



# Orland Park Public



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## Winter Wonderland Makes Centennial Park An All-Seasons Facility

*by Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin*

This past holiday season will be a memorable one for the Village of Orland Park. We kicked off the 2003 holiday season with the annual **Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Over 600 people participated in the afternoon festivities. A special thank you to **Trader Joe's** for donating all the wonderful desserts, to the **Orland Park Community Band** and to the **Carl Sandburg High School Choir and Chamber Singers** for providing musical entertainment, and to all the volunteers who helped make the day a great community event.

In December, the Board of Trustees and I were delighted to open the village's new **Winter Wonderland** at Centennial Park. In just seven short weeks, our **Recreation and Parks, Building Maintenance** and **Public Works** staff did a fantastic job to transform Centennial Park into a playground for winter sports. The ice rink features lights, music and a warming house. A 30-foot sledding hill has been built and landscaped. Cross-country skiing is also available in the park. There is no charge for any of these activities. You may bring your own equipment or rent skates and skis for a nominal fee. The Winter Wonderland is open daily until 9 p.m. through March 20th. The warming house and rental will be open Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7p.m. Special hours are offered on school holidays. I hope everyone gets a chance to come out and enjoy winter fun right here in Orland Park. For more information, please call the Recreation and Parks Department at 403-7275.

### Holiday Decorations

Each year, we add new decorations in the village during the holiday season for our residents to enjoy and to welcome visitors. This year I asked the LaGrange Road businesses to join the village in decorating our town by participating in a **Holiday Decorating Contest**. Businesses along LaGrange Road were asked to enhance the decorations on their buildings and properties to present a grand appearance for our shopping district.

I'm pleased to announce that **Walter E. Smithe Furniture** was named **Best Decorated Property** and **Red Lobster** was named **Best Decorated Building** for the 2003 holiday season.

Thanks to all the businesses that participated and helped to make LaGrange Road and the Village of Orland Park more festive and inviting during the holidays.



### Open Lands

In addition to pursuing and negotiating properties for open lands acquisitions, the village is currently working on creating an open space system that follows major creeks and connects parks and forest preserves. Our goal is to provide quality open space with easy access for all residents.

Fundraisers like the **Open Lands of Orland Park Golf Outing** and the **Open Lands Ride 'N Tie Race** help support this important program. Residents may include donations to Open Lands on their water bills. The village is also open to talking with landowners who would like to donate property to preserve as open space. For more information about the Open Lands of Orland Park program, please call 708/403-6115.

### Watch "Orland Park Village View"

The Village of Orland Park produces a monthly cable television show that airs on Comcast Cable Television Channel 4. It highlights special events and features segments about village departments and programs. Learn more about all that's happening in the village. The program airs seven days a week at 10:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

**Parking is prohibited on Village of Orland Park streets when TWO inches of snow have fallen. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the street for at least twelve hours, or until all of the snow has been cleared. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.**

## 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.

The **Carl Sandburg Girls Swimming and Diving Team** captured the IHSA 2003 Sectional Championship. Congratulations to championship team members **Sam Cody, Alison Schilling, Amanda Cody, Amanda Schilling, Caitlin Higgins, Nicole Srutowski, Katie Ciurej** and **Kristen O'Connor**. The team has the unusual distinction of having three sets of sisters on the championship team.

Fifth and sixth grade students were chosen as winners in the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce Career Education poster contest. Winners include High Point fifth-grader **Christina Diaz**; Liberty School fifth-graders **Deanna Belos** and **Emily Freund**; Meadow Ridge fifth-grader **Emily Call**; Century Jr. High sixth-grader **Laura Pindelski**; and Jerling Jr. High sixth-grader **Ron Casteel**.

Congratulations to the following Carl Sandburg High School students named to the Star-Aurelio's Pizza All-Area Soccer Team: seniors **Colin Aubin, Al Duncan, Nick Kwiatek** and **Jay Swiderski**, and sophomore **Paul Kopec**.

Congratulations to the **St. Michael Wildcats 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Team** and their coaches for capturing the 2003 Southside Catholic Conference Championship. Winning team members include **Ryan Griffin, Conor McMahon, Dan Ruzich, Michael Lynch, Ryan Cowhey, Joe Koch, Ryan Cronin, Eric Boyle, Rob McAlister, Dan Stecick, Michael Ryan, Bobby McDonald, David Raminski, Frankie Caroit, Giovanni Caputi, Pat Morrissey, Tom Barry, Sean McGrath, Ryan Surico, Matt Unger, Matt Toomey, Zack Szofer, Ryan O'Neil, Tim Lydigsen, Liam Morrissey, Jim Hays, David Willey, Michael Lucas, Mark Korpics, Dan Carmody, Paddy O'Connell, Alex Antone, Matt Brennan, Jim Cummings, Billy Kosteck, Chase Pavlick** and **Jack King**.

Carl Sandburg High School seniors **Michael L. Slaviero, Jeffrey Charles Blachowicz** and **William J. Sindewald** have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America Troop #318. Carl Sandburg Seniors **Lauren G. Goglew, Nicole M. Gogolew** and **Patricia A. Tracy** have earned their "Gold Awards" from the Girl Scouts of America. Congratulations to all of you on these impressive achievements.

Carl Sandburg High School freshman volleyball team had an impressive year. The A Team finished the season with 36 wins and two losses, winning first place in all five tournaments and first in conference.

Members of the A Team include **Cindy Rivard, Gintare Radvilla, Kelly Paulius, Sara Olson, Liz Meyers, Melissa McKendry, Jean Fletcher** and **Maegan Grogan**. The B Team finished the season with fifteen wins, three losses and came in first in conference. Winning B Team members include **Melissa Conrad, Kristiana Durnjak, Tammy Good, Jaimie LaPrairie, Lauren Malfeo, Caitlyn McCurrie, Jennifer Pasciak** and **Jessica Pasciak**.

Six students from St. Michael School were nominated for the 2004 People to People World Leadership Forum. **Rebecca Flores, James Hays, Kathleen Pikel, James Cummings, Alex Veith** and **Gwen Mallon** were nominated by their teachers because they are looked upon as leaders in their school and community.

Congratulations to St. Michael third-grader and Irish dancer **Erin Golden**. Erin has received 57 awards in Irish dancing competition and has competed in Canada, Iowa, St. Louis, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Washington D.C., including the White House lawn in the summer of 2001.

St. Michael's fifth grade girls' basketball team won the Southside Catholic Conference basketball title. Winning Lady Wildcats include **Catherine Horn, Ashley Mateja, Shannon Keating, Meghan Henry, Samantha Sheely, Molly Weslow, Megan Ruzich, Teresa Kitchin, Danielle Barry** and **Sarah Makina**. Congratulations on winning the title and a great year!

**Mark Gormley**, an eighth-grader at Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School, earned a third-place showing in the national Invent, America! Competition for his scuba-diving lighting invention. Mark's lighting creation uses a pair of flashlight heads attached to over-the-shoulder scuba equipment. He named his invention MK Lighting.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Keep up the good work!

### Share the Good News

*Submit Regional, State,  
National or International Accomplishments*

Do you have news to share about Orland Park individuals or teams that have achieved **regional, state, national** or **international** recognition or outstanding and unusual accomplishments? Please share it for future columns.

Information may be e-mailed to [info@orland-park.il.us](mailto:info@orland-park.il.us) or faxed to 708/403-6171.

