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## Residents Contribute Nearly \$20K to Open Lands

### Rebates Mailed

In March, property tax rebate checks were mailed to the 15,300 residents who applied for the rebate. The village rebated 100% of the **village portion** of the 2002 property taxes totaling \$3,764,000. The average rebate was \$246.00. Thank you to those residents who generously donated \$19,500 of their rebates to the Open Lands of Orland Park Fund. The Board and I are pleased to be able to provide this rebate to our residents.

### Winter Wonderland Enjoys Successful First Season

Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park was a popular attraction during a very successful first season. Over the course of the season, nearly 4,300 pairs of skates, 83 helmets and 45 pairs of snow skis were rented. There were also many visitors who brought their own equipment and used the sledding hill until the snow melted. We were also delighted to see so many people drive through the park to just enjoy the lights and decorations.

We're exploring the possibility of installing a larger, permanent ice rink to accommodate more skaters and adding more decorations for everyone to enjoy next winter.

### Spring Road Repairs Announced

Now that the long winter is behind us, the village is gearing up for spring and summer services and activities.

Each year, the Village Board approves funds for road improvements and repairs throughout the village. The Village of Orland Park Street Improvement Program includes curb and sidewalk repairs, patching and asphalt overlay.



Work is scheduled to begin in May and be completed by October.

In addition to village road work, Cook County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) schedule projects each year. A complete list of scheduled road improvements appears on page 3.

### Orland Park Named Tree City USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation has again named the Village of Orland Park a Tree City USA Community for its commitment to its community forest. This is the seventeenth year that Orland Park has received this national recognition. The National Arbor Day Foundation sponsors the Tree City USA Program in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

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## Mayor Salutes Outstanding Accomplishments

It's my pleasure to congratulate the youth of Orland Park on many accomplishments in each issue of the *Orland Park Public*. They are the "pride of our community" and I'm happy to publicly recognize them.

For the second year in a row, Orland Park was proud to be well represented at the St. Patrick's Day Parades and celebrations. **Mary Kate Downs** and my oldest daughter, **Bridget McLaughlin**, were both chosen as members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen's Court and Orland Park's **Colleen Martin** was named queen of the Gaelic Park St. Patrick's Day festivities.

**Jennie, Maggie and Katie Richert**, members of the Lavin-Cassidy Irish Dancers, have performed nationally and internationally, and also here at the Village Hall for St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. All three sisters are members of the Ceili Team that placed third in the North American Nationals. **Jennie** placed third overall in the North American Nationals and was the first American to place. **Maggie** placed seventh in the All-Irelands and was the first American to place. Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!

Congratulations to the **Vikings PeeWee Elite Team** for capturing the state championship at the PeeWee Level. Members of the state champion Vikings PeeWee Elite Team are **Ryan Dalcorobbo, Danny Doyle, Billy Farrahi, Kyle Janozik, Josh Johnson, Cole Kapovich, Matt Kurcz, Mike Larson, Kyle Lerner, Kevin Lind, Frank Mategrano, Brett McGowen, Jack Meachum, Connor Stevens, Trevor Vail, Kevin Wagner and John Vanderwagen**. The Vikings Travel Hockey Club is based at the Artic Ice Arena in Orland Park.

Four members of the **Carl Sandburg High School Distributive Education Class** took home awards at the DECA Career Development Conference Competition. **Mike Kristin** won second place in retail merchandising while **Emily Flores** placed third in apparel and accessories. **Jordan Ferrantelli** was among the top eight in quick-serve restaurant management and **Kristyn Nieman and Angelique Keely** were among the top eight in full-serve restaurant management. **Katrina Giraldi** placed among the top eight in retail merchandising. More than 300 students from fifteen south suburban high schools competed.

Congratulations to the **Sandburg High School Girls' Gymnastics Team** for capturing the regional title at the Oak Park-River Forest Regional and the team competition at the SICA West Conference. In addition to the team competition win, **Carling Butler** won all-around title, captured first place in floor exercise, second in vault and third in balance beam and uneven parallel bars.

**Stacey Groebe** won the vaulting competition and an automatic sectional berth. **Niki Guerra** won on balance beam and **Cassie Dignan** earned her highest score of the season on the uneven parallel bars.

**Sandburg Eagles Wrestling Team** took their first conference title since 2000. Members of the team include **Mike Anello, Brandon Precin, Matt Cusick, Eric Kruger, Bob Sirvid, Jon Pereiro, Ryne Kucala and Mark Garrity**. **John Pereiro, Eric Kruger and Mike Anello** were named *Star Newspaper's* All-Area Wrestlers.

The **Eagles Boys' Swim Team** captured the SICA Northwest Championship. Swimming their way to victory in three events and placing in the top three of all twelve events were **Kurt Niemeier, Matt Kumzi, Frank Kuchta, Mike Sylvester and Justin Derbas**.

The **Carl Sandburg Junior Varsity Eaglettes Pom Squad** took first place in the 2004 I.D.T.A. Navy Pier International Competition. Winning squad members include **Sydney Langford, Casey O'Halloran, Stephanie Chirillo, Jessica Pila, Angie Miller, Jenna Miglio, Jessica Maggiore, Chrissy Rubino, Andrea Piszczor, Jessica Piet, Michelle Bailey, Alyssa Solofra, Margaret O'Sullivan, Rachel Ralph, Katherine Mavrovic and Stephanie Piszczor**.

**Sandburg** cheerleaders took sixth place in the state finals competing in the Large Varsity Division. Team members include **Brooke Bendell, Deanna Besbekos, Jacklyn Borem, Amy Cook, Kathryn Deisinger, Dana Gartlan, Dominka Guerra, Kimberly Hurley, Kathryn Olmstead, Annette Palka, Megan Paraday, Leach Sablich, Brittany Saulters, Lauren Slanker, Bridget Wichmann and Meghan Wilkosz**.

The **Sixth Grade 'A' Volleyball Team from St. Michael School** took third place in the Mother McAuley Tournament. Winning team members include **Bridget Williams, Mary Kate Imrie, Jessica Korpics, Christine Johnson, Brittany Elwood, Danielle Lewandowski, Rebecca Malon, Hannah Krydynski, Valerie Cichy and Kailey Arlen**.

The **Sandburg Sophomore Girls' Basketball Team** placed first in SICA West. Team members include **Christine Walczak, Allie Schneider, Sarah DePesa, Brittany Rehm, Devin Rakowski, Megan Lobianco, Sara Wojtowicz, Bridget O'Connor, Gabby Tate, Megan Pendergast, Renee Queen and Gretchen Gaskin**.

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## Liquor & Tobacco Programs

My mayoral duties include serving as the village's liquor commissioner, overseeing and monitoring establishments that sell liquor. Working with Assistant Liquor Commissioner Heidi Kalinowski, we not only guide businesses through the liquor license application process, but also aid them in running responsible establishments. Free educational programs are held two to three times a year for owners, managers and servers/sellers of alcohol. A seminar scheduled for June 8th will provide participants with information on current laws and new legislation and will feature a session on the importance of carding and how to identify fraudulent identification. Through these seminars, periodic newsletters, information packets and continuing visits, we provide owners and managers with important tools to use in training their employees to sell alcohol in a safe and responsible manner.

We are also committed to preventing the sale of tobacco products to minors. The Village of Orland Park participates in the Tobacco Enforcement Program offered by the Illinois Liquor Control Commission. This program has an educational component administered by the Mayor's Office and an enforcement component conducted by the Police Department.

In addition to conducting educational seminars intended for tobacco licensees, we distribute a periodic newsletter containing statistics about teen smoking, facts on current and new laws and information on training materials. Yearly visits are conducted to deliver educational materials and prevention signage. Because of these continuing efforts, tobacco sales to minors have decreased significantly, and in the most recent compliance check, all tobacco licensees refused to sell to the undercover minor.

