



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

February 17, 2010

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

Tax Assistance for Seniors

Income Tax – Assistance with income tax is available to Oak Lawn Seniors. Appointments are now being taken. Call the Senior Center at 708.499.0240

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program – State of Illinois program that allows qualified persons to defer all or part of the real estate taxes on their personal residence. To qualify:

- You must be age 64 or older by June 1, 2010
- Your annual household income may not be more than \$50,000
- You must own the property and lived there for at least 3 years and there can be no delinquent real estate taxes owed on the residence
- You must have the home insured against fire hazard loss

Applications must be filed between January 1st & March 1st. PLOWS has forms and trained staff to help you through the application process at no cost. Call PLOWS at 708.361.0219 for more information.

Your questions...our answers

You asked: Do you have bus transportation for Seniors?

We answered: Yes, free Senior/Handicapped Bus Service is available for Oak Lawn residents on Monday, Thursday and Fridays between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. The bus will take you anywhere in Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge Mall and the Nutrition Site in Hometown. Applications are available at the Senior Center. Call 708.499.7090 to set up an appointment. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance between the hours of 8:00 am and Noon the day before you wish to use the bus. Contact the Senior Center at 708.499.0240 for further information. Worth Township also has a bus that runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact 708.371.2900 for further information.

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

**EPA NEW LEAD LAW GOES INTO EFFECT
APRIL 22, 2010**

The Illinois Department of Public Health has issued the following news release:

“SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health Lead Program is holding 16 meetings around the state to inform the public about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) new Renovation, Repair and Painting lead law that goes into effect April 22, 2010.

This new law requires contractors, property managers and others paid to replace windows or renovate residential houses, apartments and child-occupied facilities built before 1978 to be certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This law is intended to protect children from leaded dust that may result from disturbing lead-based paint.

Common activities like sanding, cutting and demolition can create lead hazards that can be harmful to children and adults. In 2008, more than 5,000 Illinois children had elevated blood lead levels. This new federal law has the potential to significantly decrease childhood lead poisoning.

There is no safe level of lead in the body. Lead poisoning can cause health problems including decreased I.Q., learning disabilities, kidney disease, high blood pressure, miscarriage and birth defects.

For more information about the meetings, contact the Illinois Lead Program at (217) 782-3517.”

The Cook County Department of Public Health strongly encourages contractors, realtors, property managers and other interested parties to attend one of the Illinois Department of Health’s Public Meetings.

MONTHLY VEHICLE STICKER GIVEAWAY

Each month the Village will randomly draw the name of an Oak Lawn resident from the “A Community United” e-mail database. Congratulations to this month’s winner: **JILL WISCH**

SCHOOL NEWS

Oak Lawn-Hometown School District 123 Preschool Registration

When: Wednesday, **February 17**, 9:00 – 11:00 am and 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Where: Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St.

Info: All students must prove residency. Contact 708.422.1800.

Oak Lawn-Hometown School District Kindergarten Enrollment 2010

When: Tuesday, **February 23**, 5:00-8:00 pm. Wednesday, **February 24**, 9:00 – 11:30 am and 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Info: Enrollment forms are available online at www.d123.org. 708.423.0150

CHADD Cares – AD/HD Parent-Educator Support Group

What: Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) works to improve the lives of people affected by AD/HD. This local CHADD support group meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month. Mr. Rick Guerin, principal of St. Bede the Venerable School, will be the guest speaker. He will talk about surviving your child's homework.

When: Tuesday, **February 23**, 7:00 pm

Where: St. Bede the Venerable School, 4440 W. 83rd St., Chicago

Info: www.chadd.org or chadd.net/308

School District 125 Kindergarten Enrollment 2010

When: Friday, **March 5**, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Lawn Manor Primary Center, 4300 W. 108th Pl.

Info: Call 708.423.308 between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm to schedule an appointment or for information. Original birth certificate is required. One of the following documents is also required: Most recent real estate tax bill, current mortgage statement, current signed lease for your residence, closing statement for the purchase of your residence. Two of the following documents are also required: utility bills, Public Aid card, insurance certificate, State of Illinois automobile registration. Drivers license is not accepted as proof of residency.

School District 122 Kindergarten Early Registration

When: Monday - Wednesday, **March 15 – 17**

Where: Ridgeland School District 122, 6400 W. 95th St.

Info: Contact Julie Kunik, 708. 599-5550 ext. 213

School District 123 Early Childhood Screening

What: Children, ages 3-5 years, will be screened in the areas of motor, concepts, self help, social, and speech/language development. The district boundaries are as follows: North-87th St., South-107th St., East-Pulaski Rd, West-Central Ave. Free for residents.