## More Korean War Veterans



This past year marked the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War as the shooting stopped at 10:00 P.M. on July 27, 1953. In the last edition, the Village of Orland Park joined local, state and federal government agencies across the country as the nation thanks and honors the 1.8 million American service members who defended freedom. Listed below are more Korean War Vets who live in Orland Park.

Carl V. Augustynowicz, Corporal  
United States Army Artillery  
1951-1953

LaVon A. Riewe, Corporal  
United States Army Artillery  
1952-1954

Frank A. Sallay, Corporal  
United States Army Engineering Battalion  
1951-1953

George Entress, Sergeant  
United States Marine Corps  
1952-1955

*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.*

## Remember Your Favorite Veteran



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

In the last few editions of the *Orland Park Public*, we published lists of village residents who are currently serving in the United States military. Please join Mayor McLaughlin and the Board of Trustees in saluting and remembering the Orland Park residents listed below as they serve our country.



**Private Daniel Marek**  
United States Marine Corps  
Echo Company  
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2003

**Private First Class Jason Marek**  
United States Marine Corps  
Echo Company  
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2003

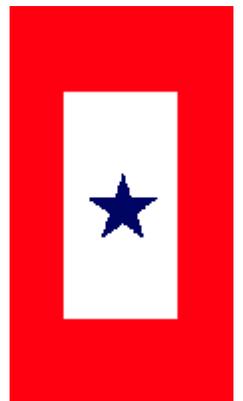
**E-2 Airman Apprentice Jeffrey A. Walsh**  
United States Navy  
(ABF) Aviation Boatswain Fuel  
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2001

**Captain Adam Wojcik**  
United States Army  
Commander of the 25th Field Artillery Detachment (Radar) Deployed to Iraq in January 2004 for a 12-month tour.  
2000, Graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point  
Brother Rice High School Class of 1996

*Family members of Village 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.*

## Free Blue Star Banners Available 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 708/403-6203.

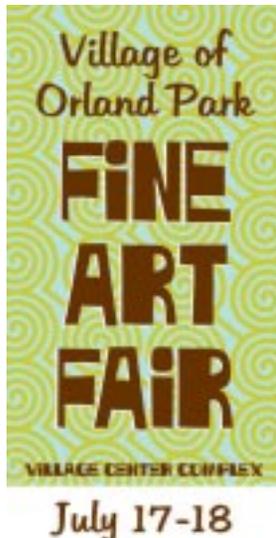




## Village Arts Commission Seeks Student Artwork

On July 17 and 18, the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission will sponsor its First Annual Fine Art Fair. Professional artists will display and sell their artwork. A special exhibit of local junior high and high school art will also be featured.

The commission is asking local art teachers to select high quality artwork to be submitted for a juried student art show. The artwork chosen must be



submitted by students who are currently enrolled in sixth through twelfth grade and residents of the Village of Orland Park (incorporated subdivisions). Each work submitted must be two dimensional, no larger than

18 x 24 inches in size, and matted. Only artwork submitted through art teachers will be accepted. Specific award details will be announced at a future date. All artwork will be collected before school is dismissed for the summer.

If interested, please respond to the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission at 708/403-6194. Additional information will follow for those participating. The Fine Art Fair is an exciting first for the Village of Orland Park. The Orland Park Arts Commission looks forward to showcasing the talents of our youth.

## Vets' Health Fair Successful

On November 7, 2003, the Mayor's Office of Special Services hosted its Second Annual Health and Information Fair. Nearly 400 veterans came out to take advantage of the information and services available. Thank you to the following establishments that were so generous in donating food for the veterans and the participating agencies.

- Fox's Restaurant and Pub**
- Dunkin Donuts (LaGrange Road)**
- Dunkin Donuts (159th Street)**
- Orland Park Bakery**
- Great American Bagel**
- Einstein Bagels**

## Identity Theft Seminar Held

The Orland Park Police Department presented "When Bad Things Happen To Your Good Name" on November 13th. This seminar addressed identity theft and how to prevent becoming a victim. Because of the interest in this topic, a second seminar will be held again in spring, 2004.

## Passport Applications & Photos Available

Passport applications may be processed in Special Services. Applicants may also have passport photos taken for a fee of \$7.00. Appointments are required. For more information, call 403-6188.

## Emergency Medical I.D. Bracelets for Children and Adults

Mayor McLaughlin's Emergency Identification Bracelet Program is a free service available for Village of Orland Park residents. Adults and children with medical conditions or special needs may come to the Mayor's Office of Special Services to complete a brief form and have a photo taken. All information is entered into the village's database, connected with the Orland Park Police Department.

## Thank You

Thank you to the many residents who have offered positive feedback about the Mayor's Office of Special Services since it first opened its doors just more than a year ago. Those with suggestions for future seminars or to be added to the mailing list are invited to call the office at 708/403-6188 or send an e-mail to [specialservices@orland-park.il.us](mailto:specialservices@orland-park.il.us).

## • MARK YOUR CALENDAR •

**Thursday, March 11, 2004**

**CASH DASH • 6:30 P.M.**

**BRIGHT START COLLEGE SAVINGS**

**PROGRAM • 7:00 P.M.**

**Orland Park Civic Center**

**For more info, call 403-6188.**

Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services

## MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

*Presented by National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI – South Suburbs)*

**Tuesday, March 2, 2004 • 6:30 p.m.**

**Orland Park Civic Center**

*Dedicated to the memory of William R. Vogel*

**14750 South Ravinia Avenue • Orland Park**

Learn more about the community services available concerning mental illness such as:

**Educational Programs & Support Groups**

**Outpatient Counseling Services Residential Services**

**Vocational Training Crisis Intervention & Services**

**Forensic Mental Health Services**

Representatives from NAMI – South Suburbs, Grand Prairie Services, Metropolitan Family Services, Thresholds and Will County Health Department will be presenting and will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call Cathy Zuro at 708/403-6188.



## Important Dates Before March 16th Primary Election

by Village Clerk David P. Maher

Questions about voter registration and election services may be directed to the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

**February 17, 2004** is the last day to register to vote for the General Primary. Village Clerk's Office hours for voter registration are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily. We will also be open for voter registration on

the following Saturdays: January 31, February 7, and February 14, 2004. Should you miss the deadline, registration will reopen on March 18.

**To register to vote**, one must be a United States citizen and at least eighteen years of age on or before the next election. Re-registration is also necessary for those who have recently moved, changed their name, or were removed from the voter rolls. Two forms of identification are needed — one with your name and Orland Park address and the other with just your name. A driver's license, state identification card, anything with your name and address printed (not handwritten), or a postmarked envelope with your name and address (this can be handwritten) is acceptable. For the name only requirement, a credit card, insurance card, student identification card, social security Card, etc. is sufficient. Call the Village Clerk's Office if you have any questions about forms of identification.

### **Absentee Voting will be available February 23 to March 15, 2004.**

Registered voters who are residents of the Village of Orland Park and who will not be able to vote at the polls on March 16th may vote absentee in the Clerk's Office located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall from February 23 to March 15, 2004. Office hours for absentee voting are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday.

Absentee voting is available to residents who will be traveling on business, on vacation, serving as election judges, performing certain election duties, serving on a jury, observing a religious holiday, etc. Others who may vote absentee include residents who will be out of the county/country, college students home on a visit, and residents who are scheduled to be in the hospital on Election Day. In-office absentee voting is also open to anyone who, for health reasons, cannot vote at the polls because of a physical incapacity.