Our programs are designed to make certain that Orland Park establishments run responsible businesses. Through cooperative efforts with these businesses, we are helping to ensure the continuing health and safety of Orland Park and its residents.

## Road Projects Announced

The Village of Orland Park Street Improvement Program includes curb and sidewalk repair, patching and asphalt overlay. Work on the following areas is scheduled to begin in May and be completed by October.

### Village of Orland Park Projects

#### • Catalina Subdivision I, II, III

- Sequoia Court - 7960 to 7658 (E, W and regular Sequoia Cts.)
- Ponderosa Court - 7960 to 7545 (E, W & regular Ponderosa Cts.)
- Primrose Lane - 15327 to 15108
- Palm Court - 7960 to 7545
- Halesia Court - All
- Catalina Drive - All
- Hemlock Drive - 7658 to 7501
- Heather Court - 15239 to 15346
- Palm Drive - All
- Narcissus Courts - All
- Lilac Courts - All
- Orchid Lane - All
- Willowood Court - 7861 to 7800
- Sycamore Drive - 7956 to 7500
- Hollyhock Court - 15164 to 15110
- Larkspur Lane - 15346 to 15239

#### • 144th Place - LaGrange Road to John Humphrey Drive

#### • Ravinia Avenue

- 151st Street to 147th Street
- 2004 letting.
- 2005 construction

### Cook County Projects

- **167th Street** - Will-Cook Road to LaGrange Road  
Road widening and traffic signals.  
2004 letting.
- **Wolf Road** - 139th to 143rd Street  
Road widening. 2004 letting.
- **108th Avenue** - 143rd to 153rd Street  
Road widening and improve sign distance. Projected 2005 construction.
- **80th Avenue** - 151st to 159th Street  
Road widening with median.  
Completion by July 1st.

### IDOT Projects

- (Illinois Department of Transportation)
- **I-80/LaGrange Road Reconstruction**  
Completion by June 1st

## Accomplishments

Two drafting students at **Carl Sandburg High School** won awards at the 28th Annual Illinois High School Regional Drafting Competition sponsored by the Illinois Drafting Educators' Association. **Dan DeMatteo** won first place in the Introductory Board Competition and **Brian Griffith** finished second in Architectural CAD competition. Both are now eligible for the state competition at Illinois State University.

**Sandburg girls' basketball** players **Megan Cummins** and **Erin Cattell** were named to the *Daily Southtown's* All-Area Team. **Erin Cattell** was given an Honorable Mention for the *Chicago Tribune's* All State Team.

Congratulations to six **Sandburg** students who advanced in the WYSE Academic Challenge – Chemistry - **Mike Weglarz**, Physics - **Kevin Kehl**, **Mike Schieber** and **Matt Sienko**, Graphics – **Matt Sienko**, and Computer Science – **Dylan Roeh**.

The **Carl Sandburg High School Speech Team** placed fourth in the state competition. **Beth Palecek** was named state champ in Humorous Interpretation and placed third in Original Comedy, **Erin Henry** placed second in Prose Reading, **Nina Mehta** placed fifth in Oratorical Declamation, and **C.J. Arellano** was a state qualifier in Special Occasion Speaking.

**John M. Kowalski**, a senior at Carl Sandburg High School, has accepted an Offer of Admission to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. John is a 2000 graduate of Orland Park's St. Michael School.

Keep up the good work. You make Orland Park proud! Please let us know about Village of Orland Park youth who have achieved **regional, state national or international** recognition. You may e-mail the names to [info@orland-park.il.us](mailto:info@orland-park.il.us). Or, you may fax the information to 403-6171.

## More Korean War Veterans



The year 2003 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War as the shooting stopped at 10:00 P.M. on July 27, 1953. In the last few editions of the *Orland Park Public*, the Village of Orland Park has thanked and honored Orland Park residents who are veterans of the Korean War.

**John F. O'Connor**, *Airman First Class*  
United States Air Force  
1953-1957

**Joseph L. Rategan**, *A/2C*  
United States Air Force  
1950-1953

**Kiyoshi Tateyama**, *Staff Sergeant*  
United States Army  
1946-1952

*Orland Park Korean War Veterans may e-mail their names, ranks, branches of service and years of service to [info@orland-park.il.us](mailto:info@orland-park.il.us) or fax the information to 403-6171.*

## Remembering Veterans



The village's Veterans' Commission will host its Memorial Day Ceremony at the village's memorial - *Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace*, located south of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall on Monday, May 31, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. The service lasts for approximately 30 minutes and will be held inside of the Civic Center in the event of inclement weather.

Newly engraved veterans' names will be read by Father Leo Lyons, retired USAF Colonel. The deadline to add names in time for the Memorial Day Ceremony is May 3, 2004. To add a vet's name to the 450 already listed, contact Gail Blummer at 403-6203. The cost for each name engraving is \$250.

## More Hometown Heroes

Throughout the last year, the names of village residents who are currently serving in the U.S. military have been listed in the *Orland Park Public*. Join Mayor McLaughlin and the Village Board in remembering the village residents listed below as they serve our country.



**Chief Warrant Officer 4 Johnny Anderson, Sr.**  
United States Army

Attended Governors State University

**Private Brian Bramlett**

United States Army

Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2000

**O-1 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Kenneth Ray Bulthuis**

United States Army

Northern Illinois University -- Class of 2003

Chicago Christian High School -- Class of 1999

**Lt. Col. Joseph Lisiecki, USMC**

1st Marine Division

John Marshall Law School Class of 1990

Northern Illinois University Class of 1987

Brother Rice High School Class of 1983

*Family members of Orland Park residents currently serving in the U.S. military are asked to e-mail their family member's name, rank, branch of service and high school/college information to [info@orland-park.il.us](mailto:info@orland-park.il.us) or fax it to 403-6171.*

## Military Family Support Group Formed

The Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission continues to reach out to families with loved ones currently serving in the United States military. A family support group met for the first time on April 1st. The next meeting is Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 P.M. at the Orland Park Civic Center.

"We extend an ongoing invitation to the many families in the area who have loved ones serving in the military," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Coming together with other families will hopefully let our military families know that they are not alone," the mayor added.

Further information about Orland Park's Military Family Support Group is available by calling Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 403-6203.

## Free Blue Star Banners for Military Families



The village's Veterans' Commission continues to offer Blue Star Banners as a gift to families of Orland Park military service personnel who are actively serving the U.S., stateside or abroad. The banners are available at the Orland Park Civic Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Further information can be obtained by calling 403-6203.

# Voter Registration Closes October 5, 2004

by Village Clerk David P. Maher



The last day to register to vote in the November General Election is October 5, 2004. Village residents who will be eighteen years old **on or before Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2004** may register to vote before **October 5, 2004**.

The Village Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The office will offer special Saturday hours from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on September 18, September 25 and October 2, 2004. Call 403-6150 for more information.

Voters across the country will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Polling places are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Orland Park Village Clerk's Office will be open from 5:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., being available for polling place locations or questions. Offices up for consideration include:

- U.S. President and Vice President**
- U.S. Senate (one seat)**
- U.S. House of Representatives (all seats)**
- State Senators**
- State House of Representatives**
- County Offices:** Circuit Court Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, and State's Attorney, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board (3 seats)
- Judicial Offices:** Supreme Court and Appellate Court Judge vacancies (if any), Cook County Circuit Court Judge vacancies and Cook County Subcircuit Judges vacancies (Orland Park is in Subcircuit 15).

