Elementary Energy Education Program and Residential Multi-Family Direct Install Program, please call (887) 886-4239.

Existing Home Retrofit Program, please call (877) 821-9988.

YOU'RE INVITED!
To join the Oak Lawn-Hometown Village Singers!



- What:** A non-auditioned group of singers from the Oak Lawn & Hometown areas.
- Who:** Parents, Seniors, & anyone age 19 & up, who love to sing.
- When:** Rehearsals are Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., starting January 24, 2011.
- Where:** Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School located @ 5345 West 99th Street in Oak Lawn
If interested, please contact Director, Virginia Ebner @ (708) 499-6400 X7960 or vebner@dd123.org
Sponsored by Oak Lawn-Hometown District 123



VILLAGE CONTACTS

Executive Offices:

Mayor's Office:	(708) 499-7740
Assistant to the Mayor:	(708) 499-7742
Village Manager's Office:	(708) 499-7743
Village Clerk's Office:	(708) 499-7738
Assistant to Village Manager & Village Clerk:	(708) 499-7744

Village Trustees:

District 1: Jerry Hurckes	(708) 346-7001
District 2: Alex Olejniczak	(708) 346-7002
District 3: Robert Streit	(708) 346-7003
District 4: Tom Duhig	(708) 346-7004
District 5: Carol Quinlan	(708) 346-7005
District 6: Tom Phelan	(708) 346-7006
<u>Human Resources Department:</u>	(708) 499-7882
<u>Finance Department (Cashier):</u>	(708) 499-7777
<u>Community Services Department:</u>	(708) 423-3361
<u>Public Works Department:</u>	(708) 499-7750
<u>Building Department:</u>	(708) 499-7802
	(708) 499-7803
<u>Water Department:</u>	(708) 499-7747

<u>Water Department - Bills Inquiries:</u>	(708) 499-7762
<u>Engineering Department:</u>	(708) 499-7814
<u>Police Department (Non-Emergency):</u>	(708) 422-8292
<u>Animal Control Department:</u>	(708) 499-7720
<u>Health & Sanitation Inspector:</u>	(708) 499-7820
<u>Business Operations Department:</u>	(708) 499-7821
	(708) 499-7837
<u>Police Department: Administration</u>	(708) 499-7724
<u>Communications Department:</u>	(708) 499-7787
<u>Emergency Operations Department:</u>	(708) 636-5141
	(708) 636-5142
<u>Fire Department Non-Emergency:</u>	(708) 499-7700



Veolia Environmental Services

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: (708) 409-9700
Fax: (708) 450-9179

Holiday Service Schedule for Garbage Pick Up:

The following holidays will affect your service:
New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July,
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas
Day
Service will be delayed one day following
the holiday.

Senior Discount

Senior Citizens may be eligible for a senior citizen discount for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection service. To be eligible you must be 65 years old and the owner of the record for the residence. Please call Sue Berardi at (708) 499-7791 for the procedure to follow to secure your discount.

DISTRICT 123 EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Children ages 3-5 years will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self-help, social, and speech/language development. Early childhood professionals will present “game-like” activities to your child that will assess developmental skills. The results will be reviewed with you by a district professional.

ALL PRESCHOOLERS who reside within District 123 boundaries are eligible to attend free of charge.

The district boundaries are as follows:

North - 87th Street
South - 107th Street

East – Pulaski Road
West - Central Avenue

Screening results will tell you how your child is developing. Children develop and change quickly during the early years. A yearly check on their progress is suggested. Appointments are necessary.

To schedule an appointment please call:

Lola Vertucci at (708) 423-8363

Screening dates: February 25, 2011 & May 20, 2011

Location: Kolmar School, 10425 S. Kolmar, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

You will be contacted by telephone prior to receiving a confirmation letter.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

"The Museum Doctor is in"

Dr. Kent Nelson and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital staff are partnering with the museum to present a series of educational topics that teach children about their bodies and promote wellness. A visiting senior pediatric resident doctor leads these activities, and gives children a great opportunity to learn from and interact with a pediatrician in a welcoming and positive, non medical and non-intimidating environment. This program takes place at 11:30 a.m. on the second floor. It is available to all visitors and no registration is necessary.

The subject for the month of January:



The Five Senses

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WILL BE OPENED UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 27, 2011.

**THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
FREE PROGRAM**

TAKE – APART

Do you like to see how things tick? This interactive adult/child activity is ready for your inquisitive minds. Different objects are ready to be taken apart. This free program is on the second floor in the kite area. No registration is required. Child must have adult supervision.

**Oak Lawn Public Library
5300 West 95th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 422-4990**



INTERNATIONAL STORYTIMES

Free monthly programs delivered entirely in Polish, Spanish and Arabic. Advance registration is required.

Select Saturdays

Call or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org for details.

OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:



FAFSA Seminar

Learn how to become more eligible for college financial aid.

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

5300 West 95th Street

(708) 422-4990

Visit us at www.oaklawnlibrary.org

**OAK LAWN LIBRARY
HISTORY EXHIBIT**



Preserving the Buildings in Oak Lawn's past by viewing photographs and artifacts from 19 historic structures, including the Auschwitz House, Keyhole House, Covington School & Trinity Lutheran Church. Hours posted at the Local History Room, 5300 West 95th Street
www.oaklawnlibrary.org



MEALS ON WHEELS Needs Your Help!
Volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels Program.
Meals are sent Monday thru Friday between
9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
If you can help, please contact
Jennifer Owen at (708) 422-5180

**FREE FAMILY EVENT
AT THE OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**



MORRIS THE MAGIC MAN
A Family-friendly magic show filled with fun, audience participation & puppets. For ages 3 & up.
Sunday, January 23, 2011, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street, (708) 422-4990
www.oaklawnlibrary.org



FREE MOVIE: SECRETARIAT

True story of Penny Chenery & her long-shot but precocious stallion setting the unbeaten Triple Crown record in 1973.

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Oak Lawn Public Library

5300 West 95th Street, (708) 422-4990

OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT PASSPORT TO NATURE



Children are spending more time than ever indoors playing video games, watching TV and surfing the internet, causing them to slowly lose touch with nature. Our year round nature programs are a fun way to get your family back in touch with nature. Please visit us at www.olparks.com or call (708) 857-2200



STONEY CREEK GOLF COURSE



Indoor Golf Simulator for the Winter Season

Play great golf courses and keep your swing in shape during this winter season! Play courses such as Bay Hill, Castle Pines, Pinehurst #2 (1999 U.S. Open) with your favorite friend. You can also play Pebble Beach or St. Andrews Links Old Course without flying. Seniors Rates: \$16.00 per hour, Regular Rates: \$20.00 per hour. (This is not per person) Pay for 3 hours & get the 4th hour free! Call for tee times at (708) 857-2436 or (708) 785-5689.



South Suburban PADS Shelters

PADS offers free emergency, overnight shelter nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. between October 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010. For more information or to volunteer please call PADS at (708) 754-4357.



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES
Reduced Cost for Food Program
Wesleyan Community Church
8844 South Austin Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL

For more information, please call: (708) 599-3660 or visit us at:
www.wesleyanchurch.com

7TH ANNUAL CLADDAGH WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Just a let everyone know that the 7th Annual Claddagh Wheelchair Basketball Tournament is this Saturday, January 22, 2011. We are very fortunate to again have the use of the Shannon Center at St. Xavier University located at 3600 West 103rd Street in Chicago. We have 12 teams playing in three different divisions (prep, junior varsity and varsity). There are several teams from the Chicagoland area and also teams from Milwaukee, Madison and Rockford. The games times will be from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

REMEMBERING MEGAN
Candlelight Bowl
Celebrating
Megan Hurckes' 12th birthday
Saturday, February 5th, 2011

Where: Arena Bowl 4700 West 103rd Street, Oak Lawn
Time 8 p.m. until Midnight

\$25 a ticket (includes bowling, bowling shoes and food)

Cash Bar Available

Lots of raffles and split the pot games

For more information call (708) 599-7302

Make checks payable to Megan Hurckes Scholarship Fund
7036 West 96th Street, Oak Lawn 60453



What could be more fun than spending a wonderful evening with friends celebrating Megan's 12th Birthday and bowling, one of Megan's favorite pastimes.

