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Orland Park Among Top 100 U.S. Cities

by Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin

I've always known that Orland Park was one of the best places to live and now *Money Magazine* has let the rest of the country in on our secret. Orland Park ranked 45th on Money Magazine's top 100 best places to live in the United States. We were named along with only two other Illinois towns, Naperville, which ranked second and Aurora, which ranked 55th on the list of 100 finalists.

Money Magazine's criteria was based on "small livable cities that had the best possible blend of good jobs, low crime, quality schools, plenty of open space, rational home prices and lots to do." It's great to be recognized nationally as one of the "Best Places To Live" and we're proud of the quality of life that Orland Park is able to provide for its residents and businesses.

Sensational Summer Events

We had a summer packed with special events, from the Farmers' Market, Summer Concert Series, Wednesday Happenings, Garden Walk, National Night Out and Fine Art Fair to the Taste of Orland Park and more.

We celebrated the third annual Taste of Orland Park the first weekend in August. And what a celebration it was! The event drew a record crowd of 55,000 over the three-day event. Thank you to all of our sponsors for their generosity and to the participating restaurants and community groups.

I also extend my thanks and congratulations to all of our village staff members who worked so hard not only the weekend of the Taste, but

also the months of planning prior to the event that made it so successful.

Many of our community's restaurants hosted preliminary competitions for the karaoke contest while the Orland Park Area

Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Bean Bag Tournament. Final competitions for both were held at the Taste.

In the karaoke competition, Jillian Strnad from Koppermill took first place, winning a \$1000 travel voucher from Orland Square Travel. Second place winner Becky Ottenhoff from the Canoe Club won a weekend package from Lakeside Cabins Resort and Kimberly Roach from Mulligan's came in third place and took home several gift certificates.

In the Bean Bag Tournament, Jason Galus and Matt Vitaliano from Koppermill Bar & Grill took first honors, with Brian and Kevin Falls from Hooters placing second, and Mike Athey and Tim Durkin, representing Rich GMAC Real Estate, taking third place. Thank you to all of the restaurants and contestants for your participation!

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Road Construction

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The village has a number of road projects under construction and more scheduled to begin next spring. IDOT is currently replacing the bridge over Southwest Highway that will allow for future expansion of LaGrange Road from four to six lanes. Work is expected to be completed next spring and Southwest Highway will reopen.

The village is scheduled to begin road construction this fall on 142nd Street from the new Metra train station to LaGrange Road. We will also construct 263 new parking spaces on the west side of Southwest Highway.

Reconstruction of 159th Street from 94th Avenue to just east of Ravinia Avenue is scheduled to begin in spring 2007. When completed, there will be seven lanes east and west and nine lanes north and south at the intersection of 159th Street and LaGrange Road. As part of the Costco development, Ravinia Avenue will extend south of 159th Street for two blocks, eventually turning east to connect with LaGrange Road at 161st Street.

We know that road construction can be inconvenient, but when completed, these road improvement projects will help reduce congestion and help make traveling easier around town.

Holiday Highlights

The annual *Holiday Highlights* brochure will be mailed to every household in November. This handy brochure will include a plethora of information for easy reference on upcoming winter events, including the annual Turkey Trot, Holiday Shopper Trolley Service, Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 26th, Winter Follies, New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home Program and more. Information will also be posted on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us.

I wish all of you very happy, healthy and safe holidays in the coming season!

Congratulations

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

Congratulations contd

Sandburg seniors **Lucas Tian** and **Amy Vogelsang** both scored a perfect 36 on the ACT College Entrance Exam. Tian is one of 42 Illinois students out of approximately 130,000 who took the ACT last spring to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score. Vogelsang was one of only two Illinois students, out of a total of approximately 11,000 who took the ACT in February, to achieve a 36. She is one of only 23 in the nation, out of some 287,000 who tested that month to score a 36 on an ACT national test date. Congratulations to both of you on this outstanding accomplishment and best of luck this year as you prepare for college!

Meghan Klein, a 2005 Sandburg graduate, has been awarded the 2006 Jewel Food Stores college scholarship. Meghan also had over 100 community service hours volunteering her summers building houses in poor Appalachia areas with St. Francis of Assisi Church. She is currently attending Eastern Illinois University. Great job, Meghan!

Congratulations to the following Sandburg students who were named to the 2006 Regional Newspaper All-Area Girls Softball Teams. Named to the First Team were **Andrea Colosimo**, **Brittany Snoreck** and **Sara Olson**. Named to the Second Team were **Lauren Lucio** and **Ashley Conrad**. Receiving Honorable Mentions were **Jaci Crowley** and **Jami Duncan**.

Tony Latronica, a junior at the University of Illinois-Champaign, is one of four students chosen from a pool of applicants throughout the country to receive a prestigious internship with Southwest Airlines Flight Operations Department. Latronica, a 2000 graduate of St. Michael School and a 2004 graduate of Providence Catholic High School, is majoring in Aviation Human Factors at the university's Institute of Aviation. Congratulations on receiving this internship.

The Orland Park WILDCATS, U-11 girls team, of Orland Park Soccer Club, captured a first place finish at the 16th Annual Little Illini Soccer Club's "ORANGE & BLUE FALL CUP 2006". Held in Urbana-Champaign, IL., from September 29 through October 2, the U-11 WILDCATS finished the series with most points awarded and the only team in their age bracket that did not allow their opponents to score against them. Team members include **Jayna Kozlowski**, **Molly Traverso**, **Amber Boyce**, **Emily Osoba**, **Alyssa Dorning**, **Rachel Mokersky**, **Samanatha Messina**, **Jacquelyn Schirmacher**, **Shivani Khakhkhar**, **Lauren Vari**, **Emily Eglar**, **Jayne Kenny** and **Jenny Komorowski**.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Veterans' Affairs Field Office In Village Hall

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs officially opened its new office in Orland Park last January. The office is located in the Village of Orland Park Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Illinois State Veterans' Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Services include providing assistance to veterans and their families located in Orland Park and the surrounding areas. Veterans will also be able to file VA claims for federal and state benefits, apply for copies of discharges, military records and medical records. The office will also be able to provide assistance with VA headstones, federal and state educational benefits and claims for VA medical benefits.

