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Orland Park Receives Statewide Honor

by Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin

Orland Park's Veterans' Day 2006 was especially significant this year, both because we marked the tenth anniversary of the village's Veterans' Memorial and because our efforts to help veterans have earned a statewide honor. In early November, a contingent from Orland Park traveled to Springfield to accept the village's first ever Governor's Hometown Award. Congratulations to the many volunteers who help our veterans in Orland Park.

Our award application, entitled "Support Our Military - Past and Present," included a detailed description of the village's many programs and services for veterans and those currently serving in the military. Some of the programs that the village

sponsors include activities in local schools, Blue Star Banners for military families, collecting old flags for proper disposal, collection drives for phone cards and postage, community care

package collections, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day Ceremonies, Military Family Support Group, support local Army Reserve Units, Veterans' Speakers' Bureau, Veterans' Steak Fry and the village employees' Yellow Ribbon Magnet Sale. *continued*



State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-19) (*far left*) and Jack Lavin, Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (*far right*) congratulate the Orland Park contingent that traveled to Springfield to accept the village's first Governor's Hometown Award. Pictured (*l to r*) are Crotty, Orland Park Veterans' Commissioner Bob Lewis; Vets Commissioner John Hennessy; Orland Park Village Manager RJ Zeder; Trustee Patricia Gira; Vets Commissioners Jack Bath; Vets Commission Chair Tom Dubelbeis; Vets Commissioner Ray Manring; Vets Commissioner Sal Estrada; Vets Commissioner John Lauzon; Vets Commissioner Catherine Foster; Vets Commissioner Matt Piwowski; Vets Commission Secretary Gail Blummer; Vets Commissioners Carl Ernst, Jon Marshall and George Sweet; Assistant to the Village Manager Mary Shanahan; Commissioner Harry Huddleston; Village Trustee Bernie Murphy; Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Lavin.



Phase I of the Main Street Triangle, a planned downtown development at 143rd Street along Southwest Highway, includes a new Metra Commuter Station with parking.

New Train Station Begins Development

In June, village officials, together with METRA officials, broke ground for Phase I of the Main Street Triangle, a planned downtown development at 143rd Street along Southwest Highway. Phase I includes a new METRA commuter station with parking. The \$10 million dollar project, funded by the Federal Transit Administration, will include a fully-enclosed 3200 square foot brick warming house with stone and cedar siding, signs, lighting and landscaping.

A new parking lot will feature 475 spaces and future plans call for the construction of a parking deck to accommodate 600 cars. The station and parking lot are scheduled to be complete this year.

The Main Street Triangle will be pedestrian friendly and will include both commercial and residential developments. A new 142nd Street will be built to connect the Main Street Triangle to Orland Crossing on the east side of LaGrange Road. The Main Street Triangle will provide a direct connection to the Old Orland Historic District. Keep watching as there's more to come in this area!

CodeRED® Emergency Notification System

Earlier this year the Village Board authorized the CodeRED® Emergency Notification System for Village of Orland Park residents and businesses. The system allows us to call targeted areas or the entire village in the event of an emergency or urgent situation that requires immediate attention.

Due to the severe drought conditions this past summer, we accessed the system on several occasions to inform residents and businesses of changes to outdoor water restrictions.

If you have an unlisted phone number, privacy manager, have changed your phone number or address within the past year, or use a cellular phone as your home phone, you may not have received the phone calls. If you fall into any of these categories and/or did not receive a phone call, I urge you to register for emergency notification purposes only. To register, please visit our website at www.orland-park.il.us, click on "Village Services" and complete the CodeRED® Residential and Business Data Collection Application Form.

If you do not have Internet access, please call the village at 403-6140 and request to have your information added to the CodeRED® Emergency Notification System. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to notify you in emergency situations. Detailed information about the CodeRED® Emergency Notification System is published on page 12 in this issue of the *Orland Park Public*.

A Year of Special Events

We began the summer with the opening of the Farmers' Market. Our Recreation and Parks Department sponsored the Summer Concert Series, Picnics in the Park, Wednesday Happenings and the Independence Day Spectacular. The village's first Open Lands of Orland Park Garden Walk was held in June and the Arts Commission hosted its second annual Fine Art Fair in July. In August, the Orland Park Police Department hosted Night Out Against Crime and Ride for Special Olympics.

Our largest event, the second annual Taste of Orland Park, drew approximately 25,500 people during the three-day event in August.

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Special events in the village continued into the fall with the Open Lands Golf Outing and subsequent Ride & Tie Race in October, the annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, and holiday events throughout the season. Congratulations to the village's Arts Commission for its late January sold out performance of "The Best of Dance Chicago."

Thank you to the many sponsors and groups for their support and participation in these events each year. The Board and I are delighted to be able to offer such a wonderful variety of special community events and we are very proud of our village staff members who work hard all year to put these events together for everyone to enjoy.

On behalf of the Village Board, I extend our condolences to the family and friends of former Acting Mayor and Trustee Rich Nogal, who passed away in November. The Orland Park community benefited from Rich's service in many ways, on the Village Board and with the many civic organizations in which he was involved.

Gathering Space Available



Host your next meeting or gathering in the basement of the historic Twin Towers. The lower level of the Twin Towers facility may

be rented for showers, parties and meetings, comfortably seating 80 guests. The adjacent kitchen offers a refrigerator, two microwaves and two coffee pots.

A three hour minimum is required for rentals, which are \$40 an hour. For more information, call Ray Manning at 708/349-4850.

Saluting the Outstanding Youth of Orland Park

It's a pleasure to publicly recognize the youth of our community for their Outstanding accomplishments in each issue of the *Orland Park Public*. Please join me in congratulating the "pride of the community" on their most recent accomplishments.

Congratulations to Orland Junior High seventh grader **Patrick Passafiume** on having been chosen to attend the "People to People" conference at USLA in July. Patrick was chosen for a combination of his grades, leadership abilities and personality.

2005 Carl Sandburg graduate **Lynn Baker** was named the Star Newspaper's 2005 Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Baker continues her soccer skills as goalie for the University of Houston's Women's Soccer Program. Congratulations to Carl Sandburg students **Steve Chmura**, **Tim Cunningham** and **Parth Patel** for being named to the *Star Newspaper's* All-Area Boys Volleyball Team.

