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Mayor's Message

In February, I was honored to again be invited by the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce to present my annual State of the Village Report. Several of the newspapers carried the complete text but I'd like to briefly call your attention to several of the items I mentioned.

These are challenging times for our national economy and Orland Park is not immune to those same problems. We receive income from four main sources:

1. Sales tax revenue was 6.8% under budget in 2008, which was 5% less than Fiscal Year 2007.
2. Motor fuel tax in 2008 was 7.5% under budget in part because the state changed the distribution rate.
3. Real estate tax was relatively unchanged.
4. Income tax was actually up 6.8% over budget.

In addition, impact fees, which are part of the permit fees, were down considerably because so few new homes were built in 2008.

Only 44 permits were issued for new construction of single family residences or townhomes. And, like every town in America we have some residential foreclosures. However, we are working to identify families having trouble before they reach foreclosure to try to help.

Right now, we don't find out until it has already occurred.

There are many positive things that have

happened in Orland Park in 2008 which I'd like to share with you. One of our best decisions of 2008 was hiring Paul Grimes. I have repeatedly stated that we have the best municipal staff in Illinois. Well, it just got considerably better. Paul's background, experience and the way he works with people make him a great asset to the village.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin

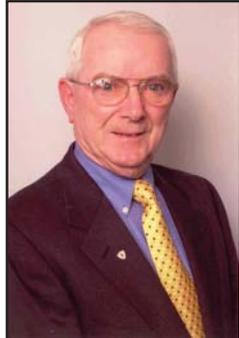


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We maintained an Aa2 bond rating from Moody's and an AA+ rating from Standard and Poor's. These are some of the best bond ratings in the suburbs and a very positive position to be in. A few years ago we adopted financial policies to maintain very strong fund balances which today are proving to be critical and one more area that will help Orland Park weather the storm.

In February of 2008, staff recommended and the Board approved changing our fiscal year to a calendar year. This recommendation came about

because our budget year ended in October when most projects were winding down and looking for final payouts. We found ourselves constantly carrying funds into the next budget year which was burdensome and at times confusing. Consequently, last October we took on the extra task of planning and approving a 15- month budget. It was once again balanced but it involved trimming in some areas, cutting in other areas, and pushing back some projects in light of our projected revenue being lower.

In addition, I directed the village manager to put a freeze on hiring full time positions unless public safety was an issue. This freeze includes not replacing my assistant who moved to a different position in another community. That position and others will not be filled until it is appropriate.

While the village is a large operation, in many ways it's no different than your small business or your home budget. If there is less money coming in, you spend less.

We are very happy to have been able to continue rebating homeowners their Orland Park property taxes. We began a different procedure to help us in planning our balanced budget, and homeowners received approximately 83% of their real estate taxes paid to the Village of

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Orland Park. Those checks should have arrived in mid-March.

The village has always applied for the various grants that are available and last year was no different. In addition, the results of a Special Census conducted last year will provide us with an additional \$350,000 per year of state shared per capita revenues.

I will tell you that our staff and I have been in constant contact with all of our representatives in Congress to make sure Orland Park is considered in the Federal Stimulus Package.

With new leadership in the state, I feel confident that we will finally see a capital bill which will help on several projects that we have been working on.

Our Recreation and Parks Department was busy in 2008 building four new parks and a disc golf course.

I have gone frofing myself several times at the new course and it is becoming very popular.

The 159th and LaGrange Road intersection improvement was finally completed and I think you will agree that it was a great improvement to our traffic flow in that area. We are now looking at some utility relocation in the spring and going out to bid with a fall start to the improvement of the 143rd and LaGrange Road intersection.

These were the two biggest traffic bottlenecks on LaGrange Road and I am looking forward to having both completed.

This might be the time to mention, as I touched on last year, the amount of public improvement projects done in the last fifteen years. I mention this so you know that this board recognizes the need for infrastructure improvements and works hard to provide those improvements. \$270 million dollars was spent in water main, sanitary sewer, storm water, road projects and building construction projects. Of that \$270 million dollars the Village of Orland Park paid \$161 million dollars towards those projects.

In 2008 we began the construction of a new 7.5 million gallon reservoir which will increase our storage capacity by 40%. This project will add another \$9.1 million to that already impressive list.

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Pride of the Community

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.

Private Brian P. Murphy
United State Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2008

PFC Timothy K. Wilkas
United States Army
Carl Sandburg High School
Class of 2006

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 eleven Carl Sandburg music students who were selected for the IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) honors during the all-state festival in Peoria, Illinois. The winners are: All-State Chorus - **Alicia Davids** and **Alex Earhart**; Honors All-State Chorus - **Jennifer Zhou** and **Tasia Malliaras**; All-State Orchestra - **Katie Beberman**, Violin, **Charlie Donne**, Viola, **Colin Burnett**, Viola; Honors All-State Orchestra - **Sonia Mantell**, Cello, **Madalyn Frigo**, Violin, **Won-Bin Kim**, Clarinet, **Tim Lyen**, Trumpet.

Congratulations to CSHS seniors **John Miller** and **Lara Wasilkoff** for being selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. They are among the top 15,000 students out of more than 1.4 million who entered the 2009 National Merit Program.

The Carl Sandburg High School Speech Team won the southwest suburban conference varsity championship. Students also took home honors for individual categories.

First Place - **Alex Sotiropoulos**, extemporaneous speaking; **Amanda Levigne**, dramatic interpretation; **Dan Rife**, humorous interpretation; **Cara Prochaska**, poetry reading.

Second Place - **Chris Rife**, original comedy, prose reading; **Amanda Levigne** and **Kevin Zidek**, humorous duet action; **Kim Furuya**, radio speaking; **Rebecca Schieber**, impromptu speaking; **Larry Svabek**, extemporaneous speaking; **Liz Banazak**, special occasion speaking; **Sonia George**, humorous interpretation; **Vicky Gajc**, original oration.

Third Place - **Danielle Shermulis**, dramatic interpretation; **George Gertos**, radio speaking; **Jill Kuligoski** and **Jeff Perino**, humorous duet acting; **Nicky Smit**, original oration.

Fourth Place - **Lauren Oliver** and **Taylor Alston**, dramatic duet acting.

Fifth Place - **Larry Svabek**, impromptu speaking; **Masum Patel**, special occasion speaking; **Rebecca Schieber**, prose reading.

Sixth Place - **Chuck Norris**, original comedy.

The team is coached by Michelle Etchason, Kathryn Guelcher, Geoff Epperson, Kristin Spooner, Leah Wessman, Suzanne Eastman and Dan Sackett.

