

Winter Recreation Program Guide Mailed In November 24th “Orland Park Prairie”

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department’s Winter 2011 Program Guide will be delivered in the November 24th edition of the “Orland Park Prairie Newspaper.”

The guide to the village’s recreation programs includes activities tailored for all ages, from little ones on up to seniors.

“The village has partnered with 22nd Century Media to save on the cost of mailing the guide by itself,” said Trustee Pat Gira, chair of the village’s Recreation, Parks and Environmental Initiatives Committee.

“The Recreation Department’s Winter Guide includes all of the activities coming up in January and the following months,” Gira added.

The program guide is divided according to age groups with programs for early childhood, youth and teens and adults and seniors. Special sections are devoted to athletics, dance, special events, health and fitness at the village’s Sportsplex, gymnastics, the great outdoors and the Special Recreation Program.

“The village’s dance program is one of the longest running in the area,” Gira said. “The winter dance classes all culminate with the annual recital held in early June,” she added.

Other highlights for the start of 2011 include holiday break camps offered at the end of December and cultural activities including the village’s newly formed Glee Club. Music lessons offered by the Recreation Department include violin, piano, bagpipes, flute, piano and guitar.

“We’re also looking forward to the Orland Park Theatre Troupe’s holiday show ‘A Candle In The Window’,” performed in early December,” Gira said. “And, everyone is invited to audition for the theatre troupe’s spring musical, ‘The Wizard of Oz’,” she added.

Special events featured in the program guide include the Arts Commission’s Holiday Concert that will be held on Friday, December 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the village’s Cultural Center.

“This is a first for the Arts Commission,” said Trustee Kathy Fenton, chair of the village’s Special Events and Community Outreach Committee. “The show features Baritone Jonathan Beyer, an Orland Park native, performing with Soprano Sarah Gartshore and accompanied by Stephen Hargreaves,” Fenton explained, adding, “It promises to be an evening of beautiful holiday music.”

Other special events include the village's annual Chefs' Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research Program. Held February 17 at the Orland Chateau, the auction features signature dishes from restaurants from throughout the region as well as an auction conducted by Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

"Orland Park is very fortunate to have many generous restaurants that participate in this event each year," Fenton said. "It's like a winter version of the Taste of Orland Park where attendees get to taste the culinary offerings of some of the area's finest restaurants," Fenton added.

Further information about winter programs offered by the village's Recreation Department is available by calling 708/403-7275.