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### Rebates Return

The Village Board voted on August 6 to rebate \$2.5 million in residential property taxes which will mark a village tax rebate for eight of the last 11 years. We began rebating a portion of the property taxes that residents pay to the village in 2003 and, despite a suspension of the program during the economic downturn, are pleased that we are in a position to again offer the rebate. Prior to its suspension, the total amount rebated to residents through this program amounted to approximately \$27.6 million.

We asked staff to determine if funding was available to reinstate the program for fiscal year 2012 and have identified \$2.633 million that can be used to fund the rebate program. The total amount would be a rebate of the 2011 property taxes paid to the village by residents in 2012.

Watch the local media and the village's website for details, including residents being able to "save time and rebate online." Residents will receive the rebates in March, 2013.

### Community Events

It was great to see so many people at the village's many events this summer --- despite the soaring temperatures. The Farmers' Market was the destination of choice on Friday mornings and the Taste of Orland Park gets better each year. We were happy to host two concerts at the village's Centennial Park West, the City Lights Orchestra on July 1 and Hillbilly Rockstarz on September 2. I was proud to co-sponsor both of these concerts, helping to bring some great outdoor entertainment to the village.

Thank you to the many other sponsors that helped to make these events possible.

Your support is very much appreciated. Watch the village's website and other outlets for what's coming up on the calendar.

### Orland Park Celebrates

The Village of Orland Park celebrated its 120th anniversary this year, having come a long way since our first mayor, John Humphrey had village incorporated on May 31, 1892. We celebrated the village's anniversary with the return of Student Government Day, inviting village residents in junior high to write essays describing what they liked best about the village. These young adults showed how very proud they are of their hometown, how much they admire the Police Department, how they enjoy playing at the village's many parks and how often they use the village's many recreation facilities.

The essays were judged by members of the village's commissions and they readily admitted having a tough time choosing the best. Thank you to all who entered the contest and we congratulate those who served as village officials and staff members for the day.

### Geochallenge 2012

The village's anniversary is being celebrated in another novel way as Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383 created ORLAND PARK GEOCHALLENGE 2012, inviting people to explore the village's history by visiting community landmarks along the way. Congratulations and thank you to Troop 383 for bringing this great activity to the village. I'm honored to be a part of it.

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

## Community Effort Continues

As I wrote in the last edition of the newsletter, recent news stories have focused on the growing use of drugs and the numbers of fatal drug overdoses among American youth. I said it before and I will say it again --- the Village of Orland Park is committed to continuing its efforts to battle this problem that faces communities across the country

The Orland Park Police Department remains at the front lines of the battle, working closely with the school districts, the township and other agencies, sharing information and resources. The department recently produced a series of cable television shows with a number of experts who shared valuable information for Orland Park families.

## Electrical Savings

After last spring's electrical aggregation referendum was approved, the Village Board chose Nordic Energy Services, LLC as the village's electricity supplier.

Nordic Energy Services is an Illinois-based leading alternative energy supplier serving Illinois and northwest Indiana.

Orland Park continues to play a leadership role in helping its residents

## ORLAND PARK VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES \$2.5 MILLION

### 2012 PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

A postcard with application instructions will be mailed, and instructions will also be available on the village's website by the last week of October, 2012.

New and improved application methods will be made available the week of November 5th, including the ability to submit a rebate application and supporting documentation online.

Checks will be mailed to qualified applicants no later than the week of March 18, 2012.

### SAVE TIME - REBATE ONLINE!

Switching electric providers is completely seamless and there will be no service interruption. ComEd will continue to be responsible for the delivery of electricity and maintenance and will respond to power outages. We're looking forward to you beginning to see the savings on the supply portion of your electric bills. Know that your bills will continue to come from ComEd and Nordic Energy Services will be listed as the supplier on the bill. See page 16 and the Citizens Information Center of the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

## Welcome Home

As you've seen on local signs and may have seen in the media, we've had a number of Orland Park military return from serving overseas. You'll find the full list of those we've welcomed home on page 19. I want to remind family members to please let the village's Veterans Commission know when your loved one is coming home from overseas. Give Gail Blummer a call at 403-6203 as soon as you know an arrival date and the community will rally to welcome your loved one back to Orland Park.



*Village of Orland Park officials and staff marked the village's 120th anniversary with essay contest winners at Student Government Day 2012.*

These programs can be found on Orland Park Comcast Channel 4 and A T & T U-Verse Channel 99. Please take a few minutes to watch the programs that were created by Deputy Police Chief Jerry Hughes. Jerry was the village's first DARE officer when the program began in the late 1980s and he brings years of community knowledge and expertise to the table. We thank both him and Chief McCarthy for producing such an informative series.

and small businesses conserve energy and save money. Under the terms of the agreement, residents will receive a two-year fixed rate of 4.823 cents/kWh, a savings up to 43% off current utility rates. In addition 25% of the power supplied will come from green sources. Residents currently with another alternative energy provider will not be enrolled. Residents and small businesses can opt out at any time with no additional charges or fees.

# VILLAGE CLERK DAVID P. MAHER

**Great Events.** I want to echo the mayor's comments about the great summer Orland Park had. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the village's special events, the pool, the boats at Lake Sedgewick, the parks and more.

**Presidential Election.** The next election will be the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012. You must be a registered voter in order to vote in any election.

**Am I registered?** Please go to [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) before October 9, 2012 and enter your information where indicated on the site. It will show whether or not you're a registered voter.

Voter registration closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. Registration is available in the Village Clerk's Office located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents who are U.S. citizens, will be 18 years of age on or before November 6, 2012, 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 to vote, one with your name and Orland Park address, the other with simply your name. The entire process takes less than ten minutes of your time!

**Vote By Mail.** Mail ballot applications for the November 6, 2012 General Presidential Election will be available by the end of September. The Village Clerk's Office will have these applications available for pickup or to download from the clerk's area of the village's website.

To vote by mail, you must be a registered voter and submit a completed mail ballot application to Cook County Clerk David Orr's Office. Once the application is received, the Cook County Clerk will verify your eligibility and compare the signature on your application against the signature on your voter registration record before issuing a ballot.

Apply as early as possible to be sure you receive your ballot in time to vote. Your ballot must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day and received at the Cook County Clerk's Office within 14 days after Election Day.

**Out-of-Town Voters.** College students and others who won't be in town on Election Day may call my office at 708/403-6150 to have their names and addresses added to a confidential database to receive a Vote By Mail Application for the November 6, 2012 Presidential Election only.

**Vote At Home.** Residents who are physically unable to leave their homes to vote may call my office to have their names and addresses added to a confidential database for all elections. The Clerk's Office staff will automatically send you a Vote By Mail Application for every election. Call 708/403-6150 for details.

Once you complete the application to vote at home, you mail it to Cook County, which in turn mails your actual ballot to your home address or the address provided. Once you vote, you then mail the ballot back to Cook County.

**Sample Ballot.** A sample ballot, which allows registered voters to learn about the candidates will be available online at least one month before the election.

View your sample ballot on the Cook County website [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com) by entering the information required to show if you are registered. Your ballot will also appear.



Village Clerk David Maher

**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 you like to know how to become an Election Judge? Visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.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 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. Note: If you mail-in your registration, you must vote in-person the first time you vote, so Vote by Mail would not be an option for you.

Residents with voting questions are invited to email me at [clerk@orland-park.il.us](mailto:clerk@orland-park.il.us) or call the Clerk's Office at 708/403-6150.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
for the November 6  
Presidential Election  
closes at 5 p.m. on  
Tuesday, October 9.  
Call 403-6150 for info.



Trustee Kathleen Fenton

## Permits Exceed Last Year

Drive around town and it's easy to see that construction season is upon us in the Village of Orland Park. Just about every corner of the

village has some construction project underway. I am pleased to announce that this year's overall development permits (residential and commercial) have already exceeded FY 2011.

## Residential Permits

New residential permits through June have already surpassed the total number issued for the entire 2011 year. There are currently 49 new residential homes under construction or completed in the village. Additionally, existing residential permits are tracking 38% higher than last year, totaling over 838 permits. Residents and local builders are investing in Orland Park.

Construction is also well underway for the 295 luxury apartments in the downtown area (see Main Street Update). In June, Thomas Place of Orland Park broke ground on their 80 unit independent senior living center located at Harlem and Wheeler. Construction for both of these multi-family projects will be completed in the spring of 2013. Smith Crossing, located in the I-80 Corridor, is finishing its expansion project with occupancy slated for the end of this year.

## Commercial Permits

Commercial permits are steady with 115 permits issued through June. The village has issued more than 32 new business licenses this year, with another dozen currently going through review and approval, as this newsletter goes to print. A few of the recently announced businesses include Firehouse Subs, Dry Goods (Von Maur), Red Mango, The Great Escape and Fox Head. And, the big question has been....When will Whole Foods open? The answer is late fall.