**"WE GOT THIS"
A Benefit for Ken Martin**



Last July, 28 year old Ken Martin was diagnosed with Stage 4 Adrenal Gland Cancer. Adrenal Gland Cancer is extremely rare, literally affecting 1 in a million people. On July 13th, Ken underwent surgery to remove a 7 pound tumor, his adrenal gland, kidney, spleen, and a portion of his pancreas. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy & treatments to attack the cancer which has spread to his bones and lymph nodes. Ken married his fiancée, Lynn, two days prior to his surgery. She has been at his side every step of the way. Ken's family & friends, otherwise known as Team Martin, want to show Ken the amount of love & compassion that exists in the world, and truly "pay it forward" because throughout all of our lives Ken has been there for us when we needed him most. Ken is a good friend, a trusted companion and an overall amazing guy.

Friday, January 21, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

\$25.00 per ticket purchased in advance

\$30.00 per ticket at the door

115 Bourbon Street

3359 West 115th Street

Merrionette Park, IL

Ticket price includes: dinner buffet, beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages.

All proceeds and donations will go directly to the Martin Family to assist with medical expenses. If you are unable to attend the benefit but would like to support Ken & his family, donations can be made to:

We Got This! A Benefit for Ken Martin account
at any Archer Bank location.

Please use the following tax ID number 27-3182448.

For more information or to purchase tickets, send an email to

wegothisbenefit@gmail.com



DOLLARS FOR DOTTY

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending”. –Maria Robinson

Dotty is a 48 year old woman with a caring, loving family. Kevin, her partner of 14 years, Ken and Kathy, her 2 children, and 7 grandchildren, Kenny, Robert, Mitchell, Jake, Leah, Logan and Cassidy are the loves of Dotty's life.

Summer is Dotty's favorite time of year. The family activities are endless. They enjoy the zoo, beaches, festivals, camping, and hiking, all of the wonderful things that form lifetime memories. The summer of 2010 was different. In early June, Dotty started to experience severe pain to her back, right side, and stomach. She made 3 trips to the emergency room each time receiving a CT scan. All 3 times she was sent home with pain pills and a diagnosis of bulging discs. Struggling with the pain throughout the summer, Dotty was unable to participate in the family outings she loved so much. Going to work was getting more difficult as the pain steadily increased.

On September 22, 2010 Dotty was rushed to the hospital a 4th time. It was that day that would change the lives of Dotty, her family and her friends forever. She was diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer, medically known as Aden carcinoma of Cecum with it being in the lymph nodes. That day a perforated tumor, the size of a large man's fist, was removed along with twelve inches of colon.

Dotty has already received CT scans, MRIs, x-rays, labs and 2 surgeries. Several of these tests must be repeated. She will endure very aggressive chemotherapy receiving three different chemo treatments biweekly for at least 6 months.

Working is no longer possible for Dotty. She does not have any health insurance. The county and state have advised her that they cannot assist her with any financial aid toward the \$14,200 cost of each chemo treatment. Her medical and personal bills are stacking up. In order to help alleviate the financial strain she is facing, her family and friends are hosting a fundraiser benefit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011, Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Any donation you can offer to help the success of this event will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for donations for our prize raffles and silent auction as well as monetary donations which can be mailed directly to:

**CHASE BANK
c/o Dollars 4 Dotty
16057 S. Farrell Road, Lockport, IL 60441
Attention: Monica**

Please visit our website (under construction) www.dollars4dotty.com for information regarding the benefit and all other donation options. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a volunteer listed on this letter.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Your support and generosity can help make a significant impact on this very special family.

Donations for raffles & auctions can be sent to:

Dollars 4 Dotty
c/o Terrie Golden
5130 South Mayfield
Chicago, IL 60638
Coordinator:

Dollars 4 Dotty
c/o Denise Dekker
10352 Leslie Lane
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
Kevin Healy & Associates, LLC
(773) 386-8100

Committee Members:

Terrie Golden	(773) 418-5101
Chancy Powley	(815) 485-9916
Becky Harkenrider	(708) 634-2322
Denise Dekker	(708) 423-7835
Heather Golden	(312) 799-9137
Joni Wertz	(708) 945-6806
Kathie Chap	(708) 288-1389
Kathy Jackson	(219) 690-1139
Kevin Brice	(708) 576-8751
Kim Pilarczyk	(630) 330-6595
Lillian Quirino	(773) 818 2444
Patty Dvornik	(708) 425-8236
Ruth Cross	(630) 669-4141



ST. GERALD'S MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE

February 19, 2011 - Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Open Bar, Live & Silent Auction, Tickets: \$40.00

Treat yourself to a night out with friends and family!