Pianist **Ashley Meklis** performed with her brother, violinist **Vincent Meklis** on a tour in mainland China. Their performance of Ravel's Tzigane was part of the Chicago Consort's China 2005 Tour Program. They performed at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Brigham band mates **Bob Dain**, **Dan Thorson**, **Tom Brennan** and **Bobby Mixa** took fourth place at the Illinois State Fair's Teen Battle of the Band Championship. This local band, comprised of Sandburg and Marist alumni placed first at the Taste of Orland Park and then won again at the regional championships in Oswego. The group is named for Sandburg High School social studies teacher, Jeffrey Brigham.

Sandburg senior **Kalen Riley** was one of only 30 Illinois students to receive a perfect score of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam this year. Kalen was among 127,500 students from across the state who took the exam last spring as a junior. Congratulations! Congratulations are also in order for **Eliot Bessette**, a senior at St. Rita High School, for being named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. **Matt Olson**, of St. Ignatius College Prep, has been named a 2006 National Merit Commended Student. Sandburg senior **Ed Kennedy** captured the individual golf championship title at the Southwest Suburban Blue Conference meet at Cog Hill in Lemont.

Congratulations to the Carl Sandburg High School Cross Country teams. Sandburg claimed top honors in both the girls' and the boys' races at the Southwest Suburban Blue Cross Country Meet in Channahon. **Kevin Adamowski** won individual championship, with **Brad Larocque** placing second, **Justin Smith**, third, and **Tom Sideras**, fourth, **Chuck Archer**, ninth, **Mike Young**, twelfth, and **Anthony Girton**, thirteenth. **Kristin Sutherland** placed second in the girls' individual competition. **Sarah Klaczynski** placed fourth, **Melanie Glander** placed sixth, **Michelle Janosz** placed tenth, **Lauren Mulac** placed eleventh, **Amanda Janosz** placed twelfth and **Mary Brennan**, thirteenth.

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Senator Obama Keynotes Vets' Day Ceremony



United States Senator Barack Obama and Mayor Dan McLaughlin



Orland Park Veterans

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK
 VETERANS' MEMORIAL
 DEDICATED NOVEMBER 11, 1995
Ara Pace - *Place of Peace*
 "...a memorial pavilion, a cathedral,
 encompassing the circle
 of endless memory
 of those who have died for our country
 supported by the conflict and sacrifice
 in the tension of the supporting
 elements of the base."
 "This environmental sculpture
 represents a meeting point;
 a meditation point; a spiritual point;
 a gathering point;
 a unique elegant quiet place to meet;
 a child friendly design;
 a place where older can mingle
 with the young;
 an ennobling addition
 to Orland Park..."
 From the 1995 Dedication Program



Father Leo Lyons
USAF Colonel, Retired



Barbie III Flyover
sponsored by Horton Insurance

Second Orland Park Garden Walk Planned

Plans are underway for the Village of Orland Park's second annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 25, 2006. The event is hosted by the Open Lands of Orland Park.

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



In addition to the tour, local landscapers, garden centers and other shops will showcase their products and services at boutiques set up at the village complex. The day will also feature refreshments and music under a large tent and informational lectures on gardens. Visitors will be able to tour the homes on their own or take advantage of the trolley service provided. Tickets for the event will be available in advance and on the day of the event. Last year over 350 people toured eight beautiful properties.

If you have a beautiful yard with outstanding features and would like to be considered for the Garden Walk, please complete and return the application, along with pictures of your yard, no later than **March 15, 2006**. If you need further information or have questions, please call 708/403-6145. An application to participate appears on page 18 of this edition of the *Orland Park Public*.

"Early Voting" Now Offered for Elections

by Village Clerk David P. Maher



When is the next election? The next election is the Primary Election (Governor) on March 21, 2006. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in any election.

Voter's Registration is available in the Village Clerk's Office located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. Office

hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. As of press time, the remaining Saturday hours will be on February 18th. Voter's registration will close on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 and will reopen on Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Residents who are U.S. citizens, 18 years of age **on or before** the next election, recently moved, changed their name, had a problem voting in the last election, or never registered to vote can do so in the Clerk's Office. Two forms of identification are required when registering, one with your name and Orland Park address the other with simply your name. The entire process only takes about ten minutes of your time!

Early Voting is something new and will be available in the Clerk's Office beginning February 27, 2006 through March 16, 2006. There are no restrictive guidelines for early voting. Residents who wish to vote early may do so. Residents **do not** need a reason such as being out of town or undergoing surgery to vote early.

All early voters **must** show a government-issued photo identification. This must be an Illinois driver's license, a state identification card or other government-issued photo identification, i.e., a passport. No other type of identification will be accepted.

Absentee Voting...Begins February 27, 2006 through March 20, 2006. Residents **will need** a reason to vote absentee in-office. Office hours for Early Voting and Absentee Voting are 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. until noon on the following Saturdays – March 4th, March 11th, and March 18th.

Will you be out of town? Residents unable to vote absentee in person may request an absentee ballot by mail. Call the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150 to have your name and address added to a confidential database to receive an absentee ballot application for the March 21st election only.

At Home Voting...is available for residents who are physically unable to leave their homes to vote. Call the Village Clerk's Office to have your name added to a confidential database for **all** elections. Village Clerk's Office staff will automatically send an absentee ballot application before every election. Completed applications are then sent to Cook County, which it turns mails your actual ballot to your home address or whatever address is listed on the application. The ballot is then returned to Cook County, eventually being delivered to your precinct by the county so that it can be counted with the ballots cast at the polls on Election Day.

Virtual Ballot...A virtual ballot, which allows registered voters to learn about the candidates appearing on their ballot, will be available online at least one month before the March 21, 2006 election. View your virtual ballot on the Cook County website www.voterinonet.com, by clicking the ELECTION tab, candidates' tab, click on virtual ballot and type the information required. The sample ballot for your precinct will then appear.

Helpful Websites...Can't come into our office but want to register to vote in Cook County? Need to find out where to go to vote? Not sure if you are registered in Orland Park? Would like to know how to become an Election Judge or would like election results? Visit David Orr's Cook County website at www.voterinonet.com.

