



Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

February 18, 2009

Keeping residents up to speed with the latest Village news

LATEST FINANCIAL NEWS

In this difficult economic climate, we will make every effort to give you the most up to date information on Village finances since this bears directly on our tax rates.

Sales tax information is reported to municipalities each month by the State of Illinois Department of Revenue. There is a lag time of a few months to allow the State to process the information for any given month. We just received the numbers from November 2008.

Our November 2008 sales tax receipts were \$947,564.34, down 5.2% from a year earlier in 2007. By comparison our November 2007 numbers were up 1.6% from 2006.

December 2008 is not in yet. December 2007 sales tax receipts were \$1,214,698.85. We expect that there will be a decline from 2007, but hopefully the drop will not be dramatic.

Once we receive these numbers we will report them to you and keep you informed. In the meantime we will be working to operate the Village at maximum efficiency, striving to deliver excellent services while closely monitoring expenses.

MONTHLY VEHICLE STICKER GIVEAWAY

Each month the Village will randomly draw the name of an Oak Lawn resident from our "A Community United" e-mail database. Congratulations to this month's winner: **DEBORAH ZIRZOW**

KEEPING YOUR VILLAGE GREEN

In early 2008, Trustee Alex Olejniczak formed "The Green Team", a committee to identify opportunities and initiatives to advance Oak Lawn's commitment to positively impact our environment. Some significant improvements our Village has made this past year include:

- Increasing our recycling efforts by over 173 tons in comparison to 2007.
- Completion of a comprehensive Energy Efficiency & Waste Stream Analysis
- Pursuing alternate energy sources
- Yard Waste Toters & Rain Barrel programs
- Used Cell Phone for Soldiers Program
- E-Refuse collection day

The Green Team holds presentations geared towards educating the public on going green in today's world. The next presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center, 5330 W 95th St. This presentation will give tips as to how to "green" your shopping, eating and cleaning habits. Discussion about chemicals in household cleaners and links between environmental pollution and human health.

The next Green Team meeting is Wednesday, February 25th at 4 pm in the Auditorium at the Village Hall. If you are interested in joining the "Green Team" or have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact Trustee Olejniczak at 708.346.7002 or aolejniczak@oaklawn-il.gov.

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. 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. Thank you for your participation in this great cause!

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.



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.

Dog Licenses are available at the Cashier's Window in the Village Hall for \$5. Annual Dog Licenses are mandatory according to Village Ordinance. Bring proof of vaccinations.

Our Children, Our Government - a partnership for the future

"Our Children, Our Government - a partnership for the future" is a program initiated by Mayor Heilmann several years ago. Children from our community are elected by the principals of their school to participate in a morning of education at the Village Hall. The eighth grade students spend time with the Mayor, Clerk, Village Manager, Fire and Police Chiefs, and the 911 Emergency Communications Director to get a first hand view of how their Village Government operates on a day to day basis. Here is what some of the students who visited the Village Hall in December and January had to say.

"Dear Mr. Heilmann:

To be honest, I was very intrigued with the "Our Children, Our Government" program that I attended. I realized how much effort each and every person at the Village of Oak Lawn has to contribute before a task can be accomplished successfully. I also realized that there seems to be a government position that is suitable for everyone. I was very impressed with the Oak Lawn Police Department and Fire Department. Not only did I learn about crimes and investigations with Chief Villanova, but I also learned how the police solve them. Chief Rockey of the Oak Lawn Fire Department took us all on a tour of the firehouse and talked about the different equipment in an ambulance and a fire truck, and why they are both necessary to have when there is a fire. He also told us why it is important to have smoke alarms in your home and fire hydrants on your block. I learned a lot of new and interesting facts because of this program and I would recommend any student to take the opportunity to experience it as well.

-Samantha Devlin"
8th grade student at St. Linus School

“Dear Mr. Heilmann:

My name is Lauren Thomas and I attended the ‘Our Children, Our Government’ program on January 22nd. Thank you very much for that great opportunity. I had a great time learning about our government here in Oak Lawn. This experience has opened many doors for me.

Sincerely,

Lauren Thomas”
8th grade student at St. Gerald School

“Dear Mayor Heilmann,

Thank you for giving my classmates and me the chance to observe the Oak Lawn government. I enjoyed viewing the many offices and different parts of the Fire Department. It was interesting to see how the Oak Lawn government operates. I am glad I was given the opportunity to meet you and talk about our Village. Thank you again for this unique experience.

Sincerely,

Eric Dansart”
8th grade student at St. Gerald School

TEEN SCENE

Teen Game Night

What: Guitar Hero and Wii games for students in 6th – 10th grade. No advance registration.

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

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

Mayan Adventure Indoor Water Park

What: Day trip to a water park.

When: Monday, **March 2**. Registration deadline is February 22.

Cost: \$45 includes transportation, admission and lunch. 708.857.2420



“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 centenarians. 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 for further information about Village Centennial events.



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

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

Tax Form & Circuit Breaker Assistance

It is that time of year that Oak Lawn Seniors are looking for assistance in filling out the Circuit Breaker Form ILL 1363. It is downloadable from the Illinois government website www.state.il.us/aging/. Seniors can also call the toll free number 1.800.252.8966 for further assistance.

The Oak Lawn Senior Center staff is also available to assist. The Center is located at 5330 W. 95th St. 708.499.0240. Assistance is also available through PLOWS at 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: 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: **March 9, April 20 and May 18, 2009.**

Where: Brandt School, 8901 S. 52nd 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.

