



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

February 2, 2009

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



## “Rockin *Into The Next* 100 Years”

In celebration of the Village of Oak Lawn's 100 Year Anniversary, the Village would like to give special recognition to our own centurions. We would love to hear their stories. If you know of an Oak Lawn resident who is 100 years old or older, please contact the Mayor's Office at 708.499.7740. Please look to future issues of *A Community United* and also the Village website at [www.oaklawn-il.gov](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) for further information about Village Centennial events.



# FYI

***Village Hall*** will be closed for business on Monday, **February 16**, in observance of President's Day. Residential garbage service will not be affected by the holiday.

***Voters Registration*** will be closed in the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, **March 10**. The Clerk's Office is open Monday – Friday, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Bring your state identification to register to vote.

## ***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:

### **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 24 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 June 30, 2009.***

### **The Grant/Widel Team**

**Terry, Kai and Dawn  
Coldwell Banker  
Residential Brokerage  
708.424.4000**

The logo for Coldwell Banker, featuring the words "COLDWELL" and "BANKER" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background. To the right of "BANKER" is a white square icon containing a stylized blue "CB" monogram.

**RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE**

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



**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. 95<sup>th</sup> Street. 708.423.3293.

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

## ***Your questions...our answers***

***You asked:*** I work until 5:00 pm, where can I register to vote in the evening?

***We answered:*** After hearing this concern from many residents, Clerk Jane Quinlan established the "On the Move" voters' registration program. Clerk Quinlan will go to various sites around the town in the evening to give people the opportunity to register to vote that are unable to do so during the work day. The next two dates are:

- Today, Monday, February 2, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe, 5172 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Monday, February 9, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St.

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

## **Board Approves Purchase of Edgar Funeral Home Site**

The Village learned that Edgar Funeral Home at 109th and Cicero was being sold. Since the property was contiguous to the 111th Street development project and Village ownership would make this a more attractive development site given the additional frontage on Cicero, the Board voted to approve purchase of the site at the January 27<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting. The Village has a prospective tenant for short term occupancy, which made the deal even more attractive.

“This is the time to line up and be ready for when the economy turns. This fits right into that goal” said Village Manager Larry Deetjen. The Village will sell “the big picture” to a developer that will bring a “white table cloth” restaurant to the area. This site is just outside the TIF boundaries but that could change. It is the Village’s hope to create a more aesthetic welcoming to Oak Lawn. A site filled with shops, restaurants, bike paths and walking trails. Deetjen stated “If you get a flagship restaurant, you’d generate sales tax that would far exceed what property taxes are at that location, and you get an investment to result in more property taxes.”

"From an overall perspective, it might have been the smartest and most strategic move this administration has ever made. We acquired a parcel that almost every developer said was critical, we got it for less than market value, and we have a short-term tenant lined up to move in and provide immediate cash-flow to the Village and needed maintenance and improvements on the property”, Trustee Tom Phelan said.

Edgar Funeral Home owner, David Ruzich noted that he had other interested buyers and added: "I'm glad the Village is going to be the one, because a new development would be a vast improvement."

## **Sewing Machines Needed!**

**Do you have a sewing machine that you do not use anymore? If so, Park Lawn is looking for 2-3 sewing machines to be donated to teach some of the program participants how to do some basic sewing. Please contact Nancy Schmitz at Park Lawn at 708.425.6867.**



## ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

### “2009 KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE” RAFFLE

Only 2000 tickets sold - \$100

\$100,000 in prizes

\$75,000 Grand Prize

Drawing Sunday, April 26, 2009

For ticket purchase information please contact

St. Catherine of Alexandria Rectory 708.425.2850 or  
Kevin Hughes at [kevinh@MCLABS.com](mailto:kevinh@MCLABS.com)

## 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

## 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: 87<sup>th</sup> Street on the North, the north side of 107<sup>th</sup> Street on the South, Pulaski Road on the East and Central Avenue on the West.

**When:** **February 9, March 9, April 20 and May 18, 2009.**

**Where:** Brandt School, 8901 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

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

## **Cinderella's Closet at Oak Lawn Community High School**

Cinderella's Closet is a project co-chaired by Mrs. Kelly Kenny, OLCCHS Career and Service Learning Facilitator and Ms. Elizabeth Hoerchler, Counselor Intern designed to help female students look fabulous for prom. They are collecting lightly used formal dresses, shoes, accessories and unopened make-up. Students will be able to shop for dresses at more affordable prices.