When: Thursday, **April 16**

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

Registration: Call Lola Vertucci or Ann Contino at (708) 423-8363.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fish Fry Fridays at Stony Creek

- What:** All-you-can-eat buffet including Dixie whitefish, Corona battered cod, vegetables, double baked potato casserole, salad and fresh rolls. A shrimp and baked tilapia dinners will be available for \$14.99. Soda included. Cash bar available.
- When:** Fridays through **April 2**. 5:00 – 8:00 pm.
- Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2433
- Fee:** Adult - \$13.99. Children (10 years and under) - \$7. Walk-ins welcome.

Lenten Fish Fry at Our Lady of Loretto

- What:** Fish Fry sponsored by Our Lady of Loretto Women's Guild. Seafood and pasta will be served.
- When:** Fridays, **February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26**. 4:00 – 7:00 pm
- Where:** Parish Hall, 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown, 708.424.7471

Free Movie – The Time Traveler's Wife

- When:** Monday, **February 22**, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
- Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 708.422.4990

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

- What:** Sponsored by St. Louis DeMontfort Knights of Columbus 14553. Dinner includes lightly breaded perch, macaroni & cheese or spaghetti marinara. Adults - \$10. Children under 12 - \$5.
- When:** Fridays, **February 26 & March 19**, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Where:** St. Louis DeMontfort, 8808 S. Ridgeland Ave.

Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club

- What:** Watch LEGO® trains zoom through cities and creations from popular movies.
- When:** Saturday, **February 27**, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm & Sunday, **February 28**, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.
- Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 708.422.4990

Ladies' Night Out at Stony Creek Clubhouse

- What:** Enjoy light appetizers and browse the wares of local vendors.
- When:** Saturday, **February 27**, 7:00 – 10:00 pm.
- Where:** Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2433
- Cost:** \$10.00. Cash bar available.

Financial Peace University – sponsored by Calvin Church

- What:** 13 week DVD-driven financial education course by Dave Ramsey. Free childcare available. \$90 per person/couple. Contact 708.422.0790 on weekday mornings to register or visit www.calvincrchurch.org.
- When:** Begins Wednesday, **March 3**
- Where:** Oak Lawn Community High School, 9400 S. Southwest Highway

JUST FOR SENIORS

55 Alive Review Course

What: Worth Township Seniors are sponsoring this 2 day course. It is open to seniors 50 years and older and you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to a reduction in your auto insurance. Call 708.371.2900, ext. 28 to register

When: Wednesday & Thursday, **February 24 & 25**, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski.

Cost: AARP members - \$12. Non members - \$14. Bring your card to class

Oil Painting Classes offered at Oakview

When: 10 week session beginning Monday, **February 22**, 9:00 am – Noon

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

Cost: Residents - \$30.00. Non-residents - \$35.00. Call Oak Lawn Senior Center to register at 708.499.0240

Safety for Seniors

What: Presentation by Oak Lawn Detective Tom Cronin

When: Monday, **February 22**, 10:00 am

Where: Oak Lawn Senior Center, 5330 W. 95th St., 708.499.0240

SPORTS & RECREATION

Boxing 8th Annual Tournament of High School Champions

What: 8th Annual boxing fundraiser that awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to students in participating schools. Over \$100,000 in scholarships has been awarded since the fundraiser's inception. Big Cash Raffle Tickets available. \$100, \$250 & \$500 sponsorships are still available.

When: Preliminary Bouts – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, **March 22 – 24**.
Championship – Friday, **March 26**.

Where: 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115 St., Merrionette Park

Info: Mike Fitzgerald - 708.925.5810

“The Wiz” An Oak Lawn Park District Community Theatre Teen Production

When: **February 19 & 20** at 8:00 pm. **February 21** at 3:00 pm

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

theatre@olparks.com

Tickets: Adults - \$18. Children (18 & under) - \$11

“Sleeping Beauty” – Friends of the Library

What: Motorcoach bus trip for Tchaikovsky Ballet Company's performance of “Sleeping Beauty”. This trip is not wheelchair accessible.

When: Sunday, **March 21**, bus leaves at 12:30 pm and returns at 5:30 pm.