**Mail-in Absentee Ballots** are available for Orland Park residents who are temporarily or permanently physically incapacitated, college students away at school, and anyone who cannot vote in-office or at the polls. The application will be mailed to the address requested. The voter then sends the completed application to the Cook County Clerk's Office and they will mail a ballot to you. Completed absentee ballots are then returned to the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Instructions appear on the application. Call the Village Clerk's Office with the intended recipient's address and an application will be mailed once we receive our supply. The Orland Park Clerk's Office cannot accept mail-in ballots. The voter must mail the ballot back to Cook County.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2004** – General Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. My office will be open from 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for polling place locations and voting information.

### **March Primary Elections**

U.S. President and Vice President

U.S. Senate

U.S. House of Representatives (All 19 districts in Illinois)

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Convention to select the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates whose names will appear on the November 2004 ballot

State Senators

State House of Representatives

County Offices: Circuit Court Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, and State's Attorney

Judicial Offices: State Supreme Court, State Appellate Court Judges, Cook County Circuit Court and Subcircuit Judges (Orland Park is in Subcircuit 15).

**Polling Places:** See page 15. The locations listed are for registered voters in the Village of Orland Park. Cook County advises that there may be changes in some of the precinct locations, but due to the fire in October, they could not provide an updated list by the deadline for the *Orland Park Public*. A corrected list will appear on Orland Park's Web Page, [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) as soon as it is finalized. My office will have a corrected list prior to the election.

**Fail Safe Voting (Federal Only):** Persons who were registered in Cook County and moved to a new address within Cook County but did not register at the new address may vote in their previous precinct on the Federal Only Ballot. Fail Safe voters are entitled to vote for candidates for President/ Vice President and the U. S. House of Representatives.

**If your name is not on the voter rolls on election day:** If you have not moved or you are sure your name should be on the voter rolls, ask the judge to check the In-Active list and the printout of eligible voters. If your name is not on either of these lists, ask a judge to call Cook County. You cannot be denied the opportunity to vote without a judge first getting approval from the Cook County Clerk's Office. If you are still not allowed to vote, you may be able to vote using a Universal Voters Affidavit. Two pieces of identification are needed — one must show current address.

Check the newspapers, television, and the Internet for election information. Many of the candidates have websites containing their positions on issues of importance to voters.

## Please Accept Our Heartfelt Thanks

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair  
Building and Zoning Committee

I've always known that Orland Park is a wonderful, caring town of loving people. This was clearly demonstrated in December when my husband and best friend, Michael Fenton, passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve.

My children and I will forever be grateful for the outpouring of love and support during what is a very, very difficult time in our lives. You have truly touched our hearts and for this, Matt, Amy and I thank all of you.

**Administrative Adjudication Process for Non-Vehicular Code Violations.** Effective January 1, 2004, the Village of Orland Park began implementing a new system of administrative adjudication of the village's non-vehicular code and ordinance violations.

The village-appointed hearing officer will preside over all administrative hearings as the adjudicator. The hearing officer will be an attorney who has been licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois for at least three years. He or she will have successfully completed a formal training program, which includes instruction on the rules and procedures of the Administrative Hearing. The hearing officer may also levy fines. Due to the severity of the violation, repeat offenders can expect larger and more severe fines.

This new system will make it more convenient for the residents of Orland Park, as hearings will be held every second Tuesday of the month at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia Avenue, rather than at the Bridgeview Courthouse.

The parties involved in the violations will be notified of an administrative hearing (by ticket), which includes the type and nature of the code violation or violations, and the date, time and place where they are to appear.

Parties will be given an opportunity to be represented by counsel—if they choose—and present witnesses, if necessary for their cases.

This new system will allow the Village of Orland Park to provide its residents with a better environment in which to live by enforcing its codes and ordinances in a timely manner.

### Zoning Board of Appeals Explained

The Building Department processes applications for variances that are submitted by residents seeking relief from a particular regulation of the zoning ordinance.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** officers work closely with the Building Department to evaluate each application for variance. Certain criteria must be met and a hardship or difficulty must be demonstrated in order for a variance to be heard at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting which is held once a month, if necessary.

A variance will only be granted if it is clearly determined that neither the public welfare nor property values will be adversely impacted by the granting of such variance. Variances can be granted up to 25% of a setback requirement. Anything requested in excess of 25% must go before the Board of Trustees for their approval or denial.

### Farmers' Market Returns in June

Despite the chill of winter in the air, we're already looking forward to this summer's Farmers' Market. The market will officially open on Friday, June 11th. It will be open every Friday after that, from 7:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., until early fall.

The market is set up south of the Civic Center at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Potential vendors interested in renting space should call 403-6145 for more information.



### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK



Information about the 2004 FARMERS' MARKET is being mailed directly to past participants.

Artisans and vendors interested in renting space for the 2004 season are invited to call 708/403-6145 for more information.



## Thank You, Sponsors --- Congratulations, Winners

by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chair  
Planning and Economic Development

I hope that the start of 2004 finds everyone happy, healthy and looking forward to the possibilities of the New Year.

At this time I would like to thank the staff of the **Community Development Department**, in particular

Intern **John Hausaman**, for all of the efforts put forth in providing another successful season for the Holiday Trolley Service.

This service, which began in 1995, provides free transportation to and from various retail centers throughout town and ridership continues on the upswing. This service means fewer cars on the roads during the holidays. As a matter of fact, a few years ago the Orland Park Holiday Trolley Service was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Partners for being an innovative program aimed at reducing automobile usage and thereby reducing air pollution.

As I mentioned, this service is free to all riders and that's because of the generosity of a number of local businesses (see column left). The support of these businesses and the service to the community is truly appreciated.

Each year the village recognizes those in the community who surpass the norm and go the extra mile when it comes to their landscape design, site design and architecture.

I am pleased to publicly congratulate the following recipients of the 2003 Community Development Awards. First place in Commercial/Retail New Architecture went to **TGI Friday's** and second place was awarded to both **Oberweiss Dairy and Cosi Restaurant**. In the Commercial/Retail Landscape/Site Design, first place was awarded to **TGI Friday's** and second place went to both **Cosi Restaurant and Cooper Square**.



*The Winterset III Professional Office Park, located at the northeast corner of 167th and 108th Avenue, won two Community Development Awards.*

**A.J. Smith Federal Savings** won first place in the Commercial/Retail Monument Sign and **Oberweiss Dairy** was awarded second place. **Galyan's** and **Biaggio's** took first and second places respectively in Commercial/Retail Remodel. In the Office New Architecture category, first place was awarded to **Winterset III** and **Ravinia Point** with second place being awarded to **Somerset of Orland Park**.

**Winterset III** also won first place in both Office Landscape/Site Design and Office Monument Sign, while second place in both categories was awarded to **Somerset of Orland Park**.

**Orland Park Business Center** was recognized with a first place award in Industrial New Architecture. The Townhome Architecture First Place Award was presented to **Evergreen View**, with **Breckenridge** earning a second place award. First place in the Residential Monument Sign was presented to **Swallow Ridge** with second place going to **Meadowbrook**.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients. We are pleased to acknowledge your efforts to make your businesses and residences among the most attractive in the community.

