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## Single Sort Recycling Comes To Orland Park

*by Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin*

Single sort recycling has arrived in Orland Park. Beginning in mid-October, all single family homes and townhomes received a 64 gallon BLUE roll away toter for all recyclables. Regular residential garbage pick up will continue every week with recyclables being picked up every other week. Details about this program appear on page 11.

### Road Projects

November is typically the end of the road construction season, weather permitting. Here is an update on current road projects in the village.

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Street construction from West Avenue is scheduled for completion on October 26 with the road open and a new traffic signal at 153<sup>rd</sup> Street and 108<sup>th</sup>.

The overlayment paving on 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue has been completed. 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 143<sup>rd</sup> Street to 153<sup>rd</sup> Street construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year and the road will be open.

Southwest Highway is also scheduled to be open and construction completed by the end of the year.

Construction on the LaGrange Road and 159<sup>th</sup> Street intersection widening project continues and is scheduled to be completed in July 2008. Phase II engineering of 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 159<sup>th</sup> Street to 167<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed and the County is expected to let the contract in early spring 2008 and construction will begin.



### Art In The Park

Last year, I announced the creation of a cultural arts program called Art In The Park to enhance the village's parks and open spaces with sculpture and art displays.

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# New Downtown Blends Past, Present & Future

Orland Park's new downtown will blend the village's past, present and future. Dubbed the "Main Street Triangle" with the recently unveiled 143<sup>rd</sup> Street Commuter Station as its anchor, the triangular shaped 27-acre development will create a new downtown adjacent to what was once the town center, the Old Orland Historic District.

"This project will provide what many residents have long asked for – a pedestrian friendly downtown where people can live, shop, dine, and be entertained," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin.



*Orland Park's new downtown looking west on 142nd Street with the commuter station visible in the background. The entire town center district will be pedestrian oriented with landscaped sidewalks and attractive public spaces.*



*Directly across from the Beacon Avenue entrance to Old Orland will be a train themed park, complete with an old fashioned water tower.*

"People think of Orland Square as our downtown. While it is one of our commercial hubs, the village's original downtown is just south of where the new one is being created," he added.

Overseeing the development of Orland Park's downtown is Related Midwest, formerly LR Development Company. This leading Chicago-based company has developed landmark residential and commercial properties since 1988.

Of the development, Related Midwest Senior Vice-President Don Biernacki said, "We are excited to be working with the village to create Orland Park's new downtown. We have the mutual goal of building a place where people can work, shop, and live. Most importantly, we share the village's vision that the Main Street Triangle be an area where the architecture, landscape and system of

open spaces provide residents with a unique and special experience."

A focal point of the development is the crescent shaped, 1.2 acre park that will be the setting for outdoor events, fairs and markets. A band shell will sit across from the new train station, offering a venue for musical events.

## Transportation

Orland Park Village Trustee James Dodge, who chairs the village's Development Services Committee, sits on the METRA Board of Directors.

"The new train station is the ideal centerpiece for what will be a 'transit oriented' downtown," Dodge said. "People will come here to catch the train or park and visit the many shops and restaurants," he added. "Commuters will want to take advantage of the residential offerings, being able to walk to the train right from their front doors," Dodge said.

"Orland Park's Main Street Triangle brings four key elements together --- residential, transportation, commerce and open space," said Orland Park Director of Development Services Karie Friling.

The town center will provide new connections for access. From LaGrange Road, the newly constructed 142<sup>nd</sup> Street will connect to Ravinia Avenue which then will connect to 143<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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## Pedestrian Friendly Town Center Coming

"This creates a new grid street pattern that will provide more options for motorists and will more evenly distribute traffic," said Orland Park Director of Planning Bob Sullivan.

"The entire town center district will be pedestrian oriented with landscaped sidewalks and attractive public spaces," he added.

Plans include a bike/pedestrian overpass south of the train viaduct on LaGrange Road, connecting the town center to the east side of LaGrange, offering safe and convenient access.

"The retention pond and utilities are almost complete," Sullivan reported. Explaining the development's environmental-inclusive design, he added, "The outdoor café seating will overlook the water features, with eight small waterfalls aerating the water."

"The water will be aerated before draining into McGinnis Slough at 142nd and LaGrange, a significant improvement over how drainage previously entered the slough," Sullivan noted.

### Residential

Three mixed use buildings will border the park, offering shops and restaurants at ground level with condominiums on the second floor. Pergola covered walkways are planned between buildings, adding to the walker-friendly atmosphere.

Bearing in mind the town's history just a stone's throw away, the residential area at the southern tip of the triangle will complement the architecture of the Old Orland Historic District with gabled roofs and spacious porches. A park is also planned for the residential portion of the development.

"Directly across from the Beacon Avenue entrance to Old Orland will be a train park, complete with an old fashioned water tower reminiscent of the village's early water tower," Sullivan described. "This access way from the village's historic district to the new downtown demonstrates the

*This pedestrian-friendly, transit oriented downtown is framed by 143rd Street on the south, Southwest Highway on the west and LaGrange Road on the east.*

importance of the village's history in the planning of the new town center," he added.

Adding to the development's historical ties, McLaughlin noted, "This fall, a bronze sculpture of Orland Park's founding father, John Humphrey, will be installed at the new 143<sup>rd</sup> Street Station."

### Commerce

"The Main Street Triangle Plan has already resulted in two similar developments being proposed nearby. Developers recognize the tremendous potential of this project and want to emulate it," Friling said.

Southwest Highway and 143<sup>rd</sup> will soon be redeveloped into a new mixed-use building with retail and residential components, that overlook the adjacent forest preserves.

"Orland Park is known for its high expectations and design standards," Friling added. "The LaGrange Road and Southwest Highway entries to the village will soon illustrate the quality for which the village is known," she said.

Kay Shelander has owned businesses in Orland Park for nearly 30 years and currently owns the buildings that house Beacon Hill and The Old Bank Antique Stores. "We are all very excited about what's coming," Shelander said, adding, "We're looking forward to the new development."

Joan Curto has owned Cracker Barrel Antiques in Old Orland for 27 years. "We've waited for this day and it's finally here," she said excitedly. "It's going to be great for the whole area," Curto said, adding, "We will be a destination."

The Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railroad's 1879 arrival in Orland Park was the catalyst for trade, enabling farmers to sell their goods in Chicago. Before the train, farmers would carry their produce to Lockport, a crucial port on the Illinois-Michigan Canal. Orland Park's first mayor, State Senator John Humphrey, rode the train each day to his downtown Chicago law office.

Noting the newly constructed train station being the focal point of the Main Street Triangle, Curto said, "The train has always been an important part of the village's history. Now, more than 100 years later, the train is building the town again."

# Village Clerk's Office - From Past to Present

by Village Clerk David P. Maher



The position of a “clerk” dates back to medieval Europe where the church dominated local governments. When education was rare among common citizens, clergymen were the only ones who could read and write. This made them obvious choices to be the record keepers for local governments.