Donations are being accepted and can be dropped off in the OLCCHS Guidance Office/Room 117. All styles, sizes and colors are welcome. Anything not sold will be donated to the Glass Slipper Project in Chicago. A letter for tax purposes is available. For further information, please contact Mrs. Kenny & Ms. Hoerchler at 708.741.5853.

## **Moraine Valley Community College Workforce Development and Community Services**

Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) mission is evident in its Workforce and Community Development Department. Classes and seminars are offered for adults, retirees, youth and business people. Adults who want to make themselves more marketable in the workplace may take classes for career advancement. There are a variety of classes for Seniors to pursue a passion, enjoy a craft, improve their knowledge and/or maintain a healthy life. Business people can find new solutions to operate more efficiently. Many of these classes are geared to help MVCC's community residents gain the knowledge and skills needed to compete in today's changing world.

There are a variety of classes available at many sites throughout the MVCC district. Tuition and fees are different for each course. For further information contact 708.974.5735 or email [wcds@morainevalley.edu](mailto:wcds@morainevalley.edu).

## **INFANT-TODDLER SCREENING**

**Monday, February 23, 2009  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm (appointment only)  
Maureen McCormack – 708. 496.3330 x 186**

**A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative  
7600 S. Mason Ave., Burbank**

Some children need a little more help reaching their full potential due to heredity, genetics, difficult birth, illnesses, accidents, environmental factors and unknown causes.

Most infants and toddlers develop in a very predictable pattern:

- They sit alone at about six months
- They play pat-a-cake and peek-a-boo at about 12 months
- They have 50 words at about 18 months.

If your child is not meeting certain milestones, contact A.E.R.O. to make an appointment for a screening.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR 2008 FALL ON THE GREEN PREFERRED PROVIDERS**

#### **GOLD SPONSORS**

**Alcade & Fay  
AT&T  
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City Beverage (Budweiser)  
Francesca's on 95th  
Mancari's Chrysler Jeep Inc.  
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Standard Bank & Trust  
Veolia Environmental Services**

#### **SILVER SPONSORS**

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& Priess**

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL HAVE **CREATED A DREAM.**  
NOW YOU CAN HELP THEM **MAKE IT A REALITY!**

**2nd Annual Charity  
Volleyball Tournament**  
benefiting  
**MAKE-A-WISH.**

**Friday, February 13, 2009**

Doors Open at 5:45 PM ~ Games Start at 6:00 PM

**Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School**

5345 W. 99th Street



**Competing Teams**

OLHMS Staff ~ OLHMS Students at Large

OLHMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Teams

Oak Lawn Police Dept. ~ Oak Lawn Fire Dept.

**Admission: Adults - \$3.00 Students - \$2.00**

This Charity Volleyball Tournament is a kick-off to OLHMS's annual Make-A-Wish walkathon, in which the students and staff have raised over \$140,000 in the past four years. This year's walk will take place on May 15th.

For additional information contact: Mrs. Georgelos at [sgeorgelos@d123.org](mailto:sgeorgelos@d123.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Computer Center Classes**

**What:** Computer classes in the Computer Center in the Library. Participants must be skilled using the mouse and keyboard.

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., 708.422.4990

**When:** Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 pm, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 – Excel 2007 Basics; Thursdays 9:00 – 10:30 am, February 5 – How to Email, February 12 – A Blog of your own, February 19 – Create an Email account, February 26 – Ancestry; Saturday 9:00 – 10:30 am, February 21 – How to create a flyer in Publisher.

**Cost:** \$5 charge for classes. No refunds. Exact change, cash only.

### ***A Rescue Plan for Your Investments***

**What:** Financial Advisors Geoff E. Peterson & Eric R. Degnan, CMFC, of Waddell & Reed, Inc. will share strategies for how investors and retirement planners can recover from the stock market downturn.

**When:** Tuesday, **February 3**, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., 708.422.4990

### ***Friday Night Out for Parents***

**What:** Parents can leave their toddler's age 3 – 5 under the supervision of a qualified instructor in a safe and fun environment. Children will spend time with other children, coloring and playing and will also enjoy story and movie time. Children must be potty trained. Please bring a snack and beverage for your child.

**When:** Friday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, **February 6 – March 20.**

**Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St., 708.857.2200

**Cost:** Residents - \$72 (\$10 – weekly). Non residents - \$101 (\$14 – weekly). Register by 4:00 pm the day before.

### ***Free Civil War Concert:***

**What:** The Battlefield Balladeers will perform toe-tapping, sing-along favorites from America's Civil War era.

**When:** Sunday, **February 8**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

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

### ***ZAZZ Singles Party and Date Auction***

**What:** Singles Party and Date Auction with all proceeds benefiting Park Lawn. Raffles, live music, hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Tickets are \$37 per person in advance, \$42 at the door. Tables of 10 are \$320.