### ABSENTEE VOTING

Orland Park residents who are unable to vote at the polls on November 2 may vote absentee in my office from **October 12 to November 1, 2004**. Office hours are daily 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Clerk's Office will also be open from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on the following Saturdays, October 16, 23, and 30. Absentee voting is open to those who will be on vacation, business travelers, college students, anyone who will be out of the county/country, persons performing certain election duties, or serving as a juror, anyone observing a religious holiday, or pre-trial detainees. Residents may also call my office for an application to have an absentee ballot mailed.

A list of current polling place locations is available on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us). A full list will appear in the fall edition of the *Orland Park Public*.

### ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In a previous issue, information was presented regarding delegates to the national conventions. In this issue, I'm going to explain the Electoral College.

In the United States, the President and Vice President are **not** actually elected by popular vote – whoever gets the most votes wins. Each state has a number of electors equal to the number of its U.S. Senators (always two), plus the number of its U.S. Representatives, which vary in number. These are the people who actually decide the election. When votes are counted, the candidate getting the most votes in a state wins that state's electors. Since population varies greatly among states, a candidate winning a few states with large populations may have a higher number of the popular vote but may not have the most electors. The candidate winning the most electors becomes the president. As of October 3, 2003, the total electoral votes is 538 with 270 needed to win. Illinois has twenty-one electoral votes for the years 2001 to 2010 based on population figures from the 2000 census.

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The founding fathers had to determine a method of selecting a president. This was a difficult task because the nation was then comprised of thirteen large and small states that were suspicious of a central national government. The 4,000,000 inhabitants were scattered over a very large area with very limited transportation or communication, and the thinking of the day was that "gentlemen did not campaign for office."

Several options were considered and rejected, including Congress would choose the president, the state legislatures would choose, or the president would be chosen by direct popular vote. At the Constitutional Convention, they finally agreed on an indirect election of the president through the College of Electors. Electors would be the most educated and informed persons from the state and would choose the president based on merit and not by the state in which the person lived or by a political party.

The system for selecting the president was established in the United States Constitution, Article II, Section I.

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VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS		
Eighteen years old on or before November 2, 2004	Citizen of the United States of America	Two forms of i.d. one with your OP address

## Spring Means Farmers' Market Returns

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair  
Building and Zoning Committee



### Farmers' Market Opens June 11th

It's hard to believe that in six to eight weeks the Village of Orland Park's Farmers' Market will return to the Village Center Complex. Everyone who works on this project, including our own "Farmer Frank," (**Parks & Buildings Superintendent Frank Stec**) is very excited about our new and returning vendors and their many products.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and on **Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 A.M.**, we will begin another great season. I'm looking forward to seeing many of our returning and new customers. We will again be selling barbecue lunches this year and are adding a grilled chicken sandwich to the menu.

### Host Your Event at the Civic Center

Remember the Orland Park Civic Center when hosting family gatherings and parties. The facility also accommodates business meetings, training sessions, workshops, etc. For more information on availability and rental rates (half-price rates on Friday evenings), call the Civic Center at 403-6200.

### Home Improvement Season Returns

The home improvement/construction season has returned. Here are a few reminders for the upcoming season. Hire only those contractors who are licensed to work in the village. If you hire a non-village licensed contractor who performs unsatisfactorily, you will have no recourse through the village. Make sure that all contractors that you hire have current Orland Park Contractors' Licenses.

Permits are required for all construction projects. Some are no charge while others are calculated according to the scope of the project. The Village of Orland Park closely monitors all construction projects in the village to ensure the public's safety. Remember to call J.U.L.I.E. before digging anywhere around your home. This also includes adding new landscaping. Many people will add new landscaping to their rear yards where lines are buried or drainage lines run. In many cases, too much landscaping on the property lines can cause flooding in your yard or your neighbor's yard. This theory also applies to adding sheds or pools to your yard. The more land you cover-up with structures, the less land there is for drainage.

Spring brings many unwanted animals to our yards. Remember to cover your garbage cans with tight lids. Change the water in birdbaths on a regular basis and keep birdseed in a tight container so that mice and squirrels cannot get to it. Check under sheds and decks for new families that may have made their homes there---skunks love it there!

### Spring Reminders

- Permits are required for all construction projects in the village. Some are no charge while others are calculated according to the scope of the project.

- Hire only Village of Orland Park licensed contractors. Should you hire a non-village licensed contractor who performs unsatisfactorily, you will have no recourse through the village.

- Call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) before digging on your property for any reason. One simple phone call (1-800-892-0123) will bring out all utility companies to mark their lines before digging commences.

- Do not block sidewalks with parked vehicles.

- Watch for children on sidewalks when backing out of the driveway.

- Keep parkway tree branches trimmed.

- Do not place garbage cans at the curb any earlier than the night before pick up.

- Vehicles with "for sale" signs may not be parked on village streets.

- All pools require a fenced yard or a fence around the pool itself.

Have a safe, happy and healthy spring.

### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK FARMERS'



### MARKET

**FRIDAYS  
June 11th  
through  
October 8th  
7:30 A.M.  
to 1:00 P.M.**

**ORLAND PARK  
VILLAGE CENTER  
COMPLEX  
14700 Ravinia**

Baked goods  
Barbecue lunches  
Breads, Candles  
Crafts  
Dino Jump for Kids  
Flowers  
Fresh fruit  
Fresh vegetables  
Jellies, Jewelry  
Plants, Soaps  
Spices  
...and more!

## Plan Being Created for Old Orland District

Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chair  
 Planning and Economic Development



### Thank You for the Input on Old Orland

The Community Development Department continues to be a busy place where staff members are undertaking many important projects, one of which is the creation of a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Old Orland Historical District

Public input is being sought to help staff develop the new master plan and I was pleased to learn of the great attendance at the meetings held. Local residents, non-profit preservationists, representatives from schools and churches and others were invited and staff members were happy to receive their valuable views, concerns and ideas.

The original plan was created in 1991 and we believe it is vital to update that plan especially now as we engage in various renovation work in the Historic District, including the area where the train station is located. The updated plan will outline short and long-term land use plans with an emphasis on such important issues as transportation, open space and historic preservation. More specifically, it will help us plan our future growth in this area and at the same time preserve and enhance the qualities and characteristics that give Old Orland its special identity in the village. My thanks to all of you who are helping the village with this important task.

### Business Community: An Integral Part of Village

The business community is an integral component of our village and as such we offer much in the way of assistance through the economic development programs of the Community Development Department.

These programs include the *Orland Park Revolving Loan Fund Program* that helps make loans available for eligible projects up to 25% of the project cost, the *Mayor's Business Retention & Expansion Program* that helps existing, eligible businesses in Orland Park that are five years old and older expand their operations, and the *Industrial Revenue Bond Cap* is a program wherein the village utilizes the cap for qualifying businesses.

There are also numerous incentives and assistance programs available for Orland Park businesses through Moraine Valley Community College's Small Business Center and Business Development Services, the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation, Cook and Will Counties as well as the State of Illinois and our local utility companies.

The village's website offers details on all of these programs, and provides links to many other invaluable websites. Visit [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) for more information on what we are doing in Orland Park to help our business owners and to link to other helpful sites. Or, you can call the Community Development Department at 403-6115.

### Summer Jobs for Youth Program Returns

I'm also proud to announce that we are into our tenth year of offering the Summer Jobs for Youth Program. I started this program to help young adults connect with local businesses hiring for the summer months and it has turned out to be quite successful. In past summers, the program posted more than 150 openings and more than 100 student applicants were hired by participating businesses.

To date, thousands of young people from our community have taken advantage of this service, which has been most helpful to the students as well as our local businesses. For more information on the program, call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

[www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us)

**VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK 10th Annual SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM**

After May 1, 2004, village high school and college students seeking summer employment may view available local jobs in the Mayor's Office of Special Services.