This site gives you summaries of recent election returns in the suburbs of Cook County. At election time it will have a sample ballot by your precinct. It has a mail-in registration form that you can download if it is inconvenient for you to come into our Office to register. **Please note:** If you mail-in your registration, you must vote in-person the first time you vote, so Absentee Voting would not be an option for you.

Village residents with questions may e-mail me at clerk@orland-park.il.us or phone 403-6150.

Winter Safety Begins At Home

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair
Building and Zoning Committee



Each winter, I like to include some reminders from the village's Building Department. Those of you with cable television may recall last year's segment of the *Orland Park Village View*, the village's monthly cable television show. On this particular show, we reviewed a number of fire safety related reminders from the Building Department and the Orland Fire Protection District.

With the change of seasons and using the furnace in your homes more, consider changing the filter on your furnaces. Clean filters allow the furnace to operate more efficiently. Having a chimney sweep come out probably enters your mind during the colder months, when you want to use your fireplace. Owners of homes with fireplaces need to have their chimneys regularly cleaned.

Creosote is the highly flammable residue that builds up in your fireplace. If it builds up enough, a fire could erupt. To find out if a chimney sweep is licensed to work in the Village of Orland Park, call the Building Department at 708/403-6220. All contractors working in the village must hold a current Village of Orland Park Contractor's License. Residents who hire contractors who are not licensed to work in the village have no recourse through

the village should a contractor perform unsatisfactorily.

The other "hot" area that we talked about during our seasonal fire safety program was dryer fires. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 15,500 fires associated with clothes dryers occur annually. These fires account for an average of ten deaths, 310 injuries and more than \$84.4 million in property damage annually.

Some of the reminders that we may not think about include cleaning the lint filter before or after each load. Don't forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can be trapped. The interior of the dryer should be cleaned periodically by service personnel. If you notice that it's taking longer for clothes to dry, clean the vent system thoroughly to ensure proper airflow. Replace plastic or vinyl exhaust hoses with rigid or flexible metal venting. Another way to prevent dryer fires is to not dry clothing/fabric on which there is anything flammable.

Downtown Orland Park!

I am very happy to report that the board has taken the first steps to help re-create Orland Park's downtown area.

I've had the pleasure of working closely with Mayor McLaughlin on this project.

Phase I includes the new 142nd Street commuter station that is currently under construction. We envision the main street of Orland Park to be the center of activity in the community with many events currently held at the Civic Center, i.e., Fine Art Fair, Farmers' Market, etc. eventually being held in this open space south of the train station.

We've created this project to create a pedestrian friendly retail area with residences above the retail areas on 142nd Street. Our primary objective is to make this downtown area as pedestrian friendly as possible, making what was once the heart of Orland Park a focal point once again.

The Village Board recently chose the developer for the downtown area and we look forward to having more information to share in the next edition of the *Orland Park Public*.

"We envision the main street of Orland Park to be the center of activity.."

Village's "Main Street" Plans Begin

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



I hope that everyone is enjoying the winter season.

We've had a busy time in the village and it was no exception for the Planning Department.

2005 Garden Contest

Our thanks and congratulations are in order for the participants and judges for the village's 2005 Garden Contest. Thank you to everyone who entered this year's competition. The beauty and creativity of each of the 28 gardens entered was exceptional making it a difficult task for our judges. This year's judges included Master Gardeners **Diana Husband** and **Paula Swanstrom**, along with **Jim Melka**, from Jim Melka Landscape and Garden Center. First place was awarded to **Cindy Tinaglia**; second place to **Dieter and Susan Fleischhauer**; and third place to **Roger and Sandy Prietz**. Special Merit awards were presented to **Susan and Dave Hankosky** for Best Use of a Water Feature, **Lola and Tony Di Gerlando** for Best Use of Variety Shade Plantings, **Lilly Idzik** for Best Singular Feature—Pergola with a Pond, and **Rose Marie McGovern** for Best Use of Prairie Landscaping. Honorable Mention Awards were presented to **Barbara and Lou DeSanto, Dr. and Mrs. Peiss, Barry and Mary Joy Omahen**, and **Carl and Peggy Tallon**. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Summer Jobs for Youth

Thank you to all of the businesses that participated in the 2005 Summer Jobs for Youth Program. We are going to begin the program's 13th season helping to provide summer employment and invaluable experience for our young people in the community. It is because of the continued support of our business community that this program is successful. So, on behalf of the Village of Orland Park and all the youth you serve, we thank you and look forward to your continued support.

Main Street

Plans are moving right along for the redevelopment of the area bounded by LaGrange Road, 143rd Street and the Metra tracks at Southwest Highway, commonly referred to as the "Main Street Triangle District." As many of you know, the first phase of the plan is very visible with the steel skeleton in place and the availability of new temporary parking. In addition, there is a new and vastly improved schedule with 30 daily stops; nearly doubling the number of previous stops. We envision this to be the "main street" of Orland Park and will include trees, benches, ornamental lighting and a landscaped median.

The village has also worked with Metra to improve the facilities at the 153rd Street station, including a new underpass under the tracks, the

creation of a few hundred additional new parking spots west of the train tracks and two new warming shelters. In addition, the village has received a grant for the bike overpass and has applied for a grant for an underpass beneath LaGrange Road near 156th Street.

Plans are also progressing for the widening of LaGrange Road. Phase I engineering is complete for the reconstruction and widening of the road to six lanes with a landscaped median from north of 135th Street to 179th Street. We expect design approval this year and Phase II engineering will begin after that, assuming funding is available. At the time LaGrange Road is widened, a new Metra bridge will be built with the train tracks moved eastward.

We are committed to creating a pedestrian and bike overpass over LaGrange Road to connect the Triangle District to the neighborhoods to the east. Some conceptual design work has been completed and we are in the process of pursuing state funding for this project. As you can see, we have made quite a bit of progress on this long awaited project that will transform the area into a functional and beautiful "Main Street" for residents and visitors to utilize and enjoy.

"...a beautiful 'Main Street' for residents and visitors to utilize and enjoy..."