### THANK YOU HOLIDAY SHOPPER TROLLEY SPONSORS

- Bank Financial
- 94 West
- BMW of Orland Park
- Central Credit Union of Illinois
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Daily Southtown
- Star Newspapers
- First Midwest Bank
- Fox's Pub
- Giordano's
- Jewel-Osco
- Mercedes-Benz of Orland Park
- Moraine Valley Com College
- MPI Media Group
- Orland Square Mall
- Palos Health & Fitness
- Papa Joe's
- Rafferty Nationwide Insurance Co
- Saint Xavier University
- Tony Rizza Cadillac Hummer

## Village's Environmental Initiatives Honored & Explained

by Trustee James Dodge, Chair  
Public Works and Engineering Committee

We all want cleaner air and a better environment and the village has taken two key steps in that direction. In my last column, I stated that I would have news on some programs we were testing to help reduce vehicle emissions control the amount of salt we were using. Both efforts are working.

### Cleaner Air With Bio-Diesel Fuel

Beginning October 13, 2003, we switched the fuel for all of our diesel-powered vehicles and trucks to a bio-diesel mixture. This mixture significantly cuts the amount of total unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and particulate matter emissions from our vehicle fleet. Biodiesel is renewable and is also considered an alternative fuel. So far it has been working very well, however we needed to test how these fuels performed in the winter months. We did not want any down time for the snow plows due to a well-intentioned fuel switch.

Our employees and their equipment work hard to keep up with the demand for services in Orland Park. This simple fuel change will substantially improve vehicle emissions from our trucks each and every time we use them. The fuel we are using is actually a blend of traditional diesel fuel and a bio-diesel made from soybeans. While there are multiple ways to cut harmful emissions from diesel trucks, we decided to try this for a few good reasons.

Improved diesel engine technology is on the horizon however, we are not convinced it has yet proven it's reliability and the required fuel is more expensive. We all want cleaner air but we should also require a *reliable* solution in the short term. Additionally, we buy fuel in amounts of 10,000 gallons at a time and this particular blend did not require us to replace any of the storage or pumping facilities.

We will continue to look for ways to cut the harmful emission from village vehicles, which currently number more than 200. We will use alternative fuels and consider low/zero emission vehicles for the entire fleet as they prove their reliability.

### Environmentally Friendly Salt Storage & Use Awarded

Our Public Works Department was honored by the American Public Works Association for two of its environmental initiatives. The "Sensible Salting Award" recognized Orland Park's efforts to get the most from each application of de-icing salt and simultaneously protecting the environment. Additionally, the department was lauded for the construction of its Salt Storage Facility.

### Flood Control Measures

Flooding can devastate a family and destroy a home, and we have been working to help reduce the risk throughout Orland Park. The initial results from our engineering study on flooding identified the key contributing factors to the scattered flooding we had on 27 July 03. Clearly, the single most important factor was uncontrollable — a very heavy downpour in a short span of time.

However, we've also identified three controllable factors that we can work on to reduce the risk of future flooding.

1. Blocked or modified overland flow routes
2. Storm sewer/drainage capacity in older subdivisions
3. Detention/retention pond capacity

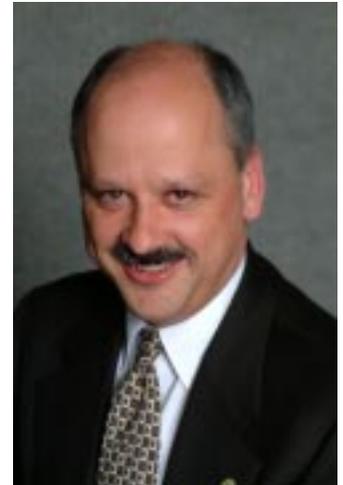
For example, one contributing factor was the overland flow routes, that is the natural flow of water as it follows the land contours of each subdivision. We don't believe any of our residents and neighbors made changes with the intention of creating a problem, but the solution lies in requiring changes on private property, perhaps to expensive landscaping. We are thinking through how best to gain compliance — with stricter regulation and enforcement of landscaping requirements, or with some form of public expenditure on private property for the public good.

In the longer term, larger and more expensive steps include adding storage capacity to the ponds and additional storm sewers in existing subdivisions. Once the detailed costs & benefits estimates are provided by our engineers, the village will be in better position to assess if it makes more sense to invest in the public infrastructure or outright purchase of the few homes that are regularly and severely impacted. Each of these steps will be considered very, very carefully. Telling someone they have to move is not a decision to be taken lightly.

The village is researching a variety of different means of funding the projects necessary to reduce the risk of flooding in Orland Park. In circumstances where the engineers have identified a flooding problem caused by work on an individual property that has not been permitted by the village, the village intends to require the homeowner to correct the problem at their own cost. For situations where flooding in an area is no fault of an individual property owner, the village may fund a project that will provide relief. This could include a low-interest loan or grant program to do individual flood-proofing work on the impacted houses.

Once we have set in motion our short term plans, we will take a very close look at the following ideas that will help mitigate the risk of flooding problems:

1. Require permitting of landscaping work and bonding of landscaper contractors
2. Additional engineering inspections of new subdivisions as they are built to ensure compliance with overland flow routes
3. Increasing the on-site storage requirement for future subdivisions and commercial construction
4. More enforcement via inspections to address illegal connections of sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system
5. Require all public infrastructure to be completed — that is ponds and streets — before building permits are issued in new subdivisions.





## Orland Park Police Department Honored

*by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair  
Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Congratulations to the **Orland Park Police Traffic Division** for winning an award in the **State of Illinois Chiefs' Challenge for Traffic Safety Programs and Initiatives for the Year 2002**. Orland Park won second place for municipalities who have more than 50 police officers and less than 100 officers.

The Traffic Division won an "In Car Radar System," furnished by the Illinois Department of Transportation for participating in the statewide "Click It Or Ticket Campaign." This is a statewide program in conjunction with other traffic safety programs.

A contribution from the **Orland Park Police Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #13** and the **South Suburban Car Seat Safety Coalition** was given to purchase an electric golf cart, trailer and fatal vision goggles to educate students in the Driver's Education Classes PRISM Program in an effort to curb drinking and driving.

The holidays are over and thanks for a great job from the **Orland Park Police Department's Community Service Division**. These employees did an excellent job directing traffic at the busy intersections beginning November 28, 2003. They were present at various intersections to help keep traffic moving and keep the intersections clear for cross traffic when the traffic lights changed. Despite adverse weather conditions, the CSOs made driving through Orland Park much easier for the holidays.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Orland Park Police Department held its **Annual Awards Ceremony at Carl Sandburg High School**. Congratulations to the following police officers, civilian employees and civilians who were recognized at this year's ceremony.

The **Exceptional Service Award** is presented to officers and employees of the Police Department, recognizing highly credible accomplishments, bringing public acclaim to themselves, the department or to the police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.

This year's award recipients include **Officers Brian Cagala, Andrew Boblak, Joshua Berk, Bradley Jankowski, Don Hartsock, Michael Sanders, Timothy Hasty, Investigator Scott**

**Sinko and Assistant Support Services Supervisor Sam Hageman.**

The **Grand Cordon Award** is presented to police officers and employees of the department, recognizing their dedication and determination in the arrest of person(s) responsible for numerous criminal acts throughout the area (multiple incidents). This year's honorees include **Officers Shawn Walsh, Scott VanWagner and Thomas Hottinger. Investigators Jeffery Cavender and William Kinsella** were also honored.