Jobs will also be accessible on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

## Progress Made With Improvements

by Trustee James Dodge, Chair  
Public Works and Engineering Committee



### Major Road Improvement Update

The Village of Orland Park has recently made good progress with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding jump starting expansion of 159<sup>th</sup> Street from 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Ravinia. This will include a substantial upgrade to the intersection of 159<sup>th</sup> and LaGrange, a choke point for both roads. This project will cost roughly \$9 million.

The Village Board remains committed to using revenue from the Home Rule Sales Tax for property tax relief and major road improvements. We will maintain the Orland Park property tax refunds to residents and use the balance to fund road and traffic improvements. In this case, given that the state's budget is in such bad shape, the only chance we have of moving big projects forward is to put up Orland Park funds with an agreement to be paid back by the state.

Quite frankly, if we didn't have the resource base that we do, we could not afford to move these projects forward. We would be waiting in line for major road projects to be put into the "five year" plan and then hoping that they actually receive funding.

### Local Road Issues

The Engineering Committee will discuss ways to control neighborhood traffic flow other than the usual stop signs. Our experience has been that if we put in too many stop signs, people tend to ignore them. Various options for slowing down traffic in key intersections – and thereby discouraging cut-through traffic – include raising the level of the entire intersection so that it acts like a speed bump. The speed at which you want traffic to proceed dictates the height of the intersections. We will take a close look at costs and benefits, and day-in-the-life issues like will it really work? Will it cause problems for snowplows? Emergency vehicles? Etc.

The Catalina subdivision will soon have re-surfaced streets – please see the details on page 3. In addition, we will be continuing our program of lining the existing storm sewers to help reduce the risk of flooding. The Villa West subdivision is also scheduled for street maintenance work.

### Water Conservation Program Resumes

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program resumes May 15th, continuing through September 15th. All municipalities that receive water from the City of Chicago are required to implement conservation measures. The Village of Orland Park gets its water from the Village of Oak Lawn.

Throughout the year, outdoor water usage is only permitted between 7 and 11, both A.M. and P.M. From May 15th through September 15th, outdoor water usage is restricted to the Odd/Even Address System. Details about Orland Park's program appear on page 17 of this edition of the *Orland Park Public*.

### National Drinking Water Week

The Village of Orland Park will observe National Drinking Water Week May 3rd to May 7th. A great way to learn more about how Orland Park gets its water is to visit the village's pumping station. The Public Works Department regularly conducts tours for local groups, including seniors, neighborhood associations, scout troops and school classes. To arrange a tour for your group, give Public Works a call at 403-6350.

#### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**YEAR ROUND**  
Outdoor water usage is permitted ONLY between 7 and 11, both A.M. and P.M.

**MAY 15 to SEPT 15**  
Outdoor water usage is permitted ONLY between 7 and 11, both A.M. and P.M., according to the Odd/Even Address System.

Buildings with addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 may sprinkle during designated hours on EVEN numbered days. Those with addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may do the same on odd numbered days.

## Staying Safe This Spring & Summer

by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair  
Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee



### Plan for a Safe Prom Season

The arrival of spring means baseball, outdoor activities and for high school students — prom season. Prom should be one of many fond memories of high school.

To promote a safe prom, the Village of Orland Park participated in the **April 22<sup>nd</sup> Drunk Driving Presentation** at **Carl Sandburg High School**. Both the village's **Recreation and Parks Department** and the **Police Department** were involved in this very thought-provoking presentation for the student body at Sandburg.

The presentation was video taped for the village's monthly cable television show, the "**Orland Park Village View.**" Comcast cable television subscribers can view the presentation on **Channel 4**, seven days a week, airing at **10am, 4pm, 7pm and 11pm.**

### Weather Warning Systems

Yet another facet of the Police Department will be featured on the "**Orland Park Village View.**" The village's **Outdoor Warning Systems** will be a highlight of this month's village produced cable television show.

The **Emergency Services Division** of the Police Department oversees the village's **Outdoor Warning Siren System** that is activated when a tornado has been sighted in the area. A **three to five minute steady blast** means that **a tornado has been sighted** in the Orland Park area. Turn to your local weather channel for more information. There is no "all clear" signal given after the sirens are sounded for a tornado or severe weather.

The Village of Orland Park maintains twelve outdoor sirens strategically located throughout the village. Except when sirens are tested at 10am on Tuesday mornings, everyone should go inside and immediately take cover if they hear the sirens activated.

The village's **Recreation and Parks Department** operates lightning detectors at the four village parks that have multiple ballfields. Lightning detectors are located at **Centennial** (156 & West), **Humphrey** (146 & West), **Schussler** (Poplar & Golfview) and **Veterans'** (Hemlock & Wheeler) **Parks**. When the lightning detector sounds — like a repetitive car honking — everyone must immediately clear the ballfields because lightning has been detected in the area.

### Busy Schedule for Community Relations

The Police Department works very hard to establish and maintain relationships with all facets of the community. When a family is in trouble and needs the Police Department, it benefits everyone, especially children, if they have a positive experience with the department. The department's **Community Relations Division** works throughout the year to promote the department and the many services it provides.

Spring and summer are very busy public awareness months for the Police Department as the **Bike Patrol Unit** begins its patrols. And, the department's **Community Relations Division** participates in a number of events to reach the residents of Orland Park.

On **April 24<sup>th</sup>**, the Police Department participated in the **Village of Orland Park Sportsplex Health Fair**. The very popular **Cosmic Bowl**, hosted in cooperation with Orland Township Youth Services, will be held on **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. On **June 19<sup>th</sup>**, the department will participate in the Orland Township Youth Services "Getting To Know You" program.

Police personnel will also be on hand at the village's **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration** participating in **Kids' Day** at Centennial Park. And, on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the Orland Park Police Department will host its annual "**National Night Out**" on the green at the Orland Park Village Center Complex.

If you see the Orland Park Police Department at a public event, be sure to stop by to say hello. Introduce your children to the officers so that they know that they can call on the police when they need help.

**Watch the "Orland Park Village View" every day on Comcast Channel 4 at 10:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.**

## Partial Special Census Planned

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair  
Finance Committee



The Village of Orland Park is growing, and in the near future we will find out by exactly how much! A partial Special Census will be conducted in specific, targeted areas of the village that have had the greatest growth since the Decennial Census that was conducted in 2000.

Currently, the village's certified population, as per the United States Census Bureau, is 51,077. Based upon the number of new homes constructed within the village in the last few years, it is estimated that several thousand new residents live in Orland Park. We anticipate adding approximately 4,500 residents to our certified census number based upon this special census.

State shared revenues, such as income tax and motor fuel tax, that the village receives from the Illinois Department of Revenue and the Illinois Department of Transportation are based upon the currently certified census figure. These revenues are utilized to fund capital projects, such as road improvements, as well as general village operations.

Conducting this special census will allow us to recertify our population with the various state departments thereby increasing the amount of revenues the village receives from these departments.

It is important that all residents be aware of this important event and BE COUNTED. There are many ways in which village residents can assist us in conducting our special census. First and foremost, the village will be hiring to assist with the census as enumerators, crew leaders, field office supervisors, clerk and administrative assistants. Employment will last approximately one month for most of these positions. Village of Orland Park residents will be given first preference for these positions.

If interested in applying to serve as an enumerator, please send me an e-mail at [pgira@orland-park.il.us](mailto:pgira@orland-park.il.us) and I'll be happy to send an application to you.

Most importantly, if you live in one of the areas that will be re-counted, please answer your door and answer six simple questions that the enumerators will ask, covering the subjects of: name, household relationship, sex, date of birth and age, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race.

