

## Village of Orland Park Spring News/Calendar Items

*The following releases appear in date order.*

### **U.S. Census to Host Questionnaire Assistance Centers in Orland Park**

Questionnaires for the 2010 U.S. Census are scheduled to arrive by mail in mid-March. The U.S. Census Bureau will host questionnaire assistance centers in Orland Park, **March 19 to April 19**. Census staff will be stationed at the Orland Park Public Library, 14800 Ravinia Avenue, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Census personnel will be at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Residents with questions about their census forms will find census representatives at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Further information about this nationwide decennial census is available by calling 1-800-923-8282 or at [www.2010.census.gov](http://www.2010.census.gov).

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### **Orland Park Recreation Offers Fencing**

Fencing is the thrilling sound of steel meeting steel and it doesn't involve chain link. The Orland Park Recreation Department will again offer fencing for those age six and older. Learn to acquire the reflexes of a boxer, the legs of a high jumper and the concentration of a tournament chess player. Fencing is offered at the Orland Park Cultural Center on Friday evenings, **March 19 through May 7**. The cost is \$114 for residents and \$171 for non-residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/403-7275.

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### **Orland Park Special Recreation Garage Sale Goes Two Days**

The Village of Orland Park Special Recreation Program will hold its semi-annual Spring Garage Sale on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. Vendor tables are sold out for Saturday but not for Sunday. Table rentals are \$22 each and vendors keep their profits. Admission and parking are free for what is one of the largest indoor garage sales in the region. Sunday table rentals are available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue, or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/403-7275.

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### **Free Orland Park Workshop: Growing Smart Vegetables**

The Orland Park Recreation Department will host "Smart Vegetables: Organic Steps From Seed to Salad" on **Saturday, March 20** from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The free workshop will be held in Room 109 of the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. There is no better path to great nutrition and taste than growing your own vegetables and herbs. Backyard vegetables have more nutrients than store-bought varieties, they boast superior taste, they aren't compromised by pollutants and pesticides and they are less expensive than the local grocery. Grow the ten easiest vegetables and herbs on the planet and begin your own neighborhood fresh vegetable co-op. Pre-register by calling 708/403-7275.

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### **Skyhawks Basketball Camp to Be Held At Orland Park Sportsplex**

Skyhawks Sports teaches fundamental skills that all athletes, regardless of their skill levels, need to succeed. The Orland Park Recreation Department will hold its Skyhawks Spring Break Basketball Camp March 22 to March 26. Coaches will lead participants through game speed drills and exercises, focusing on ball handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. Details appear on page 59 of the Recreation Department's

Spring/Summer 2010 Program Guide. For more information, call the village's Sportsplex at 645-7529.

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### **Getting Grammar Schoolers Ready for Baseball Season**

The Orland Park Recreation Department will again offer its On Deck Spring Baseball Camp during the area schools' spring breaks, **March 23 and March 25**. Players of all levels, ages six to twelve, will work on hitting, bunting, outfielding, pitching, catching and base running. The cost is \$76 for residents, \$114 for non-residents and \$71 for Sportsplex members. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/645-7529.

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### **“Cooking For Kids” Includes Table Manners, Set Up and Cooking**

Children ages four to ten are invited to learn more about culinary arts. The Orland Park Recreation Department is offering “Cooking for Kids” in its spring line up. Participants will prepare delicious dishes, learn table manners and how to display foods with beautiful set up techniques. Two sessions are available, **March 23 to April 20 or April 27 to May 25**. The class meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the village's Cultural Center. The cost is \$62.00 for residents and \$93.00 for residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/403-7275.

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### **Orland Park to Host Annual “Lucky Easter Egg Hunt”**

The Village of Orland Park will hold its annual “Lucky Easter Egg Hunt” on **Saturday, March 27** at 10:00 a.m. at Centennial Park, 15600 West Avenue. Free and open to children ages three to ten, the event includes the Easter Bunny arriving by fire truck, compliments of the Orland Fire Protection District. The hunt for lucky eggs and candy is divided according to age categories on the baseball fields. The hunt is held rain or shine

and participants should bring their own containers to collect eggs. Prizes for lucky eggs will be awarded after the hunt. This event is co-sponsored by Central Credit Union of Illinois. For more information, call 708/403-7275.

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### **Orland Park To Observe Earth Hour**

The Village of Orland Park will join municipalities and organizations across the country and will observe “Earth Hour” on **Saturday, March 27, 2010** from 8:30 p.m. to 9: 30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to turn off the lights in their homes while officials extinguish the lights in landmark buildings in a unified call for action on climate change. More than 50 million people turned off their lights for Earth Hour 2009, with lights going out in the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Coliseum in Rome and the Sydney Opera House.

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### **Orland Park Recreation Department Offers Children’s Chorus**

The Orland Park Recreation Department has added a new program to its spring/summer repertoire. The Music Connection will lead the new offering, “Children’s Chorus,” for youngsters ages five to eleven. Three sessions are offered for the program that will meet weekly on Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. with the first session beginning **April 3**. Participants will learn singing basics with sound repertoire selected for young voices. Those enrolling must be able to read printed words and the chorus will meet at the village’s Cultural Center. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$90 for non-residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village’s Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/645-7529.