The **Purple Heart** is awarded to officers or employees who have received a line of duty wound, inflicted intentionally by an armed adversary, resulting in a severe, puncture wound, laceration, fractures or contusions being suffered by the officer or employee. This year's recipient of the Purple Heart is **Officer David Palgen**.

Each year, the department honors employees who exemplify the highest degree of dedication and professionalism throughout the year. This year's Officer of the Year is **Investigator/School Resource Officer Kevin Navas**, while this year's Civilian of the Year is **Emergency Services Coordinator Charles Rabideau** who retired from the department three years ago after twenty-six years of full-time sworn service.

The **Orland Park Police Department Life Saving Award** recognizes those whose prompt and alert actions resulted in the saving of a human life. This year's recipients include **Bruce Bryant, Amy Fenton, Eve Conversa and Jeffrey Vinyard**.

Other special awards include the **DUI Enforcement Award** presented to **Officers James Heramb, Charles Barth and Andrew Boblak**.

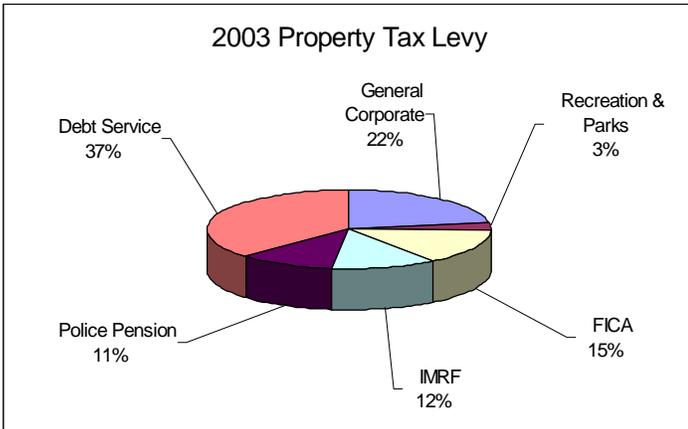
The **Orland Park Police Department** thanked a number of area businesses for their support of the department's Child Safety Seat Program. These include **Gary Precin and Scott Precin**, both of **Rizza Ford; Deborah Molloy of My Gym and Brenda Hallor and Jessica McFadden**, both of **Babies R Us**.

The **Civilian Service Award** is presented for personal assistance by a civilian in apprehending a criminal, or for extending oneself beyond one's own safety to provide prompt action to aid people who are in danger or are victims of a criminal act. This year's recipients are **Kevin Danahy and Eric Leszczyski**.

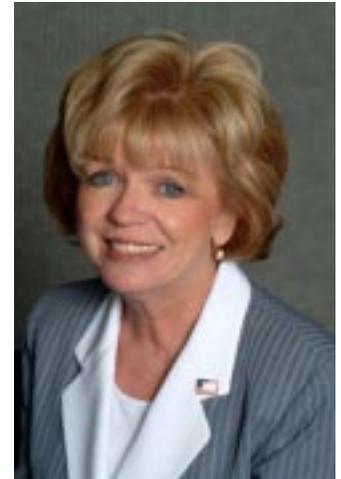
## 2003 Property Tax Levy Explained

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair  
Finance Committee

In November 2003, the Village Board approved the 2003 property tax levy. Prior to extension, the total 2003 levy is approximately \$140,000 more than the 2002 levy. When factoring in the village's



continued equalized assessed valuation growth, we anticipate that the village's 2003 overall tax rate will remain constant, or decrease slightly, as compared to the 2002 overall tax rate. The graph provides a breakdown of the village's 2003 property tax levy.



Consistent with prior years, the village abated a portion of the debt service due on the village's 2002C GO Refunding Bonds

when determining the 2003 levy and abated the entire amount due on the village's 1998 GO Bonds when determining the 2003 levy, for a total abatement of approximately \$1,570,000.

In addition, the village will continue its Property Tax Rebate Program rebating 100% of the village's property tax levy paid by residents of the village.

### On-Line Bill Payment Being Considered

The village recently included a survey on residential water bills asking customers to express their interest in paying water bills on-line. While interest did not appear to be as strong as anticipated (based on the results of the survey), there seems to be a significant number of residents who would take advantage of this payment option if it became available. Based upon the results of the survey, as well as the desire to take advantage of technological advances, the village has begun to explore on-line options that would enable residents to pay bills, to report code violations and to request services from our Public Works Department.

### Special Census Planned for 2004

The Village of Orland Park has submitted its application to the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a partial census in the spring of 2004. As we finalize the process, we will notify all residents of the exact time frame within which the census will take place. The village is conducting this special census in order to mitigate the effects of decreasing state shared revenues; therefore, it is imperative that the residents of the Village of Orland Park actively participate.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at [pgira@orland-park.il.us](mailto:pgira@orland-park.il.us).

## VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK CALENDAR KEY

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
OC	Orland Chateau (14500 South LaGrange)	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.

## Business Licenses Sport New Look for New Year



Village of Orland Park Business Licenses have a new look. Instead of the decals that have been issued in the past, business license certificates are now issued. This certificate bears the seals of the Village of Orland Park and the Orland Fire

Protection District. Decals will be issued and affixed to each certificate after all of the required annual inspections have been completed. These new certificates are to be posted in a conspicuous place in each business for public viewing

Representatives of the Building Department and the Orland Fire Protection District conduct yearly inspections of businesses. The village's health inspectors inspect food service facilities. This year, the village's health inspectors are accompanying the building inspectors and fire district inspectors on business license inspections. This inspection is in addition to the routine health inspections conducted each year.

## New Developments Make 2003 Busy for Building Department

It's been another busy year for the Orland Park Building Department. Approximately 3300 building permits were issued for 2003, 583 of which were for new single family homes. Many new subdivisions appeared in 2003, among them Hunter Point, Southmoor, Windhaven West, Persimmon Meadows and Tiara Glen.

Many new commercial projects began construction in 2003. The Orland Park Hotel and Conference Complex is underway at 162<sup>nd</sup> and LaGrange and will include a three-story hotel, Champps Sports Bar and Al's Roast Beef. Upscale restaurant 94 West opened its doors in October, and Olive Garden is well underway on LaGrange Road. The new Jewel Express is open at 159<sup>th</sup> Street and 94th Avenue.

Among the many new banks to break ground in 2003 were First Personal Bank at 147<sup>th</sup> and Ravinia and George Washington Savings Bank, currently under construction on the former site of Bally's Health Club. New strip malls include Time Square Plaza, Giordano's, and the site formerly occupied by Warehouse Music.

The Horton Office Campus broke ground in the far southwest sector of Orland Park, as did the Golden Eagle Office Park. Construction also began on the Washington and Jane Smith Project, a senior living community, in the far southwest section of Orland Park. And, the Orland Park Public Library building is well underway, south of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall on Ravinia Avenue.

## Military Addresses of Orland Park's "Hometown Heroes" Sought

Visitors to Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall continue to be drawn to the military photos on the lobby bulletin board bearing the title "Orland Park's Hometown Heroes." First created in March, 2003, the board is a tribute to the many Orland Park men and women who are bravely serving our country.