## Locally Owned Businesses

While Orland Park is known for its array of national retailers and restaurants, we also are home to many smaller, locally owned businesses. Everyone is invited to visit a few of the more recently opened local businesses, including Blissful Banana Cafe on 94th Avenue, Mackey's Pub on 143rd Street, RoccoVino's Italian Restaurant on 143rd Street and Berkot's Super Foods at 159th & Wolf Road.

## Orland Square Mall

A lot of things are happening at Orland Square this season. Interior renovations are still underway including an expanded food court, new family bathrooms and the addition of many new retailers.



The village's Farmers' Market is open every Friday morning, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through October 4 at the Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Vendors sell produce, flowers, household items and more.

New monument signs have been installed, along with façade improvements to the entrances of the mall. The village is also excited to welcome The Cheesecake Factory, which will be located at the LaGrange Road and 149th Street entrance.

The restaurant, totaling 11,000 square feet, will include an expanded outdoor dining area and a new exterior building façade. The anticipated opening is winter of 2012.

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# TRUSTEE BRAD S. O'HALLORAN

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

## Fiscal Year 2013 Budget

As July 1st of each year marks the beginning of the subsequent year's budget cycle, the village has begun the process of compiling its Fiscal Year 2013 Budget. As the village utilizes the "target based" budget method, the process begins with the compilation of operating revenue estimates.

Operating revenue estimates are not only based on historical data but also on current and projected economic conditions. Once all operating revenue estimates are compiled, the village calculates its fixed costs, such as employee salaries and benefits, utilities, property and liability insurance, etc. These fixed costs are then deducted

from total operating revenues, leaving a net target amount that is distributed to the various operating departments of the village to fund the department's

variable costs. Items that a department cannot fit into its target are considered "discretionary items" and these items will be submitted to the Village Board for consideration during the budget workshop process.

A list of capital projects along with available capital revenue sources is compiled and also presented to the board for consideration during the budget workshop process. A number of budget workshops are held where the Village Board performs an in-depth review of the estimated operating and capital revenue sources as well as all fixed and variable budget requests.

## VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX REBATE APPLICATIONS

will be available in early November. Watch the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) and the local media for details and deadlines.

The elected officials also review the prioritized discretionary list of items submitted and determine if any of these items should be funded within the budget. If funds exist to cover the additional expenditure requests, these items will be added to the overall budget. If funds do not exist, the board may choose to reduce or eliminate other expenditures included in the proposed budget in order to fund these discretionary items.

The board also reviews and approves all capital revenues and proposed capital projects. If capital revenues do not exist to cover all proposed projects, the board will prioritize the submitted projects and fund those that fit within existing capital revenue sources. The proposed budget will be presented at a public hearing so residents can review and comment on it. The final budget is tentatively scheduled for approval on December 3rd.

## Issuance of GO Refunding Bonds Series 2012A

The Village of Orland Park continues to pursue the opportunity to refund its outstanding debt. Taking advantage of these refunding opportunities ensures that the village is paying the lowest interest rates available in the municipal bond market, given the village's excellent bond rating and financial position.

On August 20th, the village sold general obligation refunding bonds, in the amount of \$9,005,000 to partially refund its outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006. These bonds were originally issued to partially fund construction of the police facility at 151st & Ravinia Avenue. The results of this refunding were extremely favorable and provided interest savings of approximately \$832,000 over the original remaining life of the bonds.

As part of this refunding, the village obtained updated credit ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Each rating agency reaffirmed the village's strong credit rating; Moody's issued a rating of Aa1 and Standard & Poor's issued a rating of AA+. Both agencies cited that the ratings reflect the village's large and stable tax base, as well as stable financial operations supported by healthy reserves, as the rationale for the strong rating.

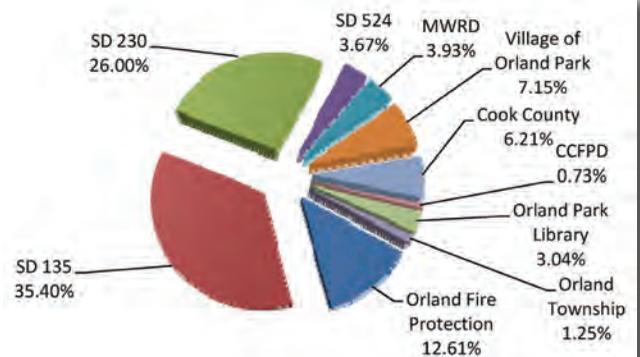


Trustee Brad O'Halloran

## Where do property taxes go?

The graph below shows the various taxing bodies that are funded by a typical resident's property tax bill.

The Village of Orland Park receives approximately 7 to 8% of residents' property taxes. The average resident, with a home valued at \$300,000, will pay approximately \$489 of the total tax bill to the village. The remainder of the resident's tax bill goes to the other taxing bodies.





Trustee James Dodge

## Survey Says

Thank you to the 3000 randomly selected village households that participated in the village's scientific community survey conducted by the National Research Center. Village officials and staff learned a lot from your input and we're pleased that you're happy with so many aspects of the village. See the center section of this edition of the Orland Park Public for survey highlights.

information. And, the village's website offers an option called "Notify Me" where you can sign up to receive village news releases as they're distributed, news of special events, calendar items, jobs, bid openings and more.

## Celebrating Orland Park

We've had a great time celebrating the village's anniversary with the young people of the community, first with Student Government Day, timed to coincide with the actual May 31st date of incorporation and with Boy Scout Troop 383's Orland Park Geochallenge 2012.

Mayor McLaughlin and I co-chaired Student Government Day, which was last held a number of years ago. This program introduced local government to junior high students from throughout the village.

The Boy Scouts chose, visited and gathered the coordinates and created questions for 20 historical Orland Park landmarks. It's a living history tour of the village with five of the village's previous mayors included. Active geocachers can find the coordinates for the 20 challenges on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and those new to this hobby can download a brochure from the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us). If you don't have a hand-held GPS but have a cell phone that accepts apps, you can download a geocaching application.

## Electrical Aggregation

See page 16 for questions and answers to all of your electrical aggregation questions. The rate for Orland Park's new electrical aggregation program is 4.823 cents per kWh, a savings of 43 percent off the new ComEd

## Communication Advances

The Village of Orland Park continually explores ways to reach the community it serves. We learned from the community survey that 93% of the respondents cite this publication as one of their primary means of obtaining village information.

Village information can also be found on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us), through our social media outlets via Facebook (Village of Orland Park, [Illinois](#)), Twitter (@VillageOrlandPk) and YouTube (VillageofOrlandPark) and on Orland Park Comcast Channel 4 and A T & T U-Verse Channel 99. Residents can also register for the free global connect service on the village's website, receiving recorded calls that are dispatched with important



Junior high students from schools throughout Orland Park competed in an essay contest to serve as village officials and department directors. The May 21 Village Board meeting included a mock meeting at which the students presided with their adult counterparts.

They learned about the village's departments, the board's committees and participated in a mock Village Board meeting. We had a great group of sixth, seventh and eighth graders from throughout Orland Park and we look forward to having this event again in the spring.

rate of 8.5 cents per kWh. Homes consuming an average load usage in Orland Park may save close to \$400 in the first year upon joining the program.

We have learned that other energy providers are calling residents, saying they're calling for the village. **Please know that the village and Nordic, our chosen contractor, are not calling residents.** Call the village's Office of Public Information at 403-6150 with questions.

# TRUSTEE EDWARD G. SCHUSSLER

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

## Cooperation Appreciated

Thank you to everyone who followed the village's outdoor water use restrictions over the summer months. It was a rough season with the incredibly high temperatures and lack of rain and the village called on the community to refrain from excessive sprinkling in order to keep plenty of water on hand for emergency use. We appreciate your cooperation. The village's conservation program is in effect from May 15 to September 15 of each year.

## Waste Management Reminders

Orland Park was one of the first communities in the State of Illinois to offer village wide recycling for its residents. Village residents actively participate in the recycling programs offered by its contracted waste hauler, Waste Management.

I have two reminders to share with you. The village conducted a public awareness campaign a few months ago, alerting garbage customers of the dire importance of SAFELY disposing of sharps, needles and syringes. Please take the time to properly dispose of all materials of this type as they become loose when thrown in the trash and can and have injured other residents and garbage pick-up staff.

The second reminder concerns the automation of the vehicles used by Waste Management. When rolling your toter to the curb for trash or recyclable pick up, please position them so the wheels are toward your home and not to the street. This makes it easier and quicker for the truck's automated arm to pick up, empty and put back your toters.