Congratulations to the Carl Sandburg High School Varsity Cheerleaders on capturing the IHSA State Championship. Winning team members include: **Caitlyn Aguirre**, **Jordan Arundel**, **Melissa Benigno**, **Caitlin Buerger**, **Nicole Butkus**, **Brittany Conway**, **Nichole Farrahi**, **Brie Gerhard**, **Kathleen Hacker**, **Alexis Hirsch**, **Eileen Keavney**, **Amy McGary**, **Julie Nicola**, **Emily Olmstead**, **Jenn Opalecky**, **Lindsay Probasco**, **Nina Ramos**, **Zoe Ruff**, **Emily Slanker**, **Rachael Smith**, **Sarah Thompson**, **Mallory Wegg**, **Jade Welgat**, **Molly Weslow** and **Lindsay Young**. The team is coached by Mike Bruce, Caylee Bruce and Holly Baumgarten.

St. Michael School won the 2009 ICCA State Cheerleading Championship. This is the ninth State Cheerleading Title for St. Michael School in the past twelve years. The championship team includes **Alaina Bergamini**, **Jillian 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 team is coached by Becky Weslow and Kimberly Williams.

Patrick Larkin, a fourth grader at St Michael School has taken first place in wrestling at both the IKWF (Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation) regional and sectional tournaments. He will compete in the state championship on March 20th. Congratulations and good luck!

Congratulations to all of you on these wonderful accomplishments. The Village of Orland Park is proud to have you represent your schools and our community.

Orland Park Chosen for ComEd Challenge

ComEd announced its first Community Energy Challenge in November, one of the first of its kind in the nation. A dozen local municipalities have been chosen to participate due to their demonstrated commitment to sustainability.

The Challenge will run through May 2010 and is designed to help municipalities in the ComEd service territory develop and implement cost-effective energy efficiency pilot projects to support municipal sustainability objectives. Environmental sustainability refers to balancing the use of natural resources to meet the needs of the present while ensuring natural resources are available for future generations.

Working in conjunction with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, ComEd selected the participating communities based on their commitment to sustainability. These communities include Aurora, Carol Stream, Elgin, Evanston, Highland Park, Hoffman Estates, Northbrook, Oak Park, Orland Park, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wilmette.

"Orland Park is honored to be a part of the challenge, both because of our green efforts thus far and as the only south suburban community named," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

"Our staff is already hard at work on the village's program," the mayor added.

"Northern Illinois municipalities are at the forefront of innovative environmental strategies. This public-private partnership between our member municipalities and ComEd is a tremendous opportunity to work together to reduce electricity consumption," said Dave Bennett, executive director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

"We're proud to work with these communities in developing actionable energy efficiency plans that are on the leading edge of environmental sustainability initiatives," said ComEd Vice-President of Marketing and Environmental Programs Val R. Jensen.

"This pilot program recognizes the past efforts of these communities while ensuring that their energy efficiency focus translates to structured programs that can serve as a model for other communities."

Project plans will be judged on their potential to meet energy and sustainability requirements including reducing municipal building energy consumption; reducing community energy consumption; addressing community education surrounding



Orland Park is one of twelve Chicago communities chosen for the ComEd Challenge, being the only south suburb named. The village was selected for the program because of its ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental issues.

energy efficiency and sustainability; meeting regulatory cost effectiveness requirements, and leveraging resources to meet a sustainability objective. Funding from the reserve will be awarded to municipalities based on their plans' energy reduction potential.



EARLY VOTING

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

NO EXCUSE REQUIRED

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

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

Orland Park Village Clerk's Office
Monday through Friday • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 21 & 28 • 9:00 a.m. to Noon
For more information, call 403-6150.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES
SENIOR SPRING COFFEE

Monday, May 4, 2009

10:00 a.m. to Noon

ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

William R. Vogel Memorial
14750 South Ravinia Avenue

Information for Seniors,
Refreshments and Speakers

For more information, call 403-6188.

Voter Information

by Village Clerk David Maher

During the past few weeks, the Clerk's office has received several inquiries about registering to vote from residents who have just turned eighteen or about to turn eighteen.

Voter registration will re-open after the April 7 election and will be available in the Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00



a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Suburban Cook County residents who are United States citizens, are/will be eighteen years of age on or before the next

election, recently moved, changed their name, had a problem voting in the last election or never registered to vote may do so in the Clerk's Office.

Two forms of identification are required when registering, one with your name and a second with your name and suburban Cook County address. Voter registration at the Village Hall is open to all residents of suburban Cook County. You need not be a resident of the Village of Orland Park to register at the Village Hall. You must be registered in order to vote in any election.

When is the next election?

The next election in Orland Park is Tuesday, April 7, 2009, early voting for which opened on March 16. Offices being considered in this Consolidated General Election include five seats on the Orland Park Board of Trustees, mayor, clerk and three trustee positions. Voters will also be choosing representatives for the local township board, the fire protection districts and the school boards serving our area. Voter registration for this election closed March 10, 2009.

After April's local elections, the next contest will be the Gubernatorial Primary Election held February 2, 2010. Voter registration will re-open shortly after the April 7th election for those who meet the criteria listed above and will be eighteen years old on or before February 2, 2010. Remember, young adults can register to vote before they turn eighteen, provided their eighteenth birthday is on or before the date of the election.

Who are my legislators?

On page 18, you will find the current listing of the federal and state legislators that serve the Orland Park area. To determine in which district you reside, refer to your voter registration card or call the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

Clerk's Office on the Web

Can't come to our office but want to register to vote in Cook County? Need to find out where your polling place is? Not sure if you're registered to vote in Orland Park?

Want to know how to become an election judge or see election results?

Visit the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us and follow the link for "government." Look to the left side of the screen and click on the link for "voter information."

Other helpful information in this area includes the Board of Trustees and committee agendas and minutes, also under the "government" tab. Copies of the village's Land Development Code Book (summarized zoning) and Village Code Book (summarized ordinances) can also be found under "government."

Under the "Department Services" tab, go to "Village Clerk" and then to "Forms and Applications" on the left. Here you will find information and applications on how to apply for raffle licenses, intersection solicitation or Freedom of Information forms. Click on "resources" on the left of your screen and you will find another page full of interesting links for the Orland Park Library, US Postal Service, Orland Township and others. The names and addresses of the aforementioned state and federal representatives, as well as district maps, can be found here as well.

If you have questions about the Clerk's Office, voter registration, voting or our many services, please send us an email at clerk@orland-park.il.us or give us a call at 403-6150. And, as we finally welcome spring to Orland Park, I send my best wishes and congratulations to the Class of 2009. May success follow you always!

Come Outside!

by Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Chair
Special Events & Outreach Committee

After what has seemed to be an especially long winter, I have two words to share with all of you — come outside!! As I'm writing this column for the spring newsletter, there is still snow on the ground and the forecast is calling for another snow storm to hit the Orland Park area. Like many of you, I have had my fill of winter weather and look forward to spring around the corner.



Orland Park Traditions

I look forward to our outdoor spring and summer events that have become Orland Park traditions as we come together to celebrate or support a cause. It's great to see the excited look on children's faces when they arrive at an event or to run into old friends from when our kids were younger. The sense of community in Orland Park is strong because of the many, many residents who support and attend the many events sponsored by the village and its commissions.

