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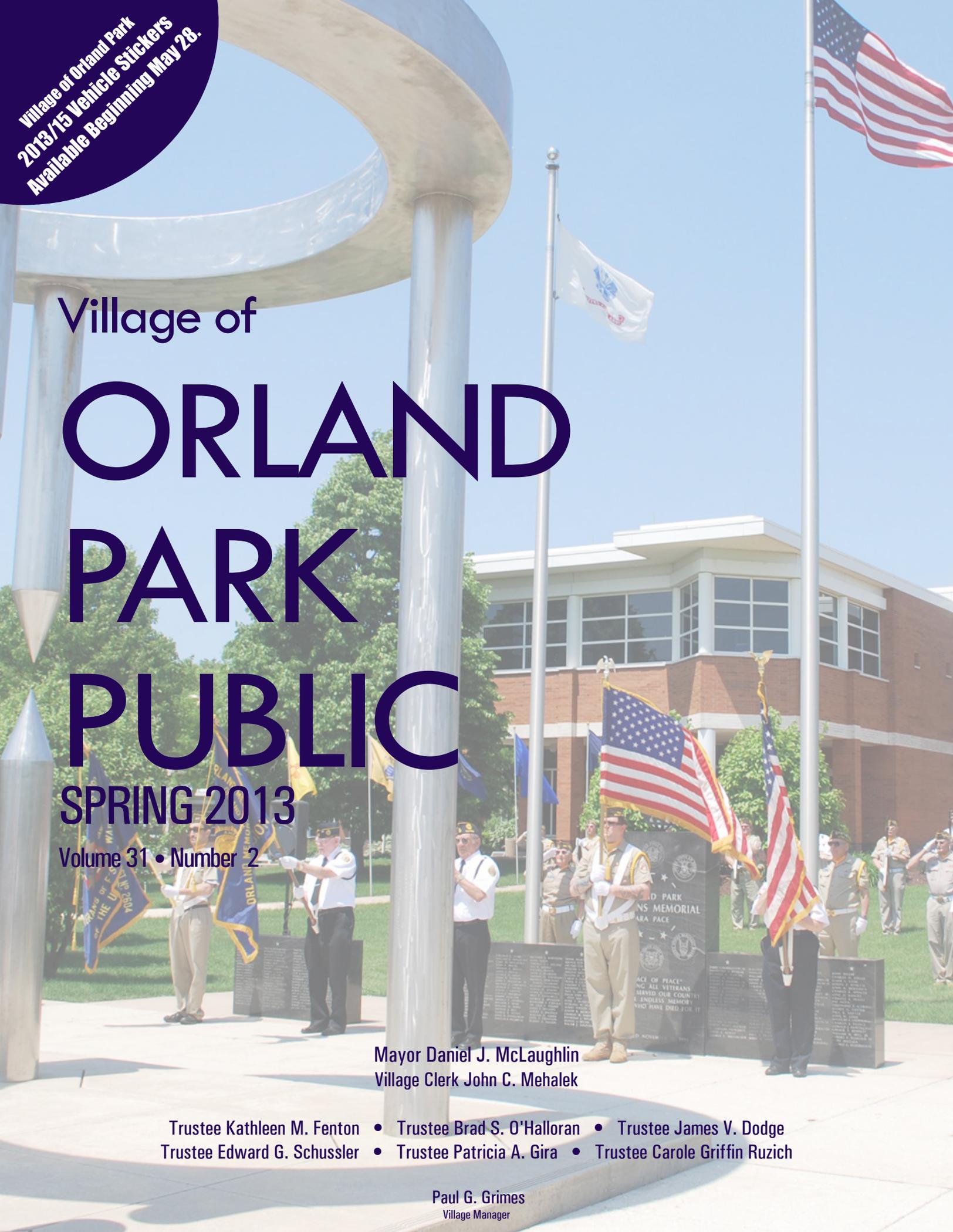
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Village of Orland Park, Illinois



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Thank You, Clerk Maher

Monday, April 15 marked the end of an era as Orland Park Village Clerk Dave Maher participated in his last Village Board meeting. After 17 years of service on the board, Dave chose not to seek re-election, wanting to spend more time with his family and 20 grandchildren. Dave Maher's involvement in the Orland Park community goes back decades to when he and his family first moved to the village in the 1970s. On behalf of all of the Village Board members, I extend our sincere thanks to Dave Maher for his many years of service to the village and his years of volunteering in the community. Enjoy your retirement!

Stable Economy

The Village of Orland Park's economy is doing well as the state and national economies continue to recover. The village's bond ratings remain high and Orland Park continues to be the Midwest location of choice for businesses across the country. Residents can help support the home team by shopping in Orland Park and supporting our many local businesses.

Transportation

Spring is here and with it comes construction season as the village continues to make infrastructure and roadway improvements. One of the largest projects on the agenda is the upcoming widening of LaGrange Road. See page 15 for an update on all that's happening with LaGrange Road and where we are in the long awaited process.

Emerald Ash Borer

As you will read in further detail on page 18, the Village of Orland Park is within the state's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine Zone.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin

This destructive beetle from Asia has been confirmed in all subdivisions within the village.

All native North American Ash Trees are susceptible to EAB attack and many Orland Park trees are already dying or dead because of this infestation. The village is in the process of removing all ash trees in public parks and parkways and will replace them with a variety of species while trying to cause as little impact to residents as possible.

Orland Park Summer Fun

See the center section of this edition for details about some of the great events coming up this summer. We officially welcome summer to Orland Park Memorial Day Weekend with the 2013 debut of the Centennial Park Aquatic Center and the village's ceremony honoring those who have given their lives in service to our country.

Summer event highlights include the Farmers' Market opening June 7 and the City Lights Orchestra returning to town June 30. We celebrate our great nation with fireworks on July 4. The Taste of Orland Park is August 2-4. National Night Out is August 6 and Orland Park Night with the White Sox is August 13. Be sure to watch the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us for everything we have planned and come be a part of it. We look forward to seeing you.

Congratulations, Graduates

Congratulations to Orland Park's many graduates, be it from grammar school, high school or college. We are very proud of all that our young people accomplish as you will see on the next page.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH

In each edition of the "Orland Park Public," Mayor Dan McLaughlin publicly congratulates some of the outstanding youth of the community, recognizing their regional, state and national honors.

Village Music Video Participants. Thank you to the many young people who volunteered to be a part of the village's first ever music video that debuted at the Chamber of Commerce's State of the Village. Visit the village's YouTube Channel to see performances by **junior high orchestra students, Orland Park Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Sandburg Marching Band** and our talented adult soloists. This volunteer tribute to the community was a great success and we're pleased to be able to showcase Orland Park. (www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark)

Eagle Scout Honored. Orland Park's **Jake Schwer** received a community pride award from Mayor McLaughlin, recognizing his reaching the rank of Eagle Scout within the Boy Scouts of America and his Mokena Troop 725.