## Emerald Ash Borer

Following extensive research, evaluation and consultation with other government agencies, the Village of Orland Park

began a program to remove ash trees that have been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer and pose a hazard to properties and residents. The removal program began at the east end of the village where our certified arborist staff observed the most significant impact to the trees. Village staff will continue with the removal efforts this fall and winter and will begin the replacement portion of the program at that time.

Planting in the fall and early winter (when weather conditions are most favorable) will provide the new trees the best chance of survival. Village arborists continually monitor previously identified trees, review all calls concerning trees and evaluate their conditions. Trees evaluated or observed that pose a hazard are prioritized and documented for removal. Those trees that do not pose a danger are not removed; however, the tree's condition is cataloged and placed on the list for monitoring.

Residents can contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture's website [www.illinoisEAB.com](http://www.illinoisEAB.com) / 1-800-641-3934 or the Morton Arboretum [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org) / 1-630-719-2424 for detailed information on the Emerald Ash Borer. The national EAB hotline is 866-EAB (322)-4512.

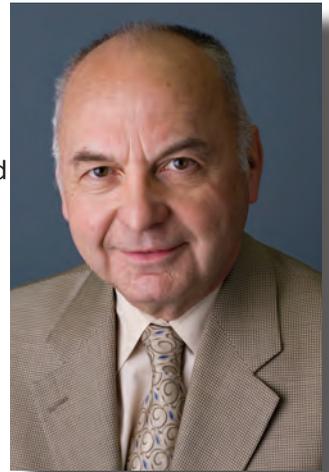
Once our replanting operations begin, we ask that residents keep the trees watered to help them become established. Ash trees in the Village of Orland Park make up approximately 40% of our parkway tree inventory. Removal and replanting efforts will take several years to accomplish and we ask for your patience in dealing with this invasive pest. Questions concerning our ash tree program can be answered by calling Public Works at 403-6350.

## Streets Checked

Earlier this year, the Village Board approved the hiring of Applied Research Associates, Inc. (ARA), a consultant specializing in roadway engineering, to perform a comprehensive pavement evaluation for every village maintained street. The purpose of this evaluation was to rate the pavement condition to determine and prioritize road rehabilitation needs.

This effort will provide short term (5 year) capital and maintenance planning along with a long term (10 year) look-ahead plan. The already completed evaluation process included digital televising, laser sensor, GPS and inertial navigation on a block-by-block basis. Additional information collected includes the documentation of all assets located in the right of ways such as light poles, pavement markings, trees, sidewalks and traffic signals. Once collected, this data will be used to develop maps of each asset and assist in forecasting future maintenance needs.

The pavement condition data compiled will be used to implement a pavement management system and provide the Public Works Department with the information needed to manage an improved and cost effective Road Rehabilitation Program for future years.



Trustee Ed Schussler



Trustee Patricia Gira

## Dog Park Update

Thank you to everyone who was involved with the village's "Bark For Your Park" quest.

Department led the charge in the village's attempt to win a \$100,000 grant to create a dog park at Centennial Park. We have three acres set aside for our four legged friends and, despite our valiant efforts, Orland Park placed fifth in the nation.

All is not lost, however. The Village Board has voted to partner with Orland Township to make the dog park a reality before its planned development in the village's 2013 budget. The village and the township will share the cost to develop the dog park at Centennial Park, with separate areas for large dogs and small dogs.

## Taste 2012

The village's ninth annual Taste of Orland Park was a great success, despite the two hour storm during the Saturday afternoon festivities. This has become a yearly favorite for many people as they get to sample dishes from the village's great

town, see some of the best entertainment in the Chicago area, see old friends and perhaps make new ones. Thank you to the many sponsors that helped offset the costs of the Taste. The Village of Orland Park appreciates your support and we look forward to next year's tenth anniversary celebration.

## Register Online

Registration for the village's Recreation Department programs is now available online. We are very happy to make registering for programs more convenient for the thousands of program participants. You can now register for village programs, trips and

The Parks



*The Village of Orland Park's ninth annual Taste of Orland Park brought record crowds to the Village Center August 3-5. Attendees enjoyed tastes from 18 village restaurants, live entertainment on two stages, community group, children's activities, the car show and more.*



Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen a great Broadway comedy for its fall show, Larry Shue's "The Nerd," September 28, 29 and 30 at the Orland Park Civic Center.

activities from the comfort of your own home. To learn more about online registration, visit the Recreation and Parks area of the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us) or call the department at 708/403-7275.

## Village Presents "The Nerd"

The village's

Advance, reserved seat tickets for this hilarious show may be purchased at the Recreation Administration Office, 14600 South Ravinia Avenue. For details, call 708/403-PARK.

## Open Lands Golf Outing

Preserving open space in the village has been a long time priority of Mayor McLaughlin and the Village Board. The mayor created the Open Lands Commission to preserve open space in the village before it's gone. The commission's annual golf outing raises funds for this important initiative.

The Open Lands of Orland Park's Annual Golf Outing is Tuesday, September 18 at Silver Lake Country Club. Pre-paid reservations are limited to the first 144 golfers on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$130 per person and includes eighteen holes of golf, continental breakfast, barbecue lunch on the course, cocktails, dinner and door prizes. The day begins with an 8:30 a.m. check in, followed by a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Tickets and sponsorship information are available by calling 708/403-6145. The outing is open to the public and we hope to see new faces help us raise money for Open Lands.

## Dance Chicago Returns

Mark your calendar for November 3rd when the village's Arts Commission brings back "Dance Chicago." This exhilarating show features some of the best Chicago dance companies right here in Orland Park. Watch for details.

We hope everyone is able to enjoy the many leisure opportunities that the Village of Orland Park offers --- the acres of beautiful park land and miles of trails, the wonderful recreation programs and the village's special events held throughout the year.

# TRUSTEE CAROLE GRIFFIN RUZICH

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

## Village of Orland Park In-Focus Debuts

There is a great deal of concern throughout the Orland Park community regarding the media reports of the tragic consequences of the use of heroin and other drugs by young people throughout the region. Village staff will continue to work collaboratively with community partners including the Orland Fire Protection District, Orland Township and the area school districts to maintain an open dialogue addressing this issue.

Ensuring that families are aware, understand the issue and have all of the support that we can provide will go a long way in limiting the impact of this issue in the Orland Park area.

The Orland Park Police Department remains on the front lines in this battle. Through the department's enforcement efforts, Chief McCarthy advises that investigators are actively working with other law enforcement agencies as well as the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to remain at the forefront of this problem that affects communities across the country.

Continuing its public education efforts, the Police Department and the village's Office of Public Information produced a series of cable television shows addressing different aspects of drug use in the community.

Three 30-40 minute segments are available for viewing on the village's government access cable channel with access via the village's website. These segments offer an open discussion with subject experts in the fields of addiction prevention, treatment and intervention.

The first segment addresses what is actually happening in our community. Participants include Police Chief Tim McCarthy; Orland Fire Chief Ken Brucki; Dr. Mark Netzel, Emergency Room Director at Palos Community Hospital and Dr. Silvio Morales, Emergency Room Director at Silver Cross Hospital.

Addiction prevention experts appeared in the second segment including Kathy

coordinator with the Rosecrance Treatment Center.

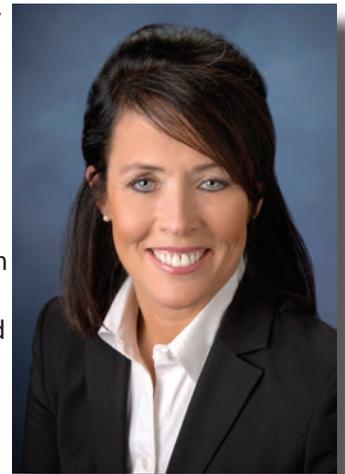
Two intervention experts participated in the third and final segment, offering insight

into where families turn when confronted with addiction. David Lee, interventionist and founder of Intervention Services, Inc. and Mike Loverde, president and founder of Family First Interventions appear in the third segment. The village extends its sincere appreciation to its guests for giving their time and expertise for the development of the series.

We believe it will be an informative and interesting series and hope that families take advantage of this opportunity to learn about heroin and drug use directly from these experts.

## Police Events

Thank you to everyone who came out for National Night Out at the Village Center on August 7. It was nice to see so many residents of all ages enjoy a great public safety oriented evening. Congratulations to the Police Department for yet another great Bike Ride for Special Olympics on August 26. The men and women of the OPPD do a great job with their support and fundraising for Special Olympics. Learn more about the Orland Park Police Department at the Citizens' Police Academy, September 4 through October 30. This free program will be held Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and is open to adults age 18 and older. Details are available on the village's website.



Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich



*Orland Park Deputy Police Chief Jerry Hughes (left) hosts "Village of Orland Park In-Focus - Community Drug Concerns." The second part of the series include a panel discussion with Kathleen Burke, CEO Robert Crown Center for Health Education; Mary Egan, MA, CADC, Community Relations Coordinator for Rosecrance Health Network; Kathy Passafiume, Clinical Director for Orland Township Youth and Family Services and Counselor Alison Bautcher from Orland Township Youth and Family Services.*

Passafiume and Alison Boutcher, director and counselor with the Orland Township Youth and Family Counseling Services, respectively; Kathleen Burke, CEO of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education; and Mary Egan, addiction counselor and community relations

## VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

# COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

by Mayor Dan McLaughlin

The Village of Orland Park partnered with the National Research Center, Inc. to conduct a scientific community wide survey. This company has extensive experience with surveys, having the largest database comprised of more than 500 jurisdictions in almost every state. A total of 27 Illinois communities were included in the national benchmark comparisons that were used to analyze Orland Park's results.

The National Citizen Survey is the premier citizen survey instrument and was collaboratively developed between the International City and County Management Association (ICMA) and the National Research Center, Inc.

The survey was sent to 3000 randomly selected households in the village, chosen from four different geographical areas of the community.

Overall, those surveyed are very proud of the Village of Orland Park. They're pleased with the direction the village is taking and they'd recommend Orland Park as a place to live and raise a family.

Survey participants did note areas of opportunity that the Village Board and staff are addressing. We appreciate residents' feedback as it helps us learn how you feel we can improve our community.

Complete results from the scientific survey are available in the Citizens Information Center on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us). And, those who weren't part of the scientific study had the opportunity to complete the survey on the website.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. We greatly appreciate your insight on how we can all work together to continue to make Orland Park one of the premier communities in the State of Illinois.



# QUALITY OF LIFE



The overall quality of life in the Village of Orland Park is rated as “much above the benchmark,” with 93% of respondents citing Orland Park as an “excellent” or “good” place to live. 91% of respondents would recommend Orland Park as a place to live to someone who asks, while 90% plan on remaining in Orland Park for the next five years.

Orland Park as a place to live	93%
Neighborhood as a place to live	92%
Overall quality of life in Orland Park	88%



Orland Park as a place to raise children	94%
Orland Park as a place to retire	67%



# DEVELOPMENT



**71%**

Quality of new development in Orland Park



**82%**

Overall appearance of Orland Park

The quality of new development in Orland Park is rated as “much above the benchmark” with 71% of respondents citing it as being “excellent” or “good.” The overall appearance of the Village of Orland Park is also rated “much above the benchmark” with 82% of respondents saying it is “excellent” or “good.”

# VILLAGE IMAGE



Overall image or reputation of Orland Park **84%**

The overall direction that Orland Park is taking **59%**

Questions regarding the public’s trust of village government were all rated “above the benchmark.” 84% of respondents feel that the overall image/reputation of the Village of Orland Park is “excellent” or “good.”



# PUBLIC SAFETY

Police services **90%**

Crime prevention **84%**



Safety services provided by the village are rated “much above the benchmark.” Police services and crime prevention are at the top, with 90% and 84% of respondents citing them as “excellent” or “good,” respectively.

# TRANSPORTATION

National Benchmark

Availability of paths and walking trails	69%	above
Ease of rail travel	69%	above
Ease of walking	59%	similar
Ease of bicycle travel	56%	above
Ease of car travel	41%	below

While traffic remains on the minds of residents, the village continues to proactively address transportation issues. Over the past 20 years, \$106 million in village funding for road engineering and construction has been spent. In addition, approximately \$200 million in state and local investment is slated over the next five years.





# LOCAL ECONOMY

Shopping opportunities	91%
Overall quality of businesses and service establishments	85%
Orland Park as a place to work	71%



Every economic sustainability factor is rated as “much above the benchmark.” 91% of respondents believe that shopping opportunities in Orland Park are “excellent” or “good” with 85% feeling the same way regarding the overall quality of businesses and service establishments.

The new 100+ businesses that have come to Orland Park over the last year include Berkot’s Super Foods and Whole Foods Market.

# ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Every environmental sustainability factor is rated “much above the benchmark.” 88% of respondents say they recycled used paper, cans or bottles from home at least once in the prior 12 months.



Quality of overall natural environment	81%
Preservation of natural areas such as open space, farmlands and greenbelts	79%



**88%** Recycled used paper, cans or bottles from home at least once in the prior year

# THE ARTS

The village’s cultural opportunities are rated as “much above the benchmark.”



Opportunities to attend cultural activities **63%**

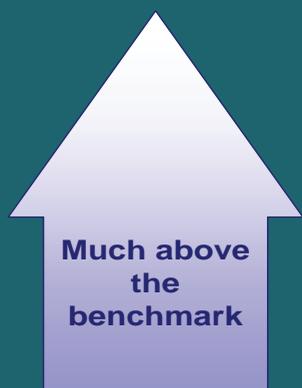


See the full results of the village’s Community Wide Survey in the Citizens Information Center at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

# PARKS & RECREATION

The village’s parks and recreation services are rated “much above the benchmark.” 93% of respondents cite village parks as “excellent” or “good,” while 84% of respondents feel likewise about recreation opportunities in the village.

Village of Orland Park Parks	93%
Recreation Department programs	88%
Village recreation centers or facilities (Sportsplex, Centennial Pool, etc.)	87%



**84%** recreation opportunities



# ADDITIONAL INPUT

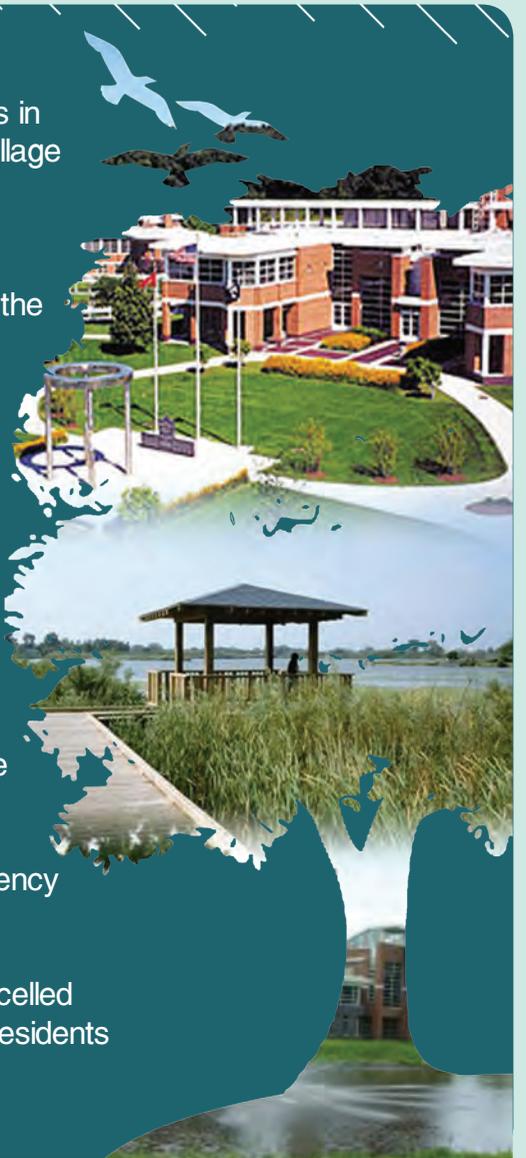
When asked to rate how important residents believe annual investments in municipal infrastructure (i.e. roads, water and sewer) should be to the Village of Orland Park over the next five years, 87% responded “essential” or “very important.”

Survey participants were told that 6 to 8% of their property taxes go to the Village of Orland Park. They were then asked if they thought the percentage that went to the village was “higher than” that, “lower than” that or “about that: prior to the survey. “Higher” was the response of 34% of those surveyed.

When asked to indicate how much of a source, if at all, the village newsletter and the local media are utilized to obtain information from the village, 93% of respondents cited both as being “major” sources of village information.

Resident respondents were asked to share the top three concerns of themselves and their families. They were also asked to identify the three most important priorities that the Village of Orland Park should address in the next two years. Issues and priorities noted included retail and economic development, safety/crime concerns, taxes/government efficiency and cost of living and traffic/road maintenance.

Overall, the National Citizen Survey results indicate that Orland Park excelled in the areas of police, customer service and quality of life. Participating residents asked village officials to look at traffic flow, transportation, economic development and civic engagement.



# RATED ABOVE

The overall quality of Village of Orland Park services is rated “above the benchmark” for community design, environmental sustainability, public safety, recreation and wellness, civic engagement and community inclusiveness.

In each of these categories the National Research Center, Inc. identified “key drivers” which indicate which service evaluations best predict how well the Village of Orland Park fared overall. Four key drivers were identified, all of which were rated “above the benchmark.” These included planning and zoning, preservation of natural areas, police services and public information.

This knowledge serves as a reliable indicator that the Village of Orland Park is performing above the national benchmark for the overwhelming majority of service areas and succeeding in its mission to provide an exceptional community for its residents and businesses.