Farmers' Market Returns

We begin the season with the opening of the Farmers' Market on Friday, May 29. Orland Park's market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

That's a real indication that the seasons are changing in Orland Park — when you see the tents go up on a Friday morning, the sun is shining and you walk through the aisles of the market as your senses are awakened with the smell of fresh breads, the brightly colored artisans' works, mouth watering produce and more. If you've never come to Orland Park's market, please join us this year. Walk the market and then stick around to enjoy the best priced barbecue lunch in town.

Walk The Gardens

If you enjoy walking and seeing what your fellow community members do with their gardens, you won't want to miss the Open Lands Commission's Annual Garden Walk. Held this year on Sunday, June 28, the Garden Walk is like stepping into the pages of a gardening magazine.

The work and talent of the many gardeners in Orland Park is showcased in this wonderful fundraiser to benefit Open Lands in Orland Park. Tickets will be available for purchase May 1 at the Cashier's Office in the Village Hall.

Taste Plans

I smiled when I realized that some of our younger residents have always known of the "Taste of Orland Park."

It made me think of the lists that come out on the Internet, describing today's teens as always knowing cell

phones, DVD players, YouTube, FaceBook and everything else that has joined our culture.

Our young friends who have always known Orland Park's "Taste" will be pleased to know that village staff is already planning a wonderful festival for the weekend of July 31, August 1 and 2. Many, many hours of planning go into bringing this festival to the Orland Park Village Center. And, this is a great example of the spirit of cooperation that we have between departments at the village. Each department is assigned an area related to their expertise and our employees "go to town" to plan a great event. Come join us if you've never experienced the "Taste of Orland Park." And, for those of you who have become our annual attendees — "Welcome back!" We look forward to seeing everyone at the Village Center that weekend.

By the time you receive this spring edition, the spring/summer program guide from the Recreation and Parks Department will already be in your home. Page through the guide to see all that the village's Recreation Department has planned for this



Taste of Orland Park 2009 will be held at the Orland Park Village Center, July 31, August 1 and 2.

spring and summer, inviting everyone to come outside and enjoy the weather, enjoy their families and friends, and most importantly, enjoy Orland Park.

Fifteen Years of Summer Jobs

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

Welcome, spring! Like many of you, I have been anxiously waiting for spring's arrival. Winter was long enough and we're all ready for baseball, picnics, warm weather and outdoor events.

It's hard to believe but this year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the



village's "Summer Jobs for Youth Program." I created this service in 1994, wanting to be able to help the young adults of the community

find summer jobs when they're home from college or between years in high school.

Since its creation, Summer Jobs for Youth has connected thousands of Orland Park job seekers with local employers. It's a great centralized source of information for employment with our local business community.

Teens and college students looking for summer work can start on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us.

Click on the Department Services tab to find the Human Resources area of the website. You'll see the SJY link in the left margin.

If your young adult is looking for summer employment, this is a great place to start.

Spring/Summer Fun

By now, everyone should have received their 2009 Recreation Department Spring/Summer Program Guide. The Recreation Department has a full schedule for the spring and summer months, offering something for everyone.

Quality leisure time activities and cultural opportunities remain priorities for the Orland Park Board of Trustees. My fellow board members and I know the importance of having great programs and events for everyone who calls Orland Park home. This is especially important now with the current economic conditions. You don't have to spend your hard earned dollars downtown. Take advantage of what your community offers with programs, trips and special events. We look forward to seeing everyone at all that's on the Orland Park agenda in the coming months.

Garden Contest

Another sure sign that spring has arrived in Orland Park is the village's Garden Contest being announced.

I first proposed this annual event eleven years ago because we have so many breath taking gardens in the village and I wanted the efforts of these residents recognized.

This year's contest is underway and you'll find an entry form on page 23 of this edition of the *Orland Park Public*. The contest is open to residents of detached single-family homes. Landscape architects, contractors or professional gardeners are not eligible to compete.

We're looking for traditional and unusual gardens with special features. Judging is based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance as well as use of native landscaping, color, texture and the variety of combination of plants and flowers used. Residents who have entered before are welcome to join the competition again. Let us recognize the time you spend in your garden, adding to the overall beauty of our community.

Thanks, Parks Crews

While we're talking about hard work outside, I want to congratulate and thank the village's outstanding parks crews. These village employees work tirelessly to make sure that the ballfields are ready for your games, that our parks are at their best and that you, the residents of Orland Park, are able to enjoy the acres and acres of park land in the village. Thank you to the Parks Department for doing such a great job to make our village parks what they are.

Bye, Bye Birdie

Spring also means the village's Orland Park Theatre Troupe's annual musical. Theater enthusiasts will be pleased to know that "Bye Bye Birdie" is this year's fare. Tickets are currently available at the Loebe Recreation Center for the April 24, 25 and 26 performances at Carl Sandburg's Performing Arts Center. OPTT musicals are presented with Chicago quality and the tickets are cheaper and parking is free.

A Great Season

Congratulations to this year's graduates and best wishes for a great season to all of the ballplayers. Have a safe and happy spring!

New Developments Coming To Town

by Trustee James Dodge, Chair
Development Services & Planning Committee

A number of exciting, new projects will start soon in Orland Park, and as chair of the Development Services Committee, it's my privilege to share them with you. In addition, I have included brief updates on our plans for the Main Street Triangle, the Comprehensive Plan, the 159th Street Corridor Plan, and an incentive program that the village offers to help local businesses.

Now that the weather is finally breaking from this long winter you'll see progress on these developments:

- **143rd and LaGrange.** We've started the utilities work for a major expansion of this intersection.
- **BMW Relocation and Expansion.** Construction will begin in the spring once they receive final approvals
- **Terry's Lincoln Mercury.** They've added a Subaru franchise and have reached an agreement with the village under an incentive program the village offers to invest with existing businesses to expand their operations in Orland Park.
- **Nordstrom Rack at Orland Park Place.** The signage is up and the store will open in April.
- **Culver's.** Construction will begin this summer in the Park Center.
- **Ethan Allen at Orland Crossing.** Construction will resume in the spring.
- **Five Guys Burgers and Fries.** Will move into the former Einstein's Bagles near Target in June.
- **Big Tuna Sushi.** A new Japanese restaurant is coming to the Southmoor Commons at 131st and LaGrange.
- **Staybridge Suites at Palos Country Club/Southmoor Commons.** A new hotel development is being built on the grounds of Palos Country Club.

Main Street Development Update

The Village of Orland Park and the owners of Orland Park Plaza are in active and productive conversations on reaching an amicable agreement. The village is creating plans that would provide new space for those plaza businesses that want to stay in the Main Street Project and do it with minimal disruption. The Village of Orland Park will provide relocation assistance to any impacted business, as mandated by federal law, whether they move to a new space in the Main Street Project or another location. Please recall how we worked with the developer to open new retail space before stores moved into what is now the very successful Orland Park Place, i.e., Kohl's remodeling and SportMart which became Sports Authority. The village will take a phased approach to provide certainty to everyone involved with the project.