Police Station Plans Progress

by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair
Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee

The Police Department has had a busy few months. In addition to regular responsibilities and ongoing outreach programs, many personnel hours have been spent working on the new police headquarters building. As previously reported, the village purchased the former Consolidated Tile and Carpet Building at 14600 South Ravinia when it was determined that the present police building could not be expanded due to parking and site constraints. The Police Building Planning Group recommended to the Village Board the hiring of George Sollitt Construction Company as Construction manager for this project. The Board accepted that recommendation and Sollitt was hired and immediately began working with the architect.

The Police Building Planning Group, consisting of Village Manager Zeder, Assistant Village Manager Baer, Chief McCarthy, Deputy Chief Hughes, Commander Mattes, and I, continue to meet regularly with the architect and construction manager to move this project forward. As previously reported, the Village Board accepted the group's recommendation to "go green." The project is being designed to obtain leadership, energy and environmental design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED evaluates buildings in five categories: water efficiency; indoor air quality; sustainable sites; energy and atmosphere; and materials. LEED certified buildings create healthier workplaces, conserve energy and protect the environment.

Sente, Rubel, Bosman & Lee, the architect, has completed the plans and Sollitt has solicited bids. At the Village Board meeting on January 16, 2006, an overall budget of \$15,539,000 was approved for this new police facility. The Village Board also approved an amendment to the Sollitt agreement setting a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$12,577,150 for general construction. If general construction expenses exceed the GMP, they will be paid by Sollitt. Construction began January 30.

Outreach Programs Keep Police Busy

The Orland Park Police Department has an extensive Outreach Program that continued full speed during this last summer. The Bike Patrol and Walk and Talk Programs continue to be popular with residents. In addition, the department conducted regular beat meetings and held its Citizens' Police Academy. The Police in the Park Program has continued to grow. Watching our patrol officers work the village's Super Cooker seems to be a draw for that program.

On August 2nd, the annual Night Out Against Crime drew its largest crowd ever at the Civic Center.



The kids enjoyed the entertainment and the parents gained some valuable knowledge about the many programs that our Police Department participates in and sponsors.

Citizens' Help Is Needed

In any city or village, police department expenditures are a large part of the budget. Orland Park is no exception. The Police Department has expensive equipment and our officers require extensive training. However, no matter how many officers we have on staff, they can never be everywhere they are needed. Therefore, the Police Department and its staff need our citizens to be additional eyes and ears. Whenever you see something that is out of the ordinary or just does not look right, you need to call either the emergency number which is 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number which is 349-4111. A timely call allows an officer to quickly respond.

Orland Park's Cultural Arts Thrive

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
Finance Committee



In just five short years, the village's Arts Commission has made quite a name for

itself. The group's most recent accomplishment was the sold out performance of "The Best of Dance Chicago," held at Sandburg's Performing Arts Center. Bravo, Arts Commission!

The commission is already working on its Third Annual Fine Art Fair. This year's venue will be different as the outdoor gallery of artists and media from across the country will be at the new Orland Park Crossing Shopping Mall. Mark your calendar now for July 15 and 16, 2006. For more information about the village's Arts Commission, leave a message on their voice mail at 708/403-6194.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a very exciting addition to the village's growing list of cultural events. Our own award-winning Orland Park Theatre Troupe is preparing for the largest production in the group's thirteen year history.

"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with its cast of nearly 100 community actors and children, will be performed at Sandburg's Performing Arts Center March 31 to April 2. If you haven't already, buy your tickets for "Joseph" now as they're moving at a brisk pace. Call or visit the Loebe Recreation Center (403-7275) for more information.

March Brings Rebate Checks

Village residents who qualified and applied for the village's Property Tax

Rebate Program can expect their checks to arrive in March. Once again, the Village Board voted to rebate 100% of the village's portion of residents' 2005 Property Tax Bill.

Taste of Orland Park

Plans are already underway for Taste of Orland Park 2006, our third year of showcasing the wonderful eateries in the village. More than 25,500 people enjoyed Taste 2005, with its three days of delicious food, live entertainment and civic groups.

An event such as the Taste is not possible without the tremendous dedication of our village staff and volunteers. The Taste is a great example of a village-wide effort to benefit the entire community. Thank you for a job well done!

Planning for the Taste begins six months in advance with a representative from each department chairing a committee. See the box on this page for a complete list of our committee chairs who have already started working on this year's fest.

We're also very excited to already welcome corporate sponsors for this summer's food fest. Christopher Burke Engineering, LTD holds the rank of "Head Chef." Sponsors designated as "Sous Chef" include Baird and Warner, Daily Southtown and Star Newspapers, McDonough Associates, Norbits Chiropractic, ReMax In The Park and The Horton Group. Sponsors in the "Apprentice" level include American Bottling, Central Credit Union of Illinois, Chiro-Med, Health From Within, St. Xavier University, Terry's Automotive Group,

Volkswagen of Orland Park and Waste Management.

LaCrosse, Anyone?

The Orland Park LaCrosse Club is accepting registrations for its spring '06 program for boys in grades 5 through 12. To learn more about the fastest growing sport in Illinois, call Coach George Miller at 708/460-4172 or visit the club website at www.eteamz.com/orlandparklax.

Phone or E-mail

If you have a question or concern that I may be able to help you with, please call me at 403-6163 or send an e-mail to pgira@orland-park.il.us.

TASTE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Coordinators

Trustee Pat Gira & LeeAnn Fisk

Administration

RJ Zeder, Ellen Baer & Jack Knight

Event Support

Heidi Kalinowski & Paula Swanstrom

Advertising & Media

Margie Owens-Klotz

Beverages

Kurt Heinlen

Liz Nowak, *Co-Chair*

Communications/Transportation

Frank Stec

Community Booths

Maureen Wentz

Electric

Ed Larke

Jack Altman, *Co-Chair*

Entertainment/Karaoke & Signs/Banners

Patty Vlazny

Environmental Control

Isaiah Wiggs

Finance/Kids' Day

Annmarie Mampe

Kids' Entertainment

Jen Farrell

Operations/Bingo/Raffle

Gail Blummer

Parking

Ryan Callaghan

Restaurants

Sue Wagner

Security/Traffic

Greg Okon and Charles Rabideau

Set Up

Gary Couch

Soda

Doug Boehm

Volunteers

Cathy Zuro and Shirley Hine

Special Services Offers Programs & Information

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Beginning January 1, 2006, Medicare began to offer prescription drug coverage to all eligible Medicare beneficiaries. This important new benefit...

