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Mayor's Message

Congratulations to the Carl Sandburg High School Marching Eagles for their historic participation in President Barack Obama's Inaugural Parade. This was a tremendous honor for these band students and their parents who worked so very hard both to get to Washington, D.C. and to prepare for the performance of a lifetime.

When I was asked to help the band by calling on our federal legislators, I was proud to do it. I saw what a great group of young adults this was. It was exciting being able to meet up with them on Sunday in Washington and be able to witness their Pennsylvania Avenue performance.

Those of you who caught the Sandburg performance on television may have seen President Obama listen to the parade announcer and turn to look as they announced the Marching Eagles.

The President could be seen saying, "Orland Park," as the band came past, remembering his 2005 visit to the village to be a part of our Veterans' Day Ceremony. The band playing "Chicago" as they passed the President and First Lady was absolutely perfect. Again, congratulations to all of you.

TIF District Terminated

I am pleased to share with you that last year the Village Board of Trustees approved the early payoff of the note associated with the

Orland Park Place TIF, along with the termination of the TIF District.

Through sound financial management, the village was able to pay off the note and terminate the TIF District one year early, saving village residents approximately \$100,000 in interest expense and adding more than \$40 million in equalized assessed value to the village's tax base. Once commonly referred to as the "dead mall," Orland Park Place is now a thriving, destination shopping center.



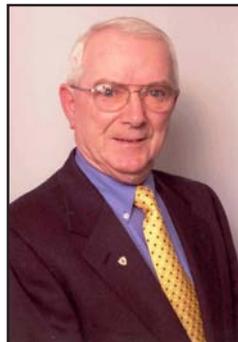
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Mayor Dan McLaughlin and his wife, Pat, (center) were able to meet with some of the Carl Sandburg High School Marching Eagles and their chaperones in Washington, D.C. (photo courtesy of the Carl Sandburg High School Music Boosters)

Road Construction Improvements & State Reimbursement Received

Late last summer we welcomed the completion of the \$13 million reconstruction of the intersection at 159th Street and LaGrange Road. If you travel this intersection on a regular basis, you should have noticed how much easier and quicker it is to travel through this intersection with the addition of turning and through lanes in each direction.

In January, we received a \$3.81 million partial reimbursement from the State of Illinois for this project. The village advanced the funds to move these improvements forward on the construction schedule. As you know, Orland Park takes a proactive approach to our road improvement projects.

This partial reimbursement will enable us to fund additional road improvements to relieve traffic congestion, such as the LaGrange Road - 143rd Street intersection.

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring. There will be more information published and available as details and plans are approved.

Special Census Results

Shortly before the holidays, we received notification from the United State Census Bureau of our partial special census results. Our population increased approximately 2200 from our last special census in 2004 bringing our Census Bureau certified population to 59,339. Although we estimate that our cost of conducting the partial special census was \$72,751, this population increase translates to an estimated boost in revenues of more than \$300,000.

This population increase also shows that Orland Park is still a strong, desirable community in which to live and raise our families.

Property Tax Rebates Approved

The Village Board approved a property tax rebate of \$4.5 million in the FY2008 Budget. The village is in the process of rebating to each applicant approximately 80% of the 2007 property taxes they paid to the village in 2008. Rebates are scheduled to be mailed in March.

E-Mail from Orland Park

Last year, the village unveiled a newly designed website and this village newsletter, the "Orland Park Public." The village's website now offers email subscriptions. For those interested in keeping up with all of the latest news in Orland Park, consider the village's "notify me" email subscriptions on our website at www.orland-park.il.us.



Because of sound financial management, the village was able to pay off the note associated with Orland Park Place and terminate the TIF District one year early, saving village residents approximately \$100,000 in interest expense and adding more that \$40 million in equalized assessed value to the village's tax base.

Email notices are available for Sportsplex specials, Recreation Department information, volunteer opportunities, bid postings, job openings, the village calendar, news releases and more.

Those Who Serve

Each edition of the *Orland Park Public* includes a list of village residents who are currently serving in the United States military. Please join us in saluting and remembering the Orland Park residents listed below as they serve our country.

Specialist

Jordan Legris

Illinois National Guard
Western Illinois University 2008
Graduate student at WIU
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2005

Private First Class

Michael Wade Morgan

United States Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2007

Private First Class

Christopher M. Pratl

Illinois National Guard
Attending Western Illinois University
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2005

Lance Corporal

Luke G. Winkelmann

United States Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2007

Airman First Class

Steven J. Scheiber

United States Air Force
Victor J. Andrew High School
Class of 2003

Private

Bryan D. Schaeffer

United States Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2008

To have your loved one's name added to this quarterly list, e-mail the information to info@orland-park.il.us or fax the details to 708/403-6171.

In each issue of the *Orland Park Public*, Mayor McLaughlin is proud to recognize the youth of the community for their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to the "pride of our community" on their recent accomplishments.

Congratulations to **Paul Marshall** who was chosen to be by the American Collegiate Hockey Association University Select Hockey Team for the upcoming 2009 Winter World University Games. The U.S. team will compete against teams representing Russia, German, Sweden and Canada. The games take place in Harbin, China from February 18- 28, 2009.

Mary Kate Imrie, a junior at Sandburg, was named to the SouthtownStar 2008 All-Area Volleyball Team. Congratulations on a job well done!

Sandburg students named to The Regional News All-Area Football Team are senior **Mike Schofield** and junior **Joe Schneider**. All-Area Honorable Mentions include **John Gruchot, Ryan Johnson, Bren Kondziolka, Tim Lydigsen** and **Tony Stramaglia**, all students at Sandburg High School.

St. Michael School Varsity Cheerleaders captured first place championships at the NCA Kings Island Championship in Cincinnati, Ohio and at the NCA Six Flags Great America Championship in Gurnee.

Congratulations to team members **Alaina Bergamini, Jill Bertucci, Caitlyn Cummings, Mary Kate Davidson, Rachel Davidson, Megan Doah, Emily Erickson, Rebecca Ferguson, Beth Finn, Emma Flosi, Clara Gannon, Lauren Javorski, Ellie Machala, Megan Matre, Katie McGrath, Alyssa McLaughlin, Mallory Miller, Laura Murphy, Maryssa Presbitero, Meaghan Ryan, Lindsey Turcich and Olivia Wydajewski.**

The Orland Jr. High Girls' Cross Country Team took first place at conference in September. Congratulations to team members **Maggie Sobolewski, Cailey Szymczak, Meghan Mokate, Lauren Olson, Helena Kelly, Clare Crotty and Rachel Mokersky.**

Chelsea Fahey, a senior at DePaul University, has won the title of Miss Cook County 2009. Fahey will compete for the title of Miss Illinois 2009, the preliminary to the Miss America pageant. Congratulations and best of luck in the next competitions!

