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Smart Living
ORLAND PARK

Mayor's Message

On August 4, the Village of Orland Park unveiled Smart Living Orland Park, a comprehensive green initiative for the entire community. We've been working on this initiative for almost a year and we were eager to roll it out.

Smart Living Orland Park is comprised of five components, including Smart Neighborhood, Smart Living, Smart Business, Smart Village and Smart Codes. The five part plan is encompassed within the village's ECOMAP, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Municipal Action Plan.

Smart Living Orland Park offers guidelines for the wise use of resources.

Smart Building encourages green buildings in the community with Smart Codes calling for modernized building codes to encourage green construction and lifestyles. Smart Neighborhood encourages green homes in new subdivisions and with new construction in existing subdivisions.

We have been working for many years on being sensitive of our environmental impact and Orland Park has led the way in many areas, including our Open Lands Program, community wide residential recycling and pedestrian oriented developments.

The village received national honors in October 2007 for developing its new police facility from an existing

building and making it a "green building."

The Orland Park Police Station is the first LEED (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) Gold Certified police station in the country, being a model for energy and resource conservation.

We wanted to take this further and develop a village wide program that offers incentives for all facets of the community --- residential, commerce and government --- to work together to conserve resources. *continued*



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During its first year, Orland Park's goal is to reduce the energy footprint of the village by 0.5% to 1.5% to begin the downward trend in energy consumption, establishing a benchmark for future reductions.

In November 2008, Orland Park was one of twelve Chicago area suburbs chosen to participate in the ComEd Challenge. Participating municipalities were chosen because of their demonstrated commitment to sustainability.

Orland Park was honored to be a part of the challenge, both because of our green efforts thus far and as the only south suburban community named. Our staff developed an outstanding program of which our Smart Living components are key elements.

Orland Park's ECOMAP outlines seventeen tasks and more than 100 deliverables and recommendations that will help meet the goals and objectives of the plan while improving the quality of life in Orland Park from an energy perspective.

Most people want to do the right thing but aren't sure what to do or how to do it.

The village's plan gives residents a list of things they can do, from the easiest and least expensive on up to more detailed ways to conserve energy and save money.

Our goal is to distill this very comprehensive ECOMAP road map into a packaged, marketable approach that every home and business can understand and be

a part of. Smart Living enables homeowners to gain recognition for obtaining certain attainable levels of sustainability and have fun doing it.

The village's plan calls for the revision of code amendments, planning and development review procedures, municipal economic development loans and incentive programs to increase energy savings.

Orland Park wants to encourage new green developments throughout the village. We're hoping to spur this by offering incentives for businesses and developers to build green.

The program targets homes,

For the village, ECOMAP is a first step down the road toward green and sustainable practices and development. It is a forerunner plan that will prepare and position the village for more advanced green and sustainable opportunities in the future.

Village government will do its part to conserve energy as the plan calls for targeting specific planning and public works projects and goals that reduce traffic congestion, green house gas emissions and save energy. Municipal and public buildings will be targeted for energy savings with the village establishing energy conservation measures.

Smart Living enables homeowners to gain recognition for obtaining certain attainable levels of sustainability and have fun doing it.

businesses, schools and faith communities for energy savings and to market energy saving products. Among its objectives is encouraging local architects, engineers and designers to build green and working with contractors to deliver energy saving programs.

Orland Park is pleased to again take a leadership role in energy conservation. We're very proud of our plan that addresses the community as a whole, bringing many facets together for everyone's benefit.

Village Planner Nectarios Pittos developed the village's ECOMAP as part of the village's entry for the ComEd Challenge and to facilitate the village's green initiative. The plan will help change the way Orland Park residents, businesses and visitors acquire, use and think about energy.

Parks and Buildings Director Frank Stec is overseeing the village's portion of the program, Smart Village. The village has committed itself to planning for future generations with the energy saving that we're promoting now. We currently have three projects underway that illustrate the village's efforts, including the native landscaping at the police station, our chemical-free Frontier Park in Old Orland and the Native Plant Demonstration Garden outside of the Village Hall.

Parts of the program already unveiled include the village's "Green Tent" appearing at public events. We've been distributing information about energy and water conservation, recycling, rain barrels and upcoming gardening programs hosted by the Prairie Godmothers.

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Hometown Heroes

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.

Tech Sergeant Adam Moore

United States Air Force
Illinois State University Class of 2007
Taylorville Community High School
Class of 1998

Private First Class

Patrick Joseph Burke, Jr.

United States Army
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2006

Private Sean Patrick Pratl

Illinois Army National Guard
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2008

Private First Class Glenn M. Hurt

United States Army
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2006

Private First Class

Christopher M. Waugh

United States Army Infantry
Victor Andrew High School Class of 2001

Seaman Wayne E. Sobanski, III

United States Navy
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2008

Corporal Adam Thomas Bradach

United States Marine Corps
Moraine Valley Community College
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2003

LCPL Efrain Antonio Cruz, Jr.

United States Marine Corps
Moraine Valley Community College
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2007

Airman Apprentice

Wayne Edward Sobanski III

United States Navy
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2008

Private First Class Joseph Kowalczyk

United States Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2009

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 **Colin Burnett, Rick Grenda** and **Kevin Germino** for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 318.

Named to The Regional News 2009 All-Area Basketball Teams are Sandburg students **Mitch Thompson**, All-Area First Team, **Fahad Nazir**, Third Team, and **Steve Demogerontas**, Honorable Mention. **Ashley Teresiak** and **Jenna Hoffman** both received Honorable Mentions on the Girls' All-Area Basketball Team. Congratulations to all of these fine young athletes!

Congratulations to **Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383** for receiving the National Summertime Pack Award. Pack 383 was honored for offering a number of summer events, making its pack a year round organization.

Taylor Wenzel was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Congratulations on achieving this wonderful distinction.

Congratulations to Century Junior High students **Dylan Klouda** and **Justin Gallagher**. Both students scored 99% on the Mount Carmel High School entrance exam and received scholarships. **Bridget Downes**, a seventh grader at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, placed 32nd in the World Championships of Irish Dance in Philadelphia, PA. Bridget placed ninth in the 2008 North American Championships and second in the Midwest Championships to qualify to compete at the World Championship. *continued*

Outstanding Youth

Four Carl Sandburg High School alumni were inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at Indiana University during their freshman year in 2009. The current sophomores include **David Cameli, Courtney Gallagher, Jennifer Hirschman,** and **Conor Sullivan**. Orland Park had one of the largest groups in the society which is noteworthy since relatively few students from Orland Park attend Indiana University.

Orland Park native **Brandon Precin**, a member of the Northwestern University Wildcats Wrestling Team, placed third in the country at 125 pounds in the NCAA Championships in March. Precin's stellar postseason elevated him to All-American status for the second time in two years.