- is available to all people with Medicare.
- helps people with Medicare pay for the prescriptions that they need.
- provide additional help for those who need it most.
- pays for both brand name and generic drugs.
- allows people with Medicare to choose between at least two Medicare prescription drug plans.
- allows convenient access to local pharmacies.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary and have Medicaid, SSI, or get help from your state paying Medicare premiums you will get a notice from Medicare. If you are a Medicare beneficiary who has limited income and resources you will receive a letter from SSA. Everyone who has Medicare will receive more information this fall. Enrollment began November 15, 2005. To find out more visit www.cms.hhs.gov/medicarereform or go the Social Security Administration's web site <http://www.ssa.gov/organizations/medicareoutreach2/>. Information is also available with the PLOWS Council on Aging at 708/361-0219.

NEWSLETTER ON TAPE

This publication --- the Village of Orland Park's quarterly residential newsletter, the "Orland Park Public" -- is available on professionally recorded audiocassettes. Cassette tapes are available FREE for visually impaired village residents. For more information, call Special Services at 708/403-6188.

MEDICAL I.D. BRACELETS FOR ADULTS & KIDS

Mayor McLaughlin's Emergency Identification Bracelet Program is a free service for Village of Orland Park residents. Adults and children with medical conditions or special needs may come to the Office of Special Services and fill out a short form and have a picture taken. All of the information is entered into a database, which connects with the database at the Orland Park Police Department.



Passports Soon Required for Travel To & From the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, Etc.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Act of 2004 requires that by January 1, 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada have a passport to enter or re-enter the United States.

A timeline for phasing in these requirements is being reviewed and will be published once it is finalized. United States citizens can visit the State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov.

Passport applications are processed by the Mayor's Office of Special Services. Appointments are required to process applications and passport photos are available for a fee of \$7.00.

The Office of Special Services is open Monday through Friday during normal business hours and until 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information or to schedule a passport appointment, call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK CALENDAR KEY

CC	Civic Center (14750 Ravinia Ave)
CCA	Civic Center Authority
ComRel	Community Relations Com
CSHS	Carl Sandburg High School
DLFac	Driver's License Facility (Board Room in Village Hall)
EDAB	Economic Development AdvBd
ElecCom	Electrical Commission
ETSB	Emergency Telephone Sys Bd
HostCab	Hostert Log Cabins (147 & West)
HPRC	Historical Preservation Rev Com
LRC	Franklin E. Loebe Rec Center (14650 Ravinia)
OA	Outdoor Amphitheater (147 & Ravinia)
OPAC	Village Arts Commission
PD	Police Department (14600 Ravinia)
PlanCom	Plan Commission
PTAB	Parking & Traffic Advisory Board
PubWks	Public Works (15655 Ravinia Ave)
RAB	Recreation Advisory Board
Splex	Village Sportsplex (11351 159th St)
TAB	Telecommunications Adv Bd
VETS	Veterans' Commission
VC	Village Center (14700 South Ravinia)
VH	Frederick T. Owens Village Hall (14700 Ravinia Ave)
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

Family Preparedness Begins At Home

Media coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath illustrated the need for family preparedness. Orland Park families with Internet access are encouraged to visit the American Red Cross website to review the list of items recommended for preparedness kits.



The American Red Cross web address is www.redcross.org. The link to the preparedness lists appears in the left column of the home page. For those who don't have access to the internet, the following list from the Department of Homeland Security (ready.gov), describes the key elements of a family preparedness kit.

RECOMMENDED BASIC KIT SUPPLIES

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation (3-day supply per person recommended)
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Medications and special items
- Tools and supplies
- Clothing and bedding
- Emergency Car Kit
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Important family documents

Additional Items. Emergency reference materials such as a first aid book or a print out of this information; rain gear; mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils; cash or traveler's checks, change; paper towels; fire extinguisher; tent; compass; matches in a waterproof container; signal flare; paper, pencil; medicine dropper; feminine supplies; personal hygiene items; disinfectant; and household chlorine bleach.

Important Family Documents

Keep copies of important family records such as insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.

American Red Cross
www.americanredcross.org
 United States Department of Homeland Security
www.ready.gov

Mediation Task Force Serves Residents

The Village of Orland Park Neighborhood Mediation Task Force was formed in 1996 by the Community Relations Commission to help village residents settle conflicts. Mediation is a method for resolving conflicts or disagreements between neighbors. It is an alternative to lawsuits, feuds, or living with suppressed rage and resentment.

Under the guidance of a neutral third party (the mediator and co-mediator), disputing neighbors are given the opportunity to meet and discuss their problems. They "hear each other out." The trained mediator listens to both sides, guides the discussion, and points out common ground. The mediators then assist the parties in developing their own solutions and agreements. Mediation works because both sides come to an agreement on terms that they, themselves, have negotiated. Since both parties have authorship of the agreement, they usually live up to their word.

Mediation is useful for almost any type of dispute, except situations where there is a violation of the law. Some typical problems where mediation is used are: disputes about pets, noisy parties, fences, or garbage; property damage or access complaints; personal conflicts like bullying or harassing; life-style conflicts; and racial or ethnic conflicts.

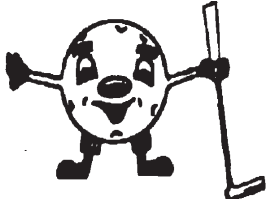
Mediation Task Force members have received professional training from experienced, practicing mediators that follow the guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Justice. Mediators do not take sides, impose judgment, or dictate solutions or outcomes. They are village residents who volunteer their time and effort to help others resolve conflicts and live in harmony with their neighbors.

The mediators who are chosen for a case do not know the persons on either side of the conflict, and have no previous knowledge of the situation. Mediators receive special training on the importance of secrecy. They follow strict rules and procedures to assure information about the case is kept confidential.