Orland Park Well Represented

More than 100 Orland Park high school students received Cook County Sheriff's Youth Service Medals of Honor, being recognized for completing more than 100 hours of community service.

Honorees included **Nick Atkinson, Shannon Bowie, Allison Boyce, Amber Boyce, Lauren Brouwers, Grace Brown, Marissa Burns, Julia Cachares, Mia Cacciato, Kelly Calhoun, Shanthy Cambala, Epiphany Cano, Kaitlyn Cardinal, Kristen Carlton, Catherine Chisela, Shannon Collins, Kevin Conrad, Jason Crain, Matthew Cwyl, Paul Cwyl, Cassidy Dawczak, Alexander DiGiovanni, Natalie Donatello, Kaylyn Eguarto, Hedayat Fallahi and Autumn Fijolek.**

Orland Park recipients also included **Colleen Finucane, Kathryn Ford, Colette Fortin, Eric Franklin, Alexandra Gary, Samantha Gerry, Brandon Glascott, Kelsey Glascott, Ashley Godawski, Alexis Good, James Gradowski and Emily Griffin.**



Mayor McLaughlin with the Orland Park Girl Scouts "Girls With Gears Team," winners of the "Rookies of the Year" category in the First Lego League State Tournament.

Honorees also included **Aaron Grudowski, Noah Grudowski, Kaitlyn Grzymek, Faith Hughes, Jason Hyde, James Jaeger, Shannon Janis, Sandra Jankowski, Sean Jelinek, Milos Jovanovic, Carly Katalinic, Julianne Kennedy, Jasmine**

Those honored for accumulating more than 100 hours of community service also included **James McGuire, Madalyn McHale, Robert McIntosh, Sara Mohamed, Mohammad Mohammad, Anne Mokate, Meghan Mokate, Samantha Murphy, Shannon O'Doherty, Kathleen O'Keefe, Taylor Otto, Lauryn Papan, Mausam Patel, Janelle Paguiligan, Elizabeth Paris, Dushaun Phelps, Kelsey Pierson, Kylie Pierson, Ellese Podlasek, Nicole Powell, Robin Prokaski, Joseph Randolph, Monica Roselli, Jared Saba, Ruba Samara, Ryan Schusler, Alexander Sandoval, Emily Schout and William Sieczkowski.**

Also honored were **Christopher Sirvid, Alyssa Sokolowski, Alex Stogin, David Strnad, Cayley Strait, Francesca Strolia, Amy Stubenfol, David Varley, Tijana Vukanic, Kaitlin Wagner-Zbonski, Ryan Walsh, Jason Waner, Grace Ward, Rachel Witt, Jan Zalewski and Tom Zeiler.**

Super Bowl Champs. The Orland Knights Pee Wee Football Team won the 2012 Chicago Metro Youth Football League Super Bowl XXIX. Team members included **George Kozar, Tony Simich, Nafez Jumah, Michael Gaughan, Henry Wilson, Brett Sharkey, Ahmad Abusoba, Danny Knaus, Mohammad Jumah, Cody Watson, Jacob Sullivan, Hayden Bedell, Mohammed Rafati, Michael Flood, Tylor Lovitt, Colin Smyth, Tommy St. John, Noah Hollendoner, Ryan Maloney, Tommy Kwak, Sal Alvarado, Naseem Haleem, Charlie Haddad, Lukas Bigott, Jack Klingelhofer, Jonah Farrar, Yousef Rafati, Nate Washington, Cameron Woolery and Nicholas Pressley.**



The Orland Park Pioneer Varsity Football Team closed its 2012 season winning the 2012 Gatlinburg Thanksgiving Bowl National Championship.

Knopp, Dena Kogionis, Nicholas Kogionis, Paige Kordas, Anne Kotterer, Michelle Kulovitz, Nicole Kulovitz, Anne Marie Lebert, John Lebert, Nicole Lee, Justin Lenczycki, Tyler Luke, Rebecca Macijuanas, Sahiti Madireddy, Kanika Manchanda, Amanda Marino, Alexis Martino, Katelyn Mategrano, Hannah Mathew and Rachel Mathew.

Rice Senior. Congratulations to Orland Park's **Kevin Casper**, a senior at Brother Rice High School in Chicago, who was recently awarded the Vicariate

V Youth Leadership Award for Peer Ministry, having been nominated by St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in Tinley Park.

National Champion Pioneers. The Orland Park Pioneer Varsity Football Team closed its 2012 season winning the 2012 Gatlinburg Thanksgiving Bowl National Championship.

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VILLAGE CLERK JOHN C. MEHALEK

Hello Orland Park ---

My name is John Mehalek and I was elected Orland Park's new Village Clerk on April 9. I offer my sincere congratulations to retired Village Clerk Dave Maher, thanking him for his 17 years of service and the many great programs he started in the Clerk's Office.

I look forward to serving the community as a member of the Village Board. Before I get into what's happening in the Clerk's Office, I want to tell you a little about myself.

Our family has lived in the village for 15 years. My wife, Michele, and I both grew up on the south side of Chicago. My previous elected office was on the Community Consolidated School District 146 School Board, where I served for eight years, two of which as board president.

My community involvement includes volunteering many years with the Orland Youth Association Girls and Boys Programs, at St. Michael Parish and with the District 146 and Carl Sandburg Music Programs. I am an IBEW Local 134 electrician and serve as a project manager and teach in the evening for the IBEW Apprentice Program.

What does the Village Clerk do?

The clerk's duties are defined by village ordinance and state statute. The clerk is the official record keeper for the village, attending Village Board and committee meetings. The Clerk's Office publishes resolutions

and ordinances and serves as the custodian of all village documents.

The clerk is the village's local elections official and is responsible for all agendas, minutes, forms and

applications, elections, freedom of information requests, village codes, ordinances and resolutions.

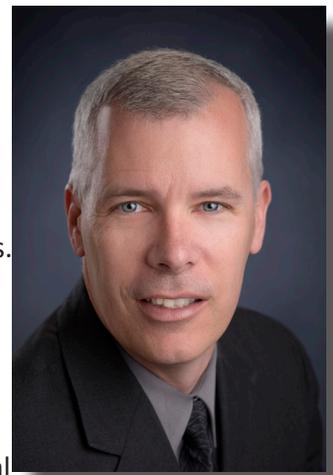
The Village Clerk's Office provides voter registration and U.S. passport services, which are available by appointment. The Clerk's Office also sponsors special services programs of interest to the community.

Local Elections. Orland Park saw a 12 percent voter turnout for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated General Election with candidates running for the Village Board, school districts, the fire district and the library board.

Voter Registration. Voter registration is currently available at the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Suburban Cook County residents who are United States citizens and are at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next election are eligible to register. People who recently moved, changed their names or had a problem with the last election may register as well. Two forms of identification are required to register to vote, one with your Orland Park address. For more information, call the Clerk's Office at 708/403-6150. The next election will be the Gubernatorial Primary Election on March 18, 2014.