For more information, please call the Veterans' Service Officer at 403-2011 or the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

Energy Assistance Fair Planned

The Village of Orland Park will host an Energy Assistance Fair on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Meet with representatives from Nicor Gas and CEDA. Apply for financial assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Learn about payment programs and steps needed to prevent service disconnections or how to get reconnected. Learn tips to save energy, lower your monthly utility bills and more!

Attendees will need to bring their most current utility bills, including Nicor and ComEd, current state ID for all household members, Social Security or SSI benefit statements, unemployment compensation statements, pension check, annuity statements, VA benefit, DHS benefits, check stubs for 30-day period and rent receipt or mortgage statement.

For more information, please call the Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

VOTER Information

Early Voting Program

Available through November 2, 2006

Frederick T. Owens Village Hall

14700 South Ravinia Avenue

Mon-Fri • 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Select Saturday Hours - Call 403-6150 for details.

You must be a registered voter and show a government issued photo i.d. to vote.

Absentee Voting

Available by mail only.

Call the Clerk's Office at 403-6150 to request that an absentee voting application be mailed to you or download the application at www.voterinfonet.net.

Clean Up Includes Electronics

The Village of Orland Park will hold its annual Fall Clean-Up Campaign in cooperation with Waste Management of the South Suburbs on October 26th, 27th and 28th. The village will also hold a one day Computer and Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, October 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Fall Clean-Up Campaign

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works facility, 15655 South Ravinia Avenue (one block west of LaGrange Road). Residents may dispose of normal household garbage on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturday, October 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. dumpsters. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited.

The Computer and Electronics Recycling Drive will take place on Saturday, October 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at the Public Works Facility.

Items that will be accepted at no charge include electronic computers, printers, televisions (excluding those having a screen size of less than fourteen inches, those with wooden frames and projection units), networking equipment (excluded are "token-ring" architecture), video and conferencing equipment, telephone equipment (excluded are analog telephone systems), mobile phones, computer peripherals, keyboards and loose computer hardware.

Items that will not be accepted at the recycling drive include appliances, batteries, vacuum cleaners, lighting fixtures, hazardous or dangerous items and items that require specific or specialized de-manufacturing facility such as certain classes of fluorescent lighting, medical equipment or military/security related items.

The Computer and Electronics Recycling Drive services are provided by E-Scrap Technologies. A small fee may apply to certain items. For more information about acceptable items, please call E-Scrap Technologies at 630/378-1300.

For more information, please call the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony Planned

The Village of Orland Park will host its annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Each Memorial and Veterans Day, the village's Veterans Commission adds the names of veterans to the granite wall surrounding Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, "Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace."

The cost to add a veteran's name to Orland Park's wall is \$250.00. Veterans need not be deceased nor do they have to live in Orland Park. Details about adding a name are available by calling Veterans Commission Recording Secretary Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203.



Last year marked the tenth anniversary of the village's Veterans Memorial. United States Senator Barack Obama (D-Illinois) was the keynote speaker for the festivities.

It was also at this time last year that the village received the Governor's Hometown Award for its ongoing veterans' programs.

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on the heels of the Moving Vietnam Wall's visit to Orland Park. The Wall graced the Orland Park Village Center for four days in early October, enabling residents from throughout the region to remember those who died in service to our country.

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.

Lance Corporal Leo R. Koch IV
United States Marine Corps
Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2002

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 • 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

Vote Early Until Nov. 2 • Election Day Is Nov. 7

by Village Clerk David P. Maher



The General Election is on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m., as will my office. If you have any questions on where your precinct location is please call 403-6150.

Attention college students home on fall break, business travelers and election judges...You now have

TWO different options.....

EARLY VOTING...Many residents took advantage of early voting for the Primary Election in March. Early voting began October 16, 2006 and is available through November 2, 2006. There are no restrictive guidelines for early voting. Cook County residents who wish to vote early may do so. You do not need a reason such as being out of town or in surgery to vote early. You simply come in and cast your ballot!

All early voters must show a government-issued photo ID to vote early. This ID must be an Illinois driver's license, a state ID or other government-issued ID such as a passport. No other type of identification will be accepted.

Absentee Voting is an option if you will be out of the county on Election Day, performing certain election duties, a student attending college and temporarily residing at school, serving as a juror, observing a religious holiday, physically incapacitated, or are a pre-trial detainee. If any of these reasons pertain to you, come in before November 2nd to early vote. However, if you are unable to come in and early vote you can request an absentee application by calling my office at 403-6150 or download the application at www.voterinfonet.com.

Early Voting will take place at the Clerk's Office, located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will also have special Saturday hours. Call 403-6150 for details.

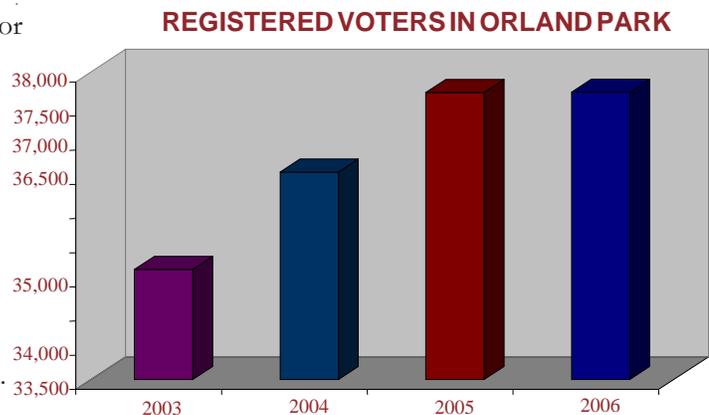
Where Is My Polling Place? Page 12 includes a listing of polling places for the Village of Orland Park. Residents with questions may call the Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

Virtual Ballot - Visit David Orr's Cook County web site at www.voterinfonet.com. A virtual ballot --- which allows registered voters to learn about the candidates appearing on their ballot is available online about one month before the election. To view your virtual ballot on the Cook County website simply type in www.voterinfonet.com and click the ELECTION tab, CANDIDATES tab, click on VIRTUAL BALLOT and type in the information required. Your ballot will then appear.