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# OUTSTANDING YOUTH

In each issue of the *Orland Park Public*, Mayor McLaughlin is proud to recognize the youth of the community for their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to the “pride of our community” on their recent accomplishments.

Five young adults were honored at the June 4th Village Board meeting, recognized for their heroic efforts

to save a drowning man at Lake Sedgewick in Centennial Park on May 29th. Those receiving Village of Orland Park Life Saver Awards included **Albert Kulicz, Mackenzie Smith, Meghan Carmody, Andrea Dunn** and **Taylor Calzaretta.**



*Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin (right) and Police Chief Tim McCarthy (left) honored the five young adults who saved a drowning man at Lake Sedgewick on May 29th. Those receiving Village of Orland Park Life Saver Awards at the Monday, June 4th Village Board Meeting included (l to r) Meghan Carmody, Andrea Dunn, Mackenzie Smith, Albert Kulicz and Taylor Calzaretta.*

Mayor McLaughlin and the Village Board recently honored yet another championship team from Carl Sandburg High School, the state champion wrestling team. Sandburg won the Illinois High School Association 3A Dual Team State Championship for the 2011/12 school years. Congratulations to team members **Jim Pellegrino, Jim Panozzo, Sebastian Pique, John Pellegrino, Dan Garcia, Mitch Cook, Colin Holler, C.J. Brucki, Chris Pajak, Ricky Robertson, Joe Dominick, Billy Gore, Pat Halpin, Jerry Blake** and **Nate Sonneveld.**

Congratulations to last year's fifth grade students in Ms. Julie Harris's class at Orland Park's Kruse Education Center, winners of the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) Statewide Anti-Bullying Campaign Contest. The entire class received top honors in The Student Marketing Challenge, having submitted original artwork and slogans including posters and multi-media components.

The work was judged by teachers throughout the state who unanimously decided that the entire class's work was so good, they all deserved to win. The Kruse students' anti-bullying campaign will be part of a statewide

national anti-bullying month in October.

Winning students included **Nicholas Alvarez, Anwar Androun, Kayla Augdahl, Nicole Bargamian, Madison Ciesla, Matthew Cryan, Carter Dikkeboom, Evan Duncan, Marco Flores, Grace Gerst, Brendon Herrin, Kristopher Janicki, Katherine Kusper, Ahmad Monsour,**

**Stephanie Palider, Bayan Shuaibi** and **Morgan Zydlewski.**

Two Kruse students won the Illinois Principal Association “Outstanding Student Achievement Award.” Congratulations to **Evan Duncan** and **Katherine Kusper.**

**Sophia Jablonski**, from Central Middle School, received a community pride award for her participation in the Joffrey Ballet's presentation of "The Nutcracker."

**Colton Adamski**, while in fifth grade last school year at Meadow Ridge School, was accepted into the Illinois Art Education Association Student Art Show. A panel of judges chose 40 pieces of art from more than 500 throughout Illinois. Colton's artwork was professionally matted and framed and will be part of a statewide display.

The village brought back its **Student Government Day** to celebrate the village's 120th anniversary. Junior high students who live in the village were invited to write essays describing what they liked best about the village, with essays judged by members of the village's commissions.

Student Village Board members who served on May 22 included **Matt Hardt** (Jerling Junior High) filling the role of mayor. **Charlie Kane** (Century Junior High) served as Village Clerk. Trustee positions were filled by **Bob Burns** (Jerling), **Adam Harrington** (St. Michael) **Tommy Hayes** (Central Middle School), **Hanna Lowry** (Jerling Junior High), **Grace Wierus** (St. Michael), **Stephanie Garoufalas** (Orland Junior High). Village administrator positions were filled by **Marilyn Sedlak** (Orland Junior High) being village manager. **Nicole Al-Khoury** (St. Michael) was village attorney. **Dennis McCarthy** (St. Michael) and no relation to Police Chief Tim McCarthy was police chief with **Tianna Chlada** (Central Middle School) being the village's public information officer. **Jamie Zeiler** (Jerling) was public works director while **Will Davis** (Jerling) was director of finance. Orland Junior High students **Aislinn Mulvey** and **Libby Paulson** were directors of development services and parks, respectively. **Kristen Durkin** (St. Michael) served as director of recreation.

Congratulations to Sandburg's **Megan Von Borstel** and **Josh Skwarczyk**, Illinois High School Association Varsity Debate Champions. Megan was named captain of the All State Team, yet another distinguished honor.

Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383 created its ORLAND PARK GEOCHALLENGE 2012 as a community service initiative to help the village celebrate its 120th anniversary. The scouts chose 20 local landmarks, visited each to secure the GPS coordinates and created historical questions for participants to answer. Thank you to the scouts who created this living history tour of the village, including **Jack Barrett, Bob Burns, Will Davis, Steven Fechtner, Belal Jaber, J.T. Jakstavich, Tim Klotz, Mitchell Kramer, Jake Monnett, Colin Motzny, Jaden Mossman, Mark Mueller, Shane Murabito, Christopher Pearson, Joey Scuderi, Vince Scaravalle** and **Nate Sporleder.** Eight members of this troop also volunteered at the village's hosting of the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Ceremony, providing assistance for the hundreds of Korean War vets and guests who attended in the sweltering Memorial Day Weekend heat.

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# ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION

**Cumulative Savings Among  
Village of Orland Park Residents**  
\$7,450,000.00/year

**Single Family Household Savings**  
\$389.00/year

**Village of Orland Park Rate**  
4.823 ¢ per kWh

**ComEd Rate**

8.36 ¢ per kWh

**Savings vs ComEd**  
42.3 %

**Community Participation**  
96.8% of eligible

Village of Orland Park accounts enrolled in  
the program with a 3.2% opt-out rate

**Conversion Date**

Late July with first savings to be reflected on  
ComEd bills received late August-September

## Illinois Company Named Village's Energy Supplier

Voters in the Village of Orland Park approved a referendum on March 20, 2012 to procure lower cost electric supply. The Orland Park Board of Trustees voted to contract with Nordic Energy Services, LLC, an Illinois based company, as the village's energy supplier.

Residents will continue to receive only one bill from ComEd and it will include the electric supply charges from Nordic Energy Services, LLC. ComEd will continue to charge for delivering electricity. But the cost of the supply portion of the ComEd bill will significantly decrease. This is because of Illinois's deregulated energy market and new technologies that have lowered the cost of producing electricity.

Nordic Energy Services, LLC is an independently owned energy management firm certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission as an Alternate Retail Electric Supplier in the State of Illinois and is based in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Nordic has previous experience in a 2011 electrical aggregation program in Illinois.



### How can I enroll in the program?

You don't have to do anything if you have an eligible residential or small commercial electric account. You will be automatically enrolled unless you opt out.

### What is an eligible residential or a small commercial account?

Any village resident who is currently with ComEd and has not already switched to an Alternate Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) and who is not enrolled in a special Residential Real Time Pricing Program is eligible and small commercial accounts are eligible. Your address must be within the corporate limits of the Village of Orland Park.

### What if I don't want to participate?

You may opt out of the program at any time without penalty. All you need to do is call Nordic at (877) 808-1022.

### Are other municipalities doing this?

Yes, in 2011, 19 Illinois communities undertook an aggregation program and their residents have enjoyed savings off the ComEd rate for the past year. In 2012, nearly 250 additional Illinois municipalities passed referenda to contract for lower electric rates on behalf of residents and small commercial accounts. Several million residents will be enrolled in similar programs across the state.

### Will I get two bills, one from ComEd and another from the new supplier?

No, ComEd will continue to bill you for electric supply, delivery and taxes. ComEd delivers electricity and will continue to bill you for that but they no longer supply it. They will pass along the fees you pay for the supply of your energy to the new supplier. ComEd will retain the fees you pay them for delivery.

### Will that affect my ComEd service?

No, ComEd has not generated electricity since 2007. A government agency, the Illinois Power Agency, has contracted your electric supply for you. Now, you can choose a new supplier.

### Who do I call with service problems?

Continue to call ComEd with reports of outages or downed power lines at 1-800-EDISON-1. For questions about your supply, you can call the customer service number for Nordic, which will be listed under "Electric Supply Services" on your ComEd bill.

### Will someone come to my home to sign me up?

No, you need to do nothing to automatically be enrolled in the program. **If someone calls or visits your home claiming to be the village's power supplier, please report such activity to the Village Hall at 403-6150 or file a complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission at <http://www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint>.**

Residents should always be careful when people come to their doors. Demand identification and call the person's employer to verify who they are and why they're at your house. Do not let them into your home while you call. Have them wait on the porch and close and lock the door while you call.