This interview should take a maximum of seven minutes, and please note that ALL ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Each census worker will also be wearing an identification badge, which you should ask to see. Your cooperation is very much appreciated in obtaining an accurate count for your neighborhood.

Finally, you can help by promoting the Partial Special Census to your neighbors and colleagues who work in the village, and by encouraging them to participate in the process. The result of this endeavor will be increased funding for village services that will benefit us all.

**PARTIAL SPECIAL CENSUS  
SUBDIVISIONS**

Ashburn Court • Ashburn Point • Breckenridge  
Centennial Village • Creekside  
Crossings at Brook Hills  
Crystal Meadow • Crystal on the Green  
Crystal Ridge • Crystal Spring • Deer Chase Estates  
Deer Point Estates II & III • Eagle Ridge  
Emerald Estates • Evergreen Townhomes  
Evergreen View • Forest View Estates  
Fountain Hills • Georgetown Square  
Ishnala 8 • Ishnala 18 • Long Run Creek  
Mallard Estates • Meadowbrook Estates  
Mission Hills • Mistee Ridge  
Muirfield Subdivision • Palos Golf & Saddle  
Persimmon Meadow • Royal Oaks Estates  
Saratoga Place • Silo Ridge Estates • Somerglen  
Somerglen South • Southmoor • Spring Creek Place  
Swallow Ridge • The Preserves at Marley Creek  
The Villas • Vintage Place • Westwind  
Windhaven West  
Wooded Path Estates

<b>VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK CALENDAR KEY</b>			
CC	Civic Center (14750 South Ravinia Ave)	OPAC	Village of Orland Park Arts Commission
CCA	Civic Center Authority	PD	Police Department (14600 South Ravinia)
ComRel	Community Relations Commission	PlanCom	Plan Commission
DLFac	Driver's License Facility (inside Village Hall)	PTAB	Parking & Traffic Advisory Board
EDAB	Economic Development Advisory Board	PubWks	Public Works Department (15655 South Ravinia Ave)
ElecCom	Electrical Commission	RAB	Recreation Advisory Board
ETSB	Emergency Telephone System Board	Splex	Village of Orland Park Sportsplex (11351 West 159th Street)
HPRC	Historical Preservation Review Commission	TAB	Telecommunications Advisory Board
LRC	Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center (14650 South Ravinia)	VETS	Veterans' Commission
OA	Outdoor Amphitheater (147 & Ravinia)	VH	Frederick T. Owens Village Hall (14700 South Ravinia Ave)
OJ	Orland Junior High School (14855 West Avenue)	ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

*\*Pre-registration or tickets may be required for some events. Events listed in the calendar are subject to change without notice. Call 708/403-6140 to confirm.*

## Hire Only Village of Orland Park Licensed Contractors

All contractors working in the Village of Orland Park --- regardless of the size of the job --- are required to hold a current Village of Orland Park Contractor's License. Should a contractor not licensed by the village perform unsatisfactorily, the resident has no recourse through the village.

To determine if a contractor is licensed by the village, call the Building Department at 403-6220. The Building Department offers the tips below as residents contemplate home improvement projects this spring.



### Unlicensed Contractors' Warning Signs

- Unlicensed contractors may request a large down payment in cash, or a check made out to cash prior to doing any work.
- Unlicensed contractors will ask you to obtain the permit or advise that you that you don't need a permit. Call the village's Building Department at 403-6220 and staff will advise whether or not a permit is required for the particular job.
- Unlicensed contractors will often not provide the consumer with a written contract or guarantee.
- Unlicensed contractors often want to do the construction work on weekends. Unlicensed contractors may promise you a large discount if you sign up immediately.
- Beware of a contractor who claims to have just completed a job down the street and has materials left over from that job and offers to do the work cheap.
- Beware if the contractor has a post office box address with no street address. Unlicensed contractors normally use unmarked vans or trucks.
- Beware of people wanting to do a free home inspection. Always verify that they are a licensed contractor prior to allowing them to do such inspections.
- Unlicensed contractors usually do not carry general liability or worker's compensation insurance.
- Unlicensed contractors normally target the elderly, uninformed, young and inexperienced.
- Do not give a deposit or sign a contract until you have confirmed that the contractor is licensed. Ask the contractor to leave the contract with you and come back the next day. This gives you the time to look it over without being pressured or intimidated.

### Before Signing a Contract

- Always get three bids or estimates before signing a contractor giving the contractor a deposit.
- Call the Building Department at 403-6220 to ask if a contractor has a valid Village of Orland Park Contractor's License.
- Make sure the work to be done is in writing on the contract regardless of how small the job.
- Make sure all warranties are listed on the contract - not verbal.
- Be sure to read all of the fine print and that you understand it, or ask your contractor to explain before you sign the contract.

### Four Steps for Selecting A Contractor

- Before you hire a contractor for new construction or home remodeling work, the Village of Orland Park Building Department recommends the following steps:
  - **Get recommendations from friends and neighbors.** Use a local, well-established contractor. Ask for references. Call the references, ask questions and take a look at the contractor's previous work.
  - **Ask the contractor if the company is insured** against claims covering worker's compensation, property damage and general liability.
  - **Get all estimates in writing!** Estimates should be very specific and should include exactly what services you'll be getting for the estimated cost. If a bidding process is used, ensure that the estimated costs are based on the same set of specifications. Get a written contract that specifies all work to be done and make sure that a completion date is included on the contract.
  - **Be sure to see the building permit before work starts** if your contractor is obtaining the permit for you. For more information on contractor requirements, contact the Village of Orland Park Building Department at 403-6220.

## Plan Developing for Old Orland District

A study to develop a comprehensive plan for the Old Orland Historic District is underway. The purpose of the plan is to guide development of the historic district in the short and long term.

This study is part of a much larger initiative by the village to update Orland Park's existing comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan includes goals, policies and objectives that guide and direct development in Orland Park. Special places in the village, such as the Old Orland Historic District, are addressed separately in the comprehensive plan due to their unique scale and character.

Over the last few months, meetings have been held with residents, business owners, and other representatives of the Old Orland community to determine what they would like to see happen in the historic district over the next five to ten years. Concerns included parking and traffic circulation, new development in and near the historic district, business viability, and building rehabilitation. The village is working to develop a short and long term strategy to address these issues.

Following these meetings, the village will prepare a plan for Old Orland. The plan will include a proposed framework for circulation (vehicular and pedestrian), parking, parks and open space, in addition to a streetscaping, land use, and building preservation strategy. A draft plan will be available for public comment in late spring. Staff anticipates sending the plan to the Village Board for their consideration this summer. More information about this study is available by calling the Village of Orland Park Community Development Department at 403-6115.

## Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization Formed

The Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization is comprised of active and retired law enforcement officers from the Orland Park area. The group meets quarterly to exchange information regarding law enforcement concerns, share camaraderie and to plan charitable fundraisers. A golf outing and Christmas party are planned for 2004. Mayor McLaughlin is an original member of the group.

The photo to the right was taken at the group's March 18th meeting, at which pipers from the Stock Yard Kilty Band performed.

*photo provided by Lee Harrison*



## Single Family Rehab Grants Available for Qualifying Village Residents

The Community Development Block Grant Single-Family Home Program is a Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsored, federally funded opportunity for communities to revitalize their housing stock through rehabilitation.

Cook County oversees the program in this area, and the rules governing the qualifying of Village of Orland Park residents for this program are strict so that only those in need will be awarded the no interest, no payments loan. This loan is to be paid back in full when the titleholder(s) of the property sells the home, or when the titleholder(s) dies.