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? Visit David Orr's Cook County website at www.voterinfonet.com or call the Clerk's Office at 403-6150. This site offers summaries of recent election returns in the Cook County suburbs. It has a mail-in registration form that you can download if it is inconvenient for you to come in 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.**

YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN ORDER TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION. Voter registration closed on Tuesday, October 10, 2006. **Cook County closes voter registration 28 days before an election.** Registration is scheduled to **reopen on November 9, 2006** at 8:00 AM.

The Village of Orland Park Clerk's Office is proud that many residents have taken advantage of the convenient voter registration process in recent years. The chart below illustrates the steady increase in the number of registered voters in the Village of Orland Park from 2003 to 2006.



Smoking Ban Begins January 2

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair
Building and Zoning Committee

In October, the Board of Trustees approved a smoking ban for all public places, including restaurants and bars. This ban goes into effect on January 2, 2007. The new ordinance does allow smoking in designated *outdoor* dining areas; however, the area must be clearly posted as “smoking permitted.” Persons or businesses who violate this ban are subject to fines and penalties up to \$2,500.

The Board approved this ban recognizing that there is no such thing as “safe” secondhand smoke. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General released a study in July that effectively ends the debate over whether secondhand smoke is dangerous. The study found there is no safe level of secondhand smoke and there is no way to effectively remove the hazards, through filtration systems. The board clearly sees this as a health issue.

Orland Park has also been working with our neighboring communities to provide a uniform and regional approach for a comprehensive smoking ban. The Village of Tinley Park is currently in the process of approving a similar ordinance for their community. The effective date for their ban is also January 2, 2007.

Fireplace Safety

The season’s falling leaves and cool nights bring thoughts of cozy fires. So that all residents can have safe fireplace experiences — both indoors and out — I called on our village Building Inspectors and our friends at the Orland Fire Protection District for more information for this edition.

A fireplace can be an enjoyable feature inside or outside of your home, but we all need to remember, safety first.

Outdoor fireplaces may be used in rear yards only and they must be located no closer than five feet from a lot (and should be more than five feet if there is a wood fence on the lot line). Masonry fireplaces in a rear yard are rarely seen and usually are of a more permanent unit and must be constructed to code. If a portable metal pre-manufactured fireplace is used, it must be of an approved type enclosing the fire to limit sparks and ashes from spreading. Open fires (bonfires, etc.) are not permitted within the village unless they are at least 1000 feet away from any structure. (Village Code 5/5/F-403.5)

Only wood may be burned in outdoor fireplaces, be they permanent or portable. While a number of residents enjoy outdoor portable fireplaces, it’s important to be considerate of your neighbors.

The Village of Orland Park Building Code addresses fireplaces in the home. Important fireplace requirements include a visual “keyed” gas shut-off that must be within four feet of the hearth; a raised hearth cannot have a wood structure beneath the brick; and fireplaces must be masonry structures — especially for wood burning fireplaces. If your fireplace was not designed to burn wood — DON’T!



When building a fireplace, be sure to use a licensed

contractor who specializes in building fireplaces — one who is familiar with the Village of Orland Park’s Building Codes and is licensed to work in the village.

Downtown Orland Park Is Really Coming

I’ve had the pleasure of working closely with Mayor McLaughlin and staff on this project. LR, the developer, is very excited about this project and the Village Board and staff cannot wait for it to get under way.

The new train station will be completed by late fall and 142nd Street will be constructed on a temporary basis to allow access to the station and parking. The new retention pond with water features will be constructed in the first phase at the north end which will allow for the storm water management and the utilities to be in place for the entire project.

Watch for more details as this project continues to become the heart of Orland Park.

Farmers' Market

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 2006 Farmers' Market and to our many customers who came to shop each Friday. We're already looking forward to next year!

Orland Park's Arts & Leisure Lauded

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



The rest of the nation now knows what we've all known for years. The Village of Orland Park recently received the distinction of being ranked number 45 on *Money Magazine's* list of America's 100 Best Places to Live. Congratulations!

We were the second highest ranked municipality in the State of Illinois and we scored the highest in arts and leisure, followed by education. That should come as no surprise. We have an award-winning Recreation Department with a caring and outstanding staff, tremendous staff in every department, and some of the most dedicated volunteers. Combined, these people offer a wide variety of activities and events all year long, so it was no wonder we were ranked at the top for arts and leisure.

Just this summer alone, in addition to the regularly scheduled recreation classes and activities, the village sponsored the Fine Art Fair, Youth Art Expo, Night Out Against Crime, Garden Contest, Farmers' Market, community-wide July 4th Independence Spectacular, Garden Walk, exceptional theatrical performances, Taste of Orland Park and the list goes on. This doesn't even take into account the many events and activities planned by our local civic organizations or all of the wonderful hiking trails and passive recreational areas.

And, of course, we have an exemplary public and private school system from pre-school through high school. So to everyone in Orland Park --- from the planners to the participants whose support has been overwhelming --- congratulations!