Voting Districts Changed. Several boundaries for residents' voting districts have changed. If unsure in which state or federal district you live, visit the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. Choose Illinois Government from the government tab on the main screen. From this page you can access district information and a link to find your current district.

I look forward to serving the people of Orland Park and invite you to share any questions or comments you have pertaining to the Clerk's Office. I can be reached at 708/403-6150 or you can send me an email at clerk@orland-park.il.us.



Village Clerk John Mehalek



First Quarter Stats

The spring construction season has arrived and, despite the cold weather, the village's first quarter saw a total private investment in

Orland Park of \$13,695,928. This is compared to a 2012 first quarter investment of \$7,472,296.

Trustee Kathleen Fenton

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2013 RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

New - 15 - \$2,858,077

Existing - 117 - \$2,108,576

2013 COMMERCIAL PERMITS

New - 2 - \$1,581,100

Existing - 65 - 7,148,175

Ninety 7 Fifty On the Park

Work continues at Flaherty & Collins's Ninety 7 Fifty On the Park and the first residents moved into the facility in April. Interest in the luxury apartment complex has exceeded the developer's expectations. Construction will continue throughout the spring and summer months as additional units and exterior amenities are completed. For more information about this exciting project, visit www.downtownop.com.

Plaza Phase II Demolition

The next phase of demolition for the former Orland Plaza will begin in May. This will include the north wing up to the travel agency and Marquette Bank. The final phase of demolition will occur in early 2014 once Marquette Bank has relocated to its new facility across the street.

Visible Addresses

Should an emergency occur at your home, you want the police or fire personnel to be able to quickly find you.

Village ordinance requires that every home has a visible address displayed, requiring single family homes to have numbers a minimum of four inches in height with a maximum of six inches.

Multi-family dwellings must have visible addresses that are a minimum of six inches in height and a maximum of 10 inches. The numbers on both single and multi-family homes must be in a color that contrasts the background so they're easily visible. This is very important especially when help is quickly needed.

Trash Reminders

Household garbage placed at the curb for pick up must be in a container with a tight fitting lid no larger than 45 gallons. The village has a 24 hour time frame for bringing in the empty can from the time it's brought to the curb. Household garbage or items out for pick up may not be placed out at the curb any sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up time. Village ordinance requires that garbage cans be stored at the side or rear of the house. Garbage cans may not be stored in front of a home.

Home Improvements

If making home improvements are on your family's spring agenda, remember to always use contractors that are licensed and bonded with the village. If you hire a non-village licensed contractor, you have no recourse through the village should they not perform to your standards. Get permits for all construction projects by visiting Development Services on the second floor of the Village Hall.

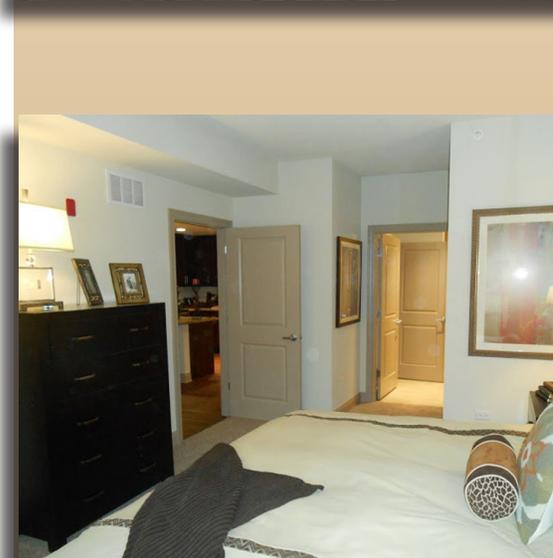
The names of all contractors currently licensed and bonded with the Village of Orland Park can be found on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us/ contractors.

For more information, call the village's Building Department at 708/403-5300.

TRUSTEE KATHLEEN M. FENTON

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The first tenants in Flaherty & Collins's luxury apartments in Downtown Orland Park moved into the facility in April.



TRUSTEE BRAD S. O'HALLORAN

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

General Obligation Bonds Refunding Opportunities

The Village of Orland Park continuously pursues 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 April 15th, the village sold General Obligation Refunding Bonds – Series 2013C to partially refund its outstanding 2007 General Obligation Bonds. The bonds were originally issued to partially fund land acquisition and infrastructure construction within the village's Main Street Triangle TIF area.

Taking advantage of this refunding opportunity will net the village approximately \$1,223,000 in interest savings over the life of the refunding bonds. Since 2009, the village has taken advantage of six refunding opportunities, providing a net interest savings of approximately \$5,312,336.

This interest savings will be passed on to property tax payers over the remaining

life of the bond issues as the village will be able to levy less for its debt service obligations.

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.

Financial Reporting Awards

Government Finance Officers Assoc. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Village of Orland Park has received this award for 21 consecutive years. This award is presented to state and local governments that go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

Government Finance Officers Assoc. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The village received this award for its Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Budget document, marking the seventh consecutive year that the village has received this award. This award is presented to state and local governments to encourage the preparation of budget documents of the very highest quality, reflecting the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting, as well as the GFOA's best practices on budgeting.

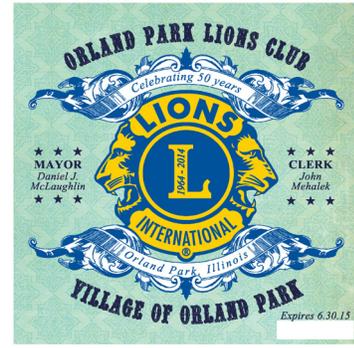
Vehicle Stickers

Applications for the purchase of 2013-2015 vehicle stickers will be mailed to residents' homes the last week of May 2013.

Stickers will be available for purchase beginning Tuesday, May 28, 2013 through June 30, 2013, without penalty. Per Village Ordinance (3975, 1-17-05), on and after July 1 of any vehicle sticker issuance year, the cost of the sticker doubles.



Trustee Brad O'Halloran



Applications to buy 2013-15 village vehicle stickers will be mailed during the last week of May to residents who have previously purchased stickers. Residents who do not receive an application in the mail may obtain them at the Village Hall. All vehicles registered to Orland Park addresses must display current village stickers.

Through June 30, 2013, car and motorcycle stickers are \$30, RVs are \$40, and trucks vary in price from \$30 to \$130 depending on the license plate class. Senior citizens 65 years of age or older can purchase a vehicle sticker for \$10. Two senior purchases per

household are allowed providing there are two licensed senior drivers.

Vehicle stickers for new residents can be purchased within 30 days of moving into the village without penalty. After 30 days, penalties apply and the cost of the sticker will be doubled. Proof of vehicle purchase date is required for stickers purchased after June 30, 2013.