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### **T-Ball Season Begins in Orland Park**

Spring is right around the corner and the Orland Park Recreation Department is getting ready for the warmer weather ahead. Youngsters wanting to learn baseball fundamentals before moving onto the big leagues may enroll in Spring Outdoor T-Ball, offered for

those ages five to seven. This co-ed program is led by volunteer coaches and includes two weeks of practices and three weeks of games. Parent volunteers are needed to help with the program that will be offered **April 5 through May 5**. The cost is \$55 for residents and \$83 for non-residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/645-7529.

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### **Free Orland Park Workshop: Dollars and Sense - Spend Less Green for More Green**

Want a Ferrari garden on a Saturn budget? Tough financial times call for smart spending without breaking the bank. The Orland Park Recreation Department is hosting a free workshop, "Dollars and Sense: Spend Less Green for More Green" on **Saturday, April 10** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 109 of the Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Change how you think about your landscape by adding perennials and natives, splitting and sharing plants, buying from local vendors and using natural and organic products. Recover dollars and 'sense' and save the planet, too. Pre-register by calling 708/403-7275.

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### **Free Orland Park Workshop: Smart Plants, Smart Gardens**

Today's gardens and landscapes are full of wonder and breathtaking to view. More importantly, they use plants and shrubs that improve our fragile eco-systems. They aren't always manicured and tidy and they take some getting used to. Journey with the Prairie Godmothers as they explain the new wave of perennial plantings and garden designs that are easy to love...if you give them a chance! The Orland Park Recreation Department will host this free workshop on **Saturday, May 22** in the exhibition hall of the village's Cultural Center, 14760 Park Lane, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 708/403-7275.

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### **Digital Photography & Photo Fundamentals Offered in Orland Park**

Photographer Laurie Piton will lead two photography programs for the Orland Park Recreation Department, Digital Photography and Photo Fundamentals. Two levels of both photography courses are available for those ages sixteen and older. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Class details can be found on page 36 of the Spring/Summer Program Guide or by calling the Recreation Department at 708/645-7529.

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### **Adult Dance Classes Fill Orland Park Recreation Repertoire**

The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department is offering a number of dance classes tailored for adults. The Couples Dance Program includes offerings in wedding dance and the first and second levels of ballroom dancing. Tony Ziegler teaches the adult dance classes. Country Line Dancing is offered on Tuesdays and Fridays with a number of sessions being offered at the village's Sportsplex beginning in **early April**. Sessions and costs vary for both. See page 32 of the Recreation Department's Spring/Summer Program Guide for details or call 708/645-PLAY.

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### **Learn To Play Chess Like A Champ**

Dr. Mikhail Korenman, director of the Karpov Chess School, will again share his love of chess with the Orland Park community. The Orland Park Recreation Department will offer instructional chess with Dr. Korenman on Wednesday evenings, **April 14 to June 30**. Two age levels are available and the cost for each is \$152 for residents and \$227 for non-residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/403-7275.

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### **Veteran Piper Teaches Bagpipes in Orland Park**

Veteran Bagpiper Terry McHugh will return to the Orland Park Cultural Center, teaching the Recreation Department's bagpipe classes. Students learn on a practice chanter in the program that is offered for those age ten through adult. Classes are held on Thursdays

with two sessions available, **April 15 to July 1 and July 15 to September 30**. Each class is limited to twelve participants. Registration is \$87 for residents and \$131 for non-residents. Students needing to purchase the \$70 chanter must let the recreation staff known when registering. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/645-7529.

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### **Men's Twelve Inch Softball Forming in Orland Park**

The Orland Park Recreation Department is offering Men's Twelve Inch Softball during its spring and summer session, **April 25 to July 18**. Games are played on Sundays beginning at 4:30 p.m. and run on the hour. Each team will play at least nine games with everyone making the playoffs. Detailed information packets are available for the league that is open to those age eighteen and older. Two types of play are available, competitive or recreational. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

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### **Orland Park to Host Summer Chess Camp**

The Orland Park Recreation Department is offering Summer Chess Camp for players of all levels of experience who want to improve their games. Campers will be evaluated the first day to chart their progress and will then be grouped according to skill level. Dr. Mikhail Korenman, director of the Karpov Chess School, will lead the camp that will be held Monday through Friday, **June 21 to June 25 and again July 5 to July 9**. The cost is \$126 for residents and \$192 for non-residents. Registration is available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or at the village's Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call 708/403-7275 or 708/645-7529.

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### **Language In Action Leads Spanish Programs in Orland Park**

The Orland Park Recreation Department is offering a host of Spanish classes during the spring and summer months. Language In Action will present its specially designed program that introduces children to Spanish through fun and educational activities. Class

times and costs vary with classes being available for those as young as nine months through students in fifth grade. Details may be found on page 37 of the department's Spring/Summer Program Guide. For more information, call 708/645-7529.