Congratulations too to the winners of this summer's Annual Garden Contest. This has been a very popular contest and it's a difficult task to judge because of the many wonderful entries. Take a drive through the village and you'll see firsthand how much devotion our residents have for their gardens and landscaping. First place was awarded to **Sandy and Roger Prietz**; second place to **John Radecky**; and third place to **Phyllis and Michael Smith**. Others who won awards included **Susan and Dieter Fleischhauer** for "Best Use of Landscaping on a Hill," **Lora Lee Gelles** for "Best Use of Annuals and Perennials," **Dawn Korolenko** for "Best Use of Landscaping in a Natural Setting," **Lilly and Don Idzik** for "Best Overall Maintained Landscaping," and **Dave Heniff** for "Best Water Feature." Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all your efforts to make Orland Park so beautiful.

Many thanks to the staff and the businesses for the continued support of the Summer Jobs for Youth Program. This program is a success in so many ways—with some benefits being reaped now and some later.

The businesses that hire our youth for these positions are really offering much more than just a paycheck. Our youth gain valuable work experience and in many instances, insight to the types of future career possibilities they can pursue. Thank you to everyone --- businesses, staff, and students --- for your continued support and participation.

I'm pleased to let you know that some additional great improvements are going to take place in Orland Park, thanks in part to a Community Block Grant offered through Cook County. We were recently notified that we are receiving \$150,000 and we will use this for the El Cameno Park, which is located next to our new Police Station. We have planned ahead to combine the storm water needs of the police building with the recreational needs of the neighborhood. This foresight will save money and get more out of the site. Improvements at the park will include trails, overlooks, a playing field and play equipment.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is now enjoying a refreshing change in the temperatures as well as the beautiful colors of the season.

Visit the village
24 hours a day,
seven days
a week at
www.orland-park.il.us.

New Police Station Progresses

by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair
Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee

The construction of a new state of the art police headquarters continues at 151st Street and Ravinia Avenue. Recent work within the last few weeks is starting to give an indication of what this building will look like when completed. The additions on the east side will house the training/community room and the lobby. The steel that has been erected north of the training/community room shows the form of the canopy that will pass across the front of the building and provide the entry into the building from the plaza area.

The glass windows have been installed on the north side of the building which will allow additional drywall to be installed. This is an encouraging sign as it signals that the inside finishing work can now proceed without any rain delays.

In addition to the considerable amount of construction work occurring daily, there is also a considerable amount of work going on behind the scenes. Because of the advance technologies that will be in place within the facility coordination of the various trades remains a critical task. Police Department and other village staff continue to work with the construction manager and the architect to bring subcontractors together to communicate and share information.

Although there is obvious progress on the project it is behind schedule. During the month of July our area received more rainfall than any other July in recent memory. The rain and a labor union strike have caused some delays. The construction manager is attempting to make up the days that were lost, however there is a possibility that the building will not be totally completed by the end of January.

Fortunately the police department can remain in its present quarters until the new facility is ready for occupancy.

Community Relations Enjoys Busy Summer

The Community Relations Division prepared for the summer months by holding its annual beat meetings during the months of April and May. There are eight beats in Orland Park and one night was spent with the residents of each beat. The meetings were held at the local schools near the beats and presentations were conducted by the community relations officers, patrol beat officer and the on duty sergeant. Trustee Gira and I were able to visit some of the meetings, along with Chief Tim McCarthy. Residents learned about the Police Department, crimes that have been reported in their area and they were able to ask questions. These meetings occur annually and this year notification of the beat meetings was made via the Village of Orland Park Code Red Telephone Notification System which worked out well as attendance to the meetings increased from past years.

Community Relations was busy this summer as staff hosted three Trailer in the Parks (T.I.P.S) during the months of June, July and August.

This was an opportunity for the residents to come out and meet with the police officers, bike patrol officers and the motorcycle officers; to get information and express any concerns they had about the area. The canine unit also appeared for a demonstration.

The Police Department teamed up with the Recreation Department for two events this summer.

The department participated in the July 3rd Kids' Day during the village's Independence Spectacular at Centennial Park.

And, in early August, the police were part of the "Touch A Truck" event during Kids' Day at the Taste of Orland Park.

Visitors enjoyed the give aways, seeing the paddy wagon, squad car and police motorcycle.

The department's main summer event, "National Night Out Against Crime," was held on August 1, 2006. The day began with a free lunch for seniors at which Orland Park Police Sergeant Pat Duggan and Investigator Scott Malmborg conducted a presentation about identity theft. Staff from the department's Community Relations Division barbecued for the seniors and despite temperatures being in the 90s, approximately 70 seniors enjoyed the lunch and information.

The evening's festivities continued with Orland Park's annual "Night Out Against Crime" held at the Village Center. Attendees enjoyed police displays, those from the Orland Fire Protection District, military vehicles, a classic car show, face painting, balloon animals, music and police demonstrations. Orland Park's own canine officer was on hand and the Illinois State Police showed what occurs during a rollover crash to illustrate the need to wear safety belts.

Thank you to Deputy Chief Jerry Hughes and Investigator Dawn Gorman-Kenny for contributing to this edition's column.



Congratulations, Orland Park!

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
Finance Committee



#2 In Illinois!
Money Magazine ranking Orland Park #45

among the top 100 best places is a credit to everyone in this community. We are so fortunate to have so many people who take the time to get involved with the community, helping to make it a better place for everyone.

Arts & Leisure

Orland Park scored highest for arts and leisure. We know that the leisure services provided by the Recreation and Parks Department are second to none and the village is home to one of the best examples of community theater in the Chicago area — the Orland Park Theatre Troupe. We're also very excited about all that the village's Arts Commission has done and continues to do.

On December 3, the commission will host the "Community Messiah" in the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School. This is an Orland Park first and we invite everyone to be a part of it — either singing or simply watching what will be a true community performance. Advance tickets are available at the Village Hall, Loebe Center and the Sportsplex. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

Finance News

The Village Board has once again approved rebating 100% of the village's portion of residents' property taxes. Application forms for your 2005 rebate (paid by you in 2006) will be in the mail soon. Expect to see the application in early November.