Decorating Contest Winners

The Village of Orland Park held its first Christmas House Decorating Contest during the 2008 holiday season. Thank you to the many residents from throughout the community who entered. Volunteer judges chose their favorites and the winners of this inaugural contest were honored at the February 2nd Village Board Meeting. Suggestions for next year's competition may be emailed to info@orland-park.il.us. (photos by Robert Goudie)



MOST NOSTALGIC

Kelly Cantillon
15661 Peachtree
Park Hill

BEST RELIGIOUS

Anna Smolka
9431 West 166th Pl
Seton Place



BEST THEME

Allan and Mary McDonald
16720 Muirfield Drive
Muirfield

CLARK GRISWOLD

Ken and Ann Gabriel
15217 Ginger Creek Lane
Spring Creek Estates



CHARLIE BROWNIEST

Tracy Westwater
15414 Anne Drive
Golfview

ON THE COVER

Village of Orland Park Sportsplex



COME VISIT

Beat the winter blues at Sportsplex! Walk a mile on the track. Play a game of horse. Take a yoga class. Take some swings in the batting cage or work up a sweat in the fitness center. Sportsplex has an array of fitness and recreational offerings for all age groups and there is never an initiation fee! Memberships start at \$27/month. Call 645-7529 for our latest membership special or for more information! Use the coupon below to give your community fitness center a try.

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Orland Park Ranks First

Early Voting Proves Successful

by Village Clerk David Maher

The Village of Orland Park is part of voting history for the 2008 Presidential Election, processing the highest number of early voters for all of suburban Cook County. The Clerk's Office served 13,737 early voters over a two week period.

Carl Sandburg High School students who helped included Adelina Alkhatib, Nicole Andricopulos, Ashley Ballard, Shannon Buckley, Lisa Burke, Cassie Cabrales, Tom Cimino, Kaitlyn Crohan, Mohammed Deeb, Brianna Grady, Samantha Herold, Marianne Hourihan, Kate Madea, Cara Marassa, Dana McNicholas, Kristen Person, Jessica Slaviero, Brook Spencer, Stephanie Spengler, Kaitlin Svabek and Sarah Turransky. Andrew High School's Chelsea Kowatch also volunteered.

the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, March 16, 2009 through April 2, 2009. You don't need an excuse to vote early. Simply bring a government issued form of identification, i.e., driver's license, state identification card, etc.

Absentee Voting Available

Absentee voting is an option for residents who will be out of the county on Election Day, performing certain election duties, a student attending college and temporarily residing at school, serving as a juror, observing a religious holiday, physically incapacitated, or are a pre-trial detainee.

Residents can call to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you or you may pick up an Absentee Voter Application in the Clerk's Office, located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. Applications may also be downloaded from the Cook County

website www.voterinfonet.com. Please note that you will not need any form of identification to absentee vote, but you will need a reason. Absentee Voting begins on March 16th and will be available until 5 p.m. on April 2nd.

Voter Registration Open Until March 10, 2009

Voter registration is currently available in the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall. All voters must be registered in order to vote in any election. To register, you must be at least eighteen years old on or before April 7, 2009 and be a United States citizen. Voter registration will close on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Cook County closes voter registration 28 days before an election. Voter registration is available in the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.



At the December 1 Village Board Meeting, Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin (center, right) and Village Clerk Dave Maher (center) presented Community Pride Awards to the National Honor Society students from Carl Sandburg High School who helped with early voting for the 2008 Presidential Election. Also pictured is Deputy Village Clerk Joe LaMargo (center, left), who oversaw early voting for the Village of Orland Park.

According to the Cook County Clerk's Office, more than 226,000 people voted early in suburban Cook County. The Cook County Clerk's Office also reports that the second highest number of suburban Cook County voters in history cast ballots for the Nov. 4, 2008 Presidential Election. Only one Presidential Election saw more voters --- the 1992 Presidential Election.

Orland Park was fortunate to have a number of young adults participate in the voting process, volunteering to serve as election judges and helping the early voters who visited the Village Hall. As I mentioned at the December 1 Village Board Meeting when we honored these students, we received many compliments about how very helpful and friendly they were during early voting at the Village Hall.

Local Elections April 7, 2009

The next election is the Consolidated Election on April 7, 2009. Offices being considered in April include seats on the Orland Park Village Board, the Orland Township Board, Orland Fire Protection District Board, Orland Park Public Library Board and issues and seats for the school districts that serve Orland Park. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. The Village Clerk's Office will be staffed from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Early Voting Returns March 16

Early voting will be available for the April election. All registered suburban Cook County residents may vote early at

House Decorating Contest A Success

by Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Chair
Special Events & Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the village's first ever Christmas House Decorating Contest. We received entries from across the community and it was a wonderful first time event for the village. Below are the winners of this year's contest, each of whom received a pre-lit Christmas tree, compliments of Bright Ideas.

2008 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

BEST RELIGIOUS

Anna Smolka
9431 West 166th Place
Seton Place Subdivision

MOST NOSTALGIC

Kelly Cantillon
15661 Peachtree
Park Hill Subdivision

CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD

Ken and Ann Gabriel
15217 Ginger Creek Lane
Spring Creek Estates

BEST THEME

Allan and Mary McDonald
16720 Muirfield Drive
Muirfield Subdivision

CHARLIE BROWNIEST

Tracy Westwater
15414 Anne Drive
Golfview Subdivision

The holiday season in Orland Park began with Mayor McLaughlin's Tree Lighting Ceremony the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

This also marked the start of the village's annual Holiday Shopper Trolley Service. This year, we invited all village residents in third through fifth grades to write an essay naming the village's holiday trolley.

We received wonderful essays from many of the schools in the village and it was Meadow Ridge School that

produced the winner.

Dean Yozze, a fourth grade student, wrote the winning essay, naming the trolley "Orland Holiday Express." Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's contest.

The village's Arts Commission has been very busy enhancing the cultural offerings in the village. They hosted their Footprints of the Soul in November, followed by the Do It Yourself Messiah in December. January brought the return of Dance Chicago to a sold out crowd at the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School. Thank you to everyone involved with these events and all that they bring to the Orland Park community.

Watch the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us for the latest information about special events and new programs within the village.



Trustee Kathy Fenton (left) and Mayor Dan McLaughlin congratulate Dean Yozze, a student at Meadow Ridge School, for naming the 2008 holiday trolley.

Click on the "notify me" option in the left margin to choose from the list of available village notices that are emailed to subscribers. You can choose to be notified when village jobs are posted, when new press releases are posted, when bids are being accepted and more. It's a great way to stay informed about all that's happening in your community and it's secure. We do not sell share or otherwise distribute any residents' email addresses.

Talking about special events, I too send my congratulations to

the Carl Sandburg High School Marching Eagles for their participation in our nation's most exciting special event — the Presidential Inauguration. As the parent of two Sandburg alumni, and a former member of both the Music and Athletic Boosters at Sandburg, I was thrilled when we heard that the band had been chosen to march in the parade. What a testament to all of your hard work! Congratulations!

I hope that everyone is able to participate in some of the village's upcoming events, both this winter and those coming up in the summer. Ours is a great community that tailors its programs for residents of all ages, from the very young on up to our wonderfully active seniors. There's something for everyone in Orland Park.

Winter Wonderland A Great Time

by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chair
Recreation & Parks Committee

Don't let the cold temperatures keep you inside. The village's Recreation and Parks Department has a full schedule of activities both indoors and out.



If you haven't tried the village's Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park, take a drive out there before it closes for the season on March 1st. The permanent ice rink is open every day from

sunrise until 9:00 p.m. If you need to rent skates, you'll want to visit when the warming house is open, Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Skate rentals are available in size youth 10 on up to adult size 13. It's \$2.00 to rent skates and \$1.00 to rent a helmet. We also have cross country skis and snow shoes that are available for \$5.00 a day. Renters must submit photo identification for rentals, with a driver's license or Rec Department identification card being preferred.