Mayor McLaughlin and the village's Veterans' Commission are gathering the names of Orland Park residents with loved ones currently serving in the military. The village has received a number of requests from Orland Park families, individuals, scout troops, churches, schools and nursing homes asking for the military addresses of local service personnel. These people want to send letters of encouragement to Orland Park's own "hometown heroes," along with care packages. (See page 14 for more information.) The Veterans' Commission will maintain the database of these addresses, updating them as information is received from local family members. Once a loved one's military address is submitted, families should let the commission know if a loved one has been transferred or discharged.

Mayor McLaughlin is also interested in gathering the names of Orland Park service personnel currently stationed in the Middle East. These are being collected so that the Veterans' Commission can contact the individual's family members in Orland Park. The mayor and the Veterans's Commission are looking into hosting a monthly support group. We ask if this type of meeting was scheduled on a regular basis, if local military families would participate. The Village of Orland Park's Candlelight Ceremony held last April appears to have sparked interest for many of the wives and mothers who want to talk about their loved ones overseas or stateside. The village would cover the cost of the breakfast and the group would meet at the Orland Park Civic Center.

Orland Park military families are asked to call Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 403-6203 to provide their local address and their loved one's military address. Once your loved one's information has been submitted, please remember to keep the commission updated so that current information remains in the database.

## Village of Orland Park's Efforts to Improve Urban Design Continue

The Village of Orland Park has always strived to achieve a quality built environment. This applies to both private and public investment. Building and landscaping design is held to certain standards when new development and redevelopment occur. Similarly, public spaces such as parks and streets are reviewed for attractiveness as well as function.

An example of this is Ravinia Avenue between 147<sup>th</sup> Street and 151<sup>st</sup> Street. Ravinia was originally designed by the village as a boulevard in order to highlight the importance of the Village Center District and to strengthen its identity. When traveling north from 151<sup>st</sup> Street on Ravinia Avenue, the road curves then straightens out revealing a direct and memorable view of the Village Center Complex. This will be further enhanced when the new library and boulevard are completed next year.

Attractive landscaping will be planted in the new boulevard median to complement the Village Center and the new library.

Distinctive lighting will be installed to strengthen the area's civic identity and character. The chosen landscape palette and lighting design will be repeated throughout the village along special boulevards and roadways to create an easily recognizable streetscape that is unique to Orland Park.

Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chairman of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, said, "We take a comprehensive and long-term approach to development—it has to look good, function well and contribute to the community while adding to the overall desirability of the village."



*First Personal Bank is one of two banks currently under construction near 147th Street and Ravinia Avenue. Both facilities will have landscaped front yards with parking behind, providing an attractive setting and convenient pedestrian access.*

Another landscaped median can be found on 147<sup>th</sup> Street, between the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall and LaGrange Road. This median includes a distinctive public information and directional sign (designed in a style to recall the Village Hall architecture) that is visible to LaGrange Road motorists. The sign and median together create a strong visual connection to Village Hall from LaGrange Road.

Two new bank buildings under construction will upgrade 147<sup>th</sup> Street. Both buildings will have a landscaped front yard with parking behind, providing an attractive setting and convenient pedestrian access. The bank building at 147<sup>th</sup> Street and LaGrange Road will have a public corner plaza as a counterpoint to the Walgreen's Plaza across the intersection.

Mayor McLaughlin and the Village Board have committed to these improvements and design standards which will have a very positive cumulative effect. When in this area, please take a minute to look around and enjoy the changing scene. For additional information call the Community Development Department at 403-6115.

## Master Plan Offers Special Identity



Efforts are underway to develop a new Master Plan for the Old Orland Historic District. The goal of the plan will be to accommodate future growth and development, while maintaining and enhancing the qualities and characteristics that give Old Orland its special identity. The primary objectives of the plan are to:

- Preserve and retain buildings with architectural and historic interest
- Ensure that new construction is sensitive to the existing character of the district
- Create a stronger identity for the district
- Strengthen the viability of Antique Row
- Create attractive and pleasant streetscapes that enhance and unify various areas within the district

The plan for Old Orland will include a variety of components including zoning, ordinances, and other elements related to the overall look and feel of the neighborhood. The resulting document will guide Old Orland planning, revitalization and design decisions. To learn more about this initiative and/or to get involved in the plan's development, please contact the Community Development Department at 403-6115.

## Free Automatic Water Bill Payment Program Available

Orland Park's free automatic Water Bill Payment Program makes paying water bills easy and convenient. More than 2000 water customers are a part of this program that eliminates having to write checks, send in water bill stubs, pay for stamps, make trips to the mailbox, or worry about payments arriving on time. The best part is that it's all free!

Orland Park's program allows water customers' payments to be made automatically by electronic transfer from a checking account directly to village water billing on the due date. The checking account can be with any financial institution in the United States. To take advantage of this convenient service, water customers must complete the authorization form below, returning it to the village's Finance Department. A voided check must be attached to identify the account from which the payments are to be made. For more information, call 403-6170.

**Village of Orland Park Finance Department  
AUTOMATIC WATER BILL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM  
(Please print clearly or type all information.)**

**Water Billing Account Number (as it appears on the bill)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
M Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH VOIDED CHECK HERE.

I hereby authorize the Village of Orland Park to electronically transfer funds bi-monthly from my bank account to my water bill account for the total amount due. I agree to maintain sufficient cleared funds in my deposit account to cover these electronic transfers. In the event that an electronic transfer is not possible because of insufficient funds in my account, I understand that it will be my responsibility to make up the payment and I may be charged a non-sufficient (NSF) fee and a late payment fee.

Orland Park water customers must continue to pay water bills until confirmation is received, including the transfer's start date. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the VILLAGE and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

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

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

**SEND COMPLETED FORM & VOIDED CHECK TO  
Village of Orland Park Finance Department  
Frederick T. Owens Village Hall • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60462**

## Finance Offers Free Charge By Phone Service

The Village of Orland Park's free Charge By Phone Program makes paying village related bills easy and convenient. This program eliminates having to write checks, send in bill payment stubs, pay for stamps and envelopes. It stops trips to the mailbox or worrying about payments getting in on time. The best part is that it's all free!

Orland Park's program allows customer payments to be made for certain services. Water bills and other payments that do not require you to pick up a tangible item at the Village Hall may be paid by using this service. To be eligible, residents must complete the form below.

*(Please print clearly or type all information.)*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Water Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Village of Orland Park to charge my payment by phone. **I realize that I must call the Finance Department at 708/403-6175 every billing period to authorize the transaction to my charge card.**

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

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

**COMPLETE AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO  
Village of Orland Park  
Frederick T. Owens Village Hall  
Finance Department  
14700 South Ravinia Avenue • Orland Park, IL 60462**

## Veterans' Commission Collecting for Military Care Packages

The village's Veterans' Commission is collecting items for care packages for local residents currently serving in the United States military. The entire community --- individuals, families, churches, scout troops, schools, civic groups --- is invited to be a part of this effort. The list below shows what military personnel need. Contributions may be dropped off at the addresses below. For more information, call 708/403-6203.