This tradition carried across the Atlantic with the migration of Europeans to America. Early settlers adopted this position in their governments and made it an essential post within municipalities. These early clerks kept all records, organized local elections and kept minutes of town meetings.

The role of the clerk has evolved from the early days of our nation to the present day Village Clerk’s Office. The village clerk remains the custodian of all documents belonging to the village, the keeper of meeting minutes and the organizer of elections. However, these responsibilities have been adapted and modified to better serve the community of Orland Park.

The Village Clerk's Office has made the act of voting more accommodating for a society that is “on the go” with programs such as early voting and absentee voting. Additionally, the village clerk has made strides within other village departments to consolidate records and act as a library for all departments, making village services more efficient.

The Office of Special Services operates within the Village Clerk’s Office. Special Services offers passports, coordinates veterans' affairs and organizes informational seminars for the citizens of the Village of Orland Park.

While the village clerk's core responsibilities still remain the same as they did in early colonial and medieval times, those responsibilities have been altered to encompass much more and better serve the community of Orland Park as a whole.

## Presidential Primary Comes Next

The next election will be the Presidential Primary on **Tuesday, February 5, 2008**. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. My office will be open and staffed from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Voters with questions may call 403-6150.

You must be a registered voter in order to vote in any election. Voter registration closes on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. Cook County closes voter registration 28 days before an election. Registration will re-open on February 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

## County Website Informative

The Cook County Clerk's Office website offers a number of voting related services, including a downloadable voter registration form, polling place locations, confirming voter registration and more. Visit David Orr's Cook County website at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) or call the Village Clerk's Office staff at 403-6150. The county website also includes summaries of recent elections in the Cook County suburbs. Its mail-in registration form may be downloaded if prospective voters are unable to come in to register.

It is also on the Cook County website that you will find a virtual ballot that allows registered voters to learn about the candidates in an election. The ballots appear online at least one month before the February 5, 2008 election. Look at your virtual ballot at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) by clicking the election tab, candidates' tab and then click on virtual ballot and type the information required. The ballot for your address will then appear.

## Early Voting To Return

Early voting in Orland Park has proven very successful as the village continues to be one of the top suburban locations with early voting turnout. Early voting is scheduled to be available for all suburban Cook County residents January 14, 2008 through January 31, 2008. Unlike absentee voting, early voting has no restrictions. All registered voters are eligible for early voting with no excuses required. Simply bring a government issued i.d. and cast your ballot.

**Voter registration for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary closes January 8, 2008. Residents who are U.S. citizens and at least 18 years old by February 5, 2008 may call 403-6150 for voter registration options.**

# Events Bring Community Together

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair  
Community Events and Outreach Committee



Many people in Orland Park work very hard to create the sense of community that we all enjoy. Mayor McLaughlin and the Board of Trustees are especially pleased to host a number of events throughout the year that bring us together both socially and for important causes.

Orland Park accepted a national challenge issued by the US Conference of Mayors. During the month of October, we collected and recycled as much aluminum as possible, competing against like-sized communities throughout the country.

Residents did their part at home by making a conscious effort to recycle, recycle, recycle.....If you throw a pop can into the garbage, it goes to the landfill. If you put the can in the recycling bin, it is recycled. Waste Management is tracking how much our residents recycle during the month of October.

We also welcomed the help of a number of schools, churches, businesses and community groups, all pitching in to collect as much aluminum as possible during the month of October. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Orland Park's participation in this nationwide city challenge.

## Orland Park Garden Walk III A Success

Another great community effort is Open Lands' Annual Garden Walk, which was held on June 24 of this year. Thank you to the village residents who graciously permitted us to showcase their beautiful gardens in this year's walk. This year's hosts were **Debbie and Jeff Reid, Lora Lee Gelles, Susan Miller, Mary Beth and Rob Piorkowski, Kathy and Bruce Donenberg,**

**Dr. Chandra Curry-Murphy** and **Walter Murphy**, and the **Village of Orland Park Parks Staff** who maintain the garden at Humphrey Garage. Thank you too to the sponsors, committee members and volunteers who helped to make this a successful event for Open Lands.

## Farmers' Market Season Ends

Fall's official arrival brought with it the end to Orland Park's Farmers' Market 2007. Each year, this weekly event gets better and better as more people discover the great produce, beautiful flowers and boutique items for sale every year. Thank you to everyone who patronized Orland Park's Farmers' Market this year and I send a special thanks to **Gail Blummer** and **Patty Vlazny** for again seeing that all went smoothly this season. And, our thanks also goes to the Director of Parks and Building Maintenance **Frank Stec** and his crew for cooking the barbecue lunches during the heat of the summer. Village employees and those from surrounding businesses look forward to these lunches each year and we thank you for making them possible.

## Join Us for Special Events

Throughout this edition of the *Orland Park Public*, you will find information about upcoming events and programs in the village. If your schedule permits, please joins us. Our village staff and commissions do their best to offer something for everyone and we have a full schedule beginning in November on through the holidays and beyond.

Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe

## A Carol for Tiny Tim

This warm and wonderful story by John R. Carroll happens fifteen years after Scrooge's miraculous transformation. Jacob Marley once again calls on the Spirits of Christmas to gather.

This time, however, it's for the now grown up Tiny Tim.

**Friday, Dec 7 at 8 p.m. • Saturday, Dec 8 at 8 p.m. • Sunday, Dec 9 at 2 p.m.**

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

\$12/Adults • \$10/Seniors • \$8/Children

TICKETS & INFORMATION • FRANKLIN LOEBE CENTER • 14650 SOUTH RAVINIA AVENUE • 708/403-PARK



## Activity Continues In Recreation & Parks

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

Another successful summer season has come to a close for the Recreation and Parks Department. As usual, one of the busiest places in town this summer was Centennial Park, the largest in our 500-acre

system. Thousands enjoyed cooling off at the aquatic center, boating and fishing in Lake Sedgewick, and rounding the ramps and rails at the Grinding Edge Skate Park. Centennial Park also hosted the village's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and other special events and was home to hundreds of softball and baseball games.

While the summer activities at Centennial may be over for now, the park will continue to be a hub of activity thanks to the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink. The skating rink, which will open the Saturday before Thanksgiving, offers skate rentals for a nominal fee and a warming house. Plus, weather permitting, cross country skiing will be available at the park and ski rentals are available. It's a great place for family and friends to gather and enjoy an afternoon or evening of fun. For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 403-PARK or 645-PLAY. Many thanks to the entire Recreation and Parks Department staff for another season of great programming, outstanding special events and activities, and for all the work to maintain our park sites and facilities.

### Summer Jobs for Youth Program

Dozens of high school and college students from the Orland Park area were gainfully employed this summer, thanks to the Summer Jobs for Youth Program. This program, which I began in 1994, helps youth find seasonal jobs by connecting them with local businesses via the Village Hall. The village provides students looking for work a list of hiring companies.