When it snows (again!), bring your sled out to the sledding hill at Centennial.

A number of winter weather fans of all ages have had a great time on the hill already this year, with all of the snow that we've had. The sledding hill is also open daily until dusk. See the Recreation and Parks Department's winter program guide for details about the remaining Winter Follies events at Centennial Park or call the department at 403-PARK.

50/50 Tree Program

In this edition of the *Orland Park Public*, you will find the application form for the village's 50/50 Tree Planting Program. It's programs like these that earn Orland Park the designation of "Tree City USA" year after year. See page 22 to learn more about the village sharing the cost of a tree for the parkway of qualifying residential areas.

Lose Weight At Sportsplex

The village's recreation program supervisors pride themselves on the diversity of programs that they plan for the community each season. This season is full of a number of activities that are sure to interest residents of all ages. If your plans for 2009 include dropping a few pounds, look into the Sportsplex Weight Loss Challenge. This is an all-inclusive program that will get you on the right track.

Duathlon Returns

Athletes who move their training inside for the winter months will want to learn more about the annual Sportsplex Duathlon, held on March 7. This is a nice indoor event that will keep everyone on their game. It includes a 1.5 mile run, a ten mile bike ride, followed by a second 1.5 mile run. Pre-registration is required and you can get more information by calling or visiting the Sportsplex.

"Bye Bye, Birdie"

The village's Orland Park Theatre Troupe has announced its spring musical for the 2009 season — "Bye, Bye Birdie." Performances will be in the beautiful performing arts center at Carl Sandburg High School, April 24, 25 and 26. Tickets may be purchased at the Loebe Recreation Center.

Preschool Top Rated

Families with children entering preschool in the fall will want to consider the village's preschool program, offered at two facilities. Orland Park's program is one of the oldest kindergarten preparatory programs in the village and our faculty is second to none. Call the department for details about preschool and how the village's program is recognized as one of the best preschools to help your little ones begin their academic careers.

Congratulations In Order

Before I close, I want to quickly mention three village staffers whose work was recently honored. Congratulations to Margie Owens-Klotz, who oversees the village's public relation efforts. Margie's re-design of this newsletter and the village's special events newspaper tab section both earned top honors at the Illinois Special Events Network Convention. Graphic Designer Amber Ratcliff was honored by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, placing first in the state for last year's brochure cover series. And, Maureen Wentz, of the Rec Department was named Ambassador of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce because of her efforts on behalf of the chamber and the village. Congratulations to each of you!

Families Investing In Orland Park

by Trustee James Dodge, Chair
*Development Services
& Planning Committee*

Orland Park is doing fairly well, despite all of the bad economic news that is nearly impossible to escape these days. Families in Orland Park are investing in their homes and in our community.

During 2008, we had a record number of residential building permits (mostly remodeling), a substantial number of commercial building permits, and a sizable number of new development agreements. To be sure, the condition of the overall economy driven by the turmoil in the banking and credit markets means we will face more challenges going forward, but I'm very confident as a community we'll do well.

Here's why:

- Residents in Orland Park are investing in their homes. In 2008, over 1,632 residential building permits were issued, overwhelmingly driven by remodeling. This is the highest number we've ever seen. New home construction is almost non-existent, but that is hardly surprising given the national economic conditions.
- Businesses are also investing in Orland Park. Over 290 commercial building permits were issued – heavily skewed towards build-outs and remodeling.

In addition, developers sought Orland Park's for review over 100 "conceptual developments," and we've approved 28 development and annexation agreements.

• The total commercial space in Orland Park (e.g. retail and office) is roughly 8.5 million square feet. Currently, the vacancy rate stands at 8%, **well below** the national average of 13.4% and well below other key shopping areas like Schaumburg.

Office vacancies are at 3.75%, also below the national average of 9.8%. If we remove new construction buildings that have never been occupied, Orland Park's retail vacancy drops to 6.23% and the office rate goes down to 2.31%.

Orland Park ranks ninth in Illinois sales tax, a key strength in tough times: retailers much prefer to come to a "proven area" like Orland Park than go into a completely new area. An example is the Nordstrom Rack that will remodel the space vacated by Wickes Furniture in Orland Park Place. They have started the process for building permits and should be open by May 2009.

Clearly, there will be challenges ahead. As I mentioned in my last column, right now our sales tax revenue is down roughly 5% or nearly \$1 million for the budget year. Because of state policy, we will not know how well we did this Christmas season for a while. You see, the state keeps the money for a quarter before they release it.

Because the state is rather slow, I keep a very close watch on retail sales figures at the national level as a way to gauge how we might be doing in Orland Park. The major retailers in town did not have a great year nationally, but their world didn't collapse either.

Our retail base is generally healthy, but we have to wait and see. Why does it matter? We use the sales tax revenue to do both the road improvements and the property tax rebates.



Because of the substantive budget adjustments that we have already made, we were able to preserve most of the rebate and continue to invest in major road projects.

Next year, we will spend roughly \$2M on neighborhood street projects and start a major expansion of 143rd and LaGrange. Speaking of which, we haven't torn down the vacant Citgo station yet because it will likely be used as the construction office for the road project at that intersection.

We are in negotiations right now to sell the land such that as soon as the intersection is widened, we can move forward with a new development.

Hopefully from the fact that Nordstrom Rack is taking over the empty Wickes space and that we have another use lined up for the Citgo property once the intersection is finished, you can agree that Orland Park is strong and should do well in tough times. *continued on page 15*

Impact of the Economic Downturn

by Trustee Edward Schussler, Chair
Finance Committee

During the FY2009 budget process, which took place in early summer 2008, the Village of Orland Park took a proactive approach to a potential decline in the economy. Revenues were estimated in a very

conservative manner. In order to issue a balanced budget, the village reduced its General Fund expenditures by more than \$4.8 million

while still maintaining the level of service currently provided to its residents.

The village will continue to closely monitor its major revenue sources. The largest revenue source is the 1% sales tax assessed on most sales that take place within the village. The village took a very conservative approach when estimating the FY2009 sales tax revenue.

Total FY2009 sales tax revenues are estimated at approximately \$23.74 million; these revenues are utilized to fund General Fund expenditures such as police protection, leaf and snow removal, various village sponsored programs and events, maintenance of village buildings and grounds, as well as administrative expenses of the village.

While the village is fiscally sound, the Village Board will continue to closely monitor its planned FY2009 expenditures. Expenditure reductions and implementing a hiring freeze are under consideration until the village is better able to accurately identify the effect the downturn in the economy will have on its major revenue sources.

These sources include sales tax, income tax, development related fees and grants and reimbursements from other government agencies.

On-Line Bill Payment Coming

In the near future, the village will provide its residents with the option of paying water bills on-line, in addition to receiving water bills electronically. Please watch for notification of this enhancement in the message board section of your future water bills.

Rebate Checks Mailed in March

Property tax rebate applications were due to the village no later than December 13, 2008. The village is in the process of rebating to each applicant approximately 80% of the 2007 property taxes they paid to the village in 2008. Checks will be mailed to all residents during the week of March 16, 2009.

Special Census Shows Increase

A partial special census was recently completed by the Village of Orland Park, resulting in a revised population of 59,339. This reflects an increase of 2,211 residents since the last partial special census conducted in 2004.