Good food, beer, wine and a specialty drink.

DJ for dancing And a chance to relax and enjoy yourself!

Benefits St. Gerald School, for tickets, please call Cathy Jo Andrews at (708)

369-2124 or call the Development Office at (708) 422-2194 or visit our

website at development@stgerald.com



**HELP ST. GERALD "RAISE THE ROOF"
MOTHER'S CLUB SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND**

Attention all veteran, occasional and beginner scrappers. We are offering a weekend of uninterrupted bliss. This weekend benefits the "Raise the Roof" funding for our school gymnasium.

Join us for a weekend full of raffle prizes, split the pot, take a class to enhance your creativity, relax with a shoulder or hand massage, stock up on supplies from one of our vendors, or have your album embossed with your personal message and leave with a book full of memories. All you need to do is bring all of your supplies that you need to work on or complete a project. You get all of this for \$50.00!!

Friday, January 28th
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 29th
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 30th
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Are you too busy for the weekend?
Try Saturday ONLY for \$35.00!
Saturday, January 29th
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Drop off service at the door. Simply remove all of your supplies from your car and our students will bring them to your assigned table. We are offering pizza on Friday, a lite breakfast, lunch & full dinner on Saturday, lite breakfast & lunch Sunday.. Classes offered by a representative from Close to My Heart & Creative Memories . We have Swap & Share boxes. Are you tired of a certain paper or sticker pack, drop it in one of the boxes for others to use & pick something that you need. Shop for new ideas or stock up on supplies. Both of our representatives will have supplies for sale.

To sign up or for more information please call Karen Zobak at (708) 514-8492 or Kim Pasinski at (708) 805-5382.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

(Behind the Hilton on 94th and Cicero Avenue)



St. Paul Lutheran School Is Hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 30, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Paul provides an excellent education in a Christian environment for children entering Pre-K through 8th Grade as well as day care before and after school.

Enrollment for the 2011 – 2012 school year starts in February.

COME AND DISCOVER WHAT IS SO SPECIAL AT ST. PAUL!



OAK LAWN WESTSIDE WARRIORS: 2011 SEASON BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION ALL DIVISIONS PLAY AT THE SAME LOCATION

For busy families, parents with children in more than one division or if you just want the convenience of only going to one field, this is the place to play!

2011 REGISTRATION DATES

FEES:

T-Ball: \$75.00
Baseball: \$125.00
Softball: \$100.00

DATES:

Thursday, January 20th
Thursday, February 3rd
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

AGES:

Baseball 5-14
Softball 7-14

Saturday, January 22nd
Saturday, February 5th

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MULTI-PLAYER FAMILY DISCOUNT:

The 2nd child gets \$10.00 off, the 3rd child gets \$20.00 off and the 4th child gets \$30.00 off of their registration fee. Every family must buy raffle tickets.



REGISTER A BUDDY PROGRAM:

Have a friend who is thinking about joining, too? Bring in a NEW PLAYER to Westside, register and pay together and each of you will get \$10.00 off your registration.



RAFFLE TICKETS:

We will again be holding the raffle as our primary, mandatory fundraiser. EACH FAMILY will be required to buy \$50.00 in raffle tickets. You can choose to keep the raffle tickets for yourself or sell them. There will be 10 in a booklet at \$5.00 each. We will be raffling off various amounts totaling over \$5,000.00 from Opening Day through our Picnic as well as having weekly Saturday drawings.



POINTS:

Returning Families, please remember you will also be responsible for payment of any points not earned last year.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please call (708) 430-4310

Or visit us at www.leaguelineup.com/westsidewarriors



PLOWS SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM

This is a program offering a housing alternative for persons for all ages who might be interested in sharing living space, expenses and possibly household duties with another person. PLOWS staff members screen home providers and home seekers and introduce potentially compatible people for the purpose of possibly sharing a home. One person in the match must be a senior. The obvious advantage is to reduce the cost of housing, but other benefits are companionship and maintaining independence. We are a not-for-profit organization assisting people in the community. For more information, call PLOWS at (708) 361-0219.