Congratulations to Sandburg student **Billy Strnad** for capturing first place in the field of engineering graphics in this year's Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Regional Competition, and second place in sectionals. Strnad went on to place fifth in the state competition sponsored by the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

DJ Bennett, a junior at Carl Sandburg High School, was crowned IHSA Class 4A Slam Dunk Champion in March at the state basketball finals in Peoria. Bennett became the first Sandburg basketball player to receive this honor.

Sixteen year old Orland Park violinist **Vincent Meklis** took second place honors at the Corpus Christi International Competition for Piano and Strings. The competition drew applicants from across the United States and international applicants from 20 countries. The age limit was 26 and Vince was one of only two high school students invited. In March he performed as a soloist and with the award winning Polaris Quartet at the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall in New York and the Terrace Theater at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington D.C.

Congratulations to the following Carl Sandburg High School students named to the Chicago Fire/SouthtownStar Girls All-Area Soccer Team: **Victoria Kappel, Taylor Moesle, Allie Osoba** and **Lauren Solomon**.

The American Legion Orland Memorial Post #111 recently announced the recipients of the annual American Legion Scholl Award medal designed to recognize students deemed most worthy of the high qualities of Citizenship of true Americanism.

This award is the highest honor awarded American youth by the American Legion.

The Class of 2009 recipients include **Hannah Mathew** and **Lucas Stevenson** of Christian Hills Church Grade School, **Claire Bessette** and **Mitchell Siwa** of Cardinal Joseph Bernadin Catholic Grade School, **Clare Allison**



Mayor Dan McLaughlin recently honored Eagle Scouts (l to r) Rick Grenda, Colin Burnett and Kevin Germino of Boy Scout Troop 318. These young men recently completed extensive criteria to achieve the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout.

and **Brendan McGovern** of Saint Michael Catholic Grade School, **Aneta Rychtarczyk** and **Daniel Fleming** of Norbert Jerling Junior High School, **Paige Dauparas** and **Ben Marks** of Century Junior High School, and **Shannon McKane** and **Tyler Hartman** of Orland Junior High School. Congratulations to all of these graduates on receiving this prestigious award!

The Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce announced its 2009 scholarship winners. The chamber awarded three \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parents own or are employed by chamber businesses. The scholarships were awarded based on community service involvement, school performance and activity involvement and consideration of employment during the school year.

Congratulations to Orland Park resident and Carl Sandburg High School graduate, Class of 2009 **Leah Hollaway** on being selected to receive this scholarship. Leah will attend Loyola University in the fall and plans to major in chemistry, with a future career goal of becoming a dentist.

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Village Clerk's Office

Census 2010

by Village Clerk David Maher

While it may not seem like ten years have passed, it is time for the 2010 Census. Mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the census is a count of everyone living in the United States conducted every ten years. The 2010 Census will have important repercussions on both funding for the Village of Orland Park and representation of its residents both at the state and national levels.

To prepare for this undertaking, Mayor McLaughlin has assembled a Complete Count Committee, appointing the Clerk's Office as the liaison between the village and the U.S. Census Bureau. Working in partnership with the Clerk's Office are Orland Township, local school districts, the Chamber of Commerce, the Orland Fire Protection District and the churches that serve our community. These partnerships will enable the village to provide information about the upcoming census to a large number of residents.

Why participate?

The importance of the 2010 Census is far greater than a mere head count of residents. The number of residents counted dictates the amount of government funding received for schools, health care, roads, housing and other services.

Currently, \$300 billion a year is proportionally allocated to municipalities based on population data collected during the census. For every resident not counted, between \$10,000 and \$12,000 are lost in government funds over a ten year period, quickly adding up to hundreds of thousands of dollars for our area.

Additionally, the census affects our national government representation. Since Illinois's inception as a state we have lost seven congressional representatives because of a lack of response to census questionnaires. This has significant effects on federal funding received by the state, as well as representation of issues important to the electorate. A decrease in 2010 Census responses could have very important consequences for both funding and representation.



Security and confidentiality are two important concerns many residents might have when participating in the 2010 Census.

Any census worker or official who comes to your door should be able to provide proper identification ensuring the safety of residents. Also, all responses to census questionnaires are completely confidential.

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice.

Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently visiting to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Not even during WWII would the Census Bureau release information about U.S. residents to the War Department. Data is collected and aggregated to ensure confidentiality. There is no court, no law and no person powerful enough to access your individual responses.

Since the first census in 1790 the U.S. population has grown from a mere 3.9 million to over 300 million people, and much like the United States, the village has seen the same type of unbounded growth over the past ten years. That is why it is so important to make sure that all residents complete their 2010 Census questionnaires, which only takes about ten minutes. The continued development of the village depends on the government funding and representation provided by census data. Our future is in our own hands.

Questions regarding the 2010 Census can be answered at www.census.gov/2010census or contact the Clerk's Office by email at clerk@orland-park.il.us or give us a call at 403-6150.

Holiday Programs

by Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Chair
Special Events & Outreach Committee

Cooler days, cold nights and changing leaves bring on warm and cozy thoughts of fall and winter. We have exciting programs coming up and I want to recap all that happened over the summer.

Holiday Decorations

We have two exciting programs coming soon. The village's Christmas House Decorating Contest returns for its second year. Applications are available at the Village Hall and in this publication. Residents are again invited to compete in one of five categories, Best Themed, Best Religious, Most Nostalgic, Most Griswald-like and Charlie Browniest.

The Best Religious and Most Nostalgic categories are self-explanatory; however, Griswald and Charlie Brown warrant explanations. Fans of the movie "Christmas Vacation" will remember Chevy Chase's character, Clark Griswold, who over decorated his house. The Charlie Browniest applies to any building on your property other than your house, i.e., shed, dog house, pool house, etc. You may enter your smaller building instead of your house. See the following page for more information.

Ornaments Needed

This year's holiday season will bring a new program for the children of the community. The Village of Orland Park is inviting scout groups, youth groups and all children in

the community to make ornaments for its Community Christmas Tree, located in the circle drive of the Village Hall.

Ornament specifications appear on page 16 and may be found on the village's web page. Ornaments should be delivered to the Village Hall before November 13, 2009 and must be made of materials that can withstand all types of weather for a number of weeks.



The entire community will gather on Sunday, November 29th as Mayor McLaughlin lights the village's official tree, decorated with handcrafted ornaments created by the children of the community.

Garden Walk 2009.

The Garden Walk was a huge success for many reasons. To begin, I send my thanks to Gail Blummer, Patty Vlazny and Judy Jacobs for their hard work finding the gardens, sponsors and vendors. To the homeowners who participated in this year's walk, we are indebted to you. Our Garden Walk would not have been possible without your participation.

Thank you to Dawn Korolenko, Kelly and Rich Kelly, Gayle Bohne, Tara and John Walano, Mary and David Evans, Sue and Dean Koldenhoven, Liz and Ralph Credio and the Parks Department employees who planted at the village's Humphrey Garage.