My wife and I buy our meats at Randy's and we're all fans of the Orland Park Bakery. One of my goals has always been to make sure that we keep these local businesses that have been important to Orland Park for many years.

The village's goal have been and will continue to be to keep a neighborhood business feel, provide additional roads to access the new train station, bring new businesses/restaurants to a public space, support the antique section of Old Orland and create a "downtown area."

Clearly, the national economic situation has had an impact on the project's timing; however, this is exactly the right time for government to invest to create new opportunities. The plans that we are refining will preserve the existing businesses, create space for new businesses and the jobs that come with them and of course, provide much needed construction jobs.

Economic Development Loan Program

The Village Board recently approved changes to our Economic Development Fund, which has been in existence since 1987 to assist local businesses. The village's goal is to retain and create quality full-time permanent jobs and to encourage private investment through these public loan dollars.



The program provides low interest financing to assist businesses that want to locate or expand in Orland Park. Our changes reflect the current economic climate and we now allow for greater flexibility in determining maximum loan amounts, private/public investments ratios and remove public funding percentage caps. Office, industrial, warehouse, distribution and related businesses are given preference as we continue to diversify our economic base.

Comprehensive Plan

We are in the process of updating the village's Comprehensive Plan and we will soon be seeking your input, which is critical to the success and value of the plan.

Input will be gathered in a variety of ways, including surveys, stakeholder interviews, informal discussions, and public open houses. The village will request your help in formulating the public vision for Orland Park.
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On-Line Payments

by Trustee Edward Schussler, Chair
Finance Committee

By early summer 2009, village water billing customers will have the option of receiving their bi-monthly water bills via e-mail as opposed to receiving a paper copy in the mail. Customers will also have the option of paying bi-monthly water bills through a village hosted on-line bill pay program.

Village staff is currently implementing the processes that will allow for

these electronic options. This is just one of many ways that the village is attempting to enhance its services



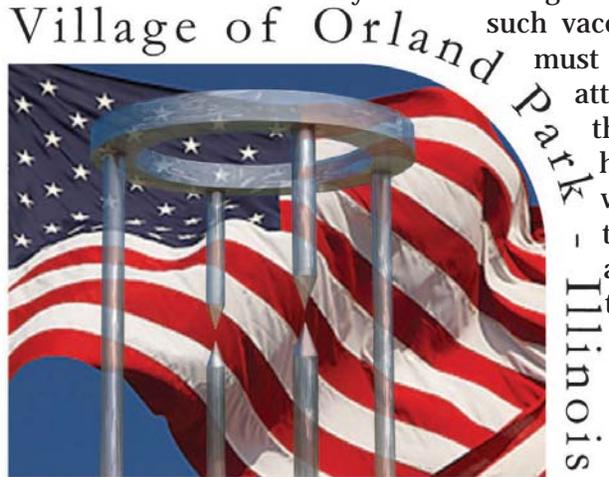
to village residents, while at the same time honoring its commitment to the "Go Green Initiative" being undertaken by many municipalities in the Chicago area.

Vehicle Sticker Sale

The village's bi-annual vehicle sticker sale is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Vehicle sticker applications will be mailed no later than Friday, May 22, 2009. Per the Village Board, vehicle sticker fees were not increased and will remain consistent with prior years. Residents will have until June 30, 2009 to purchase vehicle stickers without incurring a penalty.

Animal Tags Discontinued

Effective February 17, 2009, village residents are no longer required to register and license their animals (dogs, cats and ferrets) with the village, i.e., the village will no longer issue animal tags. Residents are still required to obtain rabies vaccines for their animals and a serially numbered tag evidencing such vaccination must be attached to the collar or harness worn by the animal at all times.



Orland Park Veterans' Memorial: Ara Pace - "Place of Peace"

HOMEOWNER, CONDOMINIUM & TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION CONTACTS WANTED

The Village of Orland Park is updating its list of homeowners', condominium and townhome associations. Each association is asked to complete the information below, clipping and mailing this form to Village Manager's Office; Village of Orland Park; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.

Name of person completing form: _____ Updated Information

Phone Number: _____ New Information

Name of Association: _____

Address of Association: _____ E-mail Address: _____

President's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Secretary's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Alarm Update

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
Public Safety Committee

The village recently amended its alarm registration ordinance in an effort to enhance police response to homes and businesses and to reduce false alarms. Almost 99% of all alarm calls are false alarms caused by user error or weather related issues. Responding to alarms can pose a threat to our officers and the general public. Eliminating false alarms will make the department more efficient and not waste precious resources.



We have been working with the alarm companies to notify our residents and businesses to complete a new alarm registration form at no cost to update current information. The new alarm registration form may have been mailed to you by your alarm company or you can find it on line on the village web site. Go to the police page to find a quick link to the Burglar Alarm Registration Form in the lower right corner of the page. Complete the form and either mail it in or drop it off at the Police Department. Soon you will be able to complete it on line and send it to us that way but not just yet. Current alarm information helps the officers and dispatchers respond more efficiently and effectively to each alarm.

Businesses are now required to complete the form every odd numbered year at no cost beginning in 2009. Residents are required to complete the form every five years at no cost in those years ending in 5 or 0 such as 2010, 2015 etc. New forms received from residents in 2009 will be valid until 2015.

We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to be more efficient and effective in our response to you, your families and businesses.

No More Tags

The Village Board recently amended the village's Animal Control Ordinance. Residents are no longer required to pay for a license and register their animals with the village. This will not only be a savings to our residents but also eliminate the paperwork involved in the registration. This does not eliminate the requirement that all animals must be vaccinated for rabies prior to reaching the age of four months. Ferrets are now included in the county ordinance and village ordinance for rabies vaccination.

The Police Department keeps descriptions of lost or missing animals reported to us and has been successful in reuniting animals and their owners. The Police Department also has two of the AVID Mini Tracker I readers for the micro chips implanted in many domestic animals. We strongly encourage residents to review this option with their veterinarians as we have had great success using this technology to reunite animals and their owners. Plans are in the preliminary stages to work with local vets to initiate a program to encourage more use of the micro chips in domestic animals. More on that later.

In closing, I offer my best wishes to the Class of 2009. If you're looking forward to beginning a career, graduating from college, high school or the little ones beginning their academic careers, we wish you all the best as you begin the next phase of your lives. Be safe.



UPCOMING POLICE EVENTS

Beat meetings will again be conducted in every beat this year for our tenth straight year. Department personnel look forward to meeting with residents to discuss police operations, crime, crime prevention and listen to concerns. Locate your neighborhood beat on the Police Department page of the village's website or by simply attending the meeting that is closest to you. We will also use the village's CODE RED System to notify residents. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Beat One on April 7 at the Police Station
- Beat Two on April 14 at Prairie School
- Beat Three on April 22 at Kruse School
- Beat Four on April 28 at Jerling Junior High
- Beat Five on May 5 at Fernway School
- Beat Six on May 12 at Meadow Ridge
- Beat Seven on May 19 at Centennial School
- Beat Eight on May 21 at Meadow Ridge

The Police in the Park Program will be conducted at three parks again this year beginning at 5:00 p.m.; Doogan Park on June 19, Heritage Park on July 17 and Marley Creek Park on August 14th. Meet the police, register bikes, learn about crime prevention programs and have a hot dog cooked by our highly skilled police BBQ experts.