HAS PAYING YOUR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILL BECOME A HARDSHIP FOR YOU?



PLOWS would like you to know about the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. This important State of Illinois program allows qualified persons to defer all or part of the real estate taxes on their personal residence. Many seniors who are living on a fixed income and want to remain in their own home find this benefit enables them to do

just that. It's a form of low interest loan which is to be repaid at the time the property is sold, or following the taxpayer's death.

To qualify: You must be age 65 or older by June 1, 2011; Your annual household income may not be more than \$50,000; You must own the property and there can be no delinquent real estate taxes owed on the residence.; You must have lived in the residence for at least 3 years; You must have the home insured against fire hazard loss.

Owners of single family homes, condominiums, and cooperative units are eligible. You are not disqualified if you have a mortgage on your home, and you do not need your lender's approval to participate. You are still able to participate in the Circuit Breaker Program and enjoy the benefits of the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

Applications must be filed between January 1st and March 1st. PLOWS has forms and trained staff to help you through the application process at no cost. Please call PLOWS at (708) 361-0219.

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



LCPL Trevor Mulrenin, US Marine Corp.
Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force
LCPL Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corps
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Captain Edward J. O'Connell IV,
US Marine Corps
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Pfc Santo J. Carollo, US Marine Corps
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Pfc Antonio Fernandez, US Marine Corps
Pfc Garrett Coffey, US Army
TSgt. Matthew R. Marcinkowski, US Air Force
Sgt. Daniel Villavazo, US Coast Guard

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Sgt. Matt Barkmeier, US Army
Spec. Donald J. Balsavich
LCPL Timothy A. Evans, US Marine Corps
LCPO Ray Creevy, US Marine Corps
LCPL John Eckert, US Marine Corps
1st Lt. Daniel R. Johnson, US Army
LCpl. Christopher L. Aguinaga, US Marine
Petty Officer David Bailey, US Navy
Private 3rd Edward James Mayer, US Army
Office Jason Hudson, US Army
2LT Jeffrey Finley II, US Army
2nd Lt., Kevin M. Shotas, USMC**

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 coleary@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 coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.

The Village of Oak Lawn would like to welcome home any of our service men and women by displaying their name on the marquee along 95th Street. Please feel free to call the Village Manager’s office at (708) 499-7742 with the information regarding your loved one’s homecoming.



I NEED ASSISTANCE. CAN FEMA HELP?

What kind of disaster assistance can FEMA provide?

It depends on the type of your disaster damages.

If your home is damaged and you cannot live there safely, you may be eligible for temporary housing assistance.

If you're a homeowner, you could also be eligible for money to help with the cost of repairing damages not covered by insurance.

Owners and renters could be eligible for money to help replace furniture, clothes or other damaged personal items.

If you have other serious disaster-related needs, you could be eligible for money to help with expenses such as medical, dental and transportation costs.

FEMA can help you contact other disaster recovery agencies that may be able to help you on the road to recovery. For example, you may be able to qualify for a low interest disaster loan through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA will require a separate loan application.

What do I need to do?

If you have insurance, please call your insurance company before calling FEMA. Only damages that are NOT covered by insurance can qualify for FEMA disaster

assistance. By law we can not duplicate benefits.

Apply for assistance with FEMA. Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 to apply by telephone.

What happens after I apply?

We will mail you a copy of your application and a copy of Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals and Households Program. After that, a FEMA inspector will contact you for an appointment to survey your damaged property if necessary.

How can I check the status of my application?

Go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362 or TTY 1-800-462-7585.

It's important to remember that FEMA programs offer temporary assistance and are not designed to return individuals to pre-disaster status.

What time period does FEMA assistance apply to?

Damages incurred between July 22 and August 7, 2010 may be eligible for FEMA assistance.



THE VILLAGE OF

OAK LAWN

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.