We thank our sponsors for generously supporting this event, including MPI Media Group, *SouthtownStar Newspapers*, Mid American Tree & Landscaping Company, Speer Financial, Spaceo, Inc. and Crowley Sheppard Asphalt. Thank you also to our in-kind sponsors Denise and Frank Stec, The Private Bank, Jim Melka Landscape and Garden Center, Orland Park Garden Club, Orland Park Special Recreation and Silver Lake Country Club.

And, to everyone who attended this year's fundraiser for Open Lands of Orland Park, we hope that you had an enjoyable day and that you'll return for next year's walk. Next year, we are inviting residents and businesses of the Old Orland and Tuckaway areas to have their gardens showcased for the 2010 Orland Park Garden Walk.

Mayor McLaughlin has already graciously agreed to have his home featured among the many beautiful gardens in Old Orland and Tuckaway. Watch for a mailer being sent to addresses in these areas with applications being available in October.

Taste of Orland Park 2009

This year's Taste was a wonderful success and credit goes to the village's entire Taste Committee. This event is made possible each year because of the cooperative effort of all of our village departments.

The village's departments work together every day to provide the optimum in municipal services; however, the Taste of Orland Park is one program for which every village department is responsible. This is the one time all year when all departments come together to help everyone learn more about our many restaurants, local performing groups and community organizations.
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Video Surveillance Encouraged

by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chair
Public Safety Committee

The Orland Park business community again participated in the village's Summer Jobs for Youth Program, an initiative that I created fifteen years ago. This service has become a great central location for high school and college kids looking for jobs to find listings all in one place. Thank you to this year's participating businesses, listed in the column to the right.

Public recognition is warranted for this year's Garden Contest winners. Congratulations to first place gardeners Liz and Ralph Credio, Dawn Korolenko for earning second place honors and Joseph O'Boyle for placing third.

Review Safety Tips

With the school year in full swing, students are waiting for busses or walking and it's important for all parents and guardians to take a few minutes to review safety procedures regardless of their children's ages. We oftentimes assume that our kids know what to do if approached by a stranger; however, it bears mentioning again.

Remind all of your students to travel or wait in groups and never, ever approach the vehicle of a stranger regardless of what they're asking. Legitimate requests for directions or help finding a pet should be directed to adults and are oftentimes used to lure children into cars. Tell your students to run to the nearest adult or available building if approached and immediately call 9-1-1.

Benefits of Video

Retailers and other commercial businesses in Orland Park are strongly encouraged to invest in video recording systems for their businesses. The presence of cameras deters crimes. Additionally when a crime does occur, they provide valuable evidence for police that can lead to a successful investigation.



A recent example occurred at the TCF Bank in the Jewel Food Store at 179th and Wolf Road on May 13th of this year. Police were able

to apprehend the suspect who committed the robbery using video footage. The video provided a quality photograph of the suspect, who was then recognized by a witness. Because of this identification, the suspect was apprehended by the Orland Park Police Department within two days.

A quality video system offers business owners better security for their customers, prevents internal loss and helps business owners when confronted with false civil claims (slip and fall).

Business owners must be sure to have a quality system in place, one that is maintained and one that can provide information to police in a timely manner. Too many times, police have discovered that the businesses video system is either not working or the employee or manager is unable to provide police with access to the recordings because they

are not trained with the system and the delay in recovering the evidence hampers the investigation. Today's business owners are urged to seriously consider the value of a quality video surveillance system. Current systems can be installed for minimal cost, the expense for which is invaluable when considering the safety of employees and customers.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH 2009 BUSINESSES

Abercrombie & Fitch
Aeropostale
Aldo Shoes
American Eagle Outfitters
Animal House Grooming Inc
Animal Medical Center
Carter's
Dino Jump
Discount Tire Co
Firestone
Friends of the Forest Preserves
Guess
Gymboree
Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches
Jos A. Bank Clothiers
Lou Mule
Lowe's
Macy's
Madison Construction Company
Midwest Animal Hospital
Nestle Toll House Café
Orland Fire Protection District
Orland Park Buffet and Restaurant
Orland Park Kumon Center
Palos Country Club
Product Dynamics,
A Division of RQA
Public Safety Publishing Services
Red Lobster
Steamagic Healthy Home Services
Tallgrass Associates
Tallgrass Systems LTD
Taqueria Los Comales
Target
Tumbling and Cheerleading Academy

New Businesses Choose Orland Park

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

As the nation and State of Illinois grapple with the worst economic climate in decades, there remains some good news for Orland Park. While it's clear that we've been affected by the economic down turn, forty-two new businesses have opened in Orland Park since April of this year.

How are we responding?

The Village Board is actively addressing the situation as we build next year's budget to deal with the drop in revenues. Our sales tax is down (11.5%) as are other revenues like our share of the state's income tax, which is down 16%. This is a direct result of the 13% unemployment rate in the State of Illinois.

The 2010 budget discussions have focused on maintaining public safety, reducing our expenditures to fit into the revenues we do have, protecting jobs and also continuing to invest in public infrastructure. At this stage, there is no way to know when the U.S. economy will truly heal and start to grow again – hence our focus on fully utilizing the resources we do have.

What's new?

Meijer. I'm very pleased this major retailing chain is coming to Orland Park. If you aren't familiar with Meijer, they started as a grocery retailer during the depths of the Great Depression and have grown into a major retailer with more than 40 departments from grocery

and health, beauty care to fashion, automotive, home decor, pharmacy, electronics, pets and more.

Meijer has publicly petitioned to occupy the former Value City site at Harlem and 159th Street with plans to renovate the existing building that will include an 115,195 square foot store. A specific opening date has not been set as they work through the approval process.

Bettenhausen Chrysler & Jeep

We are also very pleased to welcome Bettenhausen Chrysler & Jeep to our community. With the massive bankruptcy-related restructuring of the automotive industry, corporate Chrysler wanted a strong dealer to be present on 159th street.

Chrysler chose to pull the Chrysler and Jeep franchises from Thomas Dodge and Mancari's and give those rights to Bettenhausen. The two new franchises in Orland Park are located in the former Thomas Dodge facility on 159th Street and 94th Avenue. Bettenhausen will also continue to operate its Dodge facility in Tinley Park, providing service in Orland Park for all of the three brands, including Dodge.

Chick-Fil-A. Orland Park will be the home of one of Chick-Fil-A's first restaurants in the Chicago area. This chain, primarily located in the southeast part of the country, has petitioned to construct a new 4,195 square foot restaurant with a drive-thru on one of the two remaining parcels at LaGrange Road, just south of 156th Street in the Lowe's subdivision.

Culver's. I admit to having a weakness for Culver's frozen custard so this is not necessarily good news for my waist line.