The village receives various revenues from the State of Illinois, the amount of which is based on the village's population. These revenues include income tax, motor fuel tax and local use tax. Based upon the increased population, the village anticipates an annual increase in these revenues of approximately \$314,000 (based on current per capital distribution estimates).

Thank you to all of you who took the time to answer your doors and participate in the census. Without your assistance, we would not have received such favorable results.

Thank you to Finance Director Annmarie Mampe for helping with this edition's column.

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Protecting the Public's Safety

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
Public Safety Committee

Orland Park is very fortunate to have a number of professionals who serve and protect our community. The Orland Park Police Department works 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure the public's safety. We enjoy the professionalism of a highly skilled organization that serves and protects our community.



On that note, I am using this forum to share some public safety reminders from our emergency professionals. You may have heard that the Police Department has received reports of people pretending to represent the village's water department. I understand that callers have asked for credit card numbers, have claimed that bills are unpaid and have even scheduled home visits.

The village's Public Works Department does schedule appointments at residents' homes; however, there are a number of ways to be sure that your caller or visitor is indeed a legitimate village employee.

All village employees are required to wear village issued identification tags. And, residents can easily call Public Works (403-6350) or Water Billing (403-6170) to verify a visitor's identity.

If you receive a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to represent the village, call us at 403-6140 and our staff will direct you to the proper department to confirm the call. If you're suspicious at all, call the Police Department to let them know.

Village Ordinance Prohibits Feeding Wild Animals

Another area of public safety that warrants mention here is the feeding of wild animals. The Animal Control Division of the Police Department has received reports of village residents hand feeding wild animals, drawing them into neighborhoods.

We've mentioned this in the summer when people enjoy feeding the ducks and geese in town and it is even more serious now that we've learned that well meaning residents are feeding coyotes.

Village ordinance prohibits the ground feeding of any type of wild animal and residents should never feed wild animals, regardless of the type. Let Mother Nature provide for the many animals that frequent the village, be they winged or on four legs.

See page 18 for a list of reminders for residents whose properties are frequented by coyotes or other wild animals.

These are especially important for families with dogs and other family pets — especially those that spend time outside. Take a few minutes to look over the reminders so that wild animals aren't attracted to your neighborhood and home.

Congratulations, Marching Eagles

Everyone at the Village of Orland Park was absolutely thrilled to learn that Orland Park's own Carl Sandburg High School Marching Eagles would represent Orland Park and the State of Illinois at this year's Presidential Inaugural Parade. What an exciting honor!

Having served a number of terms as Sandburg's Athletic Booster Club president, the parent of of three alumni and mother-in-law of another, I am especially proud of everyone affiliated with the band for bringing such outstanding national recognition to the Orland Park community.

On February 3rd, I was privileged to attend the Inaugural Replay hosted by Carl Sandburg High School. The Marching Eagles played some of the music that they performed in Washington, DC and it was thrilling to listen and imagine what it was like to be in our nation's capitol to witness this historical event.

To the ever dedicated parents, Music Boosters and everyone else in the community who helped with the Eagles' fundraising efforts, congratulations and thank you for making this once in a lifetime opportunity possible for these very talented young people.

Veterans' Commission

Scouts Help Replenish Care Package Supplies

The Orland Park community has rallied in response to the village's Veterans' Commission's call to help re-stock the care package supplies of Operation Support Our Troops – Illinois.

“We’ve received a wonderful response from a number of organizations,” said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “We’ve had Girl Scout troops, Cub Scout packs and church groups come forward to make sure those serving our country receive the care package items they need,” the mayor added.

Prior to the Christmas holidays, the village's Veterans Commission received word that the inventory at Operation Support Our Troops – Illinois was running low.

Based in Naperville, Operation Support Our Troops Illinois maintains a database of military personnel from throughout the country, sending care packages on a rotating basis. The group, founded by Deb Rickert of Naperville, has shipped more than 17,000 care packages since its creation in 2003. OSOT-IL continues to be one of the largest volunteer based military support efforts in the country and is funded solely by donations. The group is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

“Family members of those serving in Iraq or Afghanistan are able to submit their loved ones' names, military addresses and expected return dates on OSOT's website,” explained Orland Park Veterans Commission Secretary Gail Blummer. Military personnel need not live in Illinois to receive care packages from OSOT-IL.

Former Orland Park resident Army Captain Adam Wojcik was deployed to Iraq twice. Home in Tinley Park since September, Wojcik said, “OSOT-IL crams their packages full of treats for

deployed troops! Their distinctive cubes covered in OSOT-IL stickers cause a lot of excitement when mail arrives and units are flooded with generous reminders of home and people thinking about and praying for American service members.”

The top ten items currently needed include cold drink mix packets for bottled water, including Propel, Gatorade and Crystal Lite To Go; adult wipes; bags of beef jerky; breakfast bars, pop tarts, cereal in plastic cups and individual packets of oatmeal; foot powder in canisters 20 ounces or less; tall canisters of Pringles potato chips; granola bars, power bars, canned meat in foil, i.e., tuna, chicken or turkey; individual sized mayonnaise packets and lunch to go kits; microwave popcorn and shower bag items, including shaving cream, disposable razors and hand lotion, 16 ounces or smaller.

Donors are reminded to not send anything in glass and to check expiration dates before donating.

Of the organization's efforts, OSOT-IL's founder, Deb Rickert, said, “We can never know what it means to be so far away from home, loved ones and everything familiar and dear to us, but we can reach out to our troops and try to provide them a little reminder that we have not forgotten them.”

Army Second Lieutenant Eileen White, of Orland Park, is stationed at LSA Adder in Southern Iraq.

Of the impact care packages have on the troops, White wrote via e-mail, “It may seem very insignificant to those in the US, but receiving mail, including packages and letters from home, is the highlight of a soldier's day. You can see the difference between a soldier who does not have the support from home and the soldier who constantly receives care packages.”

Wojcik added, “There are a lot of organizations taking the time to support our nation's troops, but Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois was founded to ensure that every trooper might enjoy a brighter day during a tough deployment because of the donated snacks, sundries and notes



A number of Orland Park scout groups answered the Veterans Commission plea for help for Operation Support Our Troops - Illinois, including Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383. Each den donated items from OSOT's top ten wish list. Photos of all of the donating youth groups appeared on Orland Park TV-4.

from home. On the tough days in Iraq, there was nothing like tearing open a care package and enjoying a short break.”

The village maintains two collection points for Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois, the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue and the Orland Park Sportsplex at 11351 West 159th Street.

“Orland Park is committed to its veterans and to the brave men and women currently serving our country,” McLaughlin said. “We will continue to do our part to show our service personnel that we haven't forgotten about them and that we're grateful for their commitment.”

FEBRUARY *in Orland Park*



Monday, February 2

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3

- Recreation Advisory Board; Franklin Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4

- 9-1-1 Board; Police Facility; 4:30 p.m.
- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 5

- Military Family Support Group; Civic Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 9

- PubSafe, ComEvs & Outreach, PW & Eng Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10

- Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Hall; 5:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, February 12

- Secretary of State Office at Village Hall; CLOSED
- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 16

- Secretary of State Office at Village Hall; CLOSED
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17

- Historical Preservation Review Com; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- Civic Center Authority; Civic Center; 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 22

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, February 23

- DevServices & Planning, Rec/Pks & Fin Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24

- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Telecommunications Adv Bd; Village Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, February 26

- Electricians' Test; Call 403-5300 for details.
- Chefs' Auction; Orland Chateau; Call 403-7275 for details.