This system has saved our youth countless numbers of hours searching for open positions and has helped businesses fill those jobs in a timely fashion. Local businesses that participate are doing a great service for these young adults and for our community and we laud them for their support — thank you. And, thank you to the village staff for an outstanding job coordinating this program.

### Thank You, Recreation and Parks Staff

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to an exemplary staff in the Recreation and Parks Department, a dedicated group of people who continue to meet the leisure time needs of our residents. Your dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed and it makes us all proud to hear the great comments from residents.

#### THANK YOU SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH 2007 PARTICIPANTS

Abercrombie and Fitch	Charlotte Russe	Journeys	Sephora
Aeropostale	Cinnabon	Kumon Math & Reading	Starbucks Coffee Company
Allstate Insurance Co.	Cold Stone Creamery	Limited Too	Steamagic, Inc.
American Eagle Outfitters	Curves of Orland Park	Macy's Fine Jewelry	T.C.B.Y.
Ann Taylor Loft	Dahn Yoga	Malicki House Properties	Tallgrass Systems, Ltd.
AWMCO, Inc.	Dicks Sporting Goods	Mimi's Café	Taste of Europe
B & B Heating & Cooling	Dress Barn	Mo's Chinese Chicken	The Body Shop
Bachrach	Eddie Bauer, Inc.	Network Real Estate Group	The Children's Place
Bath and Body Works	Einstein Brothers Bagels	New York and Company	The Finish Line
Bebe Sport	Express	Nine West	The Gap
Boss Home Improvement	Fannie May	OrlanBrook Condos	The Limited
Brookstone	Fossil	Orland Fire Protection Dist	Torrid Plus Sizes
Buckle Inc	Gymboree	Pacific Sunwear	Trade Secret
Burger King	Health From Within	Palermo's of Orland	Urban Behavior
Cache	Hot Rags	Payless Shoe Source	Victoria's Secret
Car Quest Auto Parts	iSellYourItems Inc	Product Dynamics	Wear Eye Wear
Carpet Interiors	J Jill	Scibor Upholstering	White Castle

# Key Developments Define Future

by Trustee James V. Dodge, Jr., Chair  
Development Services and Planning Committee



As Orland Park continues to grow and prosper, we work hard to get the right mix of development to keep us at the forefront of communities in suburban Chicago.

Specifically, we want to have a wide range of housing options available for our residents and add to our very strong business base. We can then use that growth to invest in our community; assets and services like parks, open lands, special events, property tax rebates, road improvements, etc.

As Dan mentioned in his column, we are making strong progress on the key road projects to alleviate the traffic issues that come with housing growth going on all around Orland Park. While road construction is aggravating, it is necessary. We consider ourselves fortunate to have enough local money to help the state pay for its road projects in order to get them completed.

I'd like to share some quick updates on major new projects coming to Orland Park, all of which help us reach our goals.

**Main Street Triangle.** The development has been conceptually approved by the Village Board and will include a new town center anchored by the recently constructed 143<sup>rd</sup> Street Train Station. Plans include 240 residential units, 155,000 square feet commercial/retail space and four public gathering/park areas. The commercial/retail space is about double what is currently in this area. In addition, we expect two new restaurants to locate right next to the detention pond that is being built in the corner where the tracks cross LaGrange. The concept plan can be viewed on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

**Southwest Highway.** Nagel's Auto Shop has relocated to 13827 Southwest Highway but their old, vacant building and the defunct Wild Boar Restaurant at the corner of Southwest Highway and 143<sup>rd</sup> will soon be redeveloped into a new mixed-use building with retail and residential components, which will overlook the forest preserve. In addition, the building will be using porous paving and a "green roof."



*Rendering of proposed development for  
143rd Street and Southwest Highway*

**Three Bridges Subdivision.** Formerly known as the "Lauffer Farm," the 161 acre parcel at the southeast corner of 179<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue will soon have 184 single family lots, 62 duplex units and 160 condominiums carefully integrated within an interconnected road network.

But the crown jewel of the proposal is the nearly 50 acres of open space provided throughout the site. In fact, nearly 30 contiguous acres of passive and active open space will be developed around the existing stream and will include more than two miles of pedestrian trails linking overlooks and gazebos to sports fields and playgrounds.

**Cherry Ridge Subdivision.** The now vacant 105 acre Andrew Corporation site will soon be under construction. Kimball Hill will be proceeding with construction of the southern portion of the project, which is located south of 153<sup>rd</sup> Street. This project will be a transit-oriented development given its close proximity to the train station and will have a small commercial center.

**Planning For The Future.** We spend a lot of time planning for the future because we want Orland Park to remain a great place to live. We continuously keep track of events and developments outside of Orland Park that will impact us. Whether it's housing growth in Will County and its impact on the roads, to proposed large new malls in New Lenox, to massive sales tax increases proposed by Cook County, we recognize that what has worked in the past might not work in the future. If new malls come to the area and Cook County raises their sales tax, we could see huge decreases in Orland Park's revenue. Quite frankly, you'll see more people shopping in New Lenox or Oak Brook. If so, our ability to offer property tax rebates or pay for state road improvement will be severely impacted.

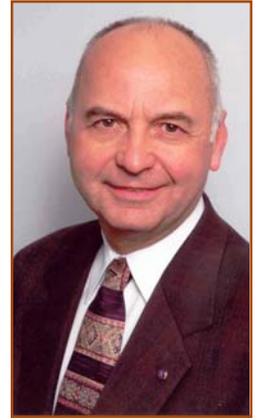
To address these future challenges, we are working on two key initiatives. First, we are in discussions with the owners of Simon Properties to explore additional ways to insure the health of Orland Square. In many respects, success in retail is about renewal – changing to meet customers' demands. We will continue to work with Simon on ways to bring national retailers who are not currently here, to Orland Park.

Secondly, we are conducting a formal Strategic Economic Development Plan Study to competitively position Orland Park in the future. The Village Board is committed to taking proactive steps to ensure that our community continues to be a desirable location for new business and industry.

To do this, we need your help. The village will be undertaking a web-based resident survey to get your input to our strategic economic development plans. Information regarding this survey will be sent out in the mail soon. Your thoughts, desires and feedback are an integral part of planning for the economic future of Orland Park.

# Fiscal Year 2008 Began October 1

by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair  
Finance Committee



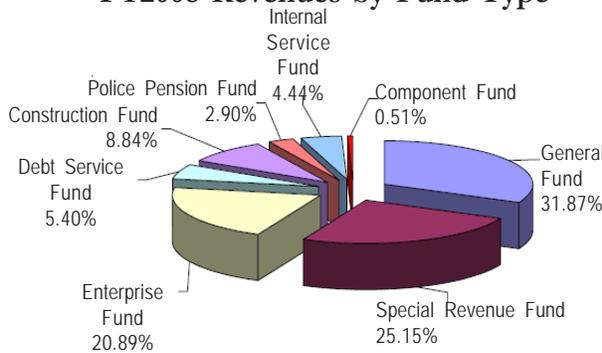
The Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees recently approved the village's Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget. The budget process included a series of strategy and work sessions, culminating in a budget document that meets all state and village requirements.