**When:** Friday, **February 20**, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Ashton Place, 341 75<sup>th</sup> St., Willowbrook.

**Info:** To purchase tickets call (708) 425-6867

### ***Lunch with the President***

**What:** Michael Krebbs stars as President Lincoln and Debra Miller as Mrs. Lincoln. Both are noted historians and impersonators. Lunch is included.

**When:** Sunday, **February 22.** Doors open – 12:15 pm. Buffet – 12:30 pm

**Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., 708.857.2200

**Cost:** Adults - \$18. Children (10 & under) - \$6. Cash bar.

### ***Family Program – Walking through the Woods in Africa***

**What:** Join storyteller Linda Gorham for African animal folktales updated with attitude. No advance registration. Open to all ages.

**When:** Sunday, **February 22**, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

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

### ***Christian Unity Service***

**What:** Celebration with many churches in Oak Lawn. If you would like to sing in the choir, please contact Pam Diaz at 708.424.0074. Reception will follow.

**When:** Sunday, **February 22**, 3:00 pm

**Where:** St. Germaine Church, 4240 W. 98<sup>th</sup> St.

## ***YOUR HEALTH***

### ***Oak Lawn Community Partnership Free Health Screenings:***

**What:** Free blood pressure screenings offered by the Oak Lawn Fire Department and free hearing tests performed by audiologists from Advocate Christ Medical Center.

**When:** Wednesday, **February 11**, 10:00 – 11:30 am

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

### ***Health Fair at Cardinal Fitness, Oak Lawn***

**What:** Cardinal Fitness will hold a Health Fair to celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in offering affordable and family-friendly memberships to our residents. Complimentary services will be provided such as: chair massages, spinal screenings and lunch. Admission is free!

**When:** Saturday, **February 14**, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Where:** 4710 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.636.7300

### ***Oatmeal loves your heart!***

Did you know that having a bowl of oatmeal could help prevent a heart attack? Doctors at MayoClinic.com suggests that the following five foods could help reduce your cholesterol to a healthy level and may avoid using medications to do so:

- oatmeal and oat bran
- walnuts and almonds
- fish and Omega 3 fatty acids – also found in ground flaxseed and canola oil.
- olive oil – has a strong amount of antioxidants that will reduce your “bad” cholesterol and leave your “good” cholesterol alone.
- foods fortified with plant sterols or stanols – margarine, orange juice and yogurt drinks fortified with plant sterols can reduce your LDL cholesterol by 10%.

Why not make these changes during February, the month dedicated for heart awareness? Just think spring is around the corner, your gym shoes are waiting!

## **TEEN SCENE**

### ***Teen Game Night***

**What:** Guitar Hero and Wii games for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade. No advance registration.

**When:** Wednesday, **February 25**, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

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

## **SPORTS & RECREATION**

### ***Family Valentine's Party and Open Skate***

**What:** Skate to the music of CMT productions. Each skater will receive a treat bag. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**When:** Sunday, **February 8**, 1:20 – 2:50 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton. 708.857.5173

**Cost:** **Fee - \$7. Skate Rental - \$3.**

### ***Movie Screening: Young Mr. Lincoln***

**When:** Thursday, **February 12**, 11:00 am

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.422.4990

### ***Movie Screening: The Visitor***

**When:** Wednesday, **February 18**, 2:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.422.4990

### ***Godspell***

**What:** An exciting musical production of this great story.

**When:** Fridays, **February 13 & 20** at 8:00 pm, Saturdays, **February 14 & 21** at 8:00 pm and Sundays, **February 15 & 22** at 3:00 pm

**Where:** Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110<sup>th</sup> St., 708.857.2200

**Tickets:** Adults - \$17. Children (17 & under) - \$11.

## **Friday Night Fish Fry**

Friday Night Fish Fry at Stony Creek Clubhouse is back again, by popular demand! The all-you-can-eat buffet will feature Dixie crunch white fish, Corona battered cod, vegetables, double baked potato casserole, salad and fresh rolls. Adults - \$12.99. Children (10 & under) - \$9. A shrimp dinner and a baked tilapia dinner are available for \$13.99. Beverages are not included. For more information call the Stony Creek Clubhouse at 708.857.2433.



**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Wade Pasquerrella, 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  
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](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).*

### **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 they are available at the Library, 5300 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., 708.422.4990.

**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)**