Culver's will begin construction on its new restaurant on 159th Street this fall. This project was approved by the Village Board this summer and will be constructed on an existing

parcel in front of Parkhill Plaza, next to McDonald's.

Web-based information.

Geographic Information System (GIS) of Orland Park. The Development Services Department is pleased to offer web based GIS mapping services to the public through the village's website. Property maps and photographs, as well as other information such as zoning, size, and taxpayer name and property identification number can now be accessed by a single click on the map. This new service will save considerable time and resources for both the public and village staff. To access this information, please visit the village's GIS website at <http://gis.orland-park.il.us>

In closing, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and encourage and invite everyone to "shop Orland Park!"

Tough Times Call For Tough Decisions

by Trustee Edward Schussler, Chair
Finance Committee

As our country recovers from recession, the Village of Orland Park faces some significant financial challenges.

Like the majority of municipalities nationwide, the village has seen a decline in many of its major revenue sources. Fiscal year 2009 sales tax receipts have decreased approximately 10% when comparing receipts for the same period in Fiscal Year 2008. Sales tax receipts fund general operating expenses of the village, such as police protection and public works functions, as well as the village's Property Tax Rebate Program and village capital improvements.



Income tax receipts have declined approximately 16% when comparing Fiscal Year 2009 receipts to the same period in Fiscal Year 2008. Income tax receipts also fund general operating expenses of the village.

The village has also experienced a significant decline in its development related fees, as the number of new residential and/or commercial developments have slowed drastically. As with sales tax and income tax, development related fees fund general operations of the village.

While these revenue declines will have an impact on the village's finances, we feel we will be able to maintain our strong reserves and continue to provide our many exemplary services to stakeholders of the village. The village's strong reserves are one of the reasons that we maintain a high bond rating with both Moody's and Standard & Poors.

We anticipate that our major revenue sources will continue to decline, although at a much slower rate, for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2009.

The stabilization of municipal revenues will lag behind the stabilization of the general economy. As we begin our Fiscal Year 2010 budget process, we will be taking an in-depth look at all operations of the village to identify and implement any operating efficiencies that may allow us to spend less while maintaining village services at or close to current levels.

We are looking at ways to become even more efficient and cost effective from something as simple as switching to "paperless" agendas to something as complex as converting all street lights to LED light bulbs.

Our village manager, Paul Grimes, has had significant experience dealing with municipal budget issues in other communities. We also have a strong dedicated management team including our well qualified and efficient finance director, Annmarie Mampe. The mayor and the trustees have some tough policy decisions to make, but determination and hard work will get us through this difficult period.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 Last day to register to vote before the February 2, 2010 Primary Election.	Monday, January 11, 2010 First day of early voting at the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall, Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Saturday, January 16, 2010 Saturday early voting begins. 9:00 a.m. to Noon Clerk's Office at Village Hall
Saturday, January 23, 2010 Saturday early voting begins. 9:00 a.m. to Noon Clerk's Office at Village Hall	Thursday, January 28, 2010 Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 2, 2010 Primary Election Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 403-6150 with questions.

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE

Students away at school, business travelers, vacationers, homebound residents and "snow birds" don't have to miss voting!
 Vote during no-excuse early voting OR call 403-6150 to request that an absentee ballot application be mailed to your chosen address.

Going Green

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
*Parks, Recreation
& Environmental Initiatives*

A lot of exciting things are happening with the village's all-inclusive, community wide green initiative, Smart Living Orland Park. The response from the community has been wonderful because, as the mayor said, people want to do something but just aren't sure where to start.

Well, the Village of Orland Park has the ball rolling and we look forward to working with all of you as we each do our part to protect our environment for the future generations of our families.



This past spring brought some changes to the Village Board's committee structure and I am honored to have been named to chair the Parks, Recreation and Environmental

Initiatives Committee. This is an exciting time for Orland Park and we have a great team working on the village's green plans.

The Recreation Department began its green initiatives in April with its Earth Day activities, "Orland Hour," and classes led by the Prairie Godmothers. The village's Green Tent was at events throughout the summer and the Green Teen Team is

working on cost saving measures for businesses.

Our Parks and Building Maintenance Department has also been at the

forefront of all things green in the community. Environmentally friendly parks have been implemented and we recently conducted a wind turbine demonstration at the Village Center.

Additionally, we're asking that single family homeowners' associations call the village with contact information. We have an extensive list of townhome and condo groups but need to hear from the single family subdivisions to invite them to be a part of our green initiative. Leave the information on my voice mail at 403-6163 or send me an email at pgira@orland-park.il.us.

Village staff has been working on the community's green initiative for a number of months now and a lot of information is available on the website www.smartlivingop.com. We can all work together to preserve our environment.

Incentives and Rewards Laud Green Practices

ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Business: New Energy Efficiency Programs for Orland Park Businesses. ComEd has set aside \$150,000.00 for Orland Park businesses to complete energy efficiency upgrades to their buildings and spaces. ComEd will provide up to a 30% subsidy for appropriate energy efficiency building upgrades when businesses apply to their Smart Ideas for Your Business Incentive Program. In October, the village modified its Commercial Façade Improvement Program (CFIP) and passed two new program extension modules to temporarily expand the scope and service area of the program and link it to the ComEd incentives.

Until May 31, 2010, the CFIP Energy Efficiency Module will provide financial assistance to businesses in BIZ General Business Districts along 151st Street, 94th Avenue, 159th Street and Harlem Avenue that apply for and are approved for ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Business Incentives. The village will boost the ComEd incentive by covering 20% of the project cost. For automobile dealerships in the village, the CFIP Auto Mall Module will provide similar financial assistance for energy efficiency projects related to the automobile industry. Incentives include lighting, HVAC, refrigeration, new construction, motors and custom.

Businesses may take advantage of these programs and incentives for up to a 50% subsidy on projects that will save you money. Contact the Development Services Department at 403-5300 for assistance.

For more information on CFIP and ComEd's programs visit: www.comed.com or www.smartlivingop.com at the ComEd Energy Savings Incentives tab.

ComEd's Smart Ideas for Your Home: Orland Park Residents can Save Money, Energy and the Environment. Part of the village's green initiative encourages residents to take advantage of several incentive programs by ComEd. ComEd's "Smart Ideas for Your Home" will help residents save energy, money and the environment by enrolling in energy efficiency and recycling programs like ComEd's appliance recycling, central air conditioning cycling, all-electric efficiency upgrade, residential real-time pricing, and CFL recycling. Check out ComEd's Online Energy Store for more products and materials.

For more information on ComEd's programs visit: www.comed.com or www.smartlivingop.com.

Residential Rewards Program. In August 2009, the village launched its Residential Rewards Program, designed to help residents identify potential home improvement projects that can be easy to do and green. The Residential Rewards Program enables residents to promote green practices and materials in their homes. Residents report their efforts, earn points and get recognition. Earn stars based on points awarded for your efforts to become a five-star premier lean and green home. Join today by visiting www.smartlivingop.com at the Smart Living tab.