The approved Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget represents the financial plan of the village for the coming fiscal year and also serves as the village's financial policy document and operations guide. The budget, as approved, allows the village to continue to provide quality municipal services, including police, parks and recreation facilities, development and redevelopment of various areas within the village, improvement and maintenance of the village's streets, water and sewer infrastructure, and maintenance of other municipal facilities.

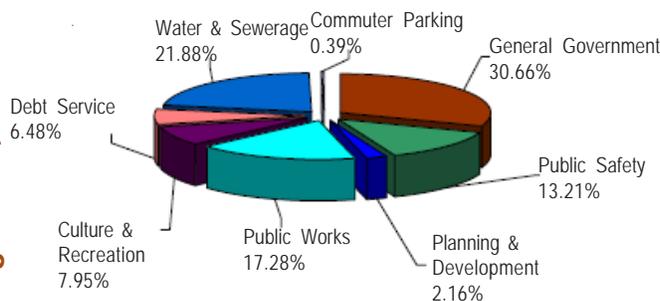
Total Fiscal Year 2008 revenues for all funds of the village amount to \$128,867,561, broken down by fund as illustrated below.

Total Fiscal Year 2008 budgeted expenditures for all funds of the village amount to \$127,712,956 and are broken down into the functional categories illustrated below.

## FY2008 Revenues by Fund Type



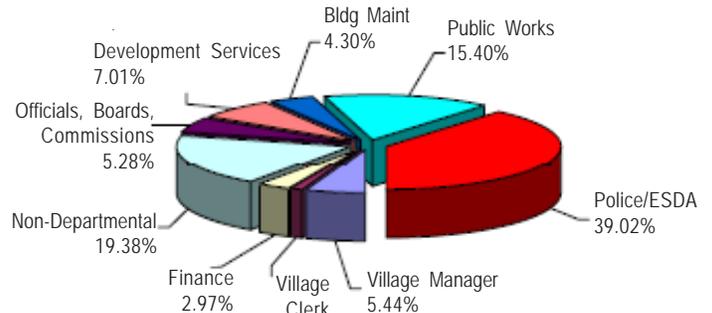
## FY2008 Expenditures By Function



## General Fund Revenues & Expenditures

The General Fund reflects the general operating costs of the village and does not include any major capital projects. The village's General Fund expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2008 amounts to \$39,258,316, or approximately 31% of the village's total Fiscal Year 2008 expenditure budget. The village's General Fund expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2008 is broken down into the departments illustrated below.

### FY2008 General Fund Departmental Expenditures



The recreation and parks functions are reflected in other funds of the village.

The Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget includes a number of significant capital improvements amounting to approximately \$19.84 million, including the following:

- Construction of intersection improvements at 143<sup>rd</sup> and LaGrange
- Construction engineering of improvements to Wolf Road, between 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and 167<sup>th</sup> Street
- Streetscape enhancements in the Old Orland area
- Resurfacing of subdivision streets based on the village's road maintenance schedule
- Design of a pedestrian overpass at LaGrange Road and 141<sup>st</sup> Street
- Expansion of the village's water reservoir the main pumping station
- Sliplining of various storms sewers
- Various streetlight, parkway and sidewalk maintenance programs
- Various water, sewer and stormwater system maintenance programs
- Construction of additional roads within the Main Street Triangle area
- Improvements to various park facilities
- Installation of cameras in all police vehicles
- Purchase of a new AS400 mainframe computer

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

# Police Continue Public Ed Programs

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair  
Public Safety Committee



**T**hank you for a great summer, Orland Park! It was wonderful to see so many residents at the village's summer events. I am especially grateful for the wonderful response to this year's Taste of Orland Park.

We were very pleased with the attendance figures — despite Mother Nature's plan to end the party early on Sunday.

We can't bring American English back until Taste 2008; however, we have re-scheduled the rained out fireworks show. It will be held at the end of the Winter Festival on November 25, 2007 at the Village Center. This free event includes entertainment, crafts, visits with Santa, the mayor's tree lighting and this year, fire works. The holiday season in Orland Park will officially begin with Mayor McLaughlin's tree lighting --- followed by a fireworks display!

## National Night Out - #14

We moved right from the Taste of Orland Park into the Police Department's fourteenth hosting of National Night Out. Thank you to the many residents who braved the hot temperatures and came out for the party. It was a great night of public safety information and an opportunity for the children of the community to see their police officers in a comfortable setting. Orland Park's National Night Out gets better and better each year. Thank you!

## Bike Ride for Special Olympics

The Police Department observed another annual tradition with its August 26 Bike Ride for Illinois Special Olympics. This fundraiser is a "comfortably paced" 14.4 mile ride through Orland Park and the Tinley Creek Woods, beginning and ending at Sam Maguire's. Those of you who enjoy bicycling should know that this is not a race but a leisurely ride on a summer Sunday morning. Think about it for next year.

They stop midway for water and to let everyone catch up. And, the group has a police escort all the way through. How great a bike ride is that?

## Police Academy Returns

We were also very pleased to again offer the department's Citizens' Police Academy. It's been a few years since the department has been able to host the academy; however, now that they have the training room in the beautiful new police station, the department can host programs like this. The September class filled quickly so be sure to get in on the next class when it's announced. This is a great way to learn more about the Police Department and all that it does for the residents of the village.

## Lock Your Doors

This month's village's cable television program, the "Orland Park Village View" features National Night Out and the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's first musical dinner theater show, "Broadway Review," held at Orland Chateau. During his interview, Chief McCarthy stressed how very easy it is to prevent petty thefts in and around your homes. Keep your doors locked. Don't leave cars and other vehicles unlocked and, when you're home, don't leave purses or wallets where passers by can see them. A few simple reminders can help to keep your personal belongings from disappearing. And, if you see someone in your neighborhood who looks suspicious, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. We'd rather err on the side of caution than have something bad happen.

## Keep Sidewalks Clear

I have one last reminder from the Police Department. When parking in a residential driveway in the village, it is illegal to block the public sidewalk. The next time you park in a driveway, think of the kids passing through on bikes, those pushing strollers and other neighbors who want to stay out of the street. Please keep the sidewalks clear.

**Do It Yourself MESSIAH**  
A community singing of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" featuring a full professional orchestra and outstanding soloists. A separate seating area will be available for audience members who prefer to listen rather than participate.

**Sunday, December 2, 2007**  
4:00 p.m.  
**Carl Sandburg High School**  
Performing Arts Center  
13100 South LaGrange Road  
For information call 403-6140.

