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## **Orland Park Recreation Department Adds Bagpipes to its Music Curriculum**

*Longtime Piper Terry McHugh to Lead Village's Program*

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Recreation Department has added to its growing cultural arts offerings. New programs added for fall, 2008 include bagpipe lessons for those age ten and older.

“We thought this would be a great fit because we offer other types of music lessons at the village’s Cultural Center,” said Recreation Program Supervisor Stephanie Simpson.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays from September 17 to December 10. Lessons for those ages ten to fifteen will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. while those age sixteen and older will meet from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Orland Park’s Cultural Center, the former Orland Park Library, is located at 14760 Park Lane.

Veteran Bagpiper Terry McHugh will lead Orland Park’s lessons. A native of County Monahan Ireland, the Lockport resident has been playing bagpipes since the 1960s. He has played with a number of pipe bands, including the Shannon Rovers, the Invermich Gaelic Society Pipe Band and the Doonaree Pipe Band. McHugh founded Doonaree in 1991 and is the pipe major and bagpipe instructor. He has also taught bagpipes for a number of police departments.

“Like any other instrument or task, people who practice will advance,” McHugh said. “Those who only practice on class day will learn a little slower,” he added. “It’s the time that people want to put into it,” he added.

“It’s exciting when the Recreation Department is able to offer something that we feel will interest the community,” Simpson said. “This is another wonderful program that we’re able to host at the village’s Cultural Center,” she added.

Each participant needs a practice chanter, available for purchase for \$70 each. The class fee for village residents is \$87.00 with non-residents paying \$131.00.

Each session is limited to twelve participants and registration is currently available at Orland Park’s Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue or the Village Sportsplex, 11351 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.