The Police Department will again participate in the National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 4th. Most of the events will be held on the grounds of the Village Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends to meet the police and

participate in crime prevention events, enjoy entertainment for the kids, view police equipment and resources.

Veterans Commission

The Orland Park Veterans Commission will hold its Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 25th at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony. The deadline for paying (\$250.00) to have your

at www.osotil.com to see the latest list of needed supplies.

Job Fair for Vets

The media has covered the unemployment rate of veterans and the Orland Park Veterans Commission is doing its part to help our country's military veterans find jobs when they return home. We regularly host veterans' job fairs in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Employment Security and our next event will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue, on May 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Military Family Support

Loved ones of those currently serving are always welcomed to join Orland Park's Military Family Support Group. This wonderful group of parents, spouses, relatives and friends of current

military meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Call Veterans Commission Recording Secretary Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203 to learn more about this supportive, casual and very friendly group. If you're not interested in joining the group but would like your military person's address added to the list of care package recipients, that's fine too. The group would love to include his/her name on the Orland Park Veterans Commission care package mailing list and for Operation Support Our Troops - Illinois.

Keep Those Cards & Letters Coming

Mayor McLaughlin and the Veterans Commission encourage and welcome Orland Park children groups and students to regularly participate in collecting items for care packages as well as writing letters and preparing hand made or purchased greeting cards for the troops. Items from children are especially appreciated by our troops and the Veterans Commission includes these cards and letters in packages that are sent to deployed military personnel.

Scout leaders, religious education instructors, teachers and other adults working with children are strongly encouraged to contact Gail Blummer to learn more about how their groups can help lift the spirits of those bravely serving our country.

Illinois VA at VHall

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs office is permanently located in the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. This office is open to all veterans living in the State of Illinois. Veterans Service Officer Charletta Hayes is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to assist with veteran benefit information. Call 403-2011 to make an appointment.

More Lectures Planned

The Orland Park Veterans Commission hosted its first very well attended military presentation from the Kassel Mission Historical Society in January. The commission will host quarterly military themed presentations for the public throughout the year.

Watch the village's website, the local media and Orland Park TV-4 on the Comcast system for details about upcoming lectures.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin will read the newly added veterans' names at the 2009 Memorial Day Ceremony. The deadline to add a vet's name is April 24, 2009. Call 403-6203 for the cost and details.

veteran's name added to Orland Park's wall is April 24th. Honored veterans may be living or deceased and need not live in Orland Park. Call 708/403-6203 for details.

Don't Forget Our Troops

The Village of Orland Park maintains two permanent collection sites for Operation Support Our Troops - Illinois, the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue and the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

OSOT-IL reported that contributions are down 30 to 40%, attributing it to the national economy. If able to help with supplies needed by the brave men and women generously serving our country, visit OSOT-IL's website

APRIL *in Orland Park*



Wednesday, April 1

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 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; 9:00 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.

Friday, April 3

- Last day for \$25 fee waiving for required Rental Housing Registration

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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 6:00

Thursday, April 9

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

Saturday, April 11

- 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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 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 & 29

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 6:00

Friday, April 24

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

April 24, 25 and 26

- Theatre Troupe's "Bye Bye Birdie;" Call 403-7275 for details.
- Spring Clean Up • Call 403-6350 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.

MAY *in Orland Park*



Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3

- Times of the Civil War; Hostert Log Cabins; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 4

- Senior Spring Coffee; Civic Center; 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- 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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 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; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Village Center

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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 6:00

Saturday, May 23

- Centennial Park Aquatic Center opens for the season.

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

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @ 6:00

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.

JUNE *in Orland Park*



Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

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

Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

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

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10 & 17

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @6:00

Thursday, June 11

- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 12

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

Sunday, June 14

- Baseball Card Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Banjo Buddies; Outdoor Amphitheater; 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15

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

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

- Wednesday Happening; 11:00 a.m.; Outdoor Amphitheater
- Economic Development Adv Bd; Village Hall; 7:15 a.m.
- Civic Center Authority; Civic Center; 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 19

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

Monday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 24

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @6:00

Friday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 28

- Open Lands Garden Walk; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Civic Center

Tuesday, June 30

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

JULY *in Orland Park*



Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2

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

Friday, July 3

- Village offices closed. NO FARMERS' MARKET
- Independence Spectacular; CenPark; 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Liberty Fun Run; 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

- Independence Spectacular; Centennial Park

Monday, July 6

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

Wednesday, July 8

- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @6:00

Thursday, July 9

- Veterans' Commission; George Brown Commons; 7:00 p.m.
- Movies at the Center; Cultural Center; Dusk

Friday, July 10

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

Sunday, July 12 & 26

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

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

- 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, July 15

- Economic Development Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:15 a.m.
- Kiwanis BINGO; Civic Center; Doors @ 4:00 p.m.; Games @6:00

Thursday, July 16 & 23

- Movies at the Center; Cultural Center; Dusk

Friday, July 17

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

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Friday, July 24

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

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

Friday, July 31

- NO FARMERS' MARKET
- Taste of Orland Park 2009; Village Center; 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

A retail vacancy rate under 10% for a community has always been considered positive. The national average for vacancy rates available from the beginning of the fourth quarter were at 13.4%. The vacancy rate in Orland Park is 7.36%. This continues to be a very strong retail market. We have over 8.5 million square feet of retail space and we continue to be in the top ten largest revenue producers in the state.

According to the National Association of Realtors, the national average for vacant office space was at 9.8% through the third quarter of 2008. Orland Park's rate through February 13, 2009 was at 3.75%.

In 2008, 83 businesses opened in Orland Park. There were eighteen new commercial construction projects in 2008 with a value of more than \$20 million.

There were also 226 businesses that took out remodeling permits, continuing to invest in their property.

Marcus Theaters expanded and we had several new restaurants including Fat Burger, Longhorn Steakhouse, Red Robin and Ottimo's.

A couple of side notes worth mentioning, Red Robin's opening week was the best opening week they have had in 40 years.

Plus, after six weeks, it is still the busiest in their national chain. Ottimo's was written up in the March edition of *Chicago Magazine* as one of the top ten new restaurants in the entire Chicago area.

American Technical Publishers built a green building in the I-80 corridor and are already employing more than 50 people.

Cooper's Hawk opened a new winery in the

Orland Park Business Center and expanded their restaurant on Harlem. They were recently invited to provide the wine for the Illinois Ball at President Obama's Inauguration.

2009 already looks promising. Nordstrom Rack will be opening in April. Staybridge Suites Hotel at Southmoor Country Club will begin construction in spring.