In an initial telephone interview, an assigned Task Force mediator determines whether the problem is suitable for mediation. In some cases, it is possible to resolve problems by informally discussing the matter with both parties in separate telephone calls. If and when the parties meet, it is in a safe and completely neutral place, either the Village Hall or the Police Station.

Confidential mediation services are free of charge to all residents of the Village of Orland Park. To contact the Mediation Task Force, call the confidential voice mail at (708) 403-6122.

ASK O.P.



Dear O.P.,
I keep hearing about parties at the village's Sportsplex. Do I have to be a member to have my daughter's birthday party there?
Party Mom

*Hey Mom ---
NO! You do not have to be a Sportsplex member to have a party there. If you live in the village, you qualify for the resident rate. Call 645-PLAY for info.
O.P.*

Dear O.P.,
My kids and I want to send things to members of the military. We don't know anyone serving or how to go about this. What should we send and how can we do it?
Patriotic Pat

*Hey Pat ---
Good idea! Look at page 13 of this edition for a full list of what our military people need. You can drop off whatever you and your family want to donate at either the Village Hall or the Sportsplex and our Vets' Commission will see that it makes its way to those bravely serving our country.
O.P.*

Village Residents and Businesses Should Register For CodeRED® Emergency Notification System

The Mayor and Board of Trustees have introduced the CodeRED® Emergency Notification System for Village of Orland Park residents and businesses. This is an extremely high-speed telephone communication service used for emergency notifications to residents.

CodeRED® employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering customized pre-recorded emergency messages directly to homes and businesses at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

This system allows the Village of Orland Park to call targeted areas or the entire community in case of an emergency or urgent situation that requires immediate attention, such as a boil-water notice, missing child announcement or public notifications. It delivers the village's recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number.



Village residents and businesses are urged to visit the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us, click on "Village Services" and complete the CodeRED® Residential and Business Data Collection Application Form to update the contact information. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no post office boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, i.e., such as cell phone numbers, are optional.

The information in Orland Park's call database has been supplied by Emergency Communications Network and the Village of Orland Park; however, no one should automatically assume a telephone number is included. All businesses should register, as well as new residents in the village; those with unlisted phone numbers; those who have changed their numbers or addresses within the last year; and those who use a cellular phone as a home phone.

The information in the village's call database is secure and confidential, and will only be used by the village for emergency notification purposes. To register, visit our website at www.orland-park.il.us, click on "Village Services" to complete the CodeRED® Residential and Business Data Collection Application Form. Those without Internet access are asked to please call 403-6140 and request to have their contact information added to the CodeRED® System.

Remembering 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.



<p>Lance Corporal Leo R. Koch IV United States Marine Corps Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2002</p>	<p>Airman Jeffrey J. Borus United States Navy Bloom Trail High School Class of 2005</p>	<p>Phillip Bell US Army Infantry Illinois National Guard Carl Sandburg High School Class of 1994</p>
<p>Major Maureen Ann Kohn (Judge Advocate General) United States Army University of Virginia Class of 2005 John Marshall Law Class of 1993 University of Illinois Class of 1987 Sandburg High School Class of 1983</p>	<p>Staff Sgt. Matthew John Kohn United States Army (Signals) Attended University of North Carolina Carl Sandburg High School Class of 1994</p>	<p>Specialist Matt Castline United States Army 321st Military Intelligence Brigade University of Colorado at Boulder Carl Sandburg High School Class of 1999</p>

Orland Park's 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 • Ramen noodles
- Decks of playing cards Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen • Mints & gum NOT in foil wrapping
- Hard candy • Anti-itch cream • Gold Bond Powder • Multivitamins • Power/Granola bars
- Trail & dried fruit & cereal mixes • Vacuum sealed foods
- Canned snack foods – Pringles, Doritos, etc • Powdered 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
- Laundry detergent tablets • 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

Outstanding Youth Saluted *continued from page 3*

Sandburg Varsity Girls Tennis took the IHSA Sectional Championship. **Lakshmi Rao** took singles champion. **Melissa Flowers** placed second in singles. **Elaina Sampalis** and **Trisha Rankin** took doubles championship and **Devin Rakowski** and **Heather Rizvi** finished second in doubles.

The girls varsity swim team finished third in the Stevenson Invite. **Tori Alland** finished first in the 200 freestyle. **April McKee** finished first in both the 100 Fly and 500 Freestyle.

Congratulations to CSHS varsity football player **Mike Anthony**. Anthony set a new school record by scoring six touchdowns. He had 248 yards in 28 carries.

Congratulations to the St. Michael Girls' 6th Grade A Basketball Team for placing second in the 20th Annual Great McAuley Shootout. Team members include **Jackie Aird**, **Mary Caroline Callaghan**, **Elizabeth Cook**, **Natalie DePasquale**, **Kiera Ferguson**, **Kathleen Hacker**, **Kathleen Mulvey**, **Tracy O'Toole**, **Carly Ryan** and **Taylor Topolski**.

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Orland Park Offers 50/50 Tree Planting Program

The Village of Orland Park's annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program returns. This program enables the village and homeowner 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, 2006. 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 & Parks Department administrative office - Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th Street or Franklin Loeb 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 2006. All questions should be directed to Mid-America Tree & Landscape at 708/479-7510.

Resident's Name: _____

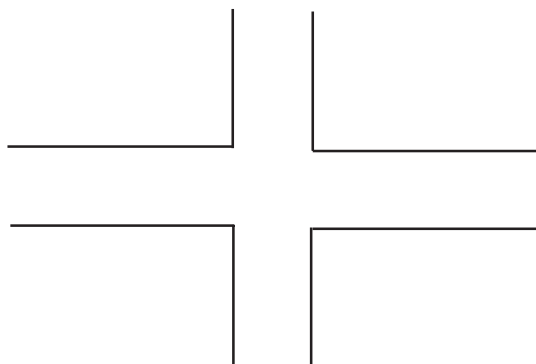
Address: _____

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
Red Maple	_____	_____	_____	\$150.00
Honey Locust	_____	_____	_____	\$150.00

TOTAL --- Please make checks payable to Mid-America Tree & Landscape _____

Diagram the preferred location in the parkway only.