The village is now utilizing the services of a new banking institution, — Fifth Third Bank. After much consideration, Fifth Third was selected as the bank that could satisfy the growing needs of our village government. The village began its new fiscal year on October 1. The Village Board has earmarked approximately \$11.5M for road improvements; \$5.1M for tax rebates and \$1.6M for water improvements.

Large Community With A Small Town Feel

The village goes to great lengths to offer a number of events throughout the year, inviting everyone to be a part of the Orland Park community. We've had a number of people comment that, despite Orland Park's size, we still have the small town feel that the early residents enjoyed when everything was centered around Beacon Avenue.

We saw a great example of this small town atmosphere this past summer with the Taste of Orland Park 2006, held in early August. We have a number of ways to count the attendees and our totals show that 55,000 people visited the three-day fest at the Village Center.

If you were a part of this magnificent celebration showcasing the finest eateries in Orland Park — thank you. To those of you who haven't experienced a Taste of Orland Park yet — stop in next year. It's a wonderful celebration for a great town.

A resident told me that she had not visited the Taste the first two years. This year she came because her son was involved in an event and she came back all three nights. Every village department is involved with the Taste. This is truly a cooperative effort, from the Village Board on through to each of the staff members who chairs a committee. Thank you to everyone for making this celebration possible for the residents of Orland Park.

MySpace Seminar

The village's Office of Special Services, in cooperation with our Police Department, hosted a very well attended MySpace seminar for parents on September 28. We will host another seminar after the holidays; however, in the meantime, some of the links that Detectives Dennis Pratl and Scott Sinko mentioned are available on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us.

The Moving Vietnam Wall

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Wall's weekend in Orland Park a reality. It was a beautiful tribute.

TASTE OF ORLAND PARK 2006 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Special Services Moved to Village Hall Lobby

The village's Office of Special Services has moved from the lower level of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall to the main lobby, adjacent to the Village Clerk's Office. The phone number for the office is 403-6188.

Orland Park's Special Services Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the office remaining open until 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month.

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

Mayor McLaughlin's Emergency Identification Bracelet Program is a **free** service for Village of Orland Park residents. Seniors, disabled and children with medical conditions or special needs may come to the Office of Special Services to complete an application which includes their name, address, persons to be notified in case of emergency, medications taken, physician's information and current health problems. This information, along with a digital photograph, is entered into a secure computer database.

The identification bracelet has a spandex wrist bracelet with a compartment. Engraved on the lid of the compartment is the Orland Park Police phone number. Opening the lid of the compartment reveals a code number that corresponds to the participant's database record. **If someone discovers a senior or disabled person lost, confused, or otherwise incapacitated, s/he can call the number on the compartment lid, and provide the Orland Park Police Department with the code number on the inside.** Immediate assistance can be dispatched and appropriate medical attention administered based on the information from the senior's application.

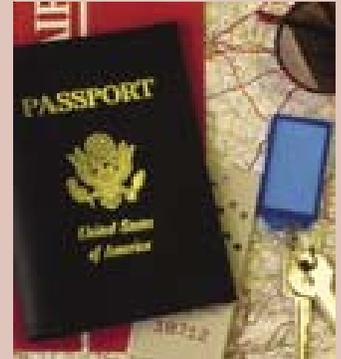
This Publication Is Available On Tape

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 the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

New Year Brings New Passport Requirements

Applications and Photos Available At Orland Park Village Hall

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State to develop and implement a plan to require all travelers, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals alike, to present a passport when entering the United States. Congress amended portions of the Act in 2006.



January 8, 2007 – Requirement applied to **all air travel** to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda.

January 1, 2008 – Requirement extended to **all sea and land border** crossings as well as air and sea travel.



This information is subject to change. For the most current passport information, visit www.travel.state.gov. While on the

website we encourage everyone to click on travel brochures to find safety tips for traveling abroad.

This year alone, the Office of Special Services has processed over 3,500 passport applications. Because of the high volume of passports being processed, applicants should allow extra time to receive their passports. We can only anticipate that these time periods will be extended as the year goes on. To be on the safe side, it would be wise to plan months in advance when applying for a passport. Passports are valid for ten years for anyone 16 years of age or older.

Passport applications and photos are available by appointment in the **Office of Special Services** in Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Passport appointments may be made by calling the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

November 7th Polling Places Announced

These locations are subject to change. Polling places are located in Orland Park, unless otherwise noted. For more information about voting in the Village of Orland Park, call the Village Clerk's Office at 403-6150.

Palos 10 (Southmoor)

Palos Park Rec Center
8901 123rd Street • Palos Park

Palos 41

All Saints Lutheran Church
13350 LaGrange Road

Palos 45

Nativity BVM UKR Catholic Church
8530 West 131st Street
Palos Park

Bremen 64

Bremen Township
15350 South Oak Park Avenue
Oak Forest

Frankfort 14 (Will County)

St. John United Church of Christ
(annex)
11046 Second Street
Mokena

Frankfort 22 (Will County)

Mokena Int School
11331 West 195th Street
Mokena

1 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

3 - Village of Orland Hills

16033 South 94th Avenue

4 - Robert Davidson Center

14700 Park Lane

7 - Christ Lutheran Church

14700 South 94th Avenue

8 - Calvary Reformed Church

15101 South 80th Avenue

9 - Brighton Gardens

16051 South LaGrange Road

10 - Riviera Country Club

8801 West 143rd Street

12 - Fernway School

16600 88th Avenue

13 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

15 - Century Junior High

10801 West 159th Street

18 - Silver Lake Country Club

14700 South 82nd Avenue

19 - Calvary Reformed Church

15101 South 80th Avenue

20 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

21 - Silver Lake Country Club

14700 South 82nd Avenue

24 - Christian Ref Church (Gym)