Veterans Commission

The Orland Park Veterans Commission will hold its Veterans Day Service at the Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



Then U.S. Senator Barack Obama was the keynote speaker at the Village of Orland Park's Veterans Day Ceremony in 2005. He's shown here with Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

Vets' Steak Fry

Veterans who are Orland Park residents or a member of an Orland Park military organization are invited to buy tickets for the Veterans Commission Steak Fry to be held Sunday, November 8. This event is for Orland Park veterans only.

Veterans living outside of Orland Park who belong to a military organization in Orland Park must show membership cards for identification when buying tickets.

Tickets are \$9.00 each and are limited to two per person. Steak Fry tickets are available at the Cashier's Office at the Village Hall.

Military Family Support

Loved ones of those currently serving in the military 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's 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 call 403-6203 for details.

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.

Support Our Troops

Visit www.osotil.com for the latest list of items needed by the men and women serving our country. Below are some of the thank yous that Operation Support Our Troops - Illinois has received.

"The packages are more than just treats and sundries—they are affirmation that people care about us."
Sgt. Steven

"I don't feel like the word 'thank you' does justice for how appreciative I am for your care package."
TSGT Adrienne, USAF

"...thank you so much for the support you have shown my soldiers. A lot of them are young and away from home for the first time, some don't even have a home."
1SG Michael
US Army

"I almost cried when I saw how much care was taken to fill this box with all the right ingredients to make my day."
MSGT Vickie, USAF

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission maintains two collection points for Operation Support Our Troops-Illinois. Care package items may be dropped off in the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia or at the Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street.

OCTOBER *in Orland Park*



- Thursday, October 1
- Parking/Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 3
- Final Farmers' Market; Village Center; 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 5
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 6
- Recreation Advisory Board; Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 7
- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Emergency Telephone Board; Police Station; 4:30 p.m.
 - Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 8
- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 10
- Sports Collectible Show; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 12
- Finance, Community Events & Outreach, Public Works/Engineering Committees; VHall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13
- Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Hall; 5:00 p.m.
 - Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 14
- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Economic Development Adv Board; Village Hall; 7:15 p.m.
- Sunday, October 18
- 31st Annual Open Spelling Bee. Call 448-8142 for details.
- October 19 to 22
- Senior Week at Sportsplex. Call 645-7529 for details.
- Monday, October 19
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
 - Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 20
- Senior Autumn Coffee; Civic Center; 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 - Historic Preservation Review Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21
- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Civic Center Authority; Civic Center; 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 22
- Fall Clean Up through Oct 24. Call 403-6350 for details.
- Saturday, October 24
- Sportsplex Halloween Hoopla; Pre-registration required.
- Monday, October 26
- DevServices & Planning; Parks, Rec & Enviro Initiatives; Public Safety Committee Meetings; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
 - Telecommunications Adv Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31
- Trick or Treating permitted from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER *in Orland Park*



- Monday, November 2
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3
- Recreation Advisory Board; Loebe Center; 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 4
- Emergency Telephone Board; Police Station; 4:30 p.m.
 - Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 5
- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 7
- Special Rec Garage Sale; Civic Center; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8
- Veterans Steak Fry; Buy tickets at Cashier's Office/Village Hall
- Monday, November 9
- Finance, Community Events & Outreach, Public Works/Engineering Committees; VHall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 10
- 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, November 11
- Veterans Day Ceremony; Vets' Memorial; 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, November 12
- Veterans Commission; George Brown Vets' Center; 7:00 p.m.
- November 13 to November 15
- Theatre Troupe's "Sound Effects;" Civic Center. Call 403-PARK.
- Monday, November 16
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
 - Community Relations Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17
- Energy Assistance Fair; Civic Center; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Historic Preservation Review Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21
- Kids' Turkey Trot; Sportsplex; Call 645-7529 for details.
- Sunday, November 22
- Turkey Shoot Free Throw Contest; Call 645-7529 for details.
- Monday, November 23
- Winter Wonderland opens; Centennial Park; Call 403-7275.
 - DevServices & Planning; Parks, Rec & Enviro Initiatives; Public Safety Committee Meetings; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24
- Plan Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
 - Telecommunications Adv Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 26
- Thanksgiving Day; Village offices closed.
 - Annual Turkey Trot; Call 708/403-PARK for registration info.
- Friday, November 27
- Village offices closed.
- Sunday, November 29
- Winter Festival; Civic Center; 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER *in Orland Park*



Tuesday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 2

- Emergency Telephone Board; Police Station; 4:30 p.m.
- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.
- Civic Center Authority; Civic Center; 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 3

- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

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

Thursday, December 10

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

Monday, December 14

- Finance, Community Events & Outreach,
Public Works/Engineering Committees; VHall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

- Historic Preserv Review Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16

- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21

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

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve. Village offices closed.

Friday, December 25

- Christmas Day. Village offices closed.

Monday, December 28

- DevServices & Planning; Parks, Rec & Enviro Initiatives; Public Safety Committee Meetings; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 29

- Telecommunications Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 31

- New Year's Eve. Village offices closed.

ORLAND PARK THEATRE TROUPE AUDITIONS FOR MEREDITH WILLSON'S

THE MUSIC MAN

Book, music & lyrics by Meredith Willson
Story by Meredith Willson & Franklin Lacey

Sunday, Jan 10 • 1pm to 6pm

Monday, Jan 11 • 7pm to 10pm

Orland Park Old Village Hall

14413 South Beacon Avenue



JANUARY *in Orland Park*



Friday, January 1

- New Year's Day; All village offices closed.

Monday, January 4

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

Tuesday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 6

- Emergency Telephone Board; Police Station; 4:30 p.m.
- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Arts Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 7

- Parking and Traffic Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 9

- Sports Collectible Show; Civic Center; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10

- "Music Man" Auditions; Old Village Hall; 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Call 708/403-7275 for details.

Monday, January 11

- Finance, Community Events & Outreach,
Public Works/Engineering Committees; VHall; 7:00 p.m.
- "Music Man" Auditions; Old Village Hall; 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Call 708/403-PARK for details.

Tuesday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 13

- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

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

Monday, January 18

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Board of Trustees Meeting; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

- Historic Preserv Review Commission; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

- Kiwanis Bingo every Wed; Civic Center; 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

- Sports Collectible Show; Civic Center; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25

- Monday, October 26
- DevServices & Planning; Parks, Rec & Enviro Initiatives; Public Safety Committee Meetings; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26

- Telecommunications Advisory Board; Village Hall; 7:00 p.m.

Open to those age seven through 99. Sing 16 measures of a prepared piece from the show. Be prepared to read from the script and learn and perform a dance. Wear dance attire. Those cast must pay a registration fee.

PERFORMANCES April 23, 24 and 25 AT SANDBURG
produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International

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We've had great interest and feedback from residents asking about the Green Tent Challenge. Residents may choose among thirteen easy steps to a "greener life," which lead into the next initiative, the Residential Rewards Program.