Friday, February 27

- Orland Park Improv; Old Village Hall; 8:00 p.m.; Age 18 & up

MARCH *in Orland Park*



Monday, March 2

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3

- Recreation Advisory Board; Franklin Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Mental Health Seminar; Civic Center; 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

- 9-1-1 Board; Police Facility; 4:30 p.m.
- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5

- Military Family Support Group; Civic Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

- Sportsplex Indoor Duathlon; Call 645-7529 for details.

Sunday, March 8

- Resident spring/summer rec program registration begins

Monday, March 9

- PubSafe, ComEvs & Outreach, PW & Eng Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

- Chicago Flower & Garden Show Trip; Call 403-7275 for info.
- Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Hall; 5:00 p.m.
- Open Lands Commission; Village Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, March 12

- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 16

- Early voting opens; Village Hall; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Veterans' Job, Health & Info Fair; Civic Center; 10 am to 2pm
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

- Historical Preservation Review Com; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- Non-resident spring/summer rec program registration opens.

Saturday, March 21

- Grinding Edge Skate Park Opens

Monday, March 23

- DevServices & Planning, Rec/Pks & Fin Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Telecommunications Adv Bd; Village Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Friday, March 27

- Orland Park Improv; Old Village Hall; 8:00 p.m.; Age 18 & older

Saturday, March 28

- Special Rec Garage Sale; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Camp In at Sportsplex; Call 645-7529 for details.

APRIL *in Orland Park*



Wednesday, April 1

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- 9-1-1 Board; Police Facility; 4:30 p.m.
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

- Last day for early voting; Village Hall; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Military Family Support Group; Civic Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 6

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

- Election Day; Call Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150 for details.
- Recreation Advisory Board; Franklin Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, April 9

- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

- Lucky Easter Egg Hunt; Call 403-PARK for details.
- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13

- PubSafe, ComEvs & Outreach, PW & Eng Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

- Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Hall; 5:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- Economic Development Adv Bd; Village Hall; 7:15 a.m.
- Civic Center Authority; Civic Center; 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 20

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

- Historical Preservation Review Com; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

April 24, 25 and 26

- Theatre Troupe's "Bye Bye Birdie;" Call 403-7275 for details.

Saturday, April 25

- Sportsplex Health Fair; Call 645-7529 for details.
- Early bird pool membership closes. Call 403-7275 for details.

Sunday, April 26

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27

- DevServices & Planning, Rec/Pks & Fin Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28

- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Telecommunications Adv Bd; Village Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, April 30

- Last day to add vet's name to wall. Call 403-6203 for details.

MAY *in Orland Park*



Monday, May 4

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

- Recreation Advisory Board; Franklin Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00
- 9-1-1 Board; Police Facility; 4:30 p.m.
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

- Military Family Support Group; Civic Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 11

- PubSafe, ComEvs & Outreach, PW & Eng Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12

- Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Hall; 5:00 p.m.
- Open Lands Commission; Village Hall; 6:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, May 14

- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15

- Restricted Water Conservation begins.

Sunday, May 17

- Kite Kaboodle; Call 403-7275 for details.

Monday, May 18

- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

- Historical Preservation Review Com; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day; Village offices closed.
- Memorial Day Ceremony; Vets' Memorial; 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26

- DevServices & Planning, Rec/Pks & Fin Coms; VHall; 7:00 p.m.
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Telecommunications Adv Bd; Village Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

- BINGO; Civic Center; Doors open at 4:00 p.m.; Games at 6:00

Thursday, May 28

- Electricians' Test; Call 403-5300 for details.

Friday, May 29

- Farmers' Market Opens; Village Center; 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Crime Free Housing Ordinance

We have adopted a Crime Free Residential Rental Housing Ordinance. The goals of this ordinance are very straightforward:

- Get rental property owners and their agents to help us prevent problems by using this process.
- Bring tighter regulation and better code enforcement, primarily mandatory health and safety inspections, to the rental housing market.
- Give Orland Park and its Police Department new tools to help evict tenants that create problems.
- Provide additional ways to enforce the rules that ensure the number of people living in a house fits with the zoning requirements for the area.

Now enacted, this ordinance will apply to **all properties** that are in the rental housing market: single family homes, condos, town homes, and traditional rental units. In round numbers there are about 22,000 places to live in Orland Park and fewer than 2,000 of them are rentals. The overwhelming majority are well-kept units because both the property owners and the tenants want to have a desirable place to live in a great community.

And then there are the others. Landlords who live far away and don't care who they rent to, tenants who account for a disproportionate share of police calls, units that are not well maintained or violate occupancy or safety codes, etc. Those are the problems we are addressing. Some of these challenges are in multi-unit housing; others are in neighborhoods made up mostly of single family homes.

We have taken great care to get input from friends and neighbors who have brought issues to our attention. Feedback has also been received from property owners, realtors, other communities with similar ordinances as well as the Orland Park Police Department. Additionally, the village has imposed fairly aggressive penalties for property owners who don't participate or comply with the rules.

A key reason for keeping occupancy to what was intended in the initial zoning of a subdivision is because all of the local government units that serve you plan around an assumed population. As a simple example, the village, the school systems, the fire protection district, etc all plan for

a certain number of people from a subdivision based on the approved zoning and how many homes have three or four bedrooms. As you can imagine, this impacts all types of public service if those assumptions are not met.

Orland Park is a great place to live and like you, I care that it stays that way. We have taken an idea that is present in over 2,500 communities in America and tailored it to fit Orland Park. As always, let me know your thoughts.

For the first 60 days after ordinance adoption, or April 3, 2009, the \$25 annual registration fee will be waived. The Residential Rental Property Application, Crime Free Lease Addendum and other pertinent information can be found at the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. Click on Department Services - Development Services - Building Division and then Crime Free Rental Housing. Or, for more information, contact the Development Services at 708/403-5300.



Most rental buildings in the village are well maintained because both the property owners and the tenants want a desirable place to live.

Crime Free Residential Rentals

New Ordinance Protects Neighborhoods Registration and Inspection Questions Answered

Crime free residential rental programs are an emerging national standard for property owners, tenants and local governments. A majority of the residential rental properties in the village are well kept and maintained; however, it only takes a few to create an unsafe environment and detract from a neighborhood. The Village Board approved this ordinance in January, making landlords accountable for the properties they own.



Why has the village implemented this ordinance?

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide minimum standards for residential rental housing for the protection of life, health, welfare and property of rental residential property owners and tenants, as well as that of the general public. The ordinance will also prevent the overcrowding of rental dwellings by requiring compliance with minimum space standards per occupant for each dwelling. Inspections will facilitate the enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance of existing residential rental buildings to prevent slums and blight, therefore maintaining high property values for all residents in the Village of Orland Park.

What is crime free housing?

Crime Free Housing provides residential rental properties owners with tools to select good tenants and get rid of bad tenants. The Crime Free/Rental Housing Program helps property owners be prepared to prevent problems with tenants or be ready to quickly and effectively deal with problems should they occur.

All residential property owners or their agents must attend an eight hour Crime Free Housing Class conducted by the Orland Park Police Department. There is no charge to participate in this class.

To whom does this ordinance apply?

The ordinance applies to all residential rental properties, single family, townhomes, condos and multi-unit buildings.

How often does an owner of residential rental property register?

Owners of residential rental properties must register annually.

What are the registration fees?