7500 West Sycamore Drive

25 - OrlanBrook Condos

15633 Orlan Brook Drive

27 - Salem Baptist Church

15500 South 73rd Avenue

28 - Silver Lake Country Club

14700 South 82nd Avenue

29 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

30 Calvary Reformed Church

15101 South 80th Avenue

31 - Orland Township

15100 94th Avenue

32 - Liberty School

8801 West 151st Street

33 - Prairie School

14200 South 82nd Avenue

34 - Christian Re Church (Gym)

7500 West Sycamore Drive

35 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

37 - Rivera Country Club

8801 West 143rd Street

38 - High Point School

14825 South West Avenue

39 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

40 - Orland Township Hall

15100 94th Avenue

43 - Presbyterian Church

13401 Wolf Road

47 - Orlan Brook Condo Assn

15633 Orlan Brook Drive

48 - Orland Township

15100 94th Avenue

52 - Liberty School

8801 West 151st Street

53 - Salem Baptist Church

15500 South 73rd Avenue

54 - Prairie School

14200 South 82nd Avenue

55 - Orland Park Civic Center

14750 Ravinia Avenue

56 - Robert Davidson Center

14700 Park Lane

57 - Township Highway Department

16125 South Wolf Road

59 - Living Word Lutheran Church

16301 South Wolf Road

60 - Parkview Christian Church

11100 Orland Parkway
(Wolf Road at 183rd Street)

62 - Calvary Reformed Church

15101 South 80th Avenue

64 - Presbyterian Church

13401 Wolf Road

65 - OTownship Highway Department

16125 South Wolf Road

66 - Living Word Lutheran Church

16301 South Wolf Road

68 - Century Junior High School

10801 West 159th Street

71 - Parkview Christian Church

11100 Orland Parkway
(Wolf Road at 183rd Street)

75 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

76 - Village of Orland Hills

16033 South 94th Avenue

77 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

78 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

80 - Standing Stones Baptist Church

16250 South 84th Avenue, Tinley Park

81 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

82 - Brighton Gardens

16051 LaGrange Road

84 - Robert Davidson Center

14700 Park Lane

85 - Presbyterian Church

13401 South Wolf Road

87 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

88 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

89 - Village Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

ELECTION DAY • TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ASK O.P.



Dear O.P.,
I recently moved into one of the older areas of town with these great, big beautiful trees. What's the deal? Do I rake the leaves into the street or pile them on my parkway?
Lovin' the Leaves

*Dear Leaf Lover,
I love to roll through the older parts of town when the trees are changing colors. Residents in these areas **should rake their leaves to the parkway and not the street.** If it rains, all those leaves in the street can cause flooding. PW's leaf picker upper thing can easily reach them on the parkway.
O.P.*

Dear O.P.,
I live in the Preserves at Marley Creek. Can you ask my neighbors to do their part to help keep the streets clean, especially where we come into the subdivision?
Marley Mom

*Hey Mom ---
You just did!
O.P.*

Holiday Shopper Trolley Returns

The village's FREE Holiday Shopper Trolley Service will begin its twelfth season the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24. Service continues every Saturday until Christmas from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Christmas Eve from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 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 159th Street with one trolley traveling through nearby residential areas. 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. The web address is www.orland-park.il.us.

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CALENDAR KEY

CC	Civic Center (14750 South Ravinia Ave)
CCA	Civic Center Authority
CulCent	Cultural Center (former library) 14760 Park Lane
ComRel	Community Relations Commission
DLFac	Driver's License Facility (inside Village Hall)
EDAB	Economic Development Advisory Board
ElecCom	Electrical Commission
ETSB	Emergency Telephone System Board
HPRC	Historical Preservation Review Commission
LRC	Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center (14650 Ravinia)
OPAC	Village of Orland Park Arts Commission
PD	Police Department (14600 South Ravinia)
PlanCom	Plan Commission
PTAB	Parking & Traffic Advisory Board
PubWks	Public Works Department (15655 South Ravinia Ave)
RAB	Recreation Advisory Board
Splex	Village of Orland Park Sportsplex (159 & Wolf Rd)
TAB	Telecommunications Advisory Board
VETS	Veterans' Commission
VC	Village Center (14700 South Ravinia)
VH	Frederick T. Owens Village Hall (14700 Ravinia Ave)
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear O.P.,
If I hire someone to work on my house, who's responsible for getting the permit? Is it the contractor's job or mine?
Remodeling Rhonda

*Dear Rhonda,
I'm glad that you asked! Make sure that any contractor you hire holds a current Village Contractor's License. You can check by calling Development Services at 403-5300. Who gets the permit is up to you --- just make sure you get one so that it's all legit.
O.P.*

Dear O.P.,
I read somewhere that we can get medical i.d. bracelets that help emergency folks when they come to our house. Where can I get these?
Asking Al

*Dear Al,
Call the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 403-6188 for details about the village issued medical identification bracelets. This way, when the police arrive when you call an ambulance, they can access your medical information for the paramedics. It is also recommended that you have a complete list of all medications on the side of your refrigerator in the event of an emergency.
O.P.*

Options Available for Water Bill Payment



Yard Waste Containers

may be used for household garbage from December 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

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 service technicians and meter readers.

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.



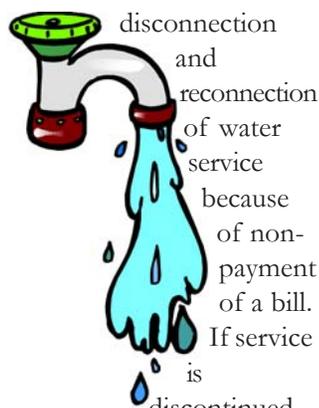
Payments by check, cash or credit card are always accepted at the Village Hall.

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 cashiers' 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, 2006

The monthly price for permits will remain the same - \$25 per month. Permits for 2007 will be available for sale on Friday December 1, 2006 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

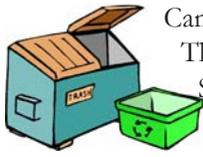
All vehicles registered to Village of Orland Park addresses must display a current village vehicle sticker. The current stickers were due on vehicles on June 30, 2005 with penalties going into effect on July 5, 2005. The penalty for not purchasing a sticker is double the original sticker price. Police 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.

