



# Village of Oak Lawn

A Community United E-Newsletter

March 4, 2009

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

## **Metra Saturday Service – March 21, 2009**

On March 2, Metra announced during a press conference at the Oak Lawn Train Station that commuter service on its Southwest Service Line will begin on Saturdays starting March 21, 2009. You can ride all day Saturday for just \$5.00. Plus family fares allow up to three children age 11 and under to ride free with each fare paying adult.

### **Saturday Trains: Oak Lawn Train Station to Union Station Chicago**

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Departing Oak Lawn Station</u>	<u>Arriving at Union Station</u>
862	7:00 am	7:40 am
864	11:54 am	12:25 pm
866	4:09 pm	4:40 pm

### **Saturday Trains: Union Station Chicago to Oak Lawn Train Station**

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Departing Union Station</u>	<u>Arriving at Oak Lawn Station</u>
861	1:30 pm	2:05 pm
863	5:00 pm	5:35 pm
865	10:30 pm	11:05 pm

You may visit Metra's website at [www.metrail.com](http://www.metrail.com) for additional schedules or further information. You may reach Metra by phone at 312.836.7000.

## “ Think Green, Live Green” – Village of Oak Lawn Green Team

Metra will record the amount of commuters taking advantage of its Saturday service on the Southwest Service line to see if this service is justified. The Green Team would like to point out some of the eco and economic benefits to the new Saturday service offered by Metra to downtown Chicago.

Expanding your carbon footprint by driving downtown Chicago:

Cost of gas for a roundtrip downtown	\$ 4.00
Parking downtown Chicago	\$18.00
Wear and tear on car for trip downtown	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$47.00

Agony of driving with kids in the car      **RELENTLESS**

Shrinking your carbon footprint:

Weekend Metra family pass	\$20.00
Seniors ride free	FREE
Parking at Oak Lawn train station on weekend	<u>FREE</u>
Total for families	\$20.00

Peaceful ride on the train with kids      **PRICELESS**

**Join the Village of Oak Lawn Green Team in its continued efforts to help our environment and save a little green for your pockets!**



***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.

***Early Voting*** is available in the Clerk’s Office Monday, **March 16** through Thursday, **April 2**. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Saturdays, **March 21 & 28**, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

## **SPORTS & RECREATION**

### ***Movie - Boynton Beach Bereavement Club***

**When:** Tuesday, **March 10**, 2:00 pm

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

### ***Movie – The Secret Life of Bees***

**When:** Monday, **March 30**, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

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

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

# EASTER EGG HUNT

ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY, April 11, 2009



Three hunts are planned for children pre-school - fourth grade

11:30 AM \* NOON \* 12:30 PM

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE GAZEBO



**BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

All children need to bring their own Easter basket to hunt

No pre-registration required

*The Oak Lawn Village Green is located at 94<sup>th</sup> & Cook Avenue, north of the Oak Lawn Library*

# 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](http://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](mailto:mgorman@oaklawn-il.gov). You can visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) to learn about alternate sites to bring your recyclable items that the Village cannot take curbside.

## ***Your questions about recycling...***

**You asked:** Are orange juice and milk cartons considered waxy cardboard which is listed under the recycling not accepted list?

**We answered:** No, orange juice and milk cartons can be recycled. Please rinse first.

**It is Illegal to Discriminate Against Any Person Because of Race, Color, Religion, Creed, Ancestry, National Origin, Age, Sex, Marital, Military or Familial Status, Unfavorable Discharge from Military Service, or Physical or Mental Handicap.**

**THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN DOES BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE  
FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW  
(THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1988)**

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

**Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint with the:**

**Fair Housing Administrator, Village of Oak Lawn  
9446 South Raymond Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
708-499-7806**

**The Oak Lawn Fair Housing Commission meets the third Tuesday during the months of January, April, July and October @ 4:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room**

### **Oak Lawn Centennial Photo Exhibit Then and Now: An Oak Lawn Story**

February 21 – April 25, 2009  
Oak Lawn Public Library, Second Floor  
9427 S. Raymond Ave.

Witness a century of changes in Oak Lawn through this unique photo exhibit, developed in partnership with the Oak Lawn Camera Club.



# “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](http://www.oaklawn-il.gov) for further information about Village Centennial events.



## *Your questions...our answers*

**You asked:** Does the Village still provide the Parkway Tree Planting program?

**We answered:** Yes, the 2009 Parkway Tree Planting Program is underway. The spring deadline is March 15 and the fall deadline is July 31. You pay only 25% of the total cost! Applications are available in the Village Hall in Public Works in the lower level. Applications received after the deadline may be slated for planting the following season, pending availability.

To observe the various selections available, visit the Village demonstration site at 99<sup>th</sup> St. & Central around the ballpark. For pricing and further questions, please contact the Village Forester, Heather Green at (708) 499-7098.

## **YOUR HEALTH**

### ***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

## 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 screens home providers and seekers. One person in the match must be a senior.

**Contact:** 708.361.0219

### *AARP – Driver Safety Program*

**What:** Two day refresher course designed to meet the needs of drivers age 50 and up. Many insurance companies offer discounts to those who complete the course. You must attend both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

**When:** Thursdays & Fridays, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **March 26 & 27** (registration starts Saturday March 7) and **May 28 & 29** (registration starts Saturday, May 2)

**Cost:** AARP members - \$12. Non members - \$14.

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

## 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/](http://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. 95<sup>th</sup> 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: 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:** **March 9, April 20 and May 18.**

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

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

### ***College Funding for High School Students***

**What:** Patrick Kaiser of College Funding Strategies will provide guidance, share tips and ideas for families in the financing of tuition and expenses for their college bound child. Free admission.

**When:** Tuesday, **March 24**, 7:00 pm

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

## 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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### ***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. 103<sup>rd</sup> St., 708.857.2433
- Cost:** Adults - \$18. Children (10 & under) - \$6. Cash Bar

### ***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.

### ***Fish Fry – St. Germaine's Athletic Club***

- What:** Fish Basket with choice of baked potato or fries & coleslaw - \$8.00; Meatless pasta with bread - \$5.00; Grilled cheese & fries - \$3.50; Traditional soup dinner with bread - \$2.50. Complimentary coffee. Water, soda and beer available for purchase. Carry out orders available, e-mail orders to [stgermainefishfry@yahoo.com](mailto:stgermainefishfry@yahoo.com) by Thursday, 7:00 pm before each fish fry. Include your name, phone number and pick up time. 708.636.5060.
- When:** Fridays through April 3. 5:00 – 7:30 pm.

### ***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

### ***Organic Vegetable Gardening***

- What:** Bill & Jennifer Tobin will explain how to start an organic vegetable garden in your own backyard.
- When:** Monday, **March 16**, 7:00 pm
- Where:** Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., 708.422.4990

### ***Oak Lawn MS Walk***

- When:** Richards High School, 10601 S. Central, South Parking Lot
- When:** Saturday, **May 3**. Registration - 7:30 am. Walk - 9:00 am
- Info:** Contact Pam Munley at oaklawnms@gmail with your name, address, e-mail and telephone number to register. Request the amount of registration forms and envelopes you will need. If you have a team, please include the team name and the names of all walkers.



**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  
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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).*

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## **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 "C" and "B" intertwined.

**RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE**

***“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](mailto:information@oaklawn-il.gov)