The cost to register is \$25.00 annually. Failure to register as an owner of a rental property is a \$250.00 fine for each day the property is not registered. The \$25.00 registration fee will be waived for all applications until April 3, 2009.

How often are rental properties inspected?

Rental properties will be inspected tri-annually, once every three years.

What are the costs for inspections?

Single Family Dwelling	\$ 75.00
Duplex (2 dwelling building)	\$100.00
Apartment Buildings (3 dwellings or more)	\$100.00 and \$25.00 for for each individual unit more than two units

If a rental property owner lives out of the area, what requirements must be met?

A residential rental property owner must live within 30 miles of the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park for building and tenant emergencies. *If the owner does not* live within this required area, an agent may be designated. An agent must be 18 years of age and this person must have authorization to represent the owner. The owner or owner's agent must provide the Village of Orland Park with an available 24 hour emergency contact number.

Website Subscribers Get The Latest News

Area residents interested in keeping up with the latest news in Orland Park will want to sign up for the village's "notify me" email subscriptions at www.orland-park.il.us/subscribe.

"The response to the village's new website has been very positive since it debuted last March," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The site gives 24 hours access to the village, is very user friendly and a great source of information," the mayor added.

During its first year of public viewing, the village's website was visited 351,456 times with 3,302,138 page views. A majority of the visits, 89%, are from North America with 11% coming from other countries.

"A number of village departments have set up notify options, enabling visitors to be notified when new information is added to the village's site," said MIS Manager Mary Klinger.

Email notices are available for Sportsplex specials, Recreation Department information, volunteer opportunities, bid postings, job openings, the village calendar, news releases and more.

"It's a sizable list that people can scroll through, looking for what they want to be notified about," Klinger explained. "And, if visitors decide that they no longer want to receive notices, they can unsubscribe very easily," she added. Klinger noted that subscribers' email addresses are kept confidential, that the village does not sell or share subscribers' email addresses.

"This is a great service for people who may not have the time to look up what they're interested in," McLaughlin said, adding, "The website's automated system will email the information — all you have to do is sign up."

Report Potholes On-Line Or By Phone

Motorists in the Village of Orland Park can join forces with the Public Works Department in the continuing battle against potholes. The brainchild of Trustee Brad O'Halloran, the village's Pothole Hotline invites drivers to call in or report pothole locations on-line.

"The phone calls and on-line reports will help our Public Works crews," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "We have more than 300 miles of roads in the village and our staff may not know about a problem unless it's reported," the mayor added.

Potholes are common in areas known for ice, snow and below freezing temperatures. The freezing and thawing cycles allow moisture to seep into voids in the road surface, causing the road to crumble.

To report a pothole in the Village of Orland Park, drivers may call 403-5010 or sign onto the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. A link to the Public Works Department's pothole reporting option appears on the opening page. Callers are asked to give their names, addresses and phone numbers as well as the locations of the potholes, including the nearest cross streets.

O'Halloran noted, "If the pothole isn't within the village's jurisdiction, Public

Works staff will notify the responsible agency — Orland or Palos Township, Cook or Will County or the State of Illinois. We'll also get back to the callers, letting them know that their report has been forwarded."

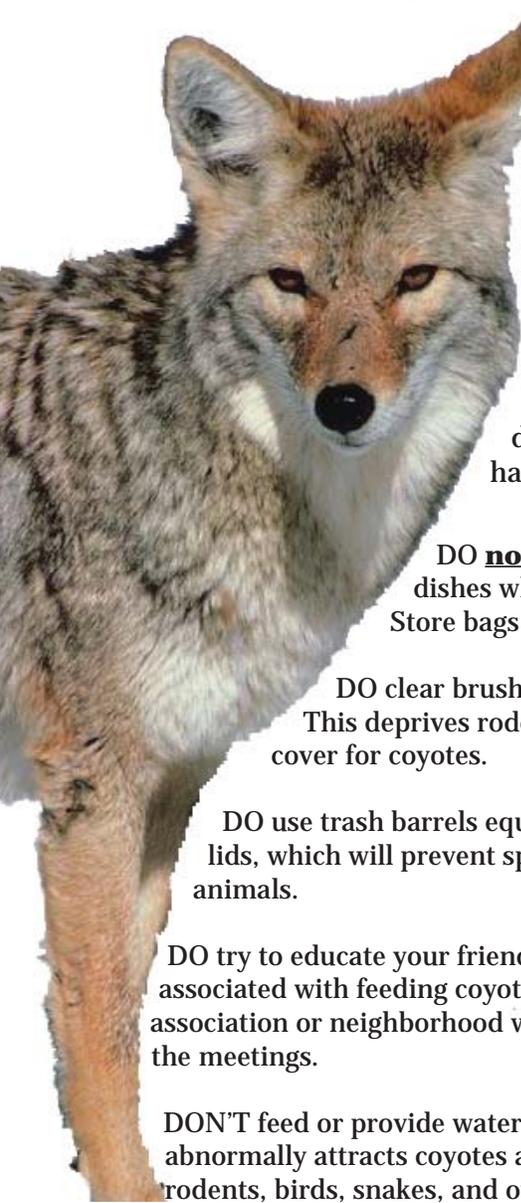
Potholes in the village are filled by the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. "Weather permitting, we're planning a one business day turn around," said Public Works Director Peter Casey. "If our crews aren't able to repair a hole within one business day, staff will call the reporting motorist to let them know the status of the repairs," Casey said. "With the community's help, village crews can stay on top of pothole locations and quickly repair them," the mayor added.



Visit the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us to report potholes in the village and to subscribe to email notices with the "Notify Me" option in the left margin of the home page.

Do Not Feed The Animals

The Animal Control Division of the Orland Park Police Department reminds residents that feeding coyotes is not only very dangerous, it is illegal in the Village of Orland Park. While residents may think that they're helping wildlife by providing food, especially in extreme temperatures, they are not. Nature must take its course with all wildlife that visit Orland Park, including water fowl, coyotes, raccoons and more.



Feeding coyotes brings them closer to your home, family and pets when they would normally stay away. Humans feeding wildlife, in particular coyotes, disrupts the natural balance of their diets and is not healthy for the animals. Feeding coyotes will make them more comfortable around humans and encourage them to approach other humans who do not know that you're feeding them. Coyotes don't know the difference between a hand out and your hand. It's all food to them.

DO not feed pets outdoors or promptly remove dishes when pets complete their meal outside. Store bags of pet food indoors.

DO clear brush and dense weeds from around property. This deprives rodents of shelter and reduces protective cover for coyotes.

DO use trash barrels equipped with tight clamping devices on the lids, which will prevent spills should they be tipped over by large animals.

DO try to educate your friends and neighbors about the problems associated with feeding coyotes. If you belong to a homeowner's association or neighborhood watch, bring up the subject during one of the meetings.

DON'T feed or provide water for coyotes or other wildlife. This practice abnormally attracts coyotes and promotes increased numbers of rodents, birds, snakes, and other creatures that can provide major portions of the coyote's natural diet.

Protect Your Pets

Keep small pets (cats, rabbits, small dogs) indoors. Don't allow them to run free at any time. They are easy, favored prey. Some coyotes hunt cats in residential areas. Large dogs should be brought inside after dark and never allowed to run loose. DON'T leave domestic pet food outside. Wildlife will soon depend on it.