The Village of Orland Park has made arrangements with Regional Redevelopment Corporation to administer its Single-Family Home Program because this corporation has the legal, financial, technical, clerical, and construction assistance staff readily available on a daily basis. Village of Orland Park residents wishing to research this program further for potential qualification may call the Regional Development Corporation at 708/596-8450 and ask for Sharon.

## Garbage, Yard Waste & Recyclables Pick Up Explained

Refuse pick-up in the Village of Orland Park is performed by the village's contracted waste hauler, Waste Management of South Suburbs. All residents are encouraged to read through the information below to learn more about how to best utilize this village service. Household garbage, yard waste and recyclables must be placed at the curb no later than 5:30 A.M. on the day of collection. Residents may put out their garbage no earlier than 6:00 P.M. the night before pick up day.

### Approved Garbage Containers - 45 gallons MAX

Residents may use plastic bags, heavy plastic or metal cans designed for residential use as a garbage container. **All containers must be no larger than 45 gallons, and must have two handles.** All garbage must be properly contained. Leasing of a 96 gallon toter through Waste Management is available and is a recommended option. Garbage must be separate from yard waste and recyclables.

### Collected Materials

Chairs, sofas, mattresses, etc...All carpeting must be in four foot lengths and rolled up and tied for pick up. Five rolls (one room) of carpeting is picked up at no charge. Homes with more than five rolls will have to pay an additional charge.

Waste Management **does not** pick up engine blocks, axles, transmissions, heavy metal parts, broken concrete, stone, clay, dirt, metal swimming pools, hazardous substances or building construction refuse.

Tires, appliances and white goods (appliances) will be removed with refuse. To schedule a pick up for these items, or to ask about those not listed, call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696. Twenty-four hours notice is required for larger items.

### Approved Yard Waste Containers Annually April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>

Yard waste must be in a 96 gallon Waste Wheeler Cart (green toter) available for lease or purchase from Waste Management. Or, **residents may use brown Kraft biodegradable bags no larger than 45 gallons or 35 pounds.** Bags must be small enough for one person to handle.

Landscape waste includes grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, flowers, twigs, brush and tree limbs less than four inches in diameter and no longer than four feet in length. Brush or branches are to be properly contained, bagged or bundled and tied so that one person can safely load it into the truck. Christmas tree pick up is the first two full weeks of each January on residents' regularly scheduled pick up day.

### Approved Recycling Bins

Each home in the Village of Orland Park is equipped with one eighteen gallon GREEN recycling bin strictly for mixed papers. Each home is also equipped with a second eighteen gallon GREEN recycling bin for co-mingled materials.

Replacement bins may be obtained at the Orland Park Public Works Department at 15655 South Ravinia Avenue for no charge. Residents may also call Waste Management at 1-800-796-9696 for delivery of a bin. There is a \$5.00 delivery charge.

### Collected Recyclable Materials

#### Paper Products

Recyclable paper products include newspapers, cereal and tissue boxes, frozen food boxes, gift boxes, magazines, telephone books, office stationery and paper products, junk mail, and miscellaneous cardboard.



All cardboard must be flattened and in pieces no larger than three feet by three feet. Waxed containers are not accepted. Residents should shred all documents with personal information before discarding them.



#### Metal Containers

Recyclable metal containers include aluminum beverage cans, tin cans, steel and bi-metal cans, including those for pop, soup, coffee and vegetables. All cans should be washed and free of debris. Remove all labels and flatten cans if possible.

#### Glass Containers

Collected glass containers include clear, green and brown glass jars. All glass containers should be rinsed free of all visible food and/or liquid debris. Windows, glass, mirrors, Pyrex or ceramics may not be recycled with the aforementioned glass containers.

#### Plastic Containers

PETE #1 and HDPE #2 are acceptable.

This includes pop bottles, milk and water jugs, laundry detergent and shampoo bottles, rigid 6/12 pack pop carriers, LDPE #4 and P#6 polyethylene soft 6/12 pack pop carriers, meat trays,



egg cartons and drinking cups. All carry out containers must be clearly marked with #6. Rinse free of all visible food debris. At the curb, recyclables must be separate from garbage and yard waste. Only approved recyclables in Waste Management issued GREEN bins will be accepted.

**GARBAGE PICK UP**  
**ONE DAY LATER AFTER HOLIDAYS**  
Garbage pick up is one day later when residents' pick up days fall on the following holidays...  
**New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas**

## Vets' Commission Care Package Collection Ongoing

Thank you to the many, many families, individuals, scout troops, schools and organizations that have so generously contributed to "Orland Park Cares," the Veterans' Commission's care package collection program. The commission is collecting items for care packages for local residents currently serving in the United States military. Everyone is invited to be a part of this ongoing effort. The list below shows what military personnel need. Contributions may be dropped off at the addresses below or at any of the six Orland Fire Protection District fire stations. For more information, call 403-6203.

Anti-itch cream • Athlete's foot spray • Baby wipes • Batteries (AA & AAA) • Breath mints • Cough drops  
 Crossword puzzles • Dental floss • Disposable razors • Eye drops • Fly paper • Fly swatters  
 Freezer bags • Hand sanitizer • Individual packets of Italian or vinaigrette  
 dressing to make MREs more palatable • Insect repellent • Lip balm • Moisture cream • Multi-vitamins  
 Pens • Shave cream • Sun block • Toilet paper • Tooth brushes • Travel size toothpaste tubes  
 Travel size kleenex • Vacuum-sealed foods • White tube socks  
 ...or anything else you think military personnel might need!

### MILITARY CARE PACKAGE CONTRIBUTION LOCATIONS

**Frederick T. Owens  
 Village Hall**  
 14700 South Ravinia

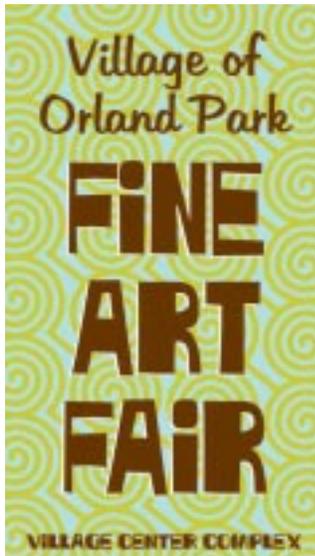
**Orland Park Civic Center**  
*William R. Vogel Memorial*  
 14750 South Ravinia

**Franklin E. Loebe  
 Recreation Center**  
 14650 South Ravinia

**Village of Orland Park  
 Sportsplex**  
 11351 West 159th Street

Contributions may also be dropped off at any of the six Orland Fire Protection District firehouses.

The Village of Orland Park  
 Arts Commission  
 proudly presents



## Village of Orland Park

## Special Census Enumerators Needed

- Temporary FULL-TIME work -- 20 to 25 days of employment
- Hourly wage plus mileage
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must take and pass a 30-minute test of basic skills
- Be available for day, evening and Saturday work, when necessary
- Have a valid driver's license and have access to a reliable vehicle
- Have a private telephone (non-cellular) to use, when necessary
- Ability to hear responses and complete assigned 3-day training session
- Provide one of two forms of valid identification

### APPLICATIONS & INFORMATION

#### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

**Frederick T. Owens Village Hall • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue**

Questions about census jobs should be directed to 708/403-6140.

## VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK REMINDERS

- Permits are not required for garage sales; however, residents may not post signs on public property, i.e., street lights, signs, right-of-ways.
- When parking in a driveway, do not block the public sidewalk. This is not only an inconvenience, it is dangerous for pedestrians who must then walk in the street.
- All residential home alarms must be registered with the Orland Park Police Department. For more information, call 349-4111.
- Parking in handicapped spaces is prohibited unless the vehicle displays the proper placard or license plates.