### Does the energy supply include any renewable "green" energy sources?

Yes, 25% of your energy supply usage is represented by renewable "green" resources via the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). This covers 25% of your electric use. These renewable sources may include, but may not be exclusive to solar, wind, hydro and methane gas energy sources. RECs are certified credits for the actual production of renewable energy.

*See the full list of FAQs in the Citizens Information Center of the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).*

# VETERANS COMMISSION

It is with great pride that the Village of Orland Park salutes and thanks the men and women listed below as they bravely serve our great nation.

## WELCOME HOME

Daniel Gonzalez  
George Trikolos  
Michael Hudson  
Timothy Schmidt



## SERVING OVERSEAS

Denis Ryan  
Glenn Hurt, Jr.  
Ken Juhl  
Sean Kaspar  
Gabriele Miseviciute  
Robert Owens

To have your loved one's name added to this quarterly list, email the information to [gblummer@orland-park.il.us](mailto:gblummer@orland-park.il.us) or fax the information to 708/403-6204.

Families are invited to submit their loved ones' military photos for the village's Hometown Heroes Board in the lobby of the Village Hall. Call Gail 708/403-6203 for details.

## Military Family Support

The Village of Orland Park's Military Family Support group is open to anyone with a loved one serving in the military. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, call 708/403-6203.

## Military Care Packages

The Frederick T. Owens Village Hall and the village's Sportsplex continue to serve as drop off locations for Operation Support Our Troops America in Naperville. Items collected are included in care packages that are sent to deployed troops. Everyone is invited to contribute care package items, individuals, families, scout troops, church groups, civic organizations and more.

Care package items needed include medicated powder, breath mints, cough drops, crossword puzzles, dental floss, disposable razors, eye drops, fly paper, fly swatters, freezer bags, hand sanitizer, insect repellent, lip balm, moisture cream, multi-vitamins, pens, shave cream, sun block, toilet paper, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste tubes, vacuum-sealed foods and white tube socks.

## Operation Welcome Home

The village's Veterans Commission continues to offer services to help welcome home Orland Park men and women returning from military deployments. Contact Veterans Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203 as soon as you know when your loved one will be returning to Orland Park.

## Forever Remember Your Veteran

Each Memorial and Veterans Day, the village's Veterans Commission, Mayor Dan McLaughlin announces the names of veterans whose names have been added to the granite wall surrounding Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, "Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace." The \$250 cost to add a veteran's name covers the cost of engraving and maintenance of the village's memorial. For more information, call Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at (708) 403-6203. October 10, 2012 is the last day to add a veteran's name for the ceremony planned for Veterans Day, November 11, 2012.

## ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

*Dedicated to the memory of William R. Vogel*

14750 South Ravinia Avenue  
708/403-6200

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[civic@orland-park.il.us](mailto:civic@orland-park.il.us)  
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Whether you're planning a sales conference, training seminar, wedding reception, reunion, sporting event, trade show or private party, the Orland Park Civic Center offers an attractive setting in which to showcase your event.

The Civic Center staff is available to assist in party and event planning. A list of caterers, event planners, entertainment, accommodations is available.

The Exhibition Hall is a spacious column-free room that comfortably seats up to 225 guests for dinner and 400 for meeting, seminars, training sessions and more.

The Jane Barnes Annex seats 125 guests for dinner or meeting space for 25 to 200. The annex can be divided to accommodate two smaller gatherings.

The Outdoor Terrace is an open air balcony overlooking a scenic reflecting pond and outdoor amphitheater.

The Grand Hall is adjacent to the Exhibition Room. It is an open area that is perfectly suited for exhibits, buffets or receiving lines.

Rental fees include a service kitchen facility and tables and chairs arranged to your specifications. All rentals require a security deposit dependent on attendance. Liquor is permitted to be served at private parties. A liquor license is required for fundraising organizations. DJ's and caterers are permitted.

# POLICE VIDEO SERIES DEBUTS

## “Village of Orland Park InFocus”

### Addresses Drug Use

The Orland Park Police Department has taken its public education efforts to television. On Friday, August 17, the department hosted a preview of its recently produced television program series, “Village of Orland Park – In Focus,” addressing community drug concerns.

“Recent news stories have focused on the growing use of drugs and the number of fatal drug overdoses among young adults across the country,” said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

“Heroin use in the community has been a top priority for the Orland Park Police Department for the last several months,” the mayor said.

“The Police Department’s video series is another facet of the village’s continuing efforts to battle this problem,” the mayor said.

Moderated by Orland Park Police Deputy Chief Jerry Hughes, the series includes three panel discussions with area experts from different facets of drug use prevention.

“The Police Department brought in the experts who know firsthand what’s happening in the region,” said Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich, chair of the village’s Public Safety Committee. “This series provides an open discussion in the fields of addiction prevention, treatment and intervention. We want families to be aware, understand the issue and have access to the support that they need,” she added.

The first segment addresses what is actually happening in the south suburban area with participants including Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy; Orland Fire Protection District Chief Ken Brucki; Dr. Mark Netzel, Emergency Room Director at Palos Community Hospital; and Dr. Silvio Morales, Emergency Room Director at Silver Cross Hospital.

“The Orland Park Police Department remains on the front lines of this battle,” said Chief Tim McCarthy.

“We maintain active communication with area government groups as well as other law enforcement agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Agency,” the chief said.

Addiction prevention experts participated in the second segment, including Kathy Passafiume and Alison Boutcher, director and counselor with the Orland Township Youth and Family Counseling Services, respectively; Kathleen Burke, CEO of the Robert Crown Center for Health Education; and Mary Egan, addiction counselor and community relations coordinator with the Rosecrance Treatment Center. Two intervention experts participated in the third and final segment, offering insight into where families turn when confronted with addiction. David Lee, interventionist and founder of Intervention Services, Inc. and Mike Loverde, president and founder of Family First Interventions appear in the third segment.



*Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin welcomes attendees to the Police Department’s screening of its television production, “Village of Orland Park InFocus - Community Drug Concerns.” The poignant, three-part series airs on the village’s government access cable channel and can be found on the village’s YouTube channel and website.*

“We were able to gather some of the top people in the area to address this issue,” Hughes said. “We are grateful for their time and for the expertise that they shared in our panel discussions. This is a thought provoking series that we invite parents to watch so that they’re aware of what’s happening,” he added.

In addition to its cable television series, the Orland Park Police Department piloted a new program last spring called, “DARE Booster.” Strictly an

Orland Park initiative, this program reinforces the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance in Education) program received in fifth or sixth grades to all eighth grade students in the village.

“Our DARE Booster Program brings some very direct information about drugs and an emphasis on prescription drug abuse, opiates and in particular, heroin,” McCarthy said. “The officers also review the DARE themes of positive activities, decision making and avoiding unreasonable risks,” said Hughes, who served as the village’s first DARE officer in 1987.

“Village of Orland Park In Focus – Community Drug Concerns” will air daily at 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the village’s government access channels, Orland Park Comcast Channel 4 and A T & T U-Verse Channel 99. The series is also available on the village’s YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark](http://www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark). McLaughlin added, “The village remains committed to battling this issue and I congratulate the Police Department for its public education efforts. We invite everyone to watch the series and hear what the experts have to say.”



**“Village of Orland Park inFocus”  
Community Drug Concerns**  
Daily at 10am, 4pm, 7pm and 11pm  
Orland Park Comcast Channel 4 &  
A T & T U-Verse Channel 99  
throughout the Chicago area.  
[www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark](http://www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark).

## Loebe Recreation Center Remembers Longtime Village Treasurer

Franklin E. Loebe (pronounced Lay-bee) served as Orland Park's village treasurer for 65 years, from 1929 until he retired in 1994.

The name Loebe has been synonymous with Orland Park since the Loebe Brothers General Store opened at 14314 Union Avenue on January 2, 1898. The late Franklin E. Loebe, for whom the Recreation Center is named, served as village treasurer from 1929 until he retired in 1994.

Franklin was born April 18, 1906, the day of the great San Francisco earthquake. He walked a block to the grammar school on 143rd Street. "It was a two room school house with a cement porch," he recalled, adding that class pictures were taken on the porch. "There was a big room and a little room," he said, noting that this building too still stands. For high school, Loebe took a daily train to Englewood High, located at 61st and Stewart on Chicago's south side.

In 1924, Loebe enrolled at Northwestern University to study business and accounting. He played in the university band during the falls of '24 and '25. As Franklin helped provide the music in 1925, Notre Dame's Four Horsemen were on the field, coached by Knute Rockne. Loebe saw history in the making as this was one of the first games played at Chicago's Soldier Field. He returned home before finishing his degree to help with the family store because his father took ill.

Although Loebe wasn't officially a member of the Orland Park Volunteer Fire Department until 1929, he began pulling the department's hose cart in 1926. Many volunteers weren't in town during the day, instead "working as car knockers down on Western Avenue, repairing freight cars," Loebe explained.