- 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

<b>Frederick T. Owens Village Hall</b> 14700 South Ravinia Avenue	<b>Orland Park Civic Center</b> <i>William R. Vogel Memorial</i> 14750 South Ravinia Avenue	<b>Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center</b> 14650 South Ravinia Avenue	<b>Village of Orland Park Sportsplex</b> 11351 West 159th Street
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*Humphrey House-1893  
Image courtesy of the  
Orland Historical Society.*

#### Historical Society Welcomes Members

Area residents interested in the rich history of the Orland Park community and the surrounding area are warmly invited to join the Orland Historical Society. A number of volunteer opportunities are available, including serving as tour guides. Previous experience is not required---simply a love for history. For more information about the group, visit their website at [www.orlandhistory.org](http://www.orlandhistory.org) or give the society a call at 349-0065.

#### Call Before Departing

If planning an extended vacation, please notify Water Billing so that staff can expect water usage to vary from the average. Residents who disconnect an Access Plus meter while on vacation should phone Water Billing so staff won't think the meter is malfunctioning. This will save on an unnecessary service call.



#### Use Yard Waste for Household Garbage

Waste Wheeler Carts can be used for household garbage through March 31, 2004.



#### Vehicle Sticker Update

Vehicle stickers were to be displayed on the windshields of vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses as of June 30, 2003. A tiered late fee schedule calls for an increase in rates for stickers purchased after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sticker fees rose \$5.00 in each category for stickers purchased between July 1 and July 31, 2003. Sticker fees increased \$20 for stickers purchased between August 1 and October 31, 2003 and increased \$50 for the stickers purchased after November 1, 2003.



The Village of Orland Park Community Relations Commission along with the Mayor's Office of Special Services will host its

## 2ND ANNUAL DISABILITY EXPO

featuring services and products from vendors and agencies serving the needs of individuals with all types of disabilities.

**Saturday, April 3, 2004 • 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Orland Park Civic Center**

*Dedicated to the memory of William R. Vogel*

**14750 South Ravinia Avenue • Orland Park**

*For further information call Sharon Grill at 460-5468 or Kim Kuster at 460-6573 or the Mayor's Office of Special Services 403-6188.*



## General Primary Election Coming March 16, 2004



Federal, state, judicial and county offices will be up for consideration on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Polling places are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. **These locations are subject to change.** Polling places are located in Orland Park, unless otherwise noted. For more information about voting in the Village of Orland Park, call the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

Palos 45 • Palos South Jr. High	131st & 82nd Avenue Palos Park	38 • High Point School	14825 West Ave
Palos 41 • All Saints Lutheran Church	13350 LaGrange Road	39 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave
Bremen 64 • Bremen Township	15350 S. Oak Park Ave Oak Forest	40 • Orland Township Hall	151st and 94th Ave
Frankfort 14 (Will County)	St. John United Church of Christ (annex) 11046 Second Street, Mokena	43 • Presbyterian Church	13401 S. Wolf Rd
1 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave	47 • Orland Brook Condo Clubhouse	15633 Orland Brook Dr
2 • Ashburn Baptist Church	15401 S. Wolf Rd	48 • Orland Township Hall	151st & 94th Ave
3 • Village of Orland Hills,	16033 S. 94th Ave	52 • Liberty School	8801 W. 151st St
4 • Robert Davidson Center	14700 Park Lane	53 • Salem Baptist Church	15500 S. 73rd Ave
7 • Christ Lutheran Church	14700 S. 94th Ave	54 • Prairie School	14200 S. 82nd Ave
8 • Calvary Reformed Church	15101 S. 80th Ave	55 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave
9 • Marriott's Brighton Gardens	16051 S. LaGrange Rd	56 • Robert Davidson Center	14700 Park Lane
10 • Riviera Country Club	8801 W. 143rd St	57 • Orland Township Highway Dept	16125 S. Wolf Rd
12 • Fernway School	166th & 88th Ave	59 • Living Word Lutheran Church	16301 S. Wolf Rd
13 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave	60 • Parkview Christian Church	11100 Orland Parkway (Wolf Rd at 183rd Street)
15 • Century Junior High School	10801 W. 159th St	62 • Calvary Reformed Church	15101 S. 80th Ave
18 • Silver Lake Country Club	147th St. & 82nd Ave	64 • Presbyterian Church	13401 S. Wolf Rd (Part of 64 annexed no construction yet)
19 • Calvary Reformed Church	15101 S. 80th Ave	65 • Orland Township Highway Department	16125 S. Wolf Rd
20 • Ashburn Baptist Church	15401 S. Wolf Rd	66 • Living Word Lutheran Church	16301 S. Wolf Rd
21 • Silver Lake Country Club	147th St. & 82nd Ave	68 • Century Junior High School	10801 W. 159th St
24 • Christian Reformed Church, (Gym)	7500 W. Sycamore Dr	71 • Parkview Christian Church	11100 Orland Parkway (Wolf Road at 183rd Street)
25 • Orland Brook Condo Clubhouse	15633 Orland Brook Dr	75 • Village of Orland Park Sportsplex	11351 W. 159th St
27 • Salem Baptist Church	15500 S. 73rd Ave	76 • Village of Orland Hills	16033 S. 94th Avenue Orland Hills
28 • Silver Lake Country Club	147th St. & 82nd Ave	77 • Ashburn Baptist Church	15401 S. Wolf Rd
29 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave	78 • Ashburn Baptist Church	15401 S. Wolf Rd
30 • Calvary Reformed Church	15101 S. 80th Ave	81 • Village of Orland Park Sportsplex	11351 W. 159th St
31 • Orland Township Hall	151st and 94th Ave	82 • Marriott's Brighton Gardens	16051 S. LaGrange Rd
32 • Liberty School	8801 W. 151st St	84 • Robert Davidson Center	14700 Park Lane
33 • Prairie School	14200 S. 82nd Ave	85 • Presbyterian Church	13401 S. Wolf Rd
34 • Christian Reformed Church, (Gym)	7500 W. Sycamore Dr	87 • NEW • White Mountain Rec Center	9901 W. 179th St
35 • Orland Park Civic Center	14750 S. Ravinia Ave	88 • NEW • White Mountain Rec Center	9901 W. 179th St
37 • Riviera Country Club	8801 W. 143rd St	89 • NEW • Ashburn Baptist Church	15401 S. Wolf Rd

## Things You Should Know When There Is Snow

### Keep Fire Hydrants Clear



To help firefighters, should an emergency occur---possibly at your house---dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house from the street. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Adopt a fire hydrant near your home and see that it's accessible.

### Info About Non-Village Roads

Several agencies offer winter road condition information. The Village of Orland Park cannot supply any information for county or state roads. Use the following phone numbers to request information about state and county roads.

#### Info About Non-Orland Park Roads

State of Illinois 847/705-4161  
Cook County 708/448-8006

### Drive With Caution

Never follow snowplows too closely. They oftentimes stop and then back up. Give snowplows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick pavements can be dangerous even if they have been plowed. Take more time to get where you are going, begin slowing or stopping sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and drive.



### Mountable Medians Should Not Be Driven Upon

A number of roads in the Orland Park area are divided by mountable medians. These are easily identified by their double yellow line outline or diagonal yellow lines painted from edge to edge.

To gain access to a left turn lane or to go around traffic backups, motorists oftentimes drive up onto the median. Or, motorists have been observed crossing over the double yellow center line to drive against traffic in order to move up in line. **Both of these very dangerous maneuvers have caused a number of crashes, serious injuries and even death.**

**Crossing over the double yellow center line and driving on medians are both illegal.** This practice has become rampant and is a danger to all motoring public. Many drivers have been issued tickets for these violations; however, there are not enough police officers in any jurisdiction to stop each violator. Voluntary compliance by the motoring public is required to reduce the number of crashes and injuries, making our roads safer places of travel.