The Animal Control Division has coyote packets available for village residents. Visit the Orland Park Police Facility at 151st & Ravinia to obtain a packet.

TOP TEN SNOW TIPS

1. Village ordinance prohibits parking on village streets once two inches of snow have fallen.
2. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the streets for ten hours after it has stopped snowing.
3. When clearing the driveway, residents should place snow on either side of the drive, on the lawn and never in a recently plowed street.
4. Residents should keep garbage cans and recycle bins from rolling into the street on garbage pick up day.
5. Designate curbs and mailboxes with free stakes available from the Public Works Department.
6. Digging from the street, clear out fire hydrants near your home so that fire personnel can easily access them.
7. Do not clear your driveway at the curbline until the snowplow driver has made his last curb pass in front of your residence.
8. Be patient. Every storm is different with many variables. Streets may have to be plowed more than once.
9. Communicate with the Public Works Department. Report any ice formations on the street so that they can be salted. Clear the snow from storm sewers in front of your home so melting snow can easily drain, preventing ice patches.
10. To ensure mail delivery, residents must clear the snow from around their mailboxes after the streets have been plowed.

Water Conservation Program

Peak Water Conservation Efforts

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect year round. Lawn sprinkling is only permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., throughout the entire year.

Between May 15 and September 15 of each year, peak water conservation measures are in effect, permitting lawn sprinkling on an odd-even address basis only.

More Passport Changes Coming

When applying for a passport, United States citizens must present a passport; a passport card (scheduled to be in full production in July, 2008); or a government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license, state identification card, etc. Proof of citizenship is also required such as a birth certificate.



On June 1, 2009, the United States government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport or passport card.

To make an appointment to apply for a passport and have your passport photo taken, call the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

- Homes and businesses with addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8, may sprinkle between 7:00 am and 11:00 am or 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm only on even-numbered days.
- Homes and businesses with addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may sprinkle between 7:00 am and 11:00 am or 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm only on odd-numbered days.

Those violating the village's water usage provisions are subject to fines of \$750 for each offense.

Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense.

Questions may be directed to Public Works at 403-6350.

Watch the village's website for enhanced restrictions due to extreme heat or drought.



EARLY VOTING for the April 7th Consolidated Election March 16 to April 2, 2009

All registered suburban Cook County voters may vote early at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall
14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

NO EXCUSE NEEDED

Simply bring government issued identification.
(Driver's License, State I.D. Card, Passport, etc)

Orland Park Village Clerk's Office

**Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 21 & 28
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For more information, call 403-6150.

VOTER REGISTRATION

**for the Tuesday, April 7th Local Elections
closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.
Call 403-6150 for more information.**

Warm Weather Brings Sweeper

Residents can expect to start seeing street sweepers beginning in March. The village contracts with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. to sweep streets from spring to late fall. The commercial and arterial streets



are swept eight times a year beginning at the end of March. In addition, residential streets are swept four times a year also starting at the end of March.

Streets that are still under development in new subdivisions are not a part of this process, being the responsibility of the subdivision developer.

Each developer has a separate agreement to sweep streets during construction.

The last residential sweeping of the year takes place at the end of November so it will coincide with the village's annual Leaf Pick-Up Program. Residents with leaves left over from last fall must place them in yard waste containers or Kraft Biodegradable Bags for pick-up by Waste Management.

Restorations Explained

During the late fall and winter months, there may have been some damage to the parkways in front of your house from a water main break, a sewer repair or maybe snowplow damage. The first thing every resident wants to know is "When will my area get restored?"

Unfortunately, we cannot always give a standard response. The restoration depends on when the work or damage occurred and size of the disturbance. If the damage was from a snowplow, the restoration will occur in early spring as the ground disturbance was minimal.

If the restoration was from a water main or sewer repair, that could take longer. When the ground is excavated down several feet, it takes about three months for the ground to properly settle to avoid having dips or depressions develop later. Public Works makes every effort to get the sites restored as soon as possible. The department may avoid laying sod in the very dry months of June, July and August as sod will have a difficult time getting established. It is the homeowner's responsibility to water the area regularly to help the new sod take root.



Reservoir Expansion Update

When Lake Michigan Water came to Orland Park in 1985, the main



pumping station on Thistlewood Drive was built with plans for expansion to keep pace with the village's growth. Expansion of the



pumping station's capacity began in June, 2008, adding a 7.5 million

gallon reservoir to the east side of the existing facility. Maintaining an adequate water supply for the Orland Park community is imperative for many reasons, among them having an ample supply for 60,000 residents, the commercial areas in town and, especially important, fire suppression and public safety.

Even through the cold and snow of the winter, work



continues on the reservoir addition and the interior of the existing reservoir.

Yard Waste Pick Up Resumes April 1

Yard waste collection resumes April 1 and continues through November 30. Waste Management will begin collecting yard waste on regular garbage pick-up days. All yard waste materials must be separate from normal household garbage. In Orland Park, residents may use Waste Wheeler Carts for yard waste or Kraft biodegradable bags. Yard waste in other containers will not be collected.

Bundled trees and brush less than four inches in diameter and 48 inches in length are picked up during the first full week of each month. For more information about yard waste disposal or to buy or rent a Waste Wheeler Cart, call Waste Management at 800/796-9696.

B-Boxes Can Be Lowered

Residents whose b-boxes (buffalo boxes) are above the lawn or sidewalk should call the Public Works Department so that it can be lowered to grade. A buffalo box is a small metal pipe that is typically located in the parkway for shutting off the water to the residence. Because of the annual freeze/thaw cycle and natural ground movement, some b-boxes may have a tendency to rise.

If a b-box has become a tripping hazard or if residents find themselves constantly hitting the b-box with a lawn mower, they should call so that it can be set back to the proper grade. For more information, call Public Works at 403-6350.

Automatic Debits for Water Bills

Water bills can be paid by having the amount owed directly withdrawn from a checking or savings account. To use this program, complete an application for bank drafting. Once the bank drafting information is in the village's billing system, the bill will be automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account on the due date of the bill. Once the automatic withdrawal is confirmed in the billing system, the resident's bill will read "BANK DRAFT" in the upper right hand corner. The lower right hand corner of the remittance stub will say "Bank Draft – Do Not Pay" in the "Amount Due" area.

Customers may also pay by mail or come to the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall to pay in person using cash, check, or credit card. To obtain a form to have payments automatically debited from an account, call 403-6175.

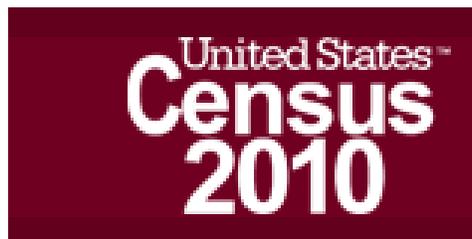
Or, residents may download the form on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. Choose the link for Village Services and scroll down to the Finance Department section for the downloadable form.

Use Night Deposit for Late Payments

Residents who forget to make their water bill payments on the date due may use the night deposit box located in front of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. The free standing gray box is on the driver's side of the median in front of the circle drive. The box is emptied at 8:00 a.m. every morning and all payments in the box are considered payment for the previous day.



Residents should place their water bill stubs and check payment in an envelope labeled for Water Billing. Cash payments are not advised. A drop box for water bill payments is also located next to the Cashier's Window in the lobby of the Village Hall, accessible during Village Hall business hours. Payment by cash is not recommended.