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

Tickets: Friends members - \$65. Non-members - \$70. Contact 708.422.4990



OAK LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2009 BUSINESS AWARDS

On February 10, the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce recognized the winners of its 2009 Business Awards during its monthly membership luncheon held at *Francesca's on 95th*. Adam Woodworth, on behalf of the newly-opened Children's Museum in Oak Lawn, was honored as *Outstanding Chamber Member & Business Person*. Don Murphy, Jr. of American Family Insurance was honored as recipient of the *Outstanding Chamber Outreach Award*. Congratulations to these recipients. Pictured from left to right are Tom Orłowski, Children's Museum Board Member, Adam Woodworth, Executive Director and Children Museum's Board Members Jim and Joanne Buschbach. You may visit the Chamber at www.oaklawnchamber.com

Service Changes Effective February 7

The following bus and rail service changes will become effective Sunday, February 7, 2010:

Rail

Red, Orange, Green, Blue, Purple, Pink and Brown lines:

Hours and days of service remain unchanged, but service will operate **less frequently**.

Bus

Eliminated Express Routes:

#X3 King Drive Express

#X4 Cottage Grove Express

#X9 Ashland Express

#X20 Washington/Madison Express

#X49 Western Express

#53AL South Pulaski Limited

#X54 Cicero Express

#X55 Garfield Express

#X80 Irving Park Express

Local bus routes will continue to operate where express routes are being eliminated. Please use local bus routes for alternate service.

Revised Service Hours (service will start later and/or end earlier):

#6	#14	#29	#36	#49B	#53A	#63W	#72	#76	#85	#91	#103	#119	#147
#8	#15	#30	#44	#50	#54	#70	#74	#80	#85A	#92	#111	#126	#155
#12	#28	#35	#47	#52	#56	#71	#75	#81W	#88	#97	#112	#146	

Less Frequent Service:

#1	#8A	#20*	#29	#48	#53	#55N	#62H	#68	#75	#81W	#88	#95E	#108	#123	#136	#151
#2	#9*	#21	#30	#49*	#53A*	#56	#63	#69	#76	#82	#90	#95W	#111	#124	#143	#152
#3*	#11	#22	#34	#49B	#54*	#56A	#63W	#70	#77	#84	#90N	#96	#112	#125	#144	#155
#4*	#12	#24	#35	#50	#54A	#57	#64	#71	#78	#85	#91	#97	#119	#126	#145	#156
#6	#14	#26	#36	#51	#54B	#59	#65	#72	#79	#85A	#92	#100	#120	#129	#146	#157
#7	#15	#28	#44	#52	#55*	#60	#66	#73	#80*	#86	#93	#103	#121	#134	#147	#205
#8	#18	#X28	#47	#52A	#55A	#62	#67	#74	#81	#87	#94	#106	#122	#135	#148	#206

*These routes only have frequency reductions during periods when the eliminated express routes they parallel are not operating.

For more details, please visit transitchicago.com

or contact CTA Customer Service at 1-888-YOUR-CTA (TTY: 1-888-CTA-TTY1).





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

**Sgt. Michael Sorice, US Air Force
Pfc Kyle Taylor, US Marine Corps
Sp. 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
Sgt. 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. Zylus, US Navy
Pfc Benjamin T. Kunst, US Marine Corps
Sgt. Enrico DeLorenzo, US Air Force
Sgt.Maj. Daniel S. 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
Sp. Don Brady, US Army
OS2 Stacy L. Johnson, USS
Sp. Timothy Walker, 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. 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 mgorman@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 mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov.



**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
COMMEMORATIVE CENTENNIAL GARDEN FLAGS
\$5.00**

Available at the Cashier's Window in the Village Hall

THANK YOU TO OUR 2009 FALL ON THE GREEN PREFERRED PROVIDERS

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Veolia Environmental Services
Warren Oil**

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
9446 S. Raymond
(708) 636-4400
www.oaklawn-il.gov

MIXED RECYCLABLES

Place all recyclables together in the wheeled recycling cart.

Please note the items that can and cannot be recycled. If you ever have any questions about what can and can't be recycled curbside, please contact mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov. You can visit www.Earth911.com to learn about alternate sites to bring your recyclable items that the Village cannot take curbside.

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/mental handicap

- **In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots**
- **In the appraisal of housing**
- **In the provision of real estate brokerage services**
- **In advertising the sale or rental of housing**
- **In the financing of housing**



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.**

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:



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FREE ATTORNEY VISIT

Attorney Michael J. Maslanka is offering a free, in-your-home, consultation to elderly (65 and over) or disabled Oak Lawn residents. Michael, an Oak Lawn resident, has been an attorney for 24 years and is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and St. Xavier University. You can reach Michael at (312) 641-2424.

Offer good through June 30, 2010.



RESUME PROS NOW

Sandy Killeen, Owner/Resident
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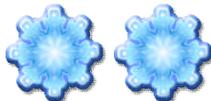
FALL GOLF SPECIALS

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See Website For Upcoming Special Events



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