## Special Services To Host Seminars

### Summer Jobs for Youth

Created by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, this annual village program connects local businesses with high school and college students seeking summer employment. After **May 1st**, available summer jobs will be posted in the Office of Special Services, located on the lakeview level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. They will also be accessible on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us/jobs](http://www.orland-park.il.us/jobs). For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.



### Understanding Financial Aid

Navigate your way through college financial aid programs. This Special Services seminar will help students and their parents prepare to meet the financial needs of college life. Information will be provided about FAFSA, grants, student loans, types of aid available, how the cost of attendance and financial need are determined, and how to apply for financial aid. *featuring Joanna Kruse Financial Aid Office Moraine Valley Community College*  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2004 7:00 PM**  
**Orland Park Civic Center**  
*William Vogel Memorial*  
14750 Ravinia Avenue



### Life Line Screening

Mayor McLaughlin's Office of Special Services will host the Life Line Community Health screenings on **Tuesday, July 13, 2004** at the **Civic Center** from **8:30 am to 5:30 pm**. Life Line will provide information regarding the screenings. Appointments will be needed and will be made through Life Line.



### Medical Identification Bracelets

Mayor McLaughlin's Emergency Identification Bracelet Program is a free service for Village of Orland Park residents. Adults and children with medical conditions or special needs may come to Special Services to complete a short application and have their photograph taken. The information is entered into a database, which connects with the Orland Park Police. Police personnel can then access the information when responding to emergency medical calls.



### Passport Service at Village Hall

Passport applications are processed by Special Services. Appointments are required to process a passport application. Special Services is also able to take passport photos for a fee of \$7.00 each, making the process more convenient and all-inclusive. Appointments are required for passport applications. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Special Services at 403-6188.



### Program Suggestions Welcomed

Residents with suggestions for future seminars may call Special Services at 403-6188, or send an e-mail to [Specialservices@orland-park.il.us](mailto:Specialservices@orland-park.il.us). Special Services will continue to host seminars for families with special needs and for Orland Park's many veterans.



### Village Splex Offers 3-Month Memberships



Kids looking for a place to go? College student home for summer? The Sportsplex's 3-month membership is the perfect choice. Membership includes open gym, open soccer, batting cages, climbing wall, group exercise classes and use of the village's \*10,000 square foot fitness center. (\*must be in high school or older to use the fitness center).

**Orland Park Sportsplex 3-Month Membership**  
Village Residents \$92  
Non-Residents \$180

### Buy Twelve Months & Summer Is Free

It's not too late to look great for summer! The Sportsplex is offering you its best special of the year. Purchase a twelve month membership in May and receive summer for free!

Membership rates start at \$240 (\$23/month) and there is NO initiation fee. Don't wait any longer--- this is the time to join!!

**Let your special event be the "center of attention" at the Orland Park Civic Center. Call 403-6200 to schedule a tour.**



## Prevent Un-Invited House Guests



Never seal a hole in a roof, deck or attic fan without first making sure there are no animals still inside. To find out if animals have used a hole to access your roof, put a plastic garbage bag over opening of the hole. If the opening is big, place some newspapers inside of the bag to fill the opening. Wait three days and if there is no activity or noise, your house guest may have already departed.

Screens for attic fans may be purchased from a number of vendors. Animals can and do get in on the roof through attic fans that look like an upside down bowl on the roof. Inspect the screen underneath the "upside down bowl" and if it's bent inwards or outwards or if the blades are bent, animals are entering through the attic fan and into the attic.

Residents who hear scratching or chewing should first check the attic. If you see little holes in the insulation the size of the quarter, this means that mice have made their way into your home. Treat for mice first using traps and glue boards, etc. If residents discover droppings like those from a small dog, this could mean that raccoons have accessed your roof. Call Animal Control at the Orland Park Police Department for more information.

To stop raccoons and squirrels from getting onto your roof, look for where and how they're accessing it. Check down spouts trees, brick walls, or columns that provide access to the roof. Look for mud, scratch marks or hair. For example, if a resident discovers that a raccoon is climbing up and down the downspout because of the mud that's smeared on it, there is something you can do. Place a piece of cardboard, about four feet in height, and wrap it around the gutter about knee high. Then smear grease or Vaseline all over the cardboard. Be sure to wrap ALL downspouts with cardboard --- not just the gutter that the raccoon is using. This trick works about 75% of the time. If an animal wants in bad enough, it will find a way in. Using the cardboard prevents damaging or staining the gutter or siding.

Get chimney caps for fireplaces. It's better to spend \$20 instead of hundreds of dollars later. Wildlife babies are coming soon. Get ready now. For more information, call Animal Control Officer Steve Stronk at the Police Department, 349-4111.

## National Night Out Returns



The Orland Park Police Department will again participate in the nationwide observance of National Night Out Against Crime" on Tuesday, August 3, 2004, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The event will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, at 14750 Ravinia. Have your child's photo taken for a Kid Care I.D. passport booklet that parents keep. For more information call 349-4111.

Orland Park Police Bike Patrol  
 Brutus, Orland Park's Police Dog  
 Chicagoland Safekids Event Van  
 Chi-Town Sounds  
 Cruise Night Out Against Crime  
 Showcase Classics  
 Dino Jump & Maze  
 Face Painting  
 Fatal Vision Basketball Contest  
 Hope Children's Hospital

Joe Rizza Ford Kid Care I.D. Booklets  
 Orland Fire District Smoke House  
 Palos Health & Fitness Center  
 South Suburban Car Seat Safety Coalition  
 Orland Park Police  
 Special Response Team  
 Tow equipment from Ambassador  
 Apple/A Medics  
 Orland Park Police Traffic Motorcycles  
 Orland Park Police Traffic Safety CPS Trailer

## Internet Usage

The Internet can be a wonderful tool for children and youth.



**Homework.** Kids can use the most current news, encyclopedias and other source materials to find information for research projects.

**Entertainment and Education.** Kids can use the Internet to make virtual visits to museums, take a college course, play games etc. But the Internet can be dangerous! Here are some things that families can do to encourage today's computer-savvy young people to be computer safe.

### Using the computer is a family affair.

Agree on a list of rules and post it near the computer. The rules should include how long children can spend on the Internet, how long they can surf the Web, and how long they can be in a "chat room." Family rules should also address what children may and may not visit on the Internet and whether or not they're allowed to make purchases over the Internet. Talk to your kids! Keep the lines of communications open, and never blame the victim. If a child tells you about an upsetting event experienced online, do not blame him or her. How you react will affect how much he or she shares with you in the future.

### FOLLOWING LINKS

Consider using family-safe or child-safe search engines or a filter, blocking or rating system. Some services have a "kids only" section so you can be sure the children will not have access to questionable material. Encourage your children to ask you to check out new sites with them. Be responsive and non-judgemental if they tell you about an inappropriate site they found accidentally.

### DOWNLOADING FROM THE INTERNET

The Internet has changed the way children do school work. But they need to realize that information they find on the Internet is not all free.

## Water Conservation Program Begins May 15

### *Odd/Even Address System Followed*

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect May 15 through September 15 of each year. Over the last several years, as the community has grown, it has become more difficult to maintain adequate water levels during the summer months. **Lawn sprinkling is only permitted between the hours of 7 and 11 - both a.m. and p.m. - year around.** Between May 15th and September 15th, peak water conservation measures are in effect. All outdoor water usage (sprinkling, washing cars, watering flowers, etc.) is restricted to an odd/even address basis and only during the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the permitted day.



**Homes and businesses with addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may sprinkle between 7 and 11 A.M. or P.M. only on even numbered days.**

**Those with addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may sprinkle between 7 and 11 a.m. or p.m. only on odd numbered days.**

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling by hose-fed sprinklers or underground irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all non-commercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car-wash operations or filling of swimming pools.