**Tickets available after November 1st**  
at Village Hall, Loebe Center & Splex.  
\$8.00/Adults  
\$5.00/Students & Seniors  
Scores available at the Village Hall  
or at the door for \$8.00.

# Activities Fill Holiday Season

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To mark the village's 115th Anniversary and the dedication of the Illinois State Historical Society Historical Marker at the Humphrey House, the first sculpture for the Art in the Park Program will be of Orland Park's first mayor, John Humphrey. See page 19 for the story and photos of this Orland Park "first."



*John Humphrey  
First mayor of  
Orland Park*

**Remind trick or treaters to travel in groups and to not open candy until it's inspected by an adult. Report suspicious activity by dialing 9-1-1.**

## Upcoming Holiday Events

The holidays are just around the corner and the village is busy planning for the season.

The winter holiday season begins Thanksgiving weekend. The annual **Turkey Trot** takes place on Thanksgiving Day, the **Holiday Shopper Trolley Service** begins the day after Thanksgiving and the **Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held on Sunday, November 25. That evening, we'll light the holiday decorations along Ravinia Avenue and in Centennial Park and a special fireworks display will be featured.

For the second year, the Arts Commission will host the popular **Community Do It Yourself Messiah** on Sunday, December 2,

2007 at 4 p.m. at Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center.

Tickets will be available for purchase after November 1, 2007 at the Cashier's Office in the Village Hall.

Coming in January is the Chilly Willie Chili Challenge, the Best of Dance Chicago and the Chefs' Auction for Breast Cancer Research is scheduled in February. Please be sure to check the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) and the Recreation and Parks Department 2007 Winter Program Guide for these and other upcoming fall and winter events.

Have a fantastic fall and a very healthy and happy holiday season!

## Congratulations Outstanding Youth

In every issue of the *Orland Park Public*, I am proud to recognize the youth of our community for their outstanding achievements. Join me in congratulating the "pride of our community" on their recent accomplishments.

Congratulations to **Zachary Codo, Samuel Codo, Natalia Kulach, Nicolette Kulach and Ted Kulach**. All are members of the Illinois Shotokan Karate Club and qualified at the Illinois State Championships to go on to

the nationals held in July in Charleston, West Virginia.

Congratulations to the **Carl Sandburg High School Varsity Baseball Team** who won the 2007 IHSBCA state summer championship tournament with a 4-1 victory over Fenwick at Benedictine University.

Sandburg lost its first game of the season and went on to win the next 27 games, setting a school record. This is the school's first state summer title.

Championship team members include **Greg Billo, Jim Pipolo, Steve Kaffel, Ian O'Connor, Bobby Newman, Nick Kujawa, Ryan Cowhey, Ryan Bachman, Lucas Fritsch, Will Keuper, Alex Zarate, Auggie Arundel, Alex Kazmierski, Mike Perovanovic, Julian Garcia, Phil Piecuch, Troy Jozsa, Keeler Otero, Eric Duncan and Matt Mistretta**.

Thank You Sept 18  
Golf Outing Sponsors  
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# Single Sort Recycling Arrives

Single sort residential recycling has arrived in the Village of Orland Park. Beginning October 15, 2007, all single family homes and townhomes in the village received a 64 gallon blue roll away toter for all recyclables.

“In the late 1980s, Orland Park was one of the first communities in the State of Illinois to offer community wide recycling,” said Village Trustee Bernie Murphy, chair of the village’s Public Works and Engineering Committee. It was then Orland Park began its all-inclusive residential recycling program, bringing multi-family dwellings on-line.



“A majority of our residents recycle, carefully sorting their recyclables for pick up,” Murphy said. Single sort recycling enables residents to put all recyclables in the new container, with pick up every other week.

“Garbage pick up will continue on a weekly schedule,” explained Director of Public Works and Engineering Pete Casey. “Recyclables will be picked up during alternate weeks,” he explained.

The village’s contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, distributed calendars with the new receptacles in mid-October.

“The base of the 35 gallon toter is the same size as the recycle bins we currently use,” Casey said, adding that townhome residents who prefer the current recycle bins may continue to use the green buckets currently in use.

“Some residents have said that, because they have one car garages, that they keep their bins on shelves and would prefer to keep the green bucket,” Casey said. “This is fine, as long as residents realize that recyclables will be picked up every other week with the new program,” he added.

A 90-day trial period began October 15, giving residents the option to change toter sizes. “If, after the October 15 delivery, residents think the 64 gallon toter is too big, they can call Waste Management to request either a 35 gallon or a 96 gallon toter for their recyclables,” Casey explained.

“The Village Board is happy to offer this program as we all do our part for the environment,” Murphy added.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

## SINGLE SORT RECYCLING

### ACCEPTED

- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Jelly jars
- Plastic milk & water jugs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Mail, office and school papers (shred personal info)
- Magazines and catalogs (remove address labels)
- Brown grocery bags
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags
- Cardboard boxes
- Cereal, cracker, pasta, cake mix, pop & beer cases and other boxes

### PREPARATION

- Remove caps and lids
- Rinse cans, bottles & jars
- No need to remove labels
- No plastic bags or styrofoam

### PICK UP HOLIDAYS

If your pick up falls on one of these holidays, pick up with be a day later.

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th • Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

## FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPER TROLLEY SERVICE

- Weekends & Selected Days • Friday, November 23 through December 26
- Every Sat until Christmas • 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Every Sun until Christmas • 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Christmas Eve • 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- December 26 • 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Park at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall and ride the trolley to your favorite stores in town. Four trolleys travel the LaGrange Road Retail Corridor from 143rd Street to 159<sup>th</sup> Street with one trolley traveling through nearby residential areas. Trolley service will be provided from Orland Square Mall to the Brook Hills/Eagle Ridge areas on Friday, November 23 and Saturday, December 15. The trolley stop at Orland Square is on the upper level, near Sears. Visit the Village Hall or the village’s website for a detailed schedule. Schedules will also be available at Orland Square Mall and at retail stores along the route. The web address is [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).



## Orland Park Remembers Those Who Serve

Each edition of the *Orland Park Public* includes a list of village residents who are currently serving in the United States military. Please join us in saluting and remembering the Orland Park residents listed below as they serve our country. To have your loved one's name added to this quarterly list, e-mail the information to info@orland-park.il.us or fax the details to 708/403-6171.