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Trustee James Dodge

Out Reach
Effective communication is essential for all levels of government and the Village of Orland Park utilizes every means available to deliver its messages to

the community. Twenty years ago, the village used the local papers, cable television and this publication to communicate. Now, the avenues are endless as more government entities add content to their websites and social media outlets.

The village's Office of Public Information uses a number of media to reach the community, including regularly issuing news releases and placed news stories. All village related information can be found on the village's website and the office regularly posts on the available online media outlets.

Global Connect Emergency Notification System

Like the local school districts, the village invites residents to sign up for its Global Connect Emergency Notification System, a high speed telephone service that the village uses to notify residents of an emergency or important situation requiring immediate attention.

Thousands of residents and businesses have signed up for this service that includes a recorded phone message coming to the phone numbers you choose. This system has been very useful to notify specific neighborhoods of emergency situations, sharing weather related information and more. Access Global Connect on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. Choose e-services on the drop down menu and choose "emergency notification system."

"Notify Me"

The village's "notify me" option is another tool that connects residents with what's happening in the village. Again, choose e-services on the village's website and scroll down to the "notify me" option. Choose what notices you want, i.e., Recreation Department related, job openings, special events, bid openings and more. Scroll down a bit to the "news flash" area if you'd like to receive the village's news releases as they're distributed. Again, you can hand pick what notices you want to receive and rest assured that the village does not share or sell any of the email addresses in its system.

Feedback Wanted

The village actively seeks your feedback posting surveys on the village's website. The surveys can be found in the "We Want To Know" area of the site, in the left margin of the front page. Be sure to check out the Citizen Information Center where you can find a lot of village information. Orland Park was the first community in the state to receive a 100% on its transparency audit from the Illinois Policy Institute and we are pleased to report that the village again scored 100%.

Social Media

The use of social media by government entities has exploded over the past few years and the Village of Orland Park is part of this phenomenon. The village's Facebook pages have a combined 1000 likes/subscribers. The village's Twitter account has a couple hundred subscribers and can be found at www.twitter.com/VillageOrlandPk.

Facebook has become a great tool for the village as we use our pages to not only promote current events and programs, we're also able to share historical and current photos of the community, share photos from the Village Board presentations and other items of interest. We hope you'll visit our pages and "like" what you see.

TRUSTEE JAMES V. DODGE

MAYOR PRO TEM/TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Liking the village's pages on Facebook does not create a Facebook "friendship" or give our site administrators access to your Facebook page. It simply adds the village's messages to your Facebook newsfeed if you choose that option. This is a great way to stay up to date on what's happening as was exemplified during the mid-April heavy rains and subsequent road closures. Find the village's Facebook pages by searching for Village of Orland Park, Illinois and Orland Park Recreation.

CATV & YouTube

Cable television subscribers --- both Comcast and A T & T --- have noticed the increase in programming on Comcast Channel 4 and A T & T U-Verse Channel 99. We have increased the number of village shows and public service announcements, again to make the community aware of the many wonderful programs that the village offers. And, residents who do not have cable television can view these videos on the village's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark



TRUSTEE EDWARD G. SCHUSSLER

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Public Works Updates

Transportation projects to improve travel throughout Orland Park are well underway. I'm sharing some information items from the Public Works

Department, the details for which you can find on pages 18 and 19.

Emerald Ash Borer

As you may know, the Village of Orland Park is within the state's Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Zone. The Emerald Ash Borer is a vicious insect that has destroyed ash trees throughout the region. It is believed that the infestation has spread with the transportation of firewood.

The Emerald Ash Borer creates winding galleries in the circulatory systems of the ash trees and subsequently cut off the flow of water and nutrients and eventually kill the ash trees.

Over the next five to seven years, the village will remove all ash trees in parks

and parkways and will replace them with a variety of types of trees.

Some treatments have slowed the trees' deaths but there is currently no effective permanent treatment to save these trees. Because of the large number of ash trees in the village, removal work may continue for the next few years with replacements planted during the following planting season. See the full details on page 18.

Water Conservation

The village's Water Conservation Program is in effect all year as Lake Michigan Water customers have limits placed on the amount of water available. Between September 16 and May 14, outdoor water usage is permitted only between 7 and 11, both a.m. and p.m.

From May 15 to September 15, Orland Park also enforces its Odd/Even Address System for conservation meaning residents and businesses may use outdoor water only on the days coinciding with the last number of their addresses. Homes and buildings ending with odd numbers may use water outside on odd numbered days only and those with even numbered addresses can use it on even numbered days. Find more information about the village's Water Conservation on pages 19.

Adopt-An-Inlet

The Public Works Department is asking for everyone's help to keep inlets and storm sewer covers clear of debris. Residents who have a street or rear yard storm water inlet are asked to help prevent flooding by making sure the water flow is not obstructed by leaves, trash and debris that collects on top of these drains.

There are more than 16,000 storm inlets in the village and, with your help, we can minimize the number of street and backyard flooding incidents.

Remember to use care when clearing any inlet during or immediately after a heavy rainfall. We appreciate your help.



Trustee Ed Schussler

Street Sweeping

The village's contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, will be sweeping the village's streets through late fall. The commercial and arterial streets are swept eight times a year beginning in March with residential streets swept four times a year. Subdivision developers are responsible for sweeping streets during construction.

Pond Maintenance

The Village of Orland Park is home to more than 550 ponds and basins. Together with streams, lakes and wetlands, these basins perform essential stormwater management control as well as provide a natural enhancement that gives the village its unique character and quality.

The village owns and maintains 185 of these ponds and basins. Some are wet-bottomed facilities-meaning they constantly hold water-while others are dry-bottomed basins that are designed to fill with water only during large storm events. The maintenance and upkeep of these basins is managed by the Public Works and Parks/Building Maintenance Departments.

The village is in the midst of the first phases of a comprehensive strategy to improve and maintain its ponds, moving toward more natural and sustainable designs.



Trustee Patricia Gira

First Place

Congratulations to the Recreation Department's talented design team for winning two first place awards at the Illinois Park and Recreation

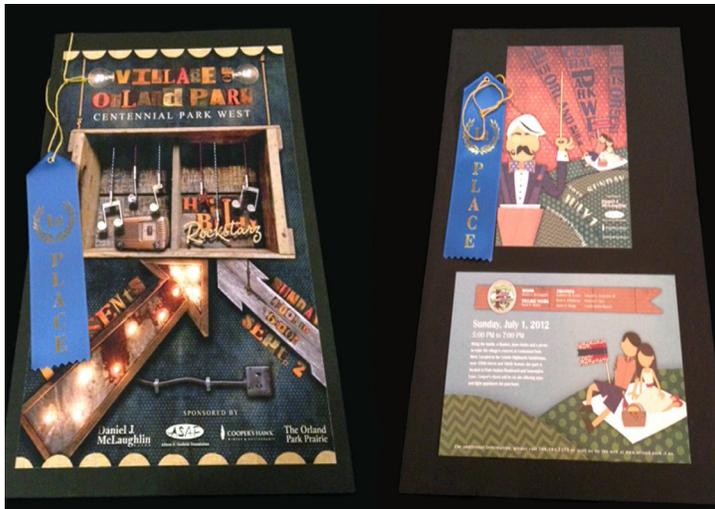
Association Agency Showcase in January. Antonio Gentile and Amanda Skolek earned the village first place in large format for its HillBilly Rockstarz Concert poster and first place for print communication for the City Lights Orchestra Concert post card.