Comments: _____

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

Resident's Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Recreation & Parks Department Use Only

Amt Paid _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Rec'd by _____ Date _____ Time _____

Village Creates Improved Urban Design

PHYSICAL DESIGN

Improving the Look of Orland Park.

The village has worked to create improved urban design by requiring buildings and landscaping to be along major streets rather than large parking lot expanses. Attractive and usable public spaces are planned for 131st Street & LaGrange Road, 142nd Street & Ravinia Avenue, and the new Police Station at 151st Street & Ravinia Avenue. Planning continues for an improved LaGrange Road to reduce congestion, provide an attractive landscape median and improve pedestrian safety. Ongoing efforts include improving on proposed projects through better architecture, landscaping and site design.

GRANTS

LaGrange Road Overpass. The village applied for and received a \$500,000 grant through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) of the Federal Highway Administration. This will provide a key linkage in the village's regional trail system, help to connect the redeveloping Triangle with Orland Park Crossing, and set up the potential for future train commuter parking east of LaGrange Road since a safe pedestrian crossing will be available.

Transportation Planning. The village applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to analyze circulation options and related land use/design issues in the LaGrange Road Corridor. An innovative approach which is comprehensive and strategic is desired to bring about a multi-modal system that will best serve employees, residents, shoppers, visitors, etc.

LaGrange Road Underpass. The village has applied for a \$3.1 million grant through Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. This pedestrian/bicycle underpass would be at 15600 south on LaGrange Road. It would safely connect the east side with Centennial Park, the library, Humphrey Complex and the Village Center for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

TECHNOLOGICAL & SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS

Plans and Documents

Scanning. The village is continuing its technological advances by computerizing paper files for thousands of plans and documents.

This project was initiated and is being implemented by village staff. This saves space and provides quick access to information as needed, making the workplace more efficient.

Geographic Information System.

Another technological advance is being made by village staff in computerized mapping and related information. This is a great tool for planning, emergency services, public works, etc. Many of the GIS products are already on the village's website and more will be added.

Project Tracking. The village handles hundreds of projects each year which require numerous reviews, inspections and related items. A computerized program has been developed by village staff to track these items more efficiently.

MAIN STREET DEVELOPER CHOSEN

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously selected LR Development Company, LLC as the developer for the "Main Street Triangle Development" at its January 16, 2006 Board Meeting. The Triangle is envisioned to be the new pedestrian friendly downtown for Orland Park, centered around the 143rd Street Metra Station that is currently under construction.

The village issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Triangle Development in August, 2005, and received a positive response from the development community.



The revision of the village's Old Orland Historic District Codes and Guidelines will help to protect important buildings that are part of the village's history.

The RFP outlined a vision of a downtown that would offer a variety of uses, i.e., retail, restaurants, residential units and office spaces, all within easy walking distance of the train station. The main streets of the district would be lined with stores and cafes, with residential units above. A public park across the new train station would serve as the main focal point of the district, and would also be used for community events. The proposal by LR Development Company LLC laid out a strong and exciting response to the village's vision for this unique downtown district.

The village will work on reaching a development agreement with the selected company in the next few months. Public meetings are planned for the spring of this year.

OLD ORLAND

Historic Preservation. A survey was done in Old Orland to identify buildings with the most architectural and historic significance. The results were used as a basis for revised Old Orland Historic District Codes and Guidelines. This includes some additional protection for important buildings. Also a façade renovation program for targeted buildings was funded and is expected to be implemented later in 2006.

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Main Streets Plowed First in Orland Park

When winter arrived fast and furious, the village's Public Works Department was ready. Orland Park 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 half of the 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 "Round the Clock"

Trained crews work around the clock during storms to keep the roads open and passable. Residents who notice problems with the condition of 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 redeposited 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.

We Need Your Help

A heavy snowfall can be very frustrating because it disrupts the normal flow of everyday living. The box to the right includes the key reminders that will help to make it less frustrating for everyone.

Be ready. 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.

Listen for snow alerts. Area media announce approaching storms, giving information on school closings, meeting cancellations and road conditions.

Remind school age 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.

Understand that the village cannot shovel the plow's ridges or windrows from residents' driveways, nor can the village plow private property.

Whether you are responsible for clearing your driveway or the 200 miles of village streets for which the Public Works Department is responsible, snow removal is time consuming. Working together, the Orland Park Public Works Department and the community it serves can assure a safe and enjoyable winter. Thank you for your cooperation.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK SNOW TIPS

- Parking is prohibited on all village streets once two inches of snow have fallen. All parked vehicles must be kept off the street for at least eight hours after the snowstorm ends.
- Vehicles parked illegally, or abandoned on village streets, are subject to towing at the owner's expense, in addition to being ticketed by the Orland Park Police Department.
- When clearing the driveway, residents should place snow on either side of the drive, on the lawn and **NEVER IN A RECENTLY PLOWED STREET.**
- On garbage pick-up days, place cans and recycling bins behind the curb to prevent them from rolling into the street.
- Designate curbs and mailboxes with free snow stakes available during the month of November at the Public Works Department, 15655 South Ravinia.

Humphrey House Added to National Register

Orland Park is now the proud home of *two* National Register buildings. On August 1, 2005, the John Humphrey House, at 9830 W. 144th Place, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior. The National Register is the nation's official list of cultural resources recognized for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture.

In 1989, the Twin Towers Church at 9967 W. 144th Street was placed on the National Register. The John Humphrey House is the second building to be awarded this honor in Orland Park. Both buildings are worthy of this recognition.

This National Register designation is the result of years of hard work and persistence by the Orland Historical Society. Led by M. Creer, the Orland Historical Society is to be commended for its efforts and in achieving this designation with support from Village staff. The John Humphrey House is a treasure worth preserving in our community.

The late Senator John Humphrey (1838-1914) was an outstanding political figure. He inaugurated Orland Park as a village in 1892 and served as its first mayor for 22 years.

He also served as a State Senator and, during this time continued his involvement as Supervisor of many of Orland Township activities.