Newly sodded lawns may be watered more frequently upon application for and receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department. 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 the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

## Warm Weather Brings Out Street Sweepers

The Streets Division of the Public Works Department began its spring-cleaning of the village during the months of March and April, sweeping all of the main and residential streets in the Village. The commercial/arterial streets of the village are swept eight times per year. Weather permitting, sweeping will take place on the following remaining dates:

**April 19 through April 23**

**June 21 through June 25**

**September 20 through September 24**

**May 24 through May 28**

**July 19 through July 23**

**October 25 through October 29**

**November 8 through November 12**

In addition, the village subdivisions and village owned parking lots are swept four times per year. The remaining dates for these sweepings, weather permitting, are:

**June 28 through July 2**

**September 13 through September 17**

**December 6 through December 10\***

\*Final residential sweep will coincide with the conclusion of the village's annual leaf pick-up program. Members of this division of the village's Public Works Department are busy year round. As winter closed, these village employees put the plows away to gear up for their summer projects. Maintenance of the village's many miles of roads begins in May with many streets receiving touchups, including crack sealing, asphalt maintenance and striping, in addition to street light repair.

## Yard Waste Collection Began April 1st

Yard waste collection resumed April 1st and continues through November 30th. Waste Management began collecting yard waste on regular garbage pick-up days. All yard waste materials must be separate from normal household garbage. In Orland Park, residents may use Waste Wheeler Carts for yard waste or Kraft biodegradable bags. **Yard waste in other containers will not be collected.** Bundled trees and brush less than four inches in diameter and 48 inches in length are picked up during the first full week of each month. For more information about yard waste disposal or to buy or rent a Waste Wheeler Cart, please call Waste Management of the South Suburbs at 800/796-9696.

## Public Works Receives APWA Awards

The Orland Park Public Works Department received two American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter, Southwest Branch Awards on January 7, 2004. Orland Park was honored for Service Improvement and received the Public Works Project of the Year Award.

The Public Works Project of the Year Awards was given for the Salt and Vehicle Storage Facility. In January of 2001 the village completed construction of the storage facility that provides an additional 30,000 square feet for vehicle and equipment storage and a 4,500-ton salt storage facility. The construction of the facility is unique because the Public Works facility was built on an old Nike missile silo and the village utilized the concrete roof of one of the silos as the floor for the salt storage facility.

## Clearly Seeing Orland Park's Lake Sedgewick



Lake Sedgewick at Centennial Park has been the focus of a recent water quality-monitoring project funded by the Village of Orland Park and the Illinois Environmental Protection

Agency, through a grant from the Illinois Clean Lakes Program. The initial study indicated that the physical condition of the lake was deteriorating and that measures needed to be taken to improve its health and appearance. The improvements, slated to begin this spring, center around efforts to reduce watershed pollution sources and better the overall water quality.

### Why Is Water Quality An Issue?

While many lakes and rivers are not sources of drinking water, they are important natural habitats and recreational resources. Poor water quality results in a loss of habitat for birds, fish and wildlife. It also reduces the opportunities for safe recreation – hindering boating, fishing, and swimming. Lake Sedgewick's water quality has a bigger impact than you think! You see, Lake Sedgewick is connected to other waterways within the region and Illinois and its waters eventually travel to the Mississippi River.

Runoff pollution, including sediments and nutrients are the major cause of Lake Sedgewick's poor water quality. Soil erosion and sediment deposits can have many harmful effects on a lake. Cloudy water reduces visibility for fish and people as well as decreasing the amount of sunlight available to aquatic plants. Another contributor to Lake Sedgewick's poor health is the overabundance of nutrients. You may say, "But I thought nutrients were supposed to be good for you." Good for you, bad for a lake! Nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen found in sediments, fertilizers and pet waste act as chemical stimulants – contributing to the over fertilization of a lake and increasing weed and algae production.

### What Is Being Done At Lake Sedgewick?

The action plan improvements include shoreline stabilization, native vegetation establishment, lake dredging, weed control, and continuing water quality monitoring to assess changes in the lake conditions following construction.

### How Can You Help?

While the efforts on site will improve Lake Sedgewick's immediate water quality, your contributions are needed to ensure the lake's long-term health and well-being. While not a comprehensive list, the following suggestions are great ways to be a steward of the environment. The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department thanks you for your participation!

**Pet waste** can be very harmful to Lake Sedgewick. It contains nutrients that promote weed and algae growth. More importantly, the waste carries diseases that are harmful to pets, children and adults. Proper disposal techniques include flushing the waste down the toilet, proper trash disposal, and burying the waste in your yard away from vegetable gardens, lakes, streams, ditches or wells.

### Yard waste, lawn clippings and leaves,

can also contribute to poor water quality if allowed to enter storm sewers, which eventually connect to Lake Sedgewick. As the organic material of yard waste breaks down, it adds sediment and alters the nutrient balance of the water. Did you know that you can recycle yard waste? Composting lawn clippings, leaves, and other various yard trimmings is a great way to create your own natural fertilizer and mulch. The use of organic mulch has many benefits, including reduction of garbage, soil moisture retention, reduction of weed growth and erosion, and soil temperature maintenance – all of which contribute to the good health of your yard!



A common mistake is over **fertilization**. Have your soil tested to determine the specific recommendations for your yard. Once you have the right combination of nutrients, take care when applying the fertilizer. Avoid paved areas and if fertilizer is spread on paved areas, sweep it into the lawn. Even the smallest bit left on a paved surface can be washed away in a rain event and ultimately enter Lake Sedgewick.

### Storm Sewer Contamination

A major method of watershed pollution is through contaminants introduced to storm water system. Hazardous materials, such as paint, motor oil, and antifreeze, should be disposed of at your local collection center. Many car care businesses are involved in recycling programs for motor oils and antifreeze.

On site collection of storm water is another way to reduce the pollution of local waterways. Rather than directing storm water across paved surfaces and into drains, angle your home's downspouts into porous surfaces like planting beds or lawn areas. The soil acts as a natural filter, removing some chemicals or pollutants the storm water may contain.

Further information on these and other ways to improve water health can be found in *Yard Care and the Environment Series; Pet Waste and Water Quality; and Brown Water, Green Weeds* available from University of Wisconsin-Extension in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, <http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/>.

# Sixth Annual Orland Park Garden Contest To Be Held

Amateur gardeners, age eighteen and older, residing within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park are invited to enter the Sixth Annual Village of Orland Park Garden Contest. Past competitors are invited to enter again. Landscape architects, contractors and professional gardeners are not eligible.

## Category I: Detached Single-Family Home

Awards will be given for first, second and third place winners. Judging will include front, back and side yards, how landscaping relates to the house, but not the house itself.

## Category II: Subdivision Entrance

One award will be given to a homeowner or group of homeowners who have planted, maintained and made improvements to enhance the entrance to a subdivision.

Traditional and unusual gardens are welcome 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 July 1, 2004. Judging will take place in July/August and awards will be presented at a Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting in September. Contestants do not need to be home at the time of judging. To enter, complete and mail the form below. For more information, please call 403-6145.

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ATTN: Garden Contest Entries



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## VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM May 15th to September 15th • See page 17 for details.

### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK GARDEN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

The Village of Orland Park Garden Contest is open to amateur gardeners who are residents within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park. Please complete this form, sign the release and mail to the address on the opposite side. **The deadline for entries is July 1, 2004.** Please clearly print or type all information and indicate your category.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Single Family Home

Subdivision Entrance

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, video tapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of my participation this event for any purpose.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_