Centennial Opening Day

The Village of Orland Park Centennial Park Aquatic Center will begin its 22nd season on Saturday, May 25, during Memorial Day Weekend.

Gates will open at noon with members being able to enter an hour earlier. Call 403-PARK for details and remember party pavilion rentals are available at the water park for your special celebration.

The original pool debuted during the village's Centennial Celebration, in 1992 when Orland Park marked 100 years as a municipality in the State of Illinois.



The Village of Orland Park earned two first place awards in the IPRA Agency Showcase for the Recreation Department's promotional pieces.

TRUSTEE PATRICIA A. GIRA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Summer at the Sportsplex

The village's Sportsplex offers a number of summer membership specials for new members, May 1 through August 31. New corporate membership rates and corporate benefit packages are also available. Individuals and immediate family members employed or who own a business within the village are eligible with proof of employment. Call the Sportsplex at 708/645-PLAY for details. College students home for the summer are invited to take advantage of the three month Sportsplex Summer Student Membership Special.

Summer Camps

The village's Recreation Department offers a number of camps for children of all ages. One of the longest running village camps is day camp that includes sports, crafts, swimming, field trips and more. Two four-week sessions are available. Sports camps are also on this season's agenda, including the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bulls Camps. See the department's current program guide for details or call the Rec Department at 708/403-PARK.

Village Stay & Play

Join for free and take advantage of special offerings for club members only. Participants will receive weekly information on the "Deals of the Week" as well as notifications of upcoming special events. Current members do not need to re-register. See the center section of this edition of the newsletter for more information.

Special Events

The Village of Orland Park prides itself on the number of special events it hosts throughout the year and the schedule is action packed during the spring and summer months.

The City Lights Orchestra will open the village's July 4th festivities with a free outdoor concert at Centennial

Park West on June 30 and the Taste of Orland Park returns the first weekend of August. See the back cover for upcoming events and programs.



TRUSTEE CAROLE GRIFFIN RUZICH

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ruse Burglary Warning

The term "ruse burglary" is used by police to describe burglaries that happen when criminals try to distract a person or people from their home so that an accomplice can enter from another door to steal cash, jewelry and other items.

If a solicitor comes to your home, before answering the door, try to locate and remember what kind of vehicle s/he is driving (license plate, make, model, color, type).

Make a mental note of the person's clothing and physical characteristics.

If you choose to speak with a solicitor or utility worker, be sure the other doors to your home are locked and/or attended.

The Police Department reminds residents to not allow strangers access to their yards, homes or garages and to immediately dial 9-1-1 to report

suspicious people asking for access to your homes.

Below is a list of "story lines" ruse burglary offenders are using to access unsuspecting residents' homes.

- Asking about the home's water supply or pressure
- Telling the homeowner that there is an electrical problem
- Offering to repair gutters/fences or perform tree trimming or landscaping
- Blacktop/driveway repair
- False statements about problems at the neighbor's house
- Inquiries about homes for sale in the neighborhood

Demand to see photo identification for people who claim to be Village of Orland Park or utility company workers. All village employees wear village issued photo i.d.'s. Most utility companies do as well. Do not hesitate to ask to see it.

Refuse to accompany strangers to your backyard unless you are absolutely positive it is a legitimate request. Do not ever let strangers into your home. Call the police if someone seems suspicious. Check with your neighbors to stay informed about activity in your neighborhood.

Nosey Neighbors Needed

- Be aware of ruse burglaries and alert your family, friends and neighbors about this type of crime.
- Be aware of unfamiliar vehicles or people in your neighborhood. Pay attention to what's happening on your block. Be a nose neighbor!
- Check on elderly neighbors to be sure that they're safe. If you see an unfamiliar vehicle at an elderly neighbor's home, stop over to ask if everything is okay.
- Do not open the door for people you do not know.
- Try to get a description of the vehicle or license plate number, if possible.
- Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious people or activity in your neighborhood.

Drug Take Back

The Orland Park Police Department is a regular participant in the Drug Enforcement Administration's bi-annual National Drug Take Back Day, collecting hundreds of pounds of no longer needed prescription drugs.



Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich

In January, the village expanded this program and now offers a permanent take back program. Residents can turn in unwanted prescription medications at the Orland Park Police Station, 15100 South Ravinia Avenue, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Prescriptions will not be accepted on holidays and liquid drugs, aerosol medications and hypodermic needles and syringes will not be accepted.

This ongoing service has already helped a lot of people, in particular those who have lost loved ones and weren't sure how to properly dispose of their medications.

It's very important that we keep these "gateway drugs" out of the wrong hands. This ongoing collection at the police station helps everyone safely dispose of no longer needed prescription drugs.

The Police Department will continue to participate in the DEA's National Take Back Programs, offering the local service four days a week to continue to keep the community and your home safe.

Do not let people you don't know into your home or yard.

ALL solicitors in the village must wear village issued solicitors' badges.

Get a physical description of the person and the plate, make and model of their vehicle, if possible.

Check on elderly neighbors if an unfamiliar car is at their home.

Be a nose neighbor and call the police if suspicious.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK



Register to become a Stay & Play member to take advantage of special offerings for club members only. Each week, we will feature a new **“DEAL OF THE WEEK”**. Some deals will include discounted pool admission, discounts on birthday party packages and facility rentals, bonuses for booking a Centennial Pool Splash Party, free lap swim at Centennial Pool, opportunities to earn Rec Bucks to be used toward registrations, and much more! Members will receive weekly information on the “Deals” and event notification via email.

In addition to the “Deal of the Week”, we will also be featuring a “Benefit of the Month” as follows:

JUNE KAYAK RENTALS AT LAKE SEDGEWICK

2 for 1 Kayak Rentals on Friday during the month of June. Rentals are made at the front entrance gate of Centennial Park Aquatic Center. *All rules apply.*

JULY MARCUS MOVIE TICKETS

Stay & Play Members may purchase Marcus Theatre movie tickets at either recreation office for a discounted price of \$8.00. For every two tickets purchased, you will also receive a \$3.00 coupon toward a concession purchase. No returns or refunds accepted for movie tickets. Subject to availability. *Some restrictions apply.*

AUGUST SPORTSPLEX SPECIAL

During the month of August, Stay & Play Members may receive one-half hour of FREE Personal Training during regular assessment hours. Sign up in the Sportsplex office. Limit one per person. *All rules apply.*

Current members do not need to re-register. Contact the Recreation Office for any updates to your account 708.403.7275 or 708.645.7529. Check our website www.Orland-Park.il.us for details.