In the late 1920s, the fire bell was located in the Village Hall/Fire Station on Beacon Avenue. "There was an upstairs meeting room which had an old hot blast stove and the fire department was downstairs," Loebe said.



*Franklin Loebe, who served as Orland Park's village treasurer for 65 years, addressed well wishers at his August 1, 1994 retirement celebration. In the background are the late Trustee Bill Vogel (left) and current Trustee Kathy Fenton.*

When the fire bell rang, Loebe and Fire Chief Jack Hellenhouse, the local barber, would hop into Loebe's pick up truck and race to the fire house. "Everybody who was in town would go to help out," Franklin recalled. The men would sit on the open tailgate of Loebe's pickup, pulling the hose cart behind them. While Franklin never "lost" a passenger, he did take a few turns too fast one time. "They got off with their fists up," he remembered, describing one frantic drive to a fire. Firefighters weren't paid when Loebe served, although they did get "a dollar per call to have their trousers cleaned."

Franklin Loebe was asked to serve as treasurer in 1929 by newly elected Mayor Ralph Jennings. Walking over to the railroad depot where Loebe and some friends were talking, Jennings asked the 23 year old Franklin if he would accept the position.

His academic background and experience with the family business gave Loebe the skills required for the position. And, his owning one of the few adding machines in town was an added plus. Loebe was the ideal choice to replace then Treasurer Archibald Kay, the depot agent for the Wabash Railroad and village treasurer for many years.

Not wanting to take another man's job, Franklin was hesitant until learning that Kay no longer wanted the position. When he was named Orland Park's treasurer in 1929 the village was home to 450 people had a yearly budget of \$6,000. In the early days, Loebe was charged with keeping the ledgers and preparing the annual reports. He would do the village's books on Sundays while working at the family's general store on Union Avenue.

"There wasn't much to do then," Loebe described during the village's 1992 Centennial Celebration. "The village had two funds with receipts on one page and expenses on the other," he remembered, "All I had to do was subtract and hope there was enough money to cover the expenses."

The Board of Trustees would meet every six months to audit the books, gathering in Loebe's Store in order to use the adding machine, a hand cranked Victor. The elected officials would compare the amount of money that the village clerk took in with what Loebe had deposited in the bank.

Earning a salary of 2% of the disbursements or about \$100 a year, Loebe's annual pay was considered "big money." Men working on the railroad earned \$30 a month, installing and maintaining the tracks. The Village Clerk earned \$75 a year while the trustees were each paid \$50.

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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Do Not Rake Leaves Into The Street

Leaf pickup generally begins in mid October and will follow the schedule shown below for each day of the week, weather permitting. Because of disposal restrictions, the Leaf Pick Up Program cannot extend past November 30. The final pick up date for each subdivision is listed. The best way to dispose of leaves in Orland Park is to use Kraft biodegradable bags because the village leaf pick ups are completely dependent on the weather.

### MONDAYS

Old Orland, Tuckaway, Orland Hills Gardens, El Cameno  
(Last pick-up date Mon, Nov 26)

### TUESDAYS

Fairway, Maycliff, Silver Lake West, Country Club Estates  
(Last pick-up date Tues, Nov 27)

### WEDNESDAYS

Villa West, Villa D'Este, Clearview, Heritage Estates  
(Last pick-up date Wed, Nov 28)

### THURSDAYS

Teebrook, Catalina, OrlandBrook, Golfview Areas  
(Last pick-up date Thurs, Nov 29)

### FRIDAYS

Miscellaneous areas in, i.e., Ishnala, Wedgewood etc.  
(Last pick-up date Fri, Nov 30)

There will be no parkway leaf pick-up after November 30. Refer to the schedule above to determine the last day for pick up in your subdivision.

Raking leaves into the street is strictly prohibited. Homes where leaves are found raked into the street will be ticketed.

The village's equipment is designed to pick up leaves from the parkways. Leaves raked to the street block storm sewers resulting in street flooding. Homes where leaves are found to be raked into the street will be ticketed as appropriate. Leaf bag and yard waste cart pickup by Waste Management ends November 30.

## Fall Clean Up Returns

The Village of Orland Park will hold its annual Fall Clean Up Campaign in cooperation with Waste Management of the South Suburbs on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 25, 26 and 27, 2012.**

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 25 and Friday, October 26, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All disposed materials must be placed inside of the dumpster and not along side the dumpster. Construction and other hazardous materials are prohibited. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

## Public Works' Top Ten Snow Tips

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

## Winterizing Reduces Costs

Preventative maintenance before the setting chill of winter prevents a lot of frustration and expensive repairs. Taking a few minutes outside can keep aggravation to a minimum.



Residents with Lawn Sprinkler Systems that are equipped with an RPZ Valve (Reduced Backflow Pressure Valve) should remove the valve before winter to prevent freezing and subsequent breakage.

Once the RPZ Valve is removed, drain all of the water from it and store the valve in a heated area. In the spring, be sure to have the RPZ Valve retested once it has been reinstalled.

Another timely tip is to remove the garden hose from the outside frost-proof spigot. Leaving the hose connected prevents all of the water from draining, making the spigot vulnerable to freezing and breaking.

Residents with homes without frost-proof spigots must close the interior valves in the basement or crawl space,

followed by opening the spigot, allowing it to drain properly.

Homes with floor drains with P-Traps located in areas that are subject to freezing, i.e., unheated garages or area ways, should add a small amount of automobile antifreeze or salt brine solution to the P-Trap.

Those with above-ground or in-ground swimming pools...if you haven't already... should be sure to drain down the pool heater and turn off the gas. Be sure to also drain down the pool's filter and pump.

Orland Park residents with boats and campers that have seen the final days of summer should be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for winterizing.

Village of Orland Park Arts Commission

## DANCE CHICAGO

Saturday, November 3, 2012 • 7:30 p.m.

Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT REC ADMIN • 14650 SOUTH RAVINIA

\$15/Students & Seniors

\$20/Adults

## West Nile Virus Prevention

West Nile Virus activity is widespread in Cook and DuPage Counties in Illinois and the risk of the disease remains strong.

West Nile Virus is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes. The best way to prevent it is to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

- Minimize time spent outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are the most active.
- When outside between dusk and dawn, wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing that includes long pants, long-sleeved shirts, socks and shoes.
- Apply insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus to exposed skin and clothing.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight fitting screens.
- Remove containers that may hold water to eliminate standing water which serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, i.e., discarded tires, cans, ceramic pots.
- Change water in bird baths at least once per week, and drain and replace water in children's backyard wading pools every four to five days.
- Make sure that rain gutters, downspouts, swimming pools and pool covers are free of standing water.
- Keep grass and weeds cut short to eliminate hiding places for adult mosquitoes.

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

## OUTSTANDING YOUTH

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Mayor McLaughlin presented an Orland Park Community Pride Award to **Holly Chudzik** who competed in the Region 5 (five states) Gymnastics Competition, winning a first place medal in the vault event.

Carl Sandburg Senior **Ashley Fox** was honored at a Village Board meeting for her photography having won a Gold Key Award for the Scholastic Regional Competition and winning the Gold Medal at the national level. Winning a gold key placed Fox's work in the top seven to ten percent with a gold medal being an extreme national honor.

Drama students from Sandburg were invited to perform in the Edinburgh Fringe Theater Festival in Scotland. Participants included **Pat Kelly, Morgan Kelly, Robert Kelly, Mishari Zambrano, Annelis Kennedy-Cunningham, Robert Fournier, Anna Robertson, Rachel Burnison, Anthony Medina, Ryan Fish, Dean Papadapolous, Alyssa Zaczek, Destiny Strothers, Kathryn Joost** and **Lauren Brouwers**.

A number of Sandburg students were honored at the Illinois Association of SkillsUSA Conference in Springfield last spring. Placing among the top three statewide for cabinet making and diesel equipment technology were **Ryan Bulthuis** and **Gregory Krupa**, respectively. Other Sandburg honorees included **Bradley Farrahi, Bryan Kincaid, Brendan McWilliams, Ryan Novak, Dat Nguyen, Mike Kelly, Ryan Jedloe, Brendan Flynn** and **Giovanni Valencia**.

Sandburg Class of 2012 left its mark in the record books, having seven National Merit Commended Students; three National Merit Scholarship Recipients; 221 advanced placed scholars, a national champion cheerleading squad, 10-All State Athletes, state champion wrestling team, state champion bowler, state champion debate team and state champion cheerleaders.