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.

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PREFERRED PROVIDERS**

GOLD SPONSORS

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City Beverage (Budweiser)
Francesca's on 95th
Mancari's Chrysler Jeep Inc.
Robin Realty & Management Co.
Standard Bank & Trust
Veolia Environmental Services

SILVER SPONSORS

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& Priess



**Carson's Community Day Coupon Booklets - \$5
Benefiting Oak Lawn Family Service
(Booklet includes a \$10 coupon and 4 20% coupons)**

On sale through February 27

**Oak Lawn Family Service – 9401 S. 53rd Ct.
Village Hall – 9446 S. Raymond (Cashier's Window)
Contact 708.499.7832 for further information**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 75th St., Willowbrook.

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

Fish Fry – St. Louis de Montfort

What: Fish Fry and raffle hosted by the Knights of Columbus

When: Friday, **March 13**, 5:00 – 8:00

Where: St. Louis de Montfort Parish, 8808 S. Ridgeland

Cost: Adults - \$10. Children (under 12) - \$5.

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 23** – Excel 2007 Basics;
Thursdays 9:00 – 10:30 am, 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.

Child Finger Printing – Oak Lawn Police Department

When: Saturday, **March 14**, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Lunch with the President

What: Michael Krebs stars as President Lincoln and Debra Miller as Mrs. Lincoln, 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. 103rd 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. 98th St.

Abraham Lincoln in Song

What: Singer-songwriter Chris Vallilo uses songs to bring one of our country's most beloved figures to life.

When: Wednesday, **February 25**, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Where: Fine and Performing Arts Center, Dorothy Menker Theater, Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills

Info: For tickets contact the Box Office at 709.974.5500 or order online at morainevalley.edulfpac.

Shamrock Supper

What: An Irish dinner and entertaining performance by the Trinity Academy Dancers

When: Wednesday, **March 11**. Doors open – 4:45 pm. Buffet – 5:00 pm. Entertainment – 6:00 pm. Reservation Deadline – Monday, March 2nd

Where: Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., 708.857.2433

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

YOUR HEALTH

Presentation on Diagnosis and Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer:

What: James Weese, MD, medical director of the Campus' Cancer Institute will make this free presentation and respond to questions.

When: Thursday, **February 26**, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St.

Registration: Call 800.323.8622 and refer to code 1C45.

Oak Lawn Community Partnership Free Health Screenings:

What: Free blood pressure screenings offered by the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

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

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

Public Educational Program on Early Detection of Heart Disease

What: In celebration of February as National Heart Month, Advocate is hosting this free program on the importance of early prevention and detection of heart disease, especially in women. There will be presentations by two female cardiologists; a personal testimonial from a woman who has heart problems; three mini seminars on stress reduction and time management, exercise and nutrition; and a variety of educational displays. Blood tests that check for heart disease risk factors will be available to participants who make advance appointments and pay a \$25 lab fee. 12 hour fasting necessary. Immediate results.

When: Saturday, **February 21**, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Where: Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, 4440 W. 95th St.

Registration: Call 800.323.8622 and refer to code 1C20. Blood tests are being scheduled between 8:00 -9:30 am.

Steps in dealing with seizures

The following steps for dealing with convulsive seizures are recommended by the Epilepsy Foundation:

- Cushion the head, remove glasses if necessary
- Loosen tight clothing
- Turn the person on their side
- Do not hold the person down
- Look for medical identification
- Time the seizure with a watch. If the seizure lasts longer than 5 minutes call 911
- As the seizure ends, offer help and control
- Never, under any circumstances, put anything in the person's mouth.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Movie Screening: The Visitor

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

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

Godspell

What: An exciting musical production of this great story.

When: Friday, **February 20** at 8:00 pm, Saturday, **February 21** at 8:00 pm and Sunday, **February 22** at 3:00 pm

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

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

Oak Lawn Park District's 65th Anniversary Fitness Membership Special

3-day sale, February 22 through February 24 at 10:00 pm. Pavilion fitness membership is only \$85, which is almost 40% off of the regular rate. This is for Oak Lawn residents only, proper identification is required. Renewal memberships will start from new date and members will lose any remaining time on previous memberships. This offer is only valid on resident rates, not valid on any other rates or with any other promotion or discounts. The Community Pavilion is located at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. For more information call 708.857.2420.

Marita Adams "Reach for the Stars" Ice Skating Competition

When: Saturday, **February 28**, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Sunday, February 29, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.

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

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.

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. 95th St., 708.422.4990.



**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:

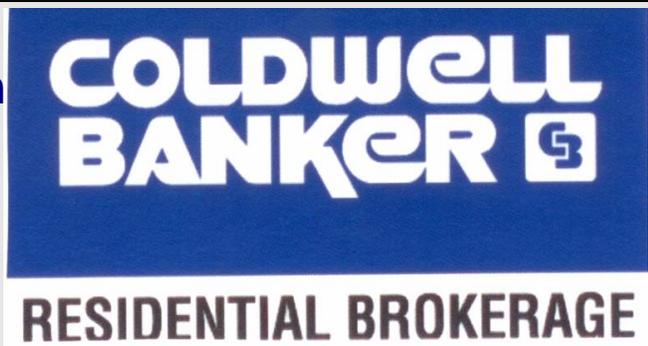
FREE ATTORNEY VISIT

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



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

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