Enjoy an Orland Park

Staycation



Ahhhhh... Summer is almost here. The kids will soon be out of school. The weather is getting warmer after Mother Nature's extended winter and the sun is shining.

What to do with all of this free time? Have you ever thought of a staycation? Yes, you read right --- a staycation! A staycation is staying in the comfort of your home and enjoying the amenities that surround you in your own town. Orland Park enjoys quick access to downtown Chicago and a multitude of attractions throughout the suburbs but have you thought about visiting the forest preserves right in our own back yard?

Memorial Day Weekend brings the season debut of the village's **Centennial Park Aquatic Center** on **May 25th** and we will gather as a community on **Memorial Day** to remember the men and women who have bravely given their lives for our country. Everyone is invited to the **1 p.m. ceremony** at the village's Veterans Memorial - Ara Pace - Place of Peace.

All summer long, you can hike, ride bikes or run **the many miles of paths** throughout Orland Park. See the Recreation Department Program Guide for details about the Liberty Family Fun Run if you're in the mood for some holiday competition. Otherwise, hop on a trail and see where it goes!

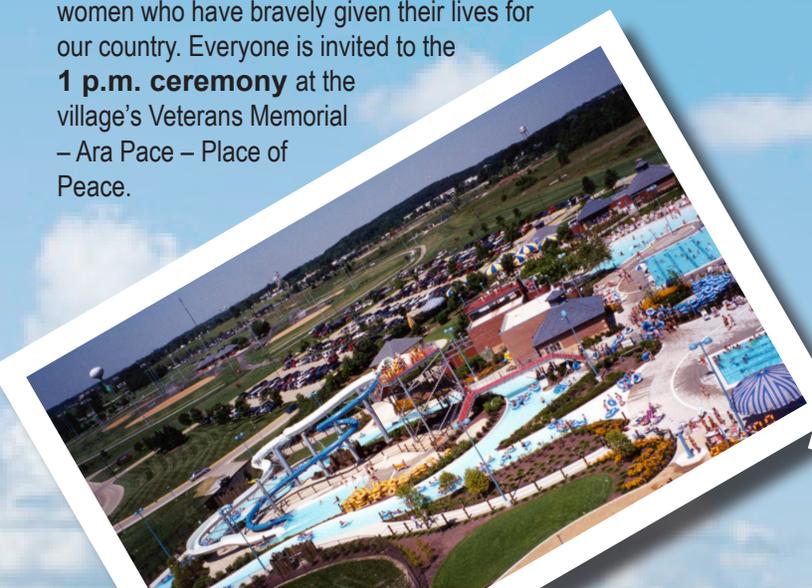
The Village of Orland Park owns nearly 700 acres of park and farmland throughout the community with picnic areas, playgrounds ballfields and more.

If you want to organize a **picnic in your neighborhood park**, call the Recreation Department at 403-PARK to ask how to reserve a park or pavilion and about renting one of the village's super cookers. Or, you can host a party at the pool or the Sportsplex.

If shopping is your game, the village's **Farmers' Market** will debut for the 2013 season on **Friday, June 7**. Open every Friday morning through early October --- with the exception of August 2 because of the Taste --- the Farmers Market is a summer destination with its variety of fresh produce, flowers, specialty items and more. You're sure to find something new every week.

During the summer months, barbecue lunches can be purchased on site. The **market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. each Friday.**

The gem of the village's park system is the 100+ acre **Centennial Park** with the newly renovated accessible Kevin Hertz Memorial Playground, areas for fishing, ballfields and picnics. Walk the trails and visit the site of Orland Park's and Orland Township's dog park set to open mid-summer.





The main attraction at Centennial Park is the **Centennial Park Aquatic Center** with its water slides, zero depth pool and a play area for little ones. The pool's lazy river is perfect for those who want to sit back and enjoy a relaxing inner-tube ride down the river. Lunch is available at the concession stands or enjoy your own picnic under the new shade structures. The village's water park was rated one of the best in the area. The village's five-star lifeguards are just one of the many reasons you'll want to come visit and see why.

Centennial Park's Lake Sedgewick, named for the town's original train depot, will again offer **pedal boat and kayak rentals**. Fish at Centennial, go into the lake in a john boat or fish from the shore of this picturesque open space.

The Open Lands Commission's annual fundraising **Garden Walk** returns on **June 23**. Buy tickets to tour some of the community's most beautiful gardens.

Orland Park loves music! The village sponsors free concerts every year and the **City Lights Orchestra** will begin the village's July 4th festivities with its concert at **Centennial Park West on June 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Pack up the lawn chairs, blankets and your snacks and come enjoy one of the best orchestras in the Chicago area at the village's newest concert venue.

Watch the local media and the village's website for details. See the Recreation Department's Special Event Guide for more information about other free village sponsored concerts.

Each year, the village hosts its **July 4th Celebration at Centennial Park** where you can enjoy live music and see a magnificent fireworks display to music. Register for the Liberty Fun Run and celebrate America's birthday --- Orland Park style.

The village will again partner with the **Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce** to host the chamber's **Fine Art Fair July 20-21** at Orland Park Crossing Mall. You don't need to travel to enjoy an outdoor art show. We have one right here, in Orland Park. *continued*

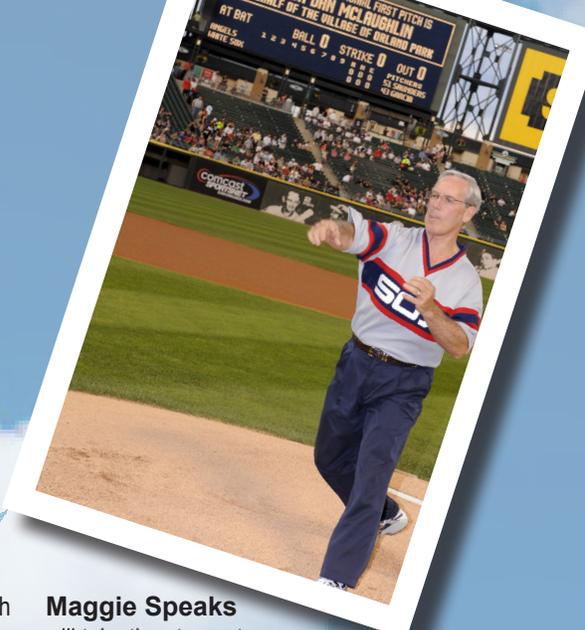
Fine Art

FAIR

Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce

**co-sponsored by the
Village of Orland Park & Orland Park Crossing
July 20 & 21 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Orland Park Crossing at 143rd & LaGrange**

**Showcasing exhibits and art for sale from local vendors
Admission and parking are free.
Call 708/349-2972 or visit www.orlandparkchamber.org**



Stay-CATION

Taste the signature dishes of Orland Park's best eateries at the village's annual **Taste of Orland Park**, showcasing the community's best restaurants. With free parking and free admission, attendees can enjoy live entertainment on two stages, aisles of restaurants, community groups and seeing friends at the Taste of Orland Park held the first weekend of August each year.