**Sergeant Keith Yelnick**  
**United States Army**  
 Carl Sandburg Class of 2002  
 Currently serving in Baghdad

**PFC Ricky A. Tavit**  
**United States Army**  
 Moraine Valley Community  
 College Class of 2004  
 Carl Sandburg Class of 2001

**E3 Anthony Bingenheimer**  
**United States Navy**  
 Carl Sandburg Class of 2002

**EMFR**  
**Mario Luciano Medrano**  
 United States Navy  
 USS Kitty Hawk Japan  
 Andrew Class of 2006

### VETERANS' JOB FAIR

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007**  
**10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**  
**ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER**  
*William R. Vogel Memorial*  
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue  
 Questions may be directed to 708.371.9800, ext 1.  
 hosted by  
**Veterans Outreach Program of Illinois, Inc.**  
 and partially sponsored by the  
**American Legion Orland Memorial Post #111**  
**and the Reber-Tesmond VFW Post #2604**  
**OPEN TO ALL VETERANS**

### MILITARY FAMILIES

**MILITARY FAMILY  
 SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Open to anyone with a loved one serving  
 --- regardless of where you live!  
**First Thursday Each Month**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Orland Park Civic Center**  
*William R. Vogel Memorial*  
**14750 South Ravinia Avenue**  
 Questions? Call 403-6203.

## Military Care Package Collection Ongoing

Thank you to the many, many families, individuals, scout troops, schools and organizations that have so generously contributed to the Orland Park Veterans' Commission's care package collection program. The commission is collecting items for care packages for local residents currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Everyone is invited to be a part of this ongoing effort. The list below shows what military personnel need --- in order of preference.

**Toilet paper • Peanut butter (8 oz or less) • Disposable cameras • Chap Stick**  
**Decks of playing cards Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen • Mints & gum**  
**Hard candy • Anti-itch cream • Gold Bond Powder • Multivitamins • Power/Granola bars**  
**Trail & dried fruit & cereal mixes • Vacuum sealed foods • Beef Jerky**  
**Canned snack foods – Pringles, Doritos, etc • Cold drink mixes**  
**Individual coffee, tea, cocoa & spiced cider packets • Small plastic funnels • DVDs & CDs**  
**Sun block • Baby wipes Pocket size Kleenex • Gel insoles for boots • Deodorant • Fly swatters**  
**Anti-biotic ointment • Small cereal boxes & instant oatmeal packets**

### MILITARY CARE PACKAGE CONTRIBUTION LOCATIONS

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

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

### VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

**Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Orland Park Veterans' Memorial ~ Ara Pace' ~ Place of Peace**  
**Orland Park Village Center ~ 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.**  
**Everyone is invited to honor those who have served our country.**

Add your vet's name to Orland Park's wall for the Memorial Day, 2008 Ceremony. Veterans may be living or deceased and do not have to live in the Village of Orland Park. The \$250 donation to add a name is due April 25, 2008. For more information call 403-6203.

## Grant Monies Help Village's Key Projects

Orland Park village staff continually work to secure outside grant money to help fund a number of needed projects in the community. Below is a summary and update on some of Development Service's current grants

### 159th Street METRA Parking Lot Best Management Practices • \$97,614

The Village of Orland Park received a grant to help mitigate the effects of storm water run-off from the new Metra parking lot. The grant, along with a 50% village match, will construct a wetland polishing system that includes a vegetated swale and a series of constructed wetland cells. These Best Management Practices will help to reduce the amount of run-off pollutants entering Lake Sedgewick. Draft plans for this proposal have been completed and submitted for review by the Illinois EPA.



*Orland Park received a grant to develop plans for the LaGrange Road Corridor from 131st Street to the I-80 Corridor.*

The final product will be a comprehensive master transportation plan that will include the development of vision and goals for the corridor, a multi-modal transportation framework, an open space framework, a land use plan, an illustrative corridor master plan, and recommended funding and implementation strategies. An RFP (request for proposals) was issued for the plan in July 2007, and village staff is currently reviewing four submitted proposals. The

plan is anticipated for completion in the summer of 2008.

### Multi-Use Trail Bridge Over LaGrange Road • \$464,000

Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding has been approved to construct a multi-purpose pedestrian and bike path bridge over LaGrange Road. The bridge will be located directly south of the railroad overpass and will connect the Main Street Triangle Area with the bike path north of Orland Crossing. The village is currently preparing an RFP (request for proposals) that will be issued soon.

### LaGrange Road Transportation Corridor Plan • \$100,000

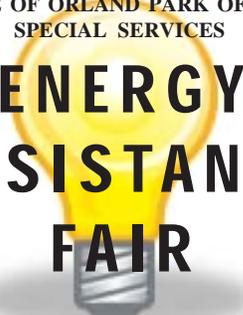
Orland Park received a grant from RTAP (Regional Technical Assistance Program) to conduct a study of the LaGrange Road Corridor between 131st Street and the I-80 Corridor.

### Illinois Tomorrow Corridors Transportation Grant for 159th Street • \$180,000

This is a grant from Illinois Department of Transportation to evaluate 159<sup>th</sup> Street from I-294 on the east to I-355 on the west. Areas to be evaluated include traffic and pedestrian improvements, streetscape/aesthetic/image improvements and economic development. The idea is to provide a strategy for all of the municipalities in this corridor to coordinate improvements. Orland Park is the lead agency for the group that also includes Markham, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Orland Hills and Homer Glen. The contract was just recently signed by the state so the project is in its beginning stages. For more information, contact the Development Services Department at 403-5300.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE FAIR**



**Monday, November 19, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Orland Park Civic Center**

**William R. Vogel Memorial**

**14750 South Ravinia Avenue**

Meet with representatives from

ComEd, Nicor and CEDA.

Call 403-6188 for what paperwork to bring.

# Options Available for Water Bill Payment



## Yard Waste Containers

may be used for household garbage

December 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

Waste Management is the village's contracted waste hauler. Residents with questions about garbage pick up, recycle bins or Waste Wheeler Carts may call 1-800-796-9696.

## Meters Must Be Read

Village ordinance requires that meter readers take inside readings of homes with inside meters and outside registers once a year. Please allow them into your home.



Village ordinance requires that water meters are to be accessible to water meter readers. Outside registers should not be hidden by shrubbery or fireplace logs. Inside meters should be easily accessible for meter readers and technicians.

Residents' checks returned by the bank will be assessed a \$25.00 fee per check.

## Water Bill Payment Options

Water bill remittance stubs offer the option to write a check or pay by credit card.

Instead of calling the village to have your payment placed on your charge card, simply fill out the charge information on the back of the water stub and mail it to the address provided on the remittance stub.



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

Payments by check, cash or credit card are always accepted at the Village Hall. Two payment drop boxes are



available at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall for residents' use. One is located in the main lobby next to the cashier's window and the other is on the east side of the median before the circle drive.

## Disconnection Fees Imposed

Village Ordinance #2877 addresses the



disconnection and reconnection of water service because of non-payment of a bill. If service is discontinued, a fee of \$75.00 will be charged and paid for the first shutoff of water before the service is reconnected. The second disconnection for the same account number will require a payment of \$100.00 plus a \$100.00 deposit. The third disconnection and any subsequent disconnections for the same account number will require a payment of \$150.00. The penalty fee will be assessed at 8:00 a.m. on the shut off day.