BMW is expanding. Terry's Lincoln Mercury was just awarded a Subaru Dealership and they will begin their expansion project this year.

Five Guys Burgers will fill the old Einstein Bagel location and Culver's Restaurant will be opening on 159th street. A new Sushi Bar is coming to 131st and LaGrange Road.



American Technical Publishers built a green building in the I-80 Corridor at 10100 Orland Parkway.

There are several retail developers talking with our planning department on specific properties and we are looking forward to those plans coming to fruition in 2009.

I mentioned earlier the small number of new residential permits issued in 2008, however it is a very good sign that 1,500 permits were issued last year for residential remodeling and/or additions. Fourteen hundred new families moved into Orland Park over the last two years which means homes in Orland Park are still selling and people still want to move here in spite of the economy.

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State of the Village

We are proud that Orland Park received several honors in 2008. *Money Magazine* once again named Orland Park as one of the top 100 Best Places to Live in America. The Orland Park Civic Center was named one of Illinois 150 Best Places by the American Institute of Architects.

The Government Finance Officers' Association honored the village for its budget, and Orland Park received the Clean Air Counts Award for climate protection issues, our community tree ordinances, and development review process encouraging conservation.

The Public Works Department keeps us safe in a different way and they have been tested in December and January like never before. The amount of effort this season on snow removal and salting our streets was record setting.

I would be remiss if I didn't give you an update on our downtown, Main Street Triangle project. While we continue to negotiate with the property owners, several retailers as well as developers have continued talking with our staff and have shown a great deal of confidence in this project.

I know there are many people here today, including myself, that shop at any number of the stores in the plaza. While some people like to create or spread rumors, I want you to know that every effort will be made to work with and assist those retailers in the plaza with the sincere intentions that they stay in the project or very close by in Orland Park.

With all of the effort we make to attract retailers to Orland Park, we certainly wouldn't want to lose the good, longstanding businesses we have.

Our numerous community events in 2008 provided the opportunities for activities that any great city would be proud of and which enhance our quality of life.

Last year I mentioned that in addition to the many areas of green construction, open space, energy conservation and recycling that we already lead the way on, I was going to introduce a major Green Initiative. We are working on some additional details and we look forward to rolling it out very soon.

Recently, Orland Park was selected as one of only twelve communities in the Chicago area to participate in the Commonwealth Edison Energy Challenge. This is a challenge that we will need the help of the Chamber, along with other agencies and businesses in the community, to be successful.

As you can see we have a lot to be proud of and a lot to be thankful for; however, your mayor and village board don't take any of it for granted. We have tried to make tough decisions, keeping the village moving forward with a keen eye on what's going on around us. We've made decisions that I feel are appropriate and in the long term, best interest of Orland Park.



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Speaking of the police, we continue to be a very safe community and can boast of having what I think is the best police department in the state.

But as they say, timing is everything and even those businesses with a strong interest, need financing. Until the financial institutions begin to open up we will have to be patient.

But keep in mind that the board's vision is to create a downtown district, and that vision has to be longer and more resilient than a short-term economic cycle.

Village Center Turns Twenty

Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday At "Times of the Civil War"

The Village of Orland Park will host "Times of the Civil War" on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at the John Humphrey Sports Complex and adjacent Hostert Log Cabins, 14700 West (100th) Avenue.



Union soldiers prepare to march at the 2008 Times of the Civil War. This year's event will be held May 2 and 3 at the Hostert Log Cabins on West Avenue.

throughout the day between union troops, rebel forces and the home guard. Reenactments will be conducted throughout the day by the First Illinois Brigade, including infantry from the 10th Illinois, 36th Illinois, 45th Illinois and 104th Illinois, and Calvary 8th Illinois.

Authentic uniforms, weapons, tents and utensils will be used for the performances. Attendees will see infantry, musket and bayonet drills, cooking demonstrations and a period baseball game.

The Hostert brothers' log cabins were originally built in other parts of Orland Park in the mid-1800s and were re-constructed at their current locations in the 1980s. Each cabin is furnished with original pieces from the appropriate era. The cabins will be opened during the event with commentary provided by members of the Orland Historical Society throughout the day. Music will be provided by the Battlefield Balladeers and refreshments and period merchandise will be available for purchase.

The grounds will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on both Saturday, May 2 and Sunday May 3. Admission is free and parking will be available at the Humphrey Complex and at the adjacent Orland Junior High and High Point Schools. Additional parking will be available at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at the east end of the complex. Orland Park's John Humphrey Sports Complex and the adjacent Hostert Brothers' log cabins are located at 14700 West (100th) Avenue, four blocks west of LaGrange Road/Route 45. Further information is available at 708/403-6140.

Named for the village's first mayor, the John Humphrey Sports Complex and the adjacent Humphrey Woods, along with the Hostert Brothers' Log Cabins, will be transformed into an authentic military camp where guests can witness battles



Orland Park will celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday with a visit from President and Mrs. Lincoln during Times of the Civil War on Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hostert Log Cabins.



Village Center Marks Two Decades

The August, 1988 edition of this publication, the "Orland Park Public," shows the construction progress of the Orland Park Village Center Complex which debuted in the fall of 1989.

The Orland Park Civic Center, dedicated to the memory of the late Village Trustee William R. Vogel, a WWII Navy veteran, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2009 along with the other facilities in the Village Center. The Civic Center was dedicated to Trustee Vogel because it is a center for gathering and Bill was affectionately known as "Mr. Orland Park" because of his endless volunteering throughout the community.

Consider the Civic Center for your next event, collectible and trade show, business meeting or family gathering. The Civic Center is available seven days a week, all year long, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. This is the only facility in the Village Center that permits alcohol on the premises and two halls are available. Call 708/403-6200 to tour the building or to talk to the staff about planning your next event.

Village News

Vehicle Stickers Available May 26

All vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses must display a current village vehicle sticker. New residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker. Applications for the 2009-11 stickers



will be mailed to all village addresses in mid-May. Residents who do not receive a pre-printed application in the mail must come to the Village Hall to purchase stickers or call the Cashier's Office at 403-6170 to ask that a form be mailed.

Stickers will be available for purchase beginning May 26, 2009 through June 30, 2009 without penalty. Cars and motorcycles are \$15.00 each while stickers for recreational vehicles are \$22.00 each. Trucks vary in price from \$22.00 to \$127.00, dependent on the license plate class. Seniors, age 65 or older, may purchase stickers for \$1.00 each with two seniors per household permitted, provided there are two senior drivers at the address.

Village Ordinance #3975, adopted January 17, 2005, states that after July 1, vehicle sticker fees shall be doubled. New residents moving into the village and people purchasing a new car must purchase a vehicle sticker within 30 days to avoid paying an additional penalty. Residents who purchase new vehicles during the year must provide proof of purchase date if the vehicle is purchased after June 30, 2009.

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

- 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.



Trustee Dodge Comprehensive Plan

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Watch the village's web site and cable station this spring for news about the first Public Visioning Session and Open House.