50/50 Tree Program

The Village of Orland Park's annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program returns. This program enables the village and homeowners to share the cost of trees to be planted in the residents' parkways. Resident cost is \$125 per tree. **Applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2009. Residents of subdivisions built after 1993 --- in which the developer is required to plant parkway trees --- are eligible for replacement of parkway trees only. The resident is responsible for tree and stump removal.**

Applications may be submitted to either Recreation & Parks Department Administrative Office at the Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th Street or the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 Ravinia Avenue. Because of the limited number of each species, the village cannot guarantee the type of tree, although every attempt will be made to accommodate residents' requests. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed with the tree being planted in the parkway --- between the street and the sidewalk --- only. **Trees are sold with one-year guarantee and a one-time replacement within twelve months of planting.** Residents will be informed when to mark the appropriate locations in their parkways. Trees are approximately 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Should utilities be located along the parkway, village staff must approve the final selection of tree location. Trees will be planted in the spring or fall of 2009.

All questions should be directed to Mid-America Tree & Landscape at 708/479-7510.

Resident's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

<u>Species</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>
American Linden	_____	_____	_____
Littleleaf Linden	_____	_____	_____
Shademaster Honey Locust	_____	_____	_____
Brandywine Red Maple	_____	_____	_____
Red Maple	_____	_____	_____
Accolade Elm	_____	_____	_____
Parkway Norway Maple	_____	_____	_____
Pacific Sunset Maple	_____	_____	_____
October Glory Maple	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL DUE			_____

Please make checks payable to Mid-America Tree & Landscape.
TOTAL \$125.00 per tree. I have read and agree to all of the above listed stipulations.

Resident's signature _____

Date _____

For Recreation & Parks Department Use Only

Amt Paid _____ Check# _____ Rec'd by _____ Date _____ Time _____

Lower Heating Costs This Winter

- Set your thermostat comfortably low in the winter.
- Install a programmable thermostat that is compatible with your heating/cooling system.
- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed.
Make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season.
If in doubt about how to do this, call a professional.
- Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.
- Turn off exhaust fans within 20 minutes after cooking or bathing.
When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.
- Keep the drapes and shades on south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter and closed at night to reduce the chill.



Reduce Heat Loss

A fireplace is one of the most inefficient heat sources. It sends energy dollars right up the chimney along with volumes of warm air. A roaring fire can exhaust as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air per hour to the outside, which must be replaced by



cold air coming into the house from outside. Your heating system must warm up this air, which is then

exhausted through your chimney. If you use your conventional fireplace while your central heating system is on, these tips can help reduce energy losses.

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is going. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.
- When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly—approximately 1 inch—and close doors leading into the room. Lower the thermostat setting to between 50° and 55°F.
- Install tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.
- Check the seal on the flue damper and make it as snug as possible.
- Add caulking around the fireplace hearth.
- Use grates made of C-shaped metal tubes to draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room.



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Thermostats Save

Save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling bills by simply turning your thermostat back 10% to 15% for eight hours. Do this automatically without sacrificing



comfort by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat. Adjust the times

you turn on the heating or air-conditioning according to a pre-set schedule. As a result, the equipment doesn't operate as much when you are asleep or when the house, or a part of it, is not occupied.

Programmable thermostats can store and repeat multiple daily settings (six or more temperature settings a day) that you can manually override without affecting the rest of the daily or weekly program. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, be sure to look for the ENERGY STAR.

Indoor Lighting

- Look for the ENERGY STAR label when purchasing these products.
- Turn off the lights in any room you're not using, or consider installing timers, photo cells, or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.
- Use task lighting instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it. For example, use fluorescent under-cabinet lighting for kitchen sinks and countertops under cabinets.
- Consider three-way lamps; they make it easier to keep lighting levels low when brighter light is not necessary.
- Use 4-foot fluorescent fixtures with reflective backing and electronic ballasts for your work room, garage, and laundry areas.
- Consider using 4-watt minifluorescent or electro-luminescent night lights. Both lights are much more efficient than their incandescent counterparts.
- Use CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) in all portable table and floor lamps in your home. Carefully consider the size and fit of these systems. Some home fixtures may not accommodate some of the larger CFLs.
- Take advantage of daylight by using light-colored, loose-weave curtains on your windows to allow daylight to penetrate the room while preserving privacy. Also, decorate with lighter colors that reflect light.



Turn off the lights in rooms you're not using.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses opened in Orland Park
between July, 2008 and February, 2009.

Teavana Corporation	220 Orland Square Drive	Clothes Mentor	9228 159th Street
Alina's Pet Parlour	15531 70th Court	Medical Reimburse Spec	15234 Harlem
Fitness Together	11321 143rd Street	American Tech Publishers	10100 Orland Pky
House of Brides	15180 LaGrange Road	Lisa Nails	14271 Wolf Road
Fatburger	15110 LaGrange Road	Clean Start Detail Shop	15550 70th Court
Jimmy John's	15110 LaGrange Road	A.N.A. Enterprises Inc.	11535 183rd Place
SMS Auto Center	15545 70th Court	McNaughton Development	13500 Circle Drive
Subway	14657 LaGrange Road	Bangkok Thai Cuisine	15750 Harlem Avenue
General Shale Brick	16109 108th Avenue	Skultins Brother's Inc.	15525 70th Court
Bare Escentuals	224 Orland Square Dr	First American Bank	14245 LaGrange Road
Pro-Orthotics	11508 183rd Place	Discovery Clothing	15645 LaGrange Road
Fetch Dog Boutique	207 Orland Park Place	Serenity Salon & Spa	14484 John Humphrey
BKE Contracting	11528 183rd Place SW	Fifth Third Bank	28 Orland Square Drive
Carpet Plus	7260 159th Street	Hampe's Towing	15604 70th Court
V.I.P. Nails & Spa	13135 LaGrange Road	Jamarco Salon	9640 143rd Street
Heavenly Massage	9570 159th Street	Ottimo Restaurant	16111 LaGrange Road
TSI Holding Company	9651 153rd Street	Public Safety Publications	13301 SW Hwy
Bella Café	15430 West Avenue	Red Robin	15503 LaGrange Road
Crystal Cove	9044 159th Street	S&M Tobacco Wholesale Inc.	15561 70th Ct
Essence Photo & Video	11006 179th Street	Smoothie Rox	13133 LaGrange Road
Just Dogs! Gourmet	1000 Orland Square Drive	So. Sub Tattoo & Piercing	9532 159th Street
Gilly Hicks, LLC #117	842 Orland Square Drive	Space Golf	15611 94th Avenue
S & T Jewelers	848 Orland Square Drive		

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www.orland-park.il.us

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15100 South Ravinia Avenue
708/349-4111 (non-emergency)

**DIAL 9-1-1 FOR POLICE, FIRE OR
AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE
VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK.**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center

14650 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-PARK

Village of Orland Park Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street
708/645-PLAY

Cultural Arts Center

14700 Park Lane
708/349-1402

Robert Davidson Center

14760 Park Lane
708/403-6361

Inclement Weather Hotline

708/403-6290

Call for field conditions and to learn
if outdoor practices, games
and programs are canceled or
changed because of inclement weather.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

15655 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-6350

PACE Bus Service
708/403-6355

ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

William R. Vogel Memorial

14750 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-6200

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Board Room of the Village Hall
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