## Commuter Parking Permits Available December 1, 2007

The monthly price for permits will remain the same - \$25 per month. Permits for 2008 will be available for sale on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Village Hall Cashier's Office during our regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or through the mail.

The village will not be responsible for permits mailed but never received or not received on a timely basis. Multiple months may be purchased at one time; however, permits are non-refundable.

## Village Vehicle Stickers Required

All vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses must display a current village vehicle sticker. The current stickers were due on vehicles on June 30, 2007 with penalties going into effect on July 1, 2007. The penalty for not purchasing a sticker is double the original sticker price. Police are issuing tickets for vehicles not displaying a current village vehicle sticker.

**CATCH THE VIEW!**  
Orland Park Village View  
Comcast Channel 4  
Every day at 10, 4, 7 and 11.

**VILLAGE USES ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)**  
When paying for village services, the village may convert the check to an electronic funds transfer.  
If an EFT is returned for non-payment, a \$25 fee will be charged directly to the originating account.

## Cold Weather Brings Unwanted Guests Indoors

With winter just around the corner, wildlife will be feeding on garbage and looking for warm, dry places to stay. Breeding for raccoons and squirrels happens in December and January. The gestation period for raccoons is 63 days; however, squirrels are a little different as they give birth two times a year with a 44 day gestation period. The first litter is born around February and the second litter is born at the end of July.



If you hear very loud noises in the attic between 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. that sound like a man moving overhead, you may have raccoons. If you hear fast running above your head during daytime hours, that could be squirrels. If you hear scratching on your drywall or in the walls, that may be mice.



To determine if you have mice, check the attic insulation. If you see droppings, tunnel holes the size of a quarter, or trails in the insulation you may have a mice problem. To confirm that it's mice, put a teaspoon

of peanut butter on a paper plate and leave it in your attic. When you return the follow day, if droppings are present and the paper plate is not shredded, it's a safe bet that you have mice and should treat accordingly.

If you have an attached garage, which the kids seem to always leave open, you're inviting mice into your home through that inside door. This is one of the easiest ways for mice to get into your home. For these areas, we recommend that you place two or three plastic poison holders near the inside garage door. These "Tom Cat Bait Stations" are designed so non-target animals and children cannot get to the poison. They cost about \$5.00 per station and are worth their weight in gold. You can find the stations at most hardware and home improvement stores.



If unsure whether or not you have unwanted guests in your home, climb onto your roof or have someone climb up there for you.

Check for holes in the roof or attic fan. If animals have gained access through the attic fan, you will see the screen pulled out completely or pushed down. This is an easy entry point for animals.

Roof holes made by raccoons are about the size of a football while those made by squirrels are the size of a league baseball. Squirrel holes are at the gutter line, where the shingles meet the gutter. They're difficult to see; however, if you look where the gutter is attached to the fascia board, you can clearly see them.

If, after hearing noises in your attic, the noises stop, do not assume that the animals have left the building. **DO NOT SEAL OFF THE ENTRY POINT.**

Once you know where the entry point is, staple or wedge a plastic garbage bag over the hole and wait three or four days. If after three or four days, there is no attic noise and the garbage bag is intact, it's likely that the animal left. If, however, the bag is moved within the three to four days and you still hear the attic noises, it's probable that the animal is still there and you should not seal off the entry point. The last thing you want to do is trap an animal in the attic with no way out. You can buy easy to install attic fan covers that keep wildlife out of your attic.

### REMINDERS FOR PET OWNERS

- There's nothing more heart breaking than seeing a dog sweltering in a hot, locked car on a summer day. Don't take your dog with you when you go shopping or to run errands. Leave him at home where he can be comfortable and safe.
- The cold weather will be here soon and residents are reminded to never leave dogs or cats outside for an extended amount of time without shelter. It's inhumane and also against the law.
- When walking your dog, take a plastic bag with you to pick up after your dog. It's your dog and it's your responsibility to clean up.
- Residents with fenced yards should always check the gate before letting your family pet outside. Kids and landscapers are notorious for leaving gates open and that's how many family pets take off to explore the neighborhood.
- All dogs and cats in the Village of Orland Park must have a valid village tag. They're available in the Cashier's Office at the Village Hall for around \$7.00. Call the cashiers at 403-6170 to find out more about buying a tag for your pet.

Animal related questions in the Village of Orland Park may be directed to Animal Control Officer Steve Stronk at the Police Department. To reach Stronk, dial 349-4111, extension 4990.

## Help Prevent Flooding

The heavy rainfall events that last a very short time occur occasionally throughout the year. This type of rain can cause water to pond in streets and backyards in many areas. Some preventative maintenance can help to lessen the impact of the heavy rains. In the course of their daily activities, Public Works crews will clear street inlets of debris near their worksites. Additionally, stormwater crew adheres to a regular schedule of checking retention/detention ponds. When rainfall is predicted, Public Works crews are dispatched immediately to check storm inlets and the ponds to ensure they are properly functioning. Residents' help is needed to reduce or eliminate water from building up in streets or in backyards.

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

### Adopt-An-Inlet

Public Works asks residents to "adopt an inlet." Residents with a street or rear yard stormwater inlet can make sure they are cleaned off and unobstructed. Many street and backyard flooding calls are related to stormwater inlets becoming covered with leaves, grass and debris. Once the debris is cleared, the inlets can properly drain. If an inlet is near your home, please keep it clear.

In all likelihood, Mother Nature will hit us with another rainfall that "comes down in buckets," and we will experience some ponding in backyards and streets. However, simple preventative measures will go a long way in minimizing these occurrences.

## Fall Means Leaves & Trees

With fall fast approaching, Public Works is gearing up to start picking up leaves and trimming trees before the snow starts to fly. The Leaf Pickup Program will begin as soon as the leaves begin to fall. The village needs the assistance of all residents for this program to work. **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET AND CURB LINE. RAKE LEAVES TO THE EDGE OF THE CURB AND PILE THEM ON THE GRASS PARKWAY.** Raking leaves into the street can cause stormwater inlets to become clogged and does not allow rainwater to properly drain.

The village works closely with Waste Management to pick up as many leaves as possible. Residents are strongly encouraged to use Waste Wheeler Carts or Kraft Biodegradable Bags. The carts and bags can be placed at the curbs for regular waste pickup through the end of November. Your assistance will help us reach every area in the village that needs attention.

### **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET.**

### Trimming Hazardous Trees

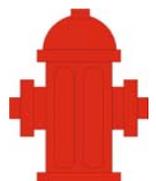
This fall, trained crews will trim trees that pose a hazard or interfere with normal maintenance operations. The village's Tree Trimming Program concentrates on trees that pose a safety concern or may potentially cause damage. Trees that hamper a motorists' lines of sight, obstruct (traffic) regulatory signs, block light from streetlights, etc., can pose a safety issue. Trees that have low hanging branches can cause damage or be damaged by snow plowing equipment, garbage trucks, delivery trucks or other vehicles that are higher than normal passenger vehicles.