The family home of Orland Park's first mayor, located at 9830 West 144th Place, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. (photo courtesy of the Orland Historical Society)

The building is also being recognized for its architectural significance as a two-story, T-shape structure. Anne McGuire, the Village's historic preservation architect, documented the interior and exterior of the building to demonstrate its significance. Members of the Orland Historical Society plan to purchase markers for the property as soon as possible.

The John Humphrey House is open to the public the second Sunday of every month or by appointment. Residents interested in joining community efforts to preserve the history of Orland Park may call the Orland Historical Society at 349-0065. For other information related to historic preservation in Orland Park, call the Planning Department at 403-6115.

Learn more about Orland Park's rich history at www.orlandhistory.org.

Outstanding Youth Saluted *continued from page 13*

Congratulations to the Carl Sandburg High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad for its recently placing fourth in the nation at the National Cheerleaders' Association Competition in Dallas. Members of the varsity squad include **Brooke Bendell, Deanna Besbekos, Jaci Borem, Brigitte Christensen, Brittany Conway, Stephanie DeLaTorre, Cassie Dignan, Jessica Esparza, Dana Gartlan, Jenna Gillund, Niki Guerra, Kalie Kenealy, Katie Klimek, Colette LaKoma, Jackie Langosch, Lauren Mertens, Emily Olmstead, Val Olmstead, Lauren Slanker, Meghan Smith, Bree Wichman and Meghan Wilkosz.**

Sandburg volleyball players **Lauren Billo** and **Allie Jonynas** were named to the 2005 *Daily Southtown* All-Area Girls' Volleyball Team.

Mike Salerno, a 2005 Carl Sandburg High School graduate and currently attending Winona State University, was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Special Teams Player and the only freshman named to the Conference's 2005 All-Conference First Team as place kicker. Mike was also the only freshman named to the list of 50 players for Division II All-Northwest Region and was named 2005 Special Teams MVP from the WSU Warriors.

Urban Design *contd from page 15*

OPENLANDS

Open Lands Commission. The Open Lands Commission held three fundraisers this past year. The Ride 'N Tie (teams of runners and bicyclists race 10 miles) was held on village streets in the fall. The first annual Garden Walk was held this past summer with music and refreshments. Finally, the annual Golf Outing at Silver Lake Country Club was held in early fall and was sold out again.

Stellwagen Family Farm Foundation. Mayor McLaughlin appointed this new commission to oversee the 60-acre farm located at 17600 S. 108th Avenue. Fundraising strategies, land use and educational activities are being considered for the site.

REGIONAL EFFORTS

I-80 Corridor. The village is working with a regional group of municipalities to upgrade the Interstate 80 Corridor in order to improve the Southland's image and appearance. Specific physical improvements such as landscaping and sculptures are planned at gateway locations and other visible locations.

Cal Sag Corridor. A regional greenway and trail is envisioned for the Cal Sag Channel which will include marinas, waterfront restaurants and other points of interest. The village initiated a resolution to begin this process and has participated in efforts to create this potentially wonderful Southland regional amenity.

Harlem Avenue Corridor. The village worked with another regional group of municipalities to upgrade Harlem Avenue and a grant has been obtained by the group for some physical improvements.

Add Your Vets' Name



Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial is called "Ara Pace," the Latin translation for which is "Place of Peace."

November 11, 2005 marked the tenth anniversary of Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, which was designed by world renowned sculptor Virginio

Ferrari. One of Ferrari's most familiar works, entitled "Being Born" is located at Ohio and Orleans Streets in Chicago.

For the last decade, on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, the names of area veterans have been added to Orland Park's granite wall. Remembered military need not be residents of the Village of Orland Park or deceased.

Veterans from throughout the region have been honored by family and friends as they proudly rise when their name is called by Fr. Leo Lyons (*USAF Colonel retired*) at the village's ceremonies.

The cost to add a veteran's name to Orland Park's memorial is \$250 each. Those wishing to be a part of the Memorial Day, 2006 festivities, have until April 28 to complete the name addition application and payment. For more information, call Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203.

OPEN LANDS OF ORLAND • SECOND ANNUAL GARDEN WALK • JUNE 25, 2006 APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Please complete and return the **application along with photos** of the yard to be considered. All yards must be within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park and single-family residences. **The deadline for applications is March 15, 2006.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Return to: Village of Orland Park Garden Walk 2006 • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue • Orland Park, IL 60462

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 708/349-4111 (non-emergency)
 www.orlandparkpolice.com
 e-mail: police@orland-park.il.us

PUBLIC WORKS

15655 South Ravinia
 403-6350 • e-mail:
 publicworks@orland-park.il.us.
 PACE Bus Service - 708/403-6355

RECREATION & PARKS

Franklin Loebe Recreation Center
 14650 South Ravinia
 708/403-PARK

Dial 9-1-1 for police,
 fire or ambulance
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CIVIC CENTER

William R. Vogel Memorial
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue
 708/403-6200
 civic@orland-park.il.us

Village Sportsplex
 11351 West 159th Street
 708/645-PLAY
 recreation@orland-park.il.us
 Inclement Weather Hotline
 708/403-6290

Illinois Secretary of State
 Orland Park Satellite Driver's License Facility
 Located in the Board Room of the Village Hall
 For more information, please call 1-800-252-8980.
 Open Monday through Friday/9am to 5pm
 Address/Name Changes...Vision Tests
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 1-800-892-0123
 This is a FREE utility locating service.
 Call at least 48 hours before digging
 for any reason on your property.
 Violators are subject to fines.

Seventh Annual Garden Contest Showcases Talent

The Village of Orland Park sponsored its 7th Annual Garden Contest in August.
 The annual competition was judged by Master Gardeners Diana Husband and Paula Swanstrom.



Cindy Tinaglia
 First Place



Dieter and Susan Fleischhauer
 Second Place



Roger and Sandy Prietz
 Third Place

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Thursday, February 2—

6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Orland Chateau

14500 South LaGrange Road

Business attire required.



Enjoy an elegant evening sampling the creations of some of the area's finest chefs, along with a host of fine coffees, wines and ales. Guests enjoy beautiful music as they peruse the silent auction items. The highlight of the evening is Mayor Dan McLaughlin's live auction of dinner packages generously donated by the participating establishments. Call 403-PARK for ticket info.

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