Orland Park's Residential Rewards Program targets homes for energy savings. Homes account for the vast majority of buildings in Orland Park and cumulatively use the most energy.

The village will share resources available to reduce energy consumption through a number of programs for home improvements.

Special effort will be made to reach the special populations of the village, including seniors, those with disabilities and low income residents. Our public education efforts will let residents know about the many programs available to conserve energy and save money doing it.

The Village of Orland Park has launched its green initiative website at www.smartlivingop.com, offering 24-hour access to energy conservation information and resources. We're pulling out all stops to actively help the entire community learn more about the importance of energy conservation and all that we can do to make Orland Park one of the top energy conscious communities in the country. I invite everyone to join us in the village's green initiative.

Winning Gardens

Thank you to the many residents who participated in this year's Garden Contest. Beautiful gardens are abundant in Orland Park. Below are the top three chosen by our judges.



Liz and Ralph Credio - First Place



Dawn Korolenko - Second Place



Joseph O'Boyle - Third Place



The Village of Orland Park is one of the first 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.

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

Zumbox is another way for the village to communicate with its residents and businesses. For more information, visit www.zumbox.com.

Special Events



Mayor Dan McLaughlin's **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT PROGRAM**

Inviting the children of Orland Park to make ornaments for the community Christmas tree at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin invites all Orland Park children, scout groups and youth organizations to provide decorations for the village's Community Christmas Tree located in the circle drive at the Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

The 27 foot Christmas tree will be decorated with handcrafted ornaments created by the children of the community. Participants are encouraged to incorporate this year's theme, "**Orland Park Goes Green,**" giving local children the opportunity to demonstrate what their hometown's green initiatives mean to them.

ORLAND PARK COMMUNITY ORNAMENT DESIGN CRITERIA

- Durable and weatherproof for use outdoors for at least twelve weeks in wet and wintry conditions.



- Ornaments may be used for subsequent years so they should be thoughtfully created. Valuable artwork is not appropriate as ornaments cannot be returned.



- 8 to 10 inches in size, light weight and light in color, relatively simple design, so they can be enjoyed from a distance. Many will be placed high on the tree.



- All ornament makers are encouraged to put their name, organization and the year on the backs of the ornaments they create.



- Ready for hanging, with a 10 inch **loop** of 20 gauge (coat hanger weight) wire attached to top corners



- Decorated with colorful materials that, if possible, are reflective. To minimize environmental impact, ornament makers are encouraged to use wood or recycled materials.



ORNAMENTS MADE OF GLASS OR OTHER BREAKABLE MATERIALS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Ornaments should be delivered to the Village Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009 so that the Parks Department employees can add them to the tree. Ornament donors will be asked to leave their names, organizations, addresses and email addresses for future community projects and events.

Everyone is invited to see the many beautiful ornaments created by the children of Orland Park when Mayor McLaughlin officially lights the Community Christmas Tree on Sunday, November 29 at 5:45 p.m. in the circle drive of the Village Hall.

DELIVER COMPLETED ORNAMENTS TO THE
PUBLIC INFORMATION DESK BEFORE NOVEMBER 13.

Frederick T. Owens Village Hall • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue • 708/403-6140

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Our committee chairs began meeting last winter to prepare for Orland Park's biggest block party of the year. Returning Taste of Orland Park coordinators were Patty Vlazny and Gail Blummer. Event support was provided by Paula Swanstrom (Finance). Margie Owens-Klotz (Village Manager's Office/Media) oversaw all advertising and media. Beverages were handled by Kurt Heinlen (Recreation) and Quincy Bejster (Recreation), with the hugely successful car show coordinated by Norm Johnson (MIS) and Mary Klinger (MIS).

Isaiah Wiggs (Parks) and Lee Beck (Parks) were in charge of environmental control. Gary Couch (Parks) was in charge of event set up and Donna Kouba (MIS) oversees the karaoke contest each year with help this year from Shawn Esterman (MIS). Jennifer Farrell (Recreation) coordinated the Kids' Day festivities with help from Rebecca Perkaus (Recreation). Lynn McQueary (Mayor's Office) served on the committee and Gail Blummer (Civic Center) oversaw operations and the raffle. Ken Dado (Public Works) and Pat McLaughlin (Public Works) headed parking and Sue Wagner (Development Services) worked with the restaurants.

Bob Reilly (Police) was in charge of security and traffic and Dave Rauch (Public Works) oversaw signs and banners. Soft drinks

Help Prevent Flooding

Hheavy rain events that last a very short time occur occasionally throughout the year. These types of rains can cause ponding of water in streets and backyards in many areas. Taking time for some preventative maintenance will help to lessen the impact of the heavy rains.



Keep overland flow routes in rear and side yards clear of obstructions, i.e., fencing, landscaping, pools, sheds, etc. Landscape materials such as mulch and rock can wash down and block rear yard inlets.

ponds. When rainfall is predicted, Public Works crews are dispatched immediately to check storm inlets and ponds to ensure they are properly functioning. Residents can help reduce or eliminate water from building up on streets or in backyards by following the recommendations below.

1. Keep curb and rear yard inlets in and around your home clear and unobstructed. Remove and place debris in your waste container.
2. Avoid blowing grass clippings or raking leaves into the street and along the curb. Clear the debris from the street and place the material in a yard waste bag or container.
3. Keep overland flow routes in rear and side yard clear of any obstructions (i.e., fencing, landscaping, pools and sheds). Landscape materials such as mulch and rock can wash down and block rear yard inlets.

In all likelihood, Mother Nature will hit with another heavy rainfall that causes some ponding in backyards and streets. However, the simple preventative measures described above will go a long way in minimizing those occurrences.



Adopt-A-Fire Hydrant

To help firefighters, should an emergency occur --- possibly at your home!--- dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house FROM the street. Then, dig out around the fire hydrant.

If firefighters can see a hydrant when they arrive at a house fire, they can get to it quicker. Adopt the fire hydrants near your home and be sure that they are accessible at all times.

Adopt-An-Inlet

The Village of Orland Park has, for many years, encouraged residents to “adopt” fire hydrants, clearing them from the street so that fire personnel can see and use them.

Public Works is now asking residents to “adopt inlets.” Residents who have a street or rear yard storm water inlet should be sure they are clear and unobstructed, just like the aforementioned fire hydrants.

Many street and backyard flooding calls are directly related to storm water inlets becoming covered with leaves, grass and debris. Once the debris is cleared, the inlets can properly drain. Residents with inlets anywhere near their homes are asked to keep them clear. There are over 14,000 storm inlets in the village and residents' assistance in keeping them clear will help to prevent flooding.

Fall Clean Up

The village will hold its annual Fall Clean Up Campaign with Waste Management on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 22, 23 and 24.