If being out in the sun is not for you....no problem. Orland Park has something for everyone. Try a dinner and a movie. Orland Park is home to a multitude of restaurants whether you're looking for a casual dinner with the kids or a date night with your special someone....See a movie at the local theatres or call the Recreation Department for details about the **August 9 Flick and Float** at the Centennial Park Aquatic Center.

Everyone is invited to the village's annual **Grand Slam Event on August 13** when the Chicago White Sox take on the Detroit Tigers. You don't have to live in Orland Park to take advantage of the discounted tickets, meal plans, parking passes and more!

This has become a great community tradition with entire neighborhoods organizing group outings to go to the game. Order discount tickets online at www.whitesox.com/orlandpark and use the OPN code when ordering or pick up an order form at any of the village buildings.

You can also download the order form in the document center of the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. The order form includes options to order meal plans, parking tickets and "Orland Park Sox Fan" t-shirts.

The police will take to their bikes on **August 25th**, inviting everyone to participate in the 15-mile leisurely paced bicycle ride to benefit **Special Olympics Illinois**. Find details on the village's website and watch the local media.

Seeing the village's **Comedy Improv Team** is a great, inexpensive way to get out, have some laughs and see some of the funniest people on the south side perform. Check the Recreation Department's Program Guide for performances at the Old Village Hall.

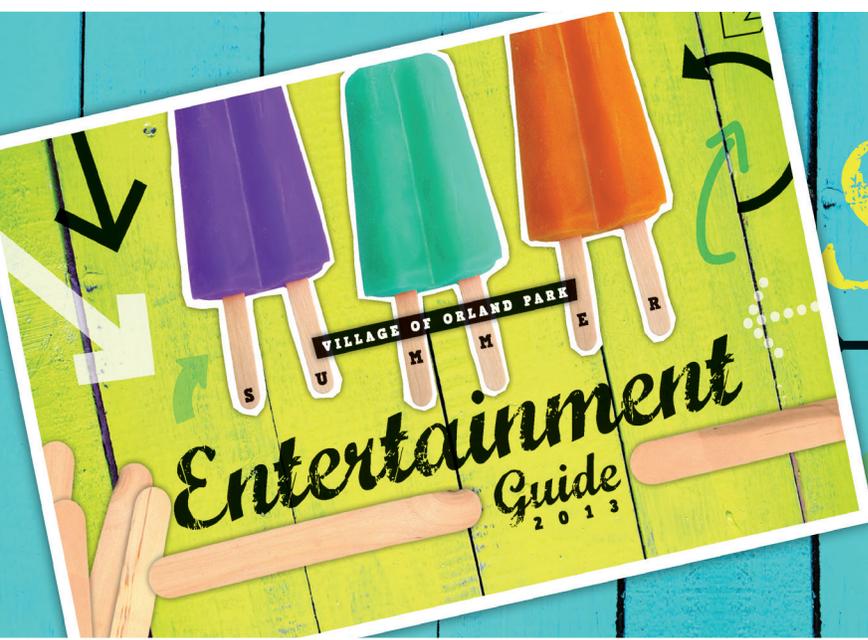
Maggie Speaks will take the stage at the village's **Centennial Park West Labor Day Weekend**, performing on **Sunday, September 1** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks for yet another free village sponsored evening of music.

You don't have to spend a lot of money to get out of town to have fun. If you're looking for a great way to spend your summer vacation, spend it right here in beautiful Orland Park!

See the list of events on the back cover of this edition of the newsletter or consult the village's Orland Park Special Events Guide. You can also call the Recreation Department at 708/403-PARK for details on all that's happening.

Have a great summer.....right here in Orland Park!

Stay & Play in Orland Park!



Find the village's Summer Events Guide at www.orland-park.il.us and at village facilities.

LaGrange Road Improvement Updates

The Village of Orland Park is preparing for another busy construction season to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic throughout the village. Several miles of added driving lanes, turning lanes, sidewalks, and bicycle paths are planned throughout the Orland Park community. The Village of Orland Park and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are working collaboratively to expedite the construction time frame and ensure all scheduled construction updates are communicated effectively to the residents and business owners.

HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

LaGrange Road Advanced Contracts 179th Street to 131st Street

• Advanced contracts to remove and replace medians and to perform drainage work have been let (bid) to ensure the LaGrange Road improvements remain on schedule.

• Advanced work will expedite the main contracts by shifting traffic into the first stage of construction more quickly.

• Work on the advanced contracts are expected to begin this spring and will be completed by late summer.

• Mainline contracts have not yet been let, but IDOT continues to coordinate planned improvements with the village. Contracts and their letting dates are dependent on plan readiness, land acquisition and funding availability.

LaGrange Road Streetscape Enhancements 179th Street to 131st Street

• Streetscape enhancements, similar to the recently constructed 143rd Street and LaGrange Road intersection, are planned for the LaGrange Road Widening Project and is planned to go out to bid this summer.

• Enhancements will include decorative paving, monuments, columns and walls, median and parkway landscaping, street trees, irrigation and holiday lighting.

• V3 Companies, along with Norris Design, have been selected for resident engineering services for the enhancement contract. V3 will assist the village with coordination of the



mainline contractors, enhancement contractors and IDOT engineers.

• V3 also served as the design engineer and resident engineer for the 143rd and LaGrange Intersection Project. They collaborated successfully with Norris Design who provided construction administration services for the median and parkway improvements of the 143rd Street project.

156th Street Extension LaGrange Road to Ravinia Avenue

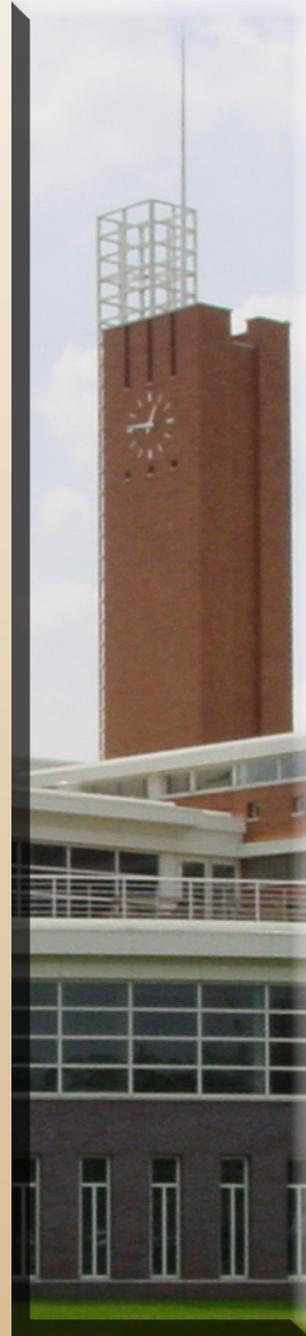
• Project entails the extension of 156th Street from the LaGrange Road (US 45) intersection west to Ravinia Avenue.