The plan was originally written in 1991, with a limited update in 1997. The Village of Orland Park Comprehensive Plan serves numerous purposes. It's a "big picture" vision of what a community wants to become at some time in the future followed by recommendations for achieving that vision. Most importantly, the comprehensive plan helps protect the community by protecting and preserving the village's assets and assuring that land is developed according to the community's vision. A comprehensive plan also serves as a policy guide for developing village regulations and setting priorities in the allocation of public dollars for civic improvements.

The plan gives direction to the private sector concerning village policy on land development. The updated comprehensive plan will address current data as well as future trends for demographics, land use, transportation, housing, economic development, environment, open space, community culture, community character,

community facilities and utilities. Area plans will also be developed that strategically focus on the issues and needs of smaller geographically based districts.

159th Street Corridor Plan

The Village of Orland Park received an \$180,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to develop a corridor plan for 159th Street. The area of study extends for eighteen miles between I-355 and I-294 and will be a cooperative effort between the six communities along the corridor that will also contribute to the required \$20,000

matching funds. A steering committee has been established that will seek your input.

The goal of the corridor plan is to improve the quality of life on 159th Street by addressing a wide range of planning issues including mobility, economic development and the physical environment. The

final plan will be a consensus based vision for the corridor that will give the participating communities the tools and strategies necessary to create a unified corridor identity while still respecting the character and unique qualities of each community.

The plan will serve both as a blueprint of achievable projects by municipalities for the short term as well as guidance for longer term projects by IDOT and others as they occur. Public participation is a key part of the plan and will be addressed through stakeholder interviews and two public open houses. Look for announcements this spring on the village web site and cable station that will detail the times and locations for these meetings. I thank you in advance for your input and ideas.

METRA Saturday Service

One of the fastest growing lines in Metra's service area is the Southwest Line that comes through Orland Park. Since the major upgrade recently to allow for more trains, the number of commuters has significantly increased. With the help of Congressman Lipinski and a grant from the RTA, Metra began providing weekend service on the Southwest Line March 21. The service will include three trains a day, each way, on the weekends running from Manhattan to Chicago.

This is a one-year long "demonstration program" which, if successful, will greatly help Metra get the additional federal funds necessary to keep and hopefully, improve this service. Metra's weekend fares are still \$5 for the whole weekend. I strongly encourage everyone to take Metra if your plan allows on the weekend so they know that the need is here.



The 143rd Street Station is one of three Orland Park weekend stops added to the Southwest Line effective March 21.

Recreation & Parks

The Village of Orland Park's Centennial Park Aquatic Center debuted during the village's centennial year, 1992, when the community celebrated Orland Park's 100th anniversary as a municipality in the State of Illinois. Since its creation seventeen years ago, CPAC has become a community favorite for swim lessons, splash parties and summer fun for everyone.

Located at 15600 West Avenue, the aquatic center is open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.

Early Bird Membership Fees

Memberships discounted through April 25th. Join now and save!

Opening Day Special

May 23rd: R - \$3 / NR - \$6

Aquatic Center open 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(Members may enter at 11:00 a.m.)

Daily Admission

Until 5:00 p.m. – R: \$6 / NR - \$12

After 5:00 p.m. – R: \$3 / NR - \$12

Daily Pool Hours

12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members may enter one hour early (11:00 a.m.) on weekends.

Modified Pool Hours

May 26 – June 5: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. weekdays

July 3 – POOL CLOSSES AT 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a late night swim 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

(Regular admission fees apply.)

July 4: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (no early admit for members)

Family Fun Nights

Win a 2010 Family Pool Membership!
A raffle ticket will be given to those age three and older at each Family Fun Night. Winner will be drawn Thursday, August 6 and must be present to win. Regular admission applies.

Buffett Bonanza

July 16
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Contest for best Hawaiian shirt and best beach towel

Christmas in July

July 30
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Santa Claus will lead the celebration!
Bring two canned or non-perishable items and receive admission at
\$2 – residents / \$8 – non-residents
with non-perishable food donation

Back to School Night

August 6
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Fun, fun, fun! Water balloon toss, relay races & other summer fun!

Jr. Lifeguarding

New Students: June 15 - 18
Returning Students: June 29 – July 2nd
R - \$44 / NR - \$66

Water Exercise

Low Impact Cardio In-Water Workout
June 9 – July 16
Tue. or Thurs. 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
R - \$44 / NR - \$66 / Sr. \$22

Water Class for the Classics

Gentle Exercise in the Water
June 11 – July 16
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. • Age 55 and up
R - \$22 / NR - \$33

Splash Parties

Host your next birthday party at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center!
*12 Guests - \$160R / \$260NR
Includes pool, pavilion, lunch and souvenir bottle.
Call 645-PLAY(7529) or 403-PARK(7275) for details and availability.
*Additional guests: \$9R / \$17NR

Sportsplex

HOLIDAY HOURS

Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Memorial Day - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Independence Day - 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(The office, Kidz Room and Climbing Wall will be closed on these days.)

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, April 25 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

SUMMER STUDENT SPECIAL

3-Month Student Memberships
Residents: \$83 NR: \$135
NO INITIATION FEE!

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

May 1 – August 31, 2009
New members receive up to three months free!
3 Month Student Memberships On Sale!
R - \$83 / NR - \$135
12-month memberships only.
Free time added to end of term.
Must be 14+ to utilize fitness center (does not apply to corp memberships)

FREE FRIEND FRIDAYS!

Friends are free every Friday.
Members may bring up to two guests each Friday.
(Applies to Fitness Center only. Does not include open gym, soccer or climbing wall. Guests must be age 14 or older.)

SUMMER ROCK HOURS - JUNE 15TH

Mon & Wed - Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Tues & Thurs - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

April 3, May 1 & June 5
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
R - \$10 / NR - \$15

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Rock Climbing, Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Football, Soccer, Baseball...
it's your choice
R - \$110 - \$140 / NR - \$160 - \$190
(Fees determined by number of attendees.)
Call 645-PLAY for more information and availability.

See the Spring/Summer Program Guide for everything offered this season!

Tornado Preparedness Is Essential

Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height create an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere. Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal spinning to vertical.

Thunderstorms develop in warm, moist air in advance of eastward moving cold fronts. These thunderstorms often produce hail, strong winds and tornadoes.

A severe thunderstorm warning means that severe thunderstorms are occurring. Close all windows and doors. Draw all shades or blinds on windows. If a window or door glass breaks due to high winds, shades might reduce the risk of flying glass.

Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather risk to residents of Illinois.

Tornadoes in Illinois totaled 123 in 2006, 23 in 2007 and 89 in 2008. The prime tornado season in Illinois is March through May, with 63% occurring during that time, although tornadoes can and do occur at any time of the year.

Tornadoes can be almost invisible, marked only by swirling debris at the base of the funnel. Some are composed of several mini-funnels.

A tornado **watch** means that tornadoes are possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter.

A tornado **warning** means an actual tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. The Village of Orland Park's Outdoor Warning Siren System is activated when a tornado warning for our area is issued by the National Weather Service or when an actual tornado has been sighted.