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works facility, 15655 South Ravinia Avenue (one block west of LaGrange Road). Residents may dispose of normal household garbage on Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 24, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited.

Restorations Explained

When a property is damaged because of a water main break or sewer repair, the first concern of the resident is, "When will it be restored?"

The minimal time before restoration begins is approximately three months. This time is needed to allow the ground to settle and fill the voids created by excavating. Weather also has a bearing on how fast the ground will settle. Adding water (rain, sprinkling) is helpful but too much will hinder the process by making a mud hole of the site.

The time of year when the excavation occurs could lengthen the restoration period. For example, if an excavation occurs in late fall or early in the winter, the restoration will have to wait until spring in order for the frost to dissipate. This allows the ground to settle and dry out, making it possible to level off the site.

Once the excavation site is restored, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to water it to ensure its growth. Public Works may avoid putting down sod during the dryer months of June, July and August. This is because residents are oftentimes on vacation and are not able to water the new sod. Hot weather also makes it very difficult to adequately water the new sod to help it get established.

PRAIRIE GODMOTHERS SAY...

Give the leaves a chance to fall and give your plants a chance to die or go dormant. The rush to put gardens to bed in early is premature. Leaves are still hanging on and plants aren't quite ready for bed. Savor the last few weeks of the season and get serious about cleanup at the end of October and into November.

Do Not Rake Leaves To The Street

Leaf pickup generally starts in mid October and will follow the schedule shown here for each day of the week, weather permitting. Due to disposal restrictions, the Leaf Pick Up Program cannot extend past November 25. The final pick up date for each subdivision is listed. The best way to dispose of leaves in Orland Park is to use Kraft biodegradable bags because the village leaf pick ups are completely dependent on the weather.

Mondays. Old Orland, Tuckaway, Orland Hills Gardens, El Cameno (Last pick-up date Mon, Nov 23)

Tuesdays. Fairway, Maycliff, Silver Lake West, Country Club Estates (Last pick-up date Tues, Nov 24)

Wednesdays. Villa West, Villa De Este, Clearview, Heritage Estates (Last pick-up date Wed, Nov 25)

Thursdays. Teebrook, Catalina, OrlandBrook, Golfview Areas (Last pick-up date Thurs, Nov 19)

Fridays. Miscellaneous areas of the village, i.e., Ishnala, Wedgewood, etc. (Last pick-up date Fri, Nov 20)



Do not rake leaves into the street. The village's equipment is designed to pick up leaves in the parkway. Homes with leaves raked to the street will be ticketed.

There will be no parkway leaf pick-up after the Thanksgiving holiday. Refer to the schedule above to determine the last day for pick up in your subdivision. Remaining leaves must be deposited in leaf bags or yard waste carts for pickup by Waste Management prior to December 1.

Raking leaves into the street is strictly prohibited. Homes where leaves are found raked into the street will be ticketed.

The village's equipment is designed to pick up leaves from parkways. Leaves deposited in the street block storm sewers resulting in street flooding. Residences where leaves are found to be raked into the street will be ticketed as appropriate. Leaf bag and yard waste cart pickup by Waste Management ends November 30.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK TENTH ANNUAL

Chefs' Auction to benefit the
**American Cancer Society
Breast Cancer Research Program**

Thursday, February 18, 2009

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Orland Chateau - 14500 South LaGrange Road

\$55 per person or \$90 per couple



Prepared For Snow

Orland Park's Public Works Department is preparing for the winter weather ahead. The village implements its complete Snow Removal/Ice Control Program on all streets and highways within the village with the exception of state thoroughfares such as LaGrange Road and 159th Street; county streets



such as 108th Avenue and 104th Avenue and township and private roads. For a complete listing of roads and jurisdictions, visit the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us.

Because winter can be trying for motorists, it is important to know how snow and ice control is accomplished in Orland Park and the need to be patient and drive for conditions. During snow or ice storms, allow more travel time and drive with extreme care. Plow drivers are driving on the same roads and are subject to the same traffic delays.

It's snowing!

An integral part of addressing snow

and ice is timing and street salting. It is imperative to call out plow crews at the right time. Too soon and the most valuable resources (plow drivers) are used up too early - too late and the drivers are playing catch up with the storm. Orland Park's Public Works and Police Departments monitor all winter storms and crews are dispatched as soon as possible. Orland Park categorizes its roads as

either main or arterial roads (151st Street, Wheeler Drive or Ravinia Avenue); collector or primary streets (OrlanBrook Drive, Teebrook Drive 157th Street, 88th Avenue or Brookhill Drive); secondary or residential through streets such

as Huntington, Highland or 144th Street and cul-de-sac and dead-end streets. Top priority is given to the main or arterial roads and streets. These are the routes that have the heaviest year-round traffic and are usually major arteries and collector streets running north/south or east/west. These streets are cleared first to move the heaviest volumes of traffic.

Let It Snow....

When two to three inches of snow have accumulated with more expected, plowing rather than salting is the most effective means to clear the roads. Drivers cannot salt streets until they are cleared of snow from curb to curb. Salt does

not have an instant impact on the road. Salt needs time to react with the snow or ice to melt into a liquid or brine state to work effectively. All streets under the jurisdiction of the village will be plowed by Public Works staff with occasional assistance from independent contractors when needed.

The Village of Orland Park is able to store more than 3,500 tons of salt under a protective cover. This stockpile is adequate for more than half of a normal season.

The first priority is to open the main/arterial roads. These arterials as well as the collector streets are the key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic since most residents live within a few blocks of such a road. Crews then concentrate on residential streets by making two centerline passes to open the road. Once all roads are open and passable, the plows then continue to "widen out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing the intersections. This cleanup operation can take up to 48 hours depending upon the snowstorm.

Working Round the Clock

Trained crews work around the clock during storms to keep the roads open and passable. Residents who notice problems with the condition of village maintained streets should call Public Works at 403-6350. Remember that the village has more than 500 lane miles of roads to plow so please be patient - clearing that amount takes time. Residents who have already called about a legitimate driving hazard need only call once. Public Works responds to all calls. However, this takes some time and it is impossible for every inquiry to be first.

Calls will be responded to in the order in which they are received. If it is a police/fire/medical emergency, dial 9-1-1.

When It Ends

Crews continue to monitor all village streets for icy spots and areas where winds have caused drifting of snow back onto the roadway. An application of salt is usually applied to all streets so that the surface remains drivable. Crews also clear catch basins so that melting snow can drain. If you see an accumulation of snow around a street inlet, please help by keeping it clear to avoid ice from forming.

We Need Your Help

Get ready now. If you do your own snow removal, have your tools and supplies ready. If hiring someone, make arrangements early. It is difficult to find someone in the middle of a snowstorm. Whether you are clearing snow yourself or hiring someone, make sure that snow is placed to the sides of driveways and walks and not back into the street. Village crews will not come back to clear snow put back into the street from driveways or walks.