Beginning in November and extending through March only, Public Works staff will prioritize its work that addresses safety issues that most affect the motoring public. Staff make every attempt to balance the trimming around the entire tree before leaving the site. However, it is important for residents to realize that they are responsible for the normal care and maintenance of trees both on private property and on the parkway adjacent to their home. Residents should handle the aesthetic trimming or pruning, clearing of dead branches, etc.

Removal of dead or diseased trees in the parkway and the grinding of the remaining stumps are also addressed during these months. If, however, you feel a dead or diseased tree poses a hazard, call Public Works and we will come out to evaluate the problem. The village will not remove healthy trees at any time. Restoration of the area following the grinding of the stump is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Questions about leaf pick up or tree trimming may be directed to the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

### When It Snows...Dig Hydrants Out From The Street

To help firefighters, should an emergency occur — possibly at your home! — dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house FROM the street. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant when they arrive at a house fire they can get to it more quickly. Adopt the fire hydrants near your home and be sure that they're accessible at all times.



# Public Works Preparing for Winter Weather

Orland Park's Public Works Department is preparing for the winter weather ahead. The village carries out its complete Snow Removal/Ice Control Program on all streets and highways within the village - with the exception of state, county, township and private roads. Because winter can oftentimes be trying for motorists, it is important for everyone to know how snow and ice control are accomplished in Orland Park.

## It's Snowing!

An integral part of dealing with snow is street salting. In Orland Park, top priority is given to the main streets. These are the routes that the village has found to have the heaviest year round traffic and are usually major arteries running north/south or east/west. The Village of Orland Park is able to store more than 3,500 tons of salt under a protective cover. This stockpile is adequate for more than half of a normal season, being replenished regularly during the winter months so that a full supply is always available.

## Let It Snow....

## Let It Snow....

When two to three inches of snow have accumulated, with more expected, plowing rather than salting more economically removes snow. All village streets, main thoroughfares as well as residential areas, will be plowed by Public Works. The department's first priority is to open the main roads. These arterials are the key to maintaining a steady flow of traffic since most residents live within a few blocks of such a route. The plows then continue to "widen out" all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the curb line and clearing the intersections.

## Working Around The Clock

Trained crews work around the clock during storms to keep the roads open and passable. Residents who notice

problems with the condition of streets should call Public Works at 403-6350. Residents who have already called about a legitimate driving hazard need only call once. If it is a police/fire/medical emergency, dial 9-1-1.

## When It Ends

Crews continue to monitor all village streets for icy spots and areas where winds have redeposit the snow in traffic

lanes. An application of salt is usually applied to all streets so that the surface remains drivable. Crews also clear catch basins so that melting snow can drain.

## Get Ready Now

If you do your own snow removal, have your tools and supplies ready. If hiring someone, make arrangements early. It is difficult to find someone in the middle of a snowstorm. When winter comes to Orland Park, listen for snow alerts. Area media announce approaching storms, giving information on school closings, meeting cancellations and road conditions.

Remind school children of the hazards of slippery streets and sidewalks. Be sure that they know to **wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop** before trying to

board or disembark. Make sure children **stand away from the street until the school bus comes to a complete stop.**

Public Works will be aware of any impending storm and will alert crews before the bad weather is due to arrive. The village cannot shovel the plow's ridges or wind rows from residents' driveways, nor can the village plow private property.

Working together, we can assure a safe and enjoyable winter for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

### ORLAND PARK'S TOP TEN SNOW TIPS

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

Call 645-PLAY for details about these upcoming Sportsplex programs.

**WEIGHT LOSS COACHING**

Session II  
Oct 31 to Dec 12

**KIDS' FITNESS CLUB**

Session III  
Nov 5 to Dec 6

**BOOT CAMP FOR KIDS**

Session III  
Nov 5 to Nov 29

**SHOOT 2 SCORE BASKETBALL ACAD**

Session II  
Nov 6 to Dec 15

**OPEN FIELDS & BATTING CAGES**

Mon, Wed & Fri  
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# Orland Park's First Mayor To Debut New Program

The newest addition to the village's cultural arts programs will debut with a statue of the founding father of Orland Park, State Senator John Humphrey. It was Humphrey who led the village's incorporation as a municipality in 1892 and served as Orland Park's first mayor until his death in 1914.



Orland Park's Art In The Park Program was created by Mayor Dan McLaughlin to enhance the village's parks and open spaces with sculpture and art displays.

"I'm excited to have such an important figure in the history of Orland Park represented in the historic part of the village," McLaughlin said. "It will be a great addition to our community and is something both residents and visitors can enjoy," he added.



The John Humphrey Sculpture was selected to commemorate the village's 115th anniversary and to recognize the dedication of the Illinois State Historical Society Historical Marker at the Humphrey House.

The bronze sculpture will show Humphrey as he would have waited for a train to take him to his downtown Chicago law office or to Springfield. Wearing period clothing, including his trademark top hat, he will be checking his watch and holding a brief case. Once completed, the sculpture will stand outside of the doors

of the new 143rd Street station.

Taylor Studios of Rantoul, Illinois is creating the sculpture of Humphrey, using historical photos.



Because the senator lived most of his life during the 19th Century, there are not many photos available, adding to the challenge of creating a life-like sculpture of him. Fortunately, the reference photos that have been gathered are from different perspectives, giving a more complete picture of what Humphrey may have looked like.

Orland Park's first mayor is expected to debut the Art In The Park Program in mid-November.

A number of other locations in the village have been earmarked for sculptures by area artists. For more information, send an email to [artinthepark@orland-park.il.us](mailto:artinthepark@orland-park.il.us).



## Winter Wonderland AT CENTENNIAL PARK

**Centennial Park • 15600 West Avenue • November 17, 2007 to March 2, 2008**

Each winter, Orland Park's Centennial Park is transformed into a Winter Wonderland. Enter the park on Fun Drive and see the magnificent holiday displays that are sure to warm hearts of all ages. Ice skating, sledding and cross country skiing will be available. Skates, cross-country skis and helmets may be rented during staffed hours. There is no charge to bring your own equipment.

**The ice rink at Centennial Park is open from sunrise until 9:00 p.m.**

**ICE RINK HOURS • SUNRISE TO 9:00 PM**

The rink will be closed during resurfacing.

**WARMING HOUSE HOURS**

- Mon-Fri • 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday • 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sunday • 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Skate rentals available during warming house hours with a Recreation Department i.d. or a valid driver's license.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

- Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. unless otherwise indicated
- December 17 to January 4
- Monday, Dec 24 • Closes at 4:00 p.m.
- Tues, Dec 25 • Closed
- Mon, Dec 31 • Closes at 4:00 p.m.
- Mon, Jan 14 • Martin Luther King Day
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**Susan Miller**  
*Third Place*

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**Best Use of Variety of Plants and Ornamentation • Helen and Jack Flaherty**

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