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 or mental handicap

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

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**ANDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD, The Green Oaks Shopping Center,
9507 South Cicero Avenue**



Andy's Frozen Custard recently had their Grand Opening in Oak Lawn to "standing-room" crowds only. Andy Kuntz, president of Andy's Frozen Custard, was excited about remodeling of the former Del Taco restaurant. According to Andy, the difference between ice cream and frozen custard is frozen custard is made fresh every hour. Basically, any frozen dessert gets worse as time goes on. So the fresher it is, the better it is. The creamier it tastes. Frozen custard is also served slightly warmer than ice cream. If you go to your local ice cream shop and get a scoop of hard ice cream, generally that product is around zero degrees and will actually freeze your taste buds. Our product still feels cold on your palette and your mouth, but won't freeze your mouth. By the time you get to the end of a sundae or concrete, you're still able to taste that it is a strawberry or a caramel. With something colder, by the time you get to the fourth bite, you really can't taste the flavor. That's really the big difference with frozen custard and ice cream. Look for the "BIG" cone on Cicero Avenue and stop in and enjoy the newest treat in our neighborhood.

QDOBA, Oak Lawn Town Center, 5137 West 95th Street



Construction has already begun on the new Qdoba Mexican Grill where Hollywood Video was located. Qdoba serves burritos made in the San Francisco burrito style, tacos, quesadillas, taco salads, chile con queso, Mexican gumbo, and fresh guacamole. The restaurant fits into the "fast casual" category, offering both quick service and a higher quality of food than typical fast-food restaurants. Customers order by selecting an entrée, then choosing its ingredients. All of the items are made in plain view of the customer. The chain's current slogan is "Fast Fresh and Friendly". Look for the grand opening in early spring.



SMASHBURGER, Oak Lawn Town Center,

5145 West 95th Street

Qdoba's will have a new neighbor - Smashburger. Construction on the new Smashburger store should begin in late February. Smashburger is fast becoming every city's favorite place for burgers. It is perfect for eating in or having a better burger to go, a quick workday lunch, the weekend burger and beer, date night, a family dinner, or with the team after the game. Smashburger

has something great for everyone. Along with their great-tasting burgers and smashfries - smashchicken sandwiches and signature salads, veggie frites and haystack onions, Häagen-Dazs shakes and bottled beer and wine - help make smashburger every city's favorite place for burgers.

2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Children's Museum



A future family restaurant is in the planning stage right next door to The Children's Museum - 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill. Owners Dale Eisenberg and Mike Ventre decided to create their own special place for families to enjoy a tasty meal delivered on toy trains. At 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill, Dale and Mike have recreated the look and feel of a 50's lunch counter, rekindling the fond memories of a time past. But one thing never goes out of style – finding a place where people of all generations can sit back, relax and enjoy a tasty meal. Dale and Mike pride themselves in creating a place that appeals to kids of *all* ages! Offering old fashion burgers, fries, hot dogs, sandwiches, salads and more, 2Toots Train Whistle Grill has something for everyone! And their homemade treats and hand dipped ice cream creations are second to none! Look for 2 Toots Train Whistle Grill to open in late spring.

Medical Center, 102nd & Cicero Avenue



RSA PROPERTIES - 10201 SOUTH CICERO - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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DESIGNBRIDGE, LTD. - 10201 SOUTH CICERO - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RSA Properties recently purchased the Fox Valley Suzuki Dealership at 10201 S. Cicero Avenue. The 24,000sqft building was sold for \$1.5 M dollars and will be converted into a lavish, 3 story medical facility. Ground breaking will begin in the spring of 2011. RSA Properties also owns the Merrionette Park Medical Center located at 116th & Kedzie.



Medical Center, 95th & Normandy

The former Napleton Honda Dealership was recently sold for \$3M. The 17,000sqft building located at 5800 W. 95th Street sits on 2.5 acres and will be the home to a 40,000 sq.ft Medical Office. An outstanding medical architectural and planning firm has been hired for a planned orthopedic center. The perimeter brick wall and landscaping will remain as well as a portion of the existing brick building, however, there will be significantly renovations for new design. Builder Don Jeanes will be the construction company on-site.



NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO OAK LAWN

If you are opening a new business in the Village of Oak Lawn, please contact the Mayor's Office at (708) 499-7742 or email us at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov. We will include your new business information in "A Community United" E-Newsletter for two weeks. **THIS SERVICE IS FREE.** Over 2,000 residents receive "A Community United" E-Newsletter every other Thursday. It is our way of welcoming you to the Village of Oak Lawn and letting the residents learn about a new business in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of "A Community United" E-Newsletter. If you are interested in receiving the E-Newsletter via regular mail or email, please contact Carmie O'Leary at (708) 499-7742 or email your request at coleary@oaklawn-il.gov.