**The Orland Park Police Department will be aggressively enforcing the laws prohibiting these serious violations.** However, voluntary compliance is imperative for the number of crashes to decrease.

Drivers of all ages are reminded of the following safety tips.

- Allow extra time to complete your journey
- Try to be patient and courteous.
- Obey the posted speed limit. You gain nothing by speeding.
- Drive defensively, remaining aware of "the other guy."
- Don't assume anything of other motorists. Be sure that they are going to do what you ASSUME they are going to do before completing your maneuver.
- Don't follow too closely. Maintain a safe interval.
- Obey all traffic signals --- especially red lights.
- Buckle up and drive sober.

### • IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DRIVERS OF ALL AGES •

Driving onto a raised or lined median to gain access to a turning lane or to move up in a line of traffic is very dangerous and illegal.

Crossing over the double yellow center line ---driving into oncoming traffic--- is also very dangerous and illegal.

The Orland Park Police Department is actively enforcing both of these laws and drivers will be ticketed accordingly.

### Community Policing: Keeping Your Streets Safe



#### What is Community Policing?

Community policing brings officers and citizens together to prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems. Community police officers become a part of the neighborhood, joining forces with residents to get to know each other as partners. With this partnership, police officers and neighborhood residents are able to discuss community concerns and create a safer neighborhood.

Community policing involves teamwork and commitment as community police officers and residents depend on each other. Each takes responsibility for the neighborhood, giving the citizens more control over the quality of life in their community.

Community police officers work directly with residents, teaching how to help prevent crime, put people in touch with social service agencies that assist with problems and work with young people. They work with community groups to help identify and resolve residents' concerns. The Orland Park Police Department and the community work together to keep community policing strong and to make your neighborhood a better place to live.

### ORLAND PARK COMMUNITY POLICING REMINDER

**Village residents should always lock parked vehicles--- parked on the street, in a driveway or in a parking lot.**

**Be sure that valuables are not visible and never leave a purse or wallet visible in an unattended vehicle.**

## Public Works Releases Top Ten Snow List

When winter made its presence known in the Chicago area, the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department released its Top Ten List of Snow Tips for village residents.

"We've put together our own Top Ten List to let Orland Park residents know what they can do to help us when it snows," said Orland Park Public Works Director Pete Casey.

Casey continued, "The most important thing we ask is that residents be patient. All of the streets in the village will be cleared in as short a time as possible, as the storm allows."

Orland Park's snow removal crews plow and salt more than 200 miles of roads throughout the village. The fleet includes twenty-three village owned trucks plowing and salting pre-designated routes. Thirteen private contractors are called in to plow when more than two to three inches of snow fall. Staff from the village's Recreation and Parks Department plow and shovel village owned properties and provide back-up for Public Works crews.

An integral part of combating a snowstorm is street salting. In Orland Park, first priority is given to the main streets, those with heaviest year round traffic, followed by secondary thoroughfares and cul-de-sacs. Orland Park is able to store more than 3500 tons of salt under a protective cover throughout the year.

The Village of Orland Park Public Works Department's Top Ten List is featured in a ten-minute public service announcement that is currently airing on Comcast Cable Television in Orland Park.

"Report from Orland Park Snow Command," produced by the village's Media Relations Division, features narratives and visuals illustrating the Public Works Department's reminders for Orland Park residents.



*The Village of Orland Park Public Works Department plows and salts more than 200 miles of roads throughout the village. **Parking is prohibited on village streets once two inches of snow fall.** Residents are encouraged to clear the ends of their driveways after the plow has passed, placing snow on the lawn and never into a recently plowed street.*

The PSA airs in conjunction with the village's monthly cable television show, "Orland Park Village View," which airs daily at 10:00 A.M., 4:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on Comcast Channel 4.

"Public Works personnel are hard working, dedicated people who take great pride in the work that they do. These village employees strive to make the streets as safe as possible for the motoring public," Casey added.

While all of the snow tips are important for an effective removal campaign, Casey noted, "The biggest problem our drivers face is the number of vehicles that are parked on the street after two inches of snow has fallen."

Casey said, "We're asking all residents, if they know that a snow storm is coming, to move parked vehicles off of the street. This will allow snow crews to complete the plowing faster, safer and in a more efficient manner."

Further information about Orland Park's Snow Removal Program is available by calling the village's Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

### ORLANDPARK'S TOP TEN SNOW TIPS

1. Village ordinance **prohibits parking on village streets once two inches of snow** has fallen.
2. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the streets **for twelve hours** after it has stopped snowing.
3. When clearing driveways, residents should place snow on either side of the driveway—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 with **five free stakes** available from the Public Works Department.
6. Digging from the street, **clear out hydrants** so that fire personnel can easily access them if necessary.
7. **Do not clear your driveway at the curbline** until the snowplow driver has made his last curb pass in front of your residence.
8. **Be patient.** Every storm is different with many variables. Streets may have to be plowed more than once.
9. **Communicate with the Public Works Department.** Report any ice formations on the street so that they can be salted. Clear the snow from storm sewers in front of your home so melting snow can easily drain, preventing ice patches.
10. Mailboxes should be kept in good repair and be placed at least one foot behind the curb to avoid damage. To ensure mail delivery, **residents must clear the snow from around their mailboxes** after the streets have been plowed.

## Tree Program Shares Cost Between Village and Residents

The Village of Orland Park's annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program returns again this year. This program enables the village and homeowners to share the cost of trees to be planted in the residents' parkway. **Applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2004. Residents of subdivisions built after 1993 --- in which the developer is required to plant parkway trees --- are eligible for replacement of parkway trees only. The resident is responsible for tree and stump removal.**

Applications may be submitted to either Recreation and Parks Department administrative office - Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street or Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 Ravinia Avenue. Because of the limited number of each species, the village cannot guarantee the type of tree, although every attempt will be made to accommodate the request. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed with the tree being planted in the parkway --- between the street and the sidewalk --- only. **Trees are sold with one-year guarantee and a one-time replacement within twelve months of planting.** Residents will be informed when to mark the appropriate location in their parkways. Trees are approximately 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Should utilities be located along the parkway, village staff must approve the final selection of tree location. Trees will be planted in the spring or fall of 2004. All questions should be directed to Mid-America Tree & Landscape at 708/479-7510.

Resident's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>FIRST CHOICE</u>	<u>SECOND CHOICE</u>	<u>RESIDENT'S COST</u>
Green Ash	_____	_____	_____	\$150.00
Littleleaf/Linden	_____	_____	_____	150.00
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Honey Locust	_____	_____	_____	150.00

TOTAL ---

Please make checks payable for your first choice to Mid-America Tree & Landscape

Diagram the preferred planting location in the parkway only. Show driveways, hydrants, street names, etc.

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to all of the stipulations listed above.

Resident's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Host Special Events at the Orland Park Civic Center



The Orland Park Civic Center is the choice location for gatherings of all types. Located within the award winning Orland Park Village Center Complex at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue, the Civic Center is dedicated to the memory of the late Village Trustee William R. Vogel.

The 10,000 square foot facility is available for private parties, classes, seminars, sales conferences, reunions, bridal/baby showers, interest shows, community theater, private receptions---any type of gathering! To schedule a tour, call 708/403-6200.

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