Postage Stamps Available At Cashier's Office

Books of twenty first class U.S. postage stamps are available for \$7.80 per book at the Cashier's Office in the Village Hall. Stamps are not sold individually.

Fall Clean Up Campaign Dates Announced



This year, the Fall Clean-Up Campaign will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 26, 27 and 28, 2006.

Dumpsters will be placed at the Public Works Facility for residents' disposal of normal household garbage. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited. Public Works is located at 15655 Ravinia Avenue (one block west of LaGrange Road). For more information, call Public Works at 403-6350.

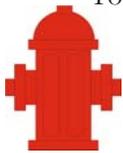
FALL CLEAN-UP HOURS
Thursday, October 26
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 27
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday October 28
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Halloween Safety

- Trick or Treaters should travel in groups, accompanied by an adult or a responsible teen.
- Remind children to not open any candy until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Avoid wearing face masks that obstruct vision. Choose make up instead.
- Wear bright colors or carry a flashlight after dusk.
- Report suspicious activity to the Orland Park Police at 9-1-1.

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.

Do Not Rake Leaves Into the Street.

With chilly temperatures having come to Orland Park, Public Works is getting ready to pick up leaves and trim trees before the snow starts to fly.

The village's Leaf Pickup Program begins as soon as the leaves begin to fall. The village needs the cooperation of all of our residents for this program to work effectively. When raking leaves, **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE THEM 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 drain properly.

Public Works 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.

Tree Trimming Program Explained

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 motorist's line of sight, obstruct 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 running through March, Public Works staff will prioritize its work that addresses those safety issues that most affect the motoring public. Our staff makes every attempt to balance the trimming around the entire tree before we leave 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 homes. 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.

Call Public Works at 403-6350 if you have any questions about the village's Leaf Pickup or our Tree Trimming Programs.

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 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.

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 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. 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.**

Help to Prevent Flooding

Heavy rainfall events that last a very short time occur occasionally throughout the year. Those types of events can cause ponding of water in the streets and the backyards of many areas.

Taking time to do some preventative maintenance will only help to lessen the impact of the heavy rains. In the course of our daily activities, Public Works crews will clear street inlets of debris that is in the vicinity of their worksite. Additionally, our stormwater crew adheres to a regular schedule of checking our retention/detention ponds.

When rainfall is predicted, Public Works crews are dispatched immediately into the field to check storm inlets and the ponds to ensure they are functioning properly. This is where residents' assistance is needed to help reduce or eliminate water from building up on 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.

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, the simple preventative measures we have outlined will go a long way in minimizing these occurrences.

www.orland-park.il.us
Village of Orland Park Special Events Hotline
708/403-5370

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
**W I N T E R
F O L L I E S**

DECEMBER 18 THROUGH 22, 2006

Centennial Park Skating Rink
15600 West (100th) Avenue
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Santa will show up on any given day.
Free popcorn and apple cider
will be served.

Monday, December 18
SNOWQUEST SIBERIANS

See Sled Dog Owner/Trainer
Theresa Przybylski and her dogs,
Holly Cody and Cruizer.

Tuesday, December 19
CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

NEW Wednesday, December 20
SNOWBALL ACCURACY

If no snow is available,
we'll use the ice rink shavings.

Thursday, December 21
TURKEY BOWLING
Come bowl with frozen turkeys!

Friday, December 22
ICE SCULPTURE DEMO
Watch World Class Ice Sculptor
Mr. Dan create an amazing
work of art right before your eyes!



Recreation Department Plans Fun Inside & Out

Special Rec To Host Annual Garage Sale

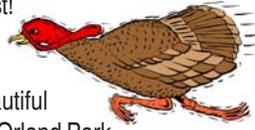
Clean out your closets! Get rid of that pile in the basement! Rent a table at Special Recreation's Semi-Annual Garage Sale and keep all of your proceeds. This is a great event for everyone --- those who want to sell and those who want to shop. Banquet size tables will be available. Set up begins at 7:00 a.m. and tables are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Visit the Loebe Center (14650 South Ravinia) or the Village Sportsplex (11351 West 159th Street) to reserve a table.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
October 27
PROGRAM# 54096
Saturday, November 4
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Civic Center
\$20.00 per table
FREE ADMISSION

Register Now for Annual Turkey Trot

Enjoy a fun run before diving into your Thanksgiving feast! Sprint through village streets, paths and the beautiful wooded areas of Orland Park. The 2.5 cross-country run is limited to 350 runners with a plump turkey as the prize for first place male and female winners. Register NOW as this event sells out EVERY year!!



REGISTRATION DEADLINE
November 17.
Thursday, November 23
7:00 AM check in
8:00 AM race starts
Open to All Ages
Limited to 350 runners
Franklin Loebe Center

\$13/R	\$18/NR
PROGRAM#	DIVISION
53935	TTrot - Female
53938	TTrot - Male

Scholastic Chess Tournament Planned

The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department is hosting scholastic chess tournaments organized by two area chess aficionados.



New Orland Park resident International Chess Organizer Dr. Mikhail Korenman and U.S. National Chess Arbiter Glenn Panner, of Lockport, have organized tournaments at the Orland Park Cultural Center (former library). Remaining contests will be held November 11 and December 16. The cultural center is located at 14760 Park Lane.

Tournaments are held each Saturday with four different age specific categories ranging from kindergarten through senior year of high school. Team and individual trophies are awarded for first through third place in each of the categories. Individual medals are given to players who finish fourth to twentieth in each category.

Students from all levels of chess are invited to compete. Rounds are 30 minutes each and will be held at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Movies will be shown and food concessions will be available.