*To share your child's regional, state or national achievements, send an email to [publicinfooffice@orland-park.il.us](mailto:publicinfooffice@orland-park.il.us).*

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Franklin married Dorothea Wolske in 1942 and they lived in the apartment above the General Store, moving to his parents' Union Avenue home in 1974. The Loebes had two daughters, Nancy Ruth Hessler and Priscilla Ann Loebe. In 1961, Loebe sold his portion of the family business to his brother Stuart, a longtime member of the village's Plan Commission. He moved the village's ledgers to his house and returned to school to complete his accounting degree, without which Loebe doubted he could have kept up with the rapid growth the village had experienced.

Loebe's home served as the Treasurer's Office for the next eighteen years. Forty years after having accepted the position, in 1969, Loebe was given an office in the old Beacon Avenue Village Hall. In 1979, Loebe's 50 years in government were described in a Chicago Tribune article where he said, "It was nothing but a farming community when I was a boy. Farmers would stop off at the creamer and then they would do a little shopping and then go home. The things I liked about it was the smallness and we knew everybody all those years."

Along with being a volunteer firefighter for the then Orland Park Volunteer Fire Department, Loebe served on the boards for the Orland Park United Methodist Church and Orland School District 135. He served as treasurer for the Orland Park Cemetery for 20 years.

In January, 1990, the late Mayor Fred Owens and the Board of Trustees thanked Loebe for his six decades of service by naming the newly constructed recreation center in his honor. "They passed it on a Monday night and Mayor Owens couldn't wait to come in the next day to tell me," Loebe said. His office in the Village Hall overlooked the building named for him. "I think they gave me that office so I could look out and keep an eye on things," he added, chuckling.

In 1992, 63 years since Loebe was named treasurer in 1929, the Treasurer's Office oversaw 24 village accounts and funds. "Before the installation of the computer, for 50 years, I kept all of the records in ledgers and recorded each one with the same pen. That pen was a gift from my father. It cost \$15," Loebe said, adding, "I was quite proud when he gave it to me."

When Loebe retired in 1994, he held an unofficial Illinois record for length of municipal service and the village's population was 50,000. Orland Park Mayor Daniel McLaughlin presented an ornate proclamation and a key to the village from the Village Board before reading letters from well wishers, offering their congratulations. President Bill Clinton penned his regards, as did U.S. Senators, Congressmen, the governor and state legislators.

Loebe served under six mayors, two acting mayors and countless trustees. Faces from Orland Park's past smiled in the audience as Orland Park bid a fond farewell to one of its own. Among the well wishes was retired Mayor Melvin Doogan, who as mayor of Orland Park for twenty years and as a trustee for fourteen, served with Loebe the longest.

Franklin Loebe died on Friday, January 30, 2004 of pneumonia at the age of 97. Dorothea died two years later 2006.

When school groups would tour the new Village Hall, students were always excited to meet the man for whom the Recreation Center was named. Young Orland Park residents looked at Loebe in awe upon hearing how long he had worked for the village. Looking back on his 65 year tenure, Loebe cited the construction of Orland Square Shopping Mall, the village being served by Lake Michigan Water and the Recreation Center named in his honor as career highlights. However, it took a child to put his accomplishments into perspective. He recalled smiling, "During one tour, when a little girl laid down a piece of paper and asked for my autograph, I knew I had arrived."

# WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

## TRUSTEE FENTON

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### Business Retention & Expansion Program

The village has a strong Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Program that has existed for many years. This year, we are supplementing these efforts through a partnership with the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce (OPACC). The village will be partnering

Local Orland Park businesses that would like to be visited, should contact Development Services at 708/403-5300.

### Downtown Orland Park

Construction is in full swing in the downtown area. The parking garage for the Ninety7Fifty project is complete and the foundation for the buildings has been installed. Utility work is underway and the exterior walls of the residential buildings are rising. Within the next few months, the pictures of the project will become a reality.

The village has retained Tim Blum, with HSA, to market future phases of the commercial areas. Tim successfully redeveloped Orland Park

Place into the great success that it is.

Finally, the Ravinia Avenue north extension into the downtown area is almost complete and the traffic signal at 142rd and Ravinia Avenue has been installed and is operational. The north leg of this intersection will continue to be used as a construction entrance until early next year.

Visit [www.downtownop.com](http://www.downtownop.com) and click on the Main Street area to view the camera feed that is historically documenting the construction. See past and current pictures of the construction site on a daily basis. Those interested in leasing an apartment should visit [www.ninety7fifty.com](http://www.ninety7fifty.com).

## May, 2012 to August, 2012

Blissful Banana

15447 94th Avenue

Met Life

15341 94th Avenue, Ste. 101

Shelly Skas, MA, LCPC

15127 73rd Avenue

AEMMA Technology Solutions, Inc.

16308 107th Avenue

J & H Superior Maintenance

15630 70th Court

Scott Neil State Farm Insurance

7846 159th Street

Drug Center Pharmacy

10 Orland Square Drive

Farmer's Insurance

9721 165th Street

Dr. H. Henry Abusharif

9611 165th Street

M & T Auto Repair, Inc.

15619 70th Court

Affordable Dentures

15800 Harlem Avenue

Dr. Riad Alzein Medical Office

10 Orland Square Drive

Pure Core Nutrition

15880 LaGrange Road

RoccoVino's Italian Restaurant

11255 W. 143rd Street

The Great Escape

15852 LaGrange Road

Children of America

16124 LaGrange Road

Natural Healing Centers, Inc.

8600 W. 159th Street

Fox Head

818 Orland Square Drive

Kutom & Associates

14475 John Humphrey Drive

IFIXANDREPAIR, LLC

564 Orland Square Drive

Mackey's Pub

9400 W. 143rd Street

Masr New Era

16350 105th Court

Blue Wave Arts, LLC

11535 183rd Place, Ste. 120

TCBY Frozen Yogurt

14658 LaGrange Road

Berkot's Super Foods

11333 W. 159th Street



*The Cheesecake Factory will be located at the 149th Street and LaGrange Road entrance of Orland Square. The 11,000 square foot restaurant with an expanded outdoor dining area will open in winter, 2012.*

with OPACC to conduct personal BRE visits with businesses in the community. It is anticipated that 60 visits will be completed by the end of this year. The goals of BRE program are to:

- Demonstrate Orland Park's appreciation for its existing businesses
- Identify and respond to specific requests of the business community.
- Provide information about available programs and services
- Learn and analyze local business needs, trends and attitudes of the business community
- Promote Orland Park as a good place to do business
- Introduce village and OPACC staff to the business community
- Retain jobs and grow the economic base

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18	Open Lands Golf Outing
September 22	Camp Beneath the Stars
September 23	Fallen Heroes' Traveling Wall
September 23	Veterans Steak Fry
September 28-30	Orland Park Theatre Troupe's "The Nerd"
October 6	The Great Pumpkin Party
October 9	Voter Registration Closes
October 12	Last day to add vets' names for Veterans Day
October 15	Early Voting Begins
October 21	34th Annual Orland Open Spelling Bee
October 22-26	Sportsplex Senior Week
November 1	Early Voting Closes
November 3	Special Recreation Garage Sale
November 3	Arts Commission's "Dance Chicago"
November 6	Presidential Election
November 10	Special Recreation Garage Sale
November 11	Veterans Day Ceremony
November 17	Kids' Turkey Trot
November 18	Sportsplex Turkey Shoot Out
November 22	Annual Turkey Trot
November 25	Winter Fest & Mayor's Tree Lighting
December 12 & 17	Santa's Calling
December 13, 14, 15	Theatre Troupe's "A Christmas Carol"
December 13	Winter Wonderland

Information included here is subject to change.

Call 708/403-6140 for more information.

Details appear on the village's website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

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 708/403-6100  
 Monday-Friday • 8am -5pm  
 Cashier • Open until 7pm 1st & 3rd Mon  
[www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us)

**ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 15100 South Ravinia Avenue  
 708/349-4111 (non-emergency)  
 DIAL 9-1-1 FOR POLICE, FIRE OR  
 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE  
 VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK.

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 14600 South Ravinia Avenue  
 708/403-PARK  
 Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center  
 14650 South Ravinia Avenue  
 Village of Orland Park Sportsplex  
 11351 West 159th Street  
 708/645-PLAY  
 Cultural Arts Center  
 14750 Park Lane  
 708/349-1402  
 Robert Davidson Center  
 14700 Park Lane  
 708/403-6361  
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 708/403-6290  
 Call for field conditions and to learn  
 if outdoor practices, games and  
 programs are canceled or  
 changed because of inclement weather.

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 708/403-6350  
 PACE Bus Service  
 708/403-6355

**ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER**  
 William R. Vogel Memorial  
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue  
 708/403-6200

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**VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK VETERANS COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL STEAK FRY**  
 for Orland Park Veterans  
**ILLINOIS PATRIOT GUARD**  
 Fallen Hero Traveling Wall  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**  
**ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER • 14750 SOUTH RAVINIA AVENUE**  
 1:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Buy tickets @ Village Hall Display free & open to public  
**Details at 708/403-6203.**

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