When The Sirens Sound

When a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, the village's sirens have been activated, or a tornado has been sighted, take the following actions.

- Go at once to your predetermined shelter (basement, storm cellar or the lowest level of the building). If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, i.e., a bathroom or closet or get under a stairway. Monitor the radio for latest weather information. Remain in the shelter until the danger has passed.

- Stay away from all windows, door and outside walls. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, i.e. workbench or heavy table. Use sofa cushions to protect your head and neck. If sturdy furniture is not available, become a very small target. Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them.

- If in a trailer home or business, leave and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie it down. If there isn't substantial shelter nearby, seek shelter in a low lying area. Shield your head with your hands.

- In schools, hospitals, nursing homes or public buildings, go to small interior rooms or halls on the lowest floor. Avoid large rooms such as gymnasiums or auditoriums.

- Damage to buildings is caused by violent winds and debris slamming into the building, not by the low pressure of the tornado as it passes overhead.

Consider Buying An NOAA Weather Radio

The National Weather Service issues severe weather alerts through NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radios. Different models and price ranges are available at area electronic stores.

Does Your Family Have A Disaster Kit?

All Orland Park families are encouraged to put aside a separate box with supplies to be used only in the event of an emergency.

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes
- Change of clothes

Families Should Establish An Out-of-State Contact

If family members are separated from one another during a tornado --- a genuine possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school --- have a plan for getting back together. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

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Village Communications

The Village of Orland Park prides itself on a long history of using many means to communicate with the community. What once may have been shared among neighbors at Loebe Brothers General Store on Union Avenue has evolved into a number of media being utilized to deliver important messages to the community.

This village publication, now in its 28th year, was local government's first foray into public communication. Village history also includes employees going door to door hand delivering descriptions of early Recreation Department programs.

Orland Park TV-4, on the Comcast Cable Television System, will soon be augmented with village programs also airing on A T & T U-Verse Channel 99. The village's website is the most utilized means of communication, experiencing thousands of visits a day.



Taking its communication further into the digital age, the Village of Orland Park is now one of the first few government agencies in the country invited to participate in Zumbox, the first all-digital postal system that is free for qualified senders of regular mail.

Zumbox delivers mail electronically based on the same street addresses as traditional physical postal systems and enables consumers to easily access their mail from anywhere at anytime via the Internet. There is no need for an intermediary to sort, scan or forward paper mail.

Along with the obvious conservation advantages, Zumbox in Orland Park will offer community information. Village staff will be able to easily communicate with registered residents and businesses, including reminders about upcoming special events, sponsorship opportunities, watering restrictions and more.

Residents can promote personal events including homeowner association meetings, block parties, garage sales, etc. The hometown feel will enable Orland Park to support its local business community, helping the local economy grow.

Young adults from Orland Park who are away at school can keep in touch with their hometown, checking their mail on line just as if they were at home pulling it out of the mailbox. Open communication is very important between residents and their local government representatives. Zumbox is another way for the Village of Orland Park to communicate with its residents and businesses.

For more information, visit www.zumbox.com.

Residential Gardens Sought for Garden Walk

Plans are underway for the Village of Orland Park's fifth annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Dedicated to the memory of the late Open Lands Commissioner Shirley Fazio, the event is hosted by the Open Lands of Orland Park.

Outstanding yards are being sought to participate in this special event. Six to eight homes will be chosen for this fund-raising tour. The gardens chosen for the tour will be single-family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park.

Local landscapers, garden centers and vendors will showcase their products and services at boutiques set up at the Village Center. The day will also feature refreshments and music under a large tent and informational lectures on gardens. Visitors will be able to tour the homes on their own or take advantage of the trolley service provided. Tickets for the event will be available in advance and on the day of the event.



GARDEN WALK PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Yes! I would like my garden considered for the Open Lands 2009 Garden Walk. I have enclosed photos of my garden.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please complete, clip and mail the form above to 2009 GARDEN WALK; Village of Orland Park; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.

Vendors Sought for Garden Walk

Boutique vendors and crafters are invited to showcase and sell their products and services at the Open Lands' Garden Walk on Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for lawn and garden retailers, service providers, gift shops, specialty boutiques and crafters to introduce their businesses at this community event.

A 20' x 20' space is available for \$50 and includes an eight-foot skirted table with two chairs and the business name listed in the event program. Return the vendor application above with a check to reserve your booth space today. For details, call 403-6145.

GARDEN WALK 2009 VENDOR APPLICATION

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Web address: _____

Complete and mail with payment to Garden Walk 2009; Village of Orland Park; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.



Residential Gardens Sought for Eleventh Annual Contest

The Village of Orland Park invites amateur gardeners to enter its Eleventh Annual Garden Contest. The competition is open to residents of single-family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park. Awards will be presented for first, second and third place and for special features.

Traditional and/or unusual gardens are welcomed and judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance as well as the use of native landscaping, color, texture and the variety and combination of plants and flowers used. The deadline for entries is June 15, 2009. Judging will take place in late June/early July and awards will be presented at a September Village Board meeting. Contestants need not be home at the time of judging. For more information, call 403-6145. Mail forms to Village of Orland Park Garden Contest; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.

Please clearly PRINT or TYPE all information. The deadline for entries is June 15, 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby give my permission to the Village of Orland Park and its Garden Contest representatives to enter my property for the purpose of consideration in the Village of Orland Park Garden Contest. I hereby grant my irrevocable permission to the Garden Contest and its authorized agents to use my name and any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of my participation in this event for any purpose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses opened since January, 2009.

All Seasons Distributors	9135 135th Street
Balanced Bodywork	62 Orland Square Drive
Clothes Mentor	9238 159th Street
Det Norske Veritas	10760 143rd Street
Dynamic Physics Technologies	10760 143rd Street
El Pueblito (COMING SOON)	9111 151st Street
Excel Driving School	13131 LaGrange Road
Fifth Third Bank	28 Orland Square Drive
H & S Ingredients	10750 143rd Street
Jamarco Salon	9640 143rd Street
Michael Hill LLC	62 Orland Square Drive
Orland Best Service	9270 159th Street
Performance Detailing	15616 70th Court
S&M Tobacco Wholesale	15561 70th Court
Smoothie Rox (COMING SOON)	13133 LaGrange Road
South Suburban Tattoo & Piercing	9532 159th Street
Space Golf (New Location)	15611 94th Avenue
Tri-State Financial Services	15898 LaGrange Road
United Painting Contractors	15535 70th Court
Wolf Deli & Pantry	17849 Wolf Road

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Cashier • Sat 9am-1pm
www.orland-park.il.us

ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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
14750 Park Lane
708/349-1402

Robert Davidson Center

14700 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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DRIVER'S LICENSE FACILITY

Board Room of the Village Hall
1-800-252-8980
Monday through Friday • 9am to 5pm
Address/Name Changes • Vision Tests
State Identification Cards • Plate Stickers

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