The pre-registration on-line cost is \$20 per person and is available at www.intecsus.org. Pre-registration closes the Thursday before each weekend contest. Day of registration is \$25 per person. Further information is available by calling 815/955-4793 or 785/906-0402.

WINTER wonderland

Centennial Park • 15600 West Avenue
Novemer 21, 2006 to February 28, 2007

The Village of Orland Park's own Centennial Park will again be 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 p.m.

The rink will be closed during resurfacing.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

Mon-Fri • 4pm to 9pm - Saturday • 10am to 9pm - Sunday • 10am to 7pm

HOLIDAY HOURS

Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Mon, Dec 15 to Fri, Jan 5

Sun, Dec 24 • Closes at 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Dec 25 • Closed Sun, Dec 31 • Closes at 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Jan 15 • Martin Luther King Day

Mon, Feb 12 • Presidents' Day

WINTER WONDERLAND SKATE RENTALS

Skates available
 Y-size 10 through A-size 15.
 \$2/skate rental
 \$1/helmet rental
 \$5/day cross country skis
 You must submit a photo i.d. for rentals,
 either a Recreation Department i.d. or a driver's license.

Winter Festival

Everyone is invited to officially begin the holiday season in Orland Park at the village's annual Winter Festival. The afternoon includes Santa's arrival in Orland Park, sleigh rides, trolley rides, music, entertainment, face painting, make and take crafts and fun for the whole family. Gather in front of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall at 5:45 p.m. for Mayor Dan McLaughlin's official tree lighting ceremony that will light its way down Ravinia Avenue. This free celebration is sure to put everyone in a festive holiday mood!



Sunday, November 26
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Orland Park Civic Center
 William R. Vogel Memorial
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue

Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe



A LITTLE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

This full-length Yuletide fantasy is full of holiday spirit and humor and makes us all wish we could find the place where life stands still and we can all truly enjoy a little Christmas spirit.

Friday, December 1 • 8:00 PM
 Saturday, December 2 • 8:00 PM
 Sunday, December 3 • 2:00 PM
 Orland Park Civic Center
 William R. Vogel Memorial
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue
 \$12/Adults • \$10/Seniors • \$8/Children

AUDITIONS

Steel Magnolias

Mon, Dec 18 & Tues, Dec 19
 Orland Park Old Village Hall
 14415 South Beacon Avenue
 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 Open to adult women age 18 and older.
 Village resident cast members/\$30 reg fee
 Non-village resident cast members/\$45 reg fee
REHEARSALS
 Sunday afternoons, Mon & Thurs evenings.
PERFORMANCES
 February 23, 24 & 25
 For more information call 403-7275.



Community MESSIAH

Sunday, December 3, 2006
4:00 p.m.

Carl Sandburg High School
 Performing Arts Center
 13100 South LaGrange Road
 Tickets available
 Village Hall, Loebe Center
 & Sportsplex.
\$8.00/Adults
\$5.00/Students & Seniors
 Scores available
 at the door for \$8.00.

A community singing of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" directed by Willard Thomen 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.

INFORMATION
 Village of Orland Park
 Recreation Department
 708.403.7275

village of orland park facilities

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 recreation@orland-park.il.us
Inclement Weather Hotline
 708/403-6290

Village Cultural Center
 (former Orland Park Library)
 14760 Park Lane
 708/349-1402

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 publicworks@orland-park.il.us.
PACE Bus Service
 708/403-6355

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THE MOVING
Vietnam
 MEMORIAL WALL
 Orland Park Village Center
 October 5 though 8, 2006



Members of the United States Marine Corps Leathernecks Motorcycle Group and the Patriot Guard escorted the Wall into Orland Park.

Thank you to everyone who made the Moving Vietnam Wall's visit to Orland Park so very memorable. More than 300 people volunteered and a number of individuals, organizations and businesses provided additional support.

We remain grateful for the opportunity to publicly honor the many Vietnam Veterans throughout the area and the loved ones of those whose names are on the Wall.



Mayor McLaughlin (left) and Father Leo Lyon listen as US Army Major General Stephen Speakes addresses the crowd at the opening ceremony.



Families from throughout the area provided photos and biographies about loved ones whose names are on the Wall.

I send special thanks to the village staff members and those on the Veterans Commission who went above and beyond the call of duty to make the Wall's four day visit to Orland Park the touching event that it was.

Area residents of all ages, from junior high students through seniors, helped Orland Park achieve its goal to read aloud the more than 58,000 names of those who died.



Fire, police, veterans and active military volunteered to serve as the Honor Guard for the weekend.

We thank everyone for being a part of the Wall's visit --- now a very important part of the village's history.

MAYOR DAN McLAUGHLIN



The American Legion Orland Memorial Post #111 (above) and the Reber-Tesmond VFW post #2604 (below) presented colors during the ceremonies and volunteered as honor guard members throughout the weekend.



Hundreds of local students visited the Village Center, seeing the displays and helping Orland Park achieve its goal to read all 58,000+ names on the Wall.



The Jerling Junior High Band, directed by Jack Kinsella, played patriotic songs.



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Vietnam Veterans were called to the Wall to be honored during both the opening and closing ceremonies.



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Chris Tesmond (left) joins Betty Reber after the wreath presentation for Reber's son Michael who was killed in Vietnam in 1971. Reber-Tesmond VFW Post #2604, was created in 1973 and is named for Michael Reber and the many veterans in the Tesmond family.

US Army Major General Stephen Speakes salutes the Vietnam Veterans gathered in front of the Wall.



Twenty Agent Orange "Quilts of Tears" filled the Great Hall at the Civic Center.



Members of the Williams family who served in the United States Marine Corps include Ray Williams, named for his uncle who was killed in Vietnam, Vietnam Era Veterans John Williams and Carl Williams, and the most recent family veteran, USMC Sergeant Ryan Williams, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Veterans Commission Secretary Gail Blummer presented luminarias to families with the names of loved ones on the Wall to place at the panel bearing the name.