When winter comes, listen for snow alerts. The media announces approaching storms, giving information on school closings, cancellations and road conditions.

Remind school-age children of the hazards of slippery streets, sidewalks and accumulated snow on corners. Be sure they know to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before trying to board or disembark. Make sure children stand away from the street until the school bus comes to a complete stop. Public Works will be aware of any impending storm and will alert crews before the bad weather is due to arrive.

ORLAND PARK'S 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 need 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. Mailboxes should be kept in good repair and be placed at least one foot behind the curb to avoid damage.

The village cannot shovel the plow's ridges or windrows, which is the snow that comes off the plow and is discharged to the side of the road. Residents need to wait for the snow to be cleared from the roads before they clear their driveways and walks. Heavy wet snow comes off plows in large heavy amounts so take your time and be careful when clearing the ends of your driveway. The village will not clear snow from residents' driveways nor can crews plow private property.

Whether you are a resident responsible for clearing your driveway or the Public Works Department responsible for clearing 500 lane miles of village streets, snow removal is time consuming and not enjoyable. Working together, the Orland Park Public Works Department and the community it serves can assure a safe and enjoyable winter. Thank you for your cooperation.



Remind bus riders to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before trying to board or disembark.

Public Works

Main Pump Station Reservoir Addition Near Completion

Work is almost complete on the East Reservoir Addition at the village's main pump station on Thistlewood Drive. The new structure, constructed completely underground, is expected to be placed in service by mid October. Final Landscaping and restoration work will follow soon after.



This July, 2009 aerial photo of the East Reservoir Addition shows the progress made at the East Reservoir Addition at the village's main pump station on Thistlewood Drive. The new structure, constructed completely underground, is expected to be operational in mid-October.

With construction lasting more than one year, 2.7 million pounds of reinforcing steel bars and 10,000 cubic yards of concrete have been placed.

This expansion will add almost 7.5 million gallons of potable water storage to the existing 14 million gallons at the facility. The additional capacity will improve the village's ability to endure extended heat and drought conditions with minimal impact to the residents. Even with the additional storage, water conservation measures are still required. Throughout the year, sprinkling is restricted to 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. From May 15 to September 15 the even/odd address system is in effect.

Recreation Department



Pool Staff Attains Perfection

The nearly 150 lifeguards at the Village of Orland Park Centennial Park Aquatic Center (CPAC) will forever remember the summer of 2009 as the "perfect summer." This year's staff earned three Five Star Awards, namely three perfect national audits, for its 2009 season.

Join Sportsplex Now & Fall Is Free

The Village of Orland Park Sportsplex is offering its best membership special of the year. Join now and receive up to three months absolutely free or choose to save 15% on any twelve-month membership.

Sportsplex memberships include a free health assessment and exercise prescription.

**Free months added to end of term. Amount of free time depends on join date. Applies to twelve month membership only. Available for new members only. Patrons must be fourteen to utilize the fitness center.*

One Recreational Vehicle Per Home

Village ordinance states that only one recreational vehicle

may be parked at each residence in the village.



Boats, campers, trailers or other vehicles of this type may only be parked on the driveway and must not block the sidewalks.

Pool owners are reminded that village code requires that all pools be winterized and properly covered for the winter season. Uncovered pools are not permitted.

On The Cover

Located at 157th and Will-Cook Road, Arbor Lake includes 30 acres that were acquired in 2003 as part of the Open Lands Program. It was partially financed with a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



Recycled asphalt grindings were used to form the base of the path and road mix from the recent repair of Ravinia Avenue was used to construct it. The site has rolling topography with prairie, woods and a small lake. It connects to the larger Doctor Marsh open space to the east. The village has installed a seating area with a pergola as well as trails that connect to the Will-Cook Road Bike Path south of Arbor Pointe.

Lake Sedgewick Best Management Practices Done

Phase I of the Lake Sedgewick/153rd Street Metra Parking Lot Best Management Practices Project has been completed. A series of vegetated wetland cells have been constructed between the Metra Tracks and Lake Sedgewick. The purpose of the project is to cleanse storm water run off from the 153rd Street Metra parking lot before it enters Lake Sedgewick.



These newly constructed wetland cells are adjacent to Lake Sedgewick. The fencing and netting are temporary to ward off the geese and other wildlife while the seeding and new plant plugs become established.



Once established, this area will provide a hospitable environment for many types of wildlife. The project can be viewed from the Centennial Park Trail where it parallels the tracks, just north of Lake Sedgewick. An interpretive sign has been installed adjacent to the trail that describes the project.

The project was funded by a 319 Grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency along with a village match.

Additional funds will be sought for the completion of phase two of the project, which will include a vegetated swale on the west side of the Metra tracks that will cleanse the water prior to entering the wetland cells.



Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses opened or applied to open since April,

Allure Salon	15026 LaGrange Rd	It's Greek to Me	13119 LaGrange Rd
Anthony Florence Inc.	16531 106th Ct	J & S Auto Repair	16308 107th Ave
Autumn Leaves	8021 151st St	Julie's Nails	18012 Wolf Rd
Babalharrah	15840 Wolf Rd	KBS Computer Services	15537 70th Ct
Beggars Pizza	11329 143rd St	Lego Brand Retail	732 Orland Square
Bettenhausen Chrysler Jeep	15941 94th Ave	Lupita's Bridal	9111 151st St
Big Tuna Japanese	13137 LaGrange Rd	Meneou Cabinet Company	15533 70th Ct
Bisi Beauty Supplies	9556 147th St	Neptune Society	15111 LaGrange Rd
Brolin Locksmith	15516 70th Ct	Relaxation Massage	9552 147th St
C & A Auto Sales	15630 70th Ct	Rokwelz Bar Meets Grill	11265 159th St
Capelli Couture	15752 LaGrange Rd	Ron Tutor's Salon	15547 71st Ct
Chiboog, LLC	8600 159th St	S & L Bed Sheets & More	1000 Orland Square
Country Cottage Café	13117 LaGrange Rd	Smoking Everywhere	1000 Orland Square
Dee's Collectible Gifts	756 Orland Square	Spice Salon	15752 LaGrange Rd
Enright's Heating & Cooling	11560 184th Pl	Starbuck's Coffee	11359 159th St
Five Guys Burger & Fries	15837 LaGrange Rd	Steel Wheel Transfer	11536 183rd Pl
Gwen Haklin Massage	15752 LaGrange Rd	Storage Mart	10700 159th St
Halloween Land	15159 LaGrange Rd	T-Mobile Central	1000 Orland Square
Halloween USA	15854 LaGrange Rd	Therapy Zone	1000 Orland Square
Homewerks, Inc.	7838 159th St	Tranquility Spa	18058 Wolf Rd
Illiana Wireless	9979 151st St	Xtreme White	2000 Orland Square

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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

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