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Three Village of Orland Park Employees Receive Awards Staffers Honored for Village Marketing Efforts

ORLAND PARK, IL – Three Village of Orland Park employees were recently honored by their peers, earning three statewide awards and one regional honor.

Margie Owens-Klotz, who oversees public relations for the village, was honored by the Illinois Special Events Network at its statewide convention on Feb 3. Owens-Klotz received two of the group's Skyscraper Awards, one for her new design of the village's quarterly residential newsletter and the second for the village's 2008 special events newspaper tab section.

"The village's 28 year old newsletter now has a magazine look with large photos and lots of color," said Owens-Klotz. "The color scheme is the same as the new website, which followed the colors of the new commuter station," she added. "The tab section highlights all of the upcoming summer events. That's one that people hold onto," she added.

Amber Ratcliff, the village's graphic designer, received top honors from the Illinois Park and Recreation Association. Ratcliff's brochure cover series for 2008 won the state award in the IPRA's 2008 Agency Showcase Competition.

Describing her cover series, Ratcliff said, "Everyone in the Recreation Department came up with every possible word to describe all that we do for the community. Once I had all of the words, I repeated them hundreds of times on the page. I then colored the individual letters to create the scene for each cover."

Maureen Wentz, of the village's Recreation and Parks Department, was named Ambassador of the Year by the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Wentz represents the village's Recreation and Parks Department with the chamber, promoting the village's Sportsplex at chamber events and programs.

Wentz said, "I've lived in Orland Park for 33 years and it's such an honor to be recognized for my work for the village that I care so very much about."

"We're very proud whenever village employees are honored for their work for Orland Park," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "To have three separate agencies commend the

village's marketing efforts is a testament to the talent that we have on staff at the village," the mayor added.

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The village's newly redesigned newsletter, "The Orland Park Public," was honored with a Skyscraper Award from the Illinois Special Events Network at its early February convention. The publication won top honors for "Best Printed Materials Designed in House."

AMBER'S COVERS

The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department won first in state for its 2008 brochure cover series, designed by staff designer Amber Ratcliff. Orland Park's entry was honored by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association.