• Approximately 2,860 feet of new roadway will include one thru lane in each direction and one center turn lane for left turn movements at Ravinia Avenue, LaGrange Road and future development of the adjacent property.

• A multi-use path is also included.

• Construction start anticipated for June 2013 with completion expected in late summer 2013.

Watch the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us for project information and updates. Questions regarding the project can be directed to the Illinois Department of Transportation via its website at www.dot.state.il.us/contact.html.



CLERK MAHER RETIRES

Orland Park's 21st Village Clerk Retires During Village's 121st Year

Orland Park Village Clerk David Maher called the roll for the last time at the April 15 Village Board Meeting. Maher chose not to seek re-election in the April village election, opting to spend more time with his wife, Patricia, their children and 20 grandchildren.

The 21st village clerk in Orland Park's 121 year history, Maher was appointed in 1996 and was re-elected four times thereafter.

"Mayor McLaughlin asked if I would be interested in serving as clerk when Trustee Bill Vogel passed away and then Village Clerk Jim Dodge was appointed to serve the rest of Bill's term," Maher said. "I had been involved in the community for a number of years and Dan knew I would enjoy serving on the board," he said.

Maher and his family moved to Orland Park in 1977 and he soon became involved in local issues and coached youth sports while his five children were growing up.

"Orland Park is a great place to raise a family and I'm very proud of all that the Village Board has accomplished over the years," Maher said. "We moved to Orland Park when our kids were small and many of them are raising their families here," he added.

The Village Clerk in Orland Park is the village's official librarian, being the custodian of village documents and responsible for taking and preparing the minutes for each of the board and committee meetings.

"The Clerk's Office is like the village's history department," Maher explained. "The office has the earliest minutes from some of the Village Board meetings in the late 1800s, shortly after Senator John Humphrey had the village incorporated and then served as the first village president," he said.



Orland Park Village Clerk Dave Maher is joined by some of his 20 grandchildren before his last Village Board meeting on April 15. Maher chose not to seek re-election and instead wants to spend time with his family.

"When students and scout groups come to visit, they get a kick out of seeing the handwritten minutes kept in large bound ledger books," Maher said.

Voter registration, elections, raffle permits, passports and special events are among the services offered by the Clerk's Office. The department also hosts programs of interest for residents and facilitates Mayor McLaughlin's Senior Coffees.

"I think Orland Park's founders would be pleased with how far the Clerk's Office has come," Maher said. "We offer a lot of the same services they started and have added quite a few more, adding to what makes Orland Park the great community that it is."

Maher's last Village Board meeting as village clerk included Mayor McLaughlin presenting a proclamation declaring April 15, 2013 as Village Clerk David Patrick Maher Day in the village. Each of the board members offered Maher their

congratulations on his retirement, adding personal anecdotes about the time they've shared on the Village Board.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Orland Park," Maher said. "I thank my family, my friends and supporters and especially those who returned me to office each time. It was

an honor to serve as village clerk," he added.



Mayor Dan McLaughlin (right) presented a proclamation to retiring Village Clerk Dave Maher at the April 15 Village Board Meeting. They are joined by Maher's wife, Patricia.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again --- Orland Park is one of the best communities in Cook County," Maher said, adding, "I'm very proud to have been a member of this Village Board and I congratulate them for all that they have accomplished. I am very, very proud of the Village of Orland Park."

VETERANS COMMISSION

It is with great pride that the Village of Orland Park salutes and thanks the following military personnel as they bravely serve our great nation overseas.

**Joseph Kowalczyk • Jason Kut • Gabriele Miseviciute
Sean Kaspar • Lawrence Doria • Michael Wieland**

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 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, etc.

Needed care package items include medicated powder, breath mints, cough drops, crossword puzzles, dental floss, disposable razors, eye drops and fly paper.

Those serving overseas also need fly swatters, freezer bags, hand sanitizer, insect repellent, lip balm, moisture cream, multi-vitamins, pens, shave cream, sun block, flushable wipes, tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste tubes, vacuum-sealed foods, white tube sox and more.

Operation Welcome Home

The village's Veterans Commission offers services to welcome home Orland Park men and women returning from overseas military deployments, in cooperation with the Orland Park Police and the Orland Fire Protection District. Contact Gail Blummer at 708/403-6203 once you know when your loved one will be returning to Orland Park.

Forever Remember

Add your veteran's name to Orland Park wall. 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. The deadline has passed for Memorial Day 2013 but you can add your vet's name in time for the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11.



Everyone is invited to the village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27 at 1pm at the Veterans Memorial, 147th and Ravinia.

Honoring Vets

All Orland Park veterans are invited to submit their military photos for the village's "Honoring Orland Park Veterans" photo display in the lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall.

Photos must be 4 x 6 and should include the veteran's name, branch and years of service. Photos cannot be returned so families should scan or copy photos. Forms are available at the information desk in the lobby of the Village Hall.

To have your loved one's name added to the quarterly list of those serving overseas with the U.S. military, email the information to 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 at 708/403-6203 for details.



HONORING ORLAND PARK VETERANS

**Submit your Orland Park vet's photo for the Village Hall display board.
Details in the column at right.**

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Village of Orland Park is within the State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Quarantine Zone. The EAB, a destructive beetle from Asia, has been confirmed in all subdivisions within the village. All native North American Ash Trees are susceptible to EAB attack and many trees in Orland Park are already dying or dead due to infestation.

The EAB is a small (1/2 inch long, 1/8 inch wide) metallic green beetle that has killed millions of ash trees across the Midwest. The beetle was first discovered in the U.S. during the summer of 2002 in southeastern Michigan and has since spread to a number of states, including Illinois.

While the insect does not travel great distances, it is believed that the infestation has spread through the transportation of firewood.

The adult beetle emerges from ash trees from May to July, leaving a D shaped exit hole. Females lay eggs in the bark crevices of the tree. The eggs hatch in seven to 10 days. The larvae then bore into the tree and feed on the inner bark and phloem, creating winding galleries as they feed. These winding galleries are located in the circulatory system of the tree and subsequently cut off the flow of water and nutrients, eventually causing death.

The village will be removing all ash trees in public parks and parkways and replacing them with various species while attempting to cause as little impact to residents as possible. Prescribed treatments can sometimes slow the demise of an infested ash tree,

but there is currently no effective permanent treatment to save them.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to care for trees --- including ash trees --- on private property.

Village crews and private contractors will be removing all parkway ash trees in the village, one subdivision at a time based on severity of decline. Ash trees in public parkways that have been requested for immediate removal will be inspected and, if found to be dangerous, will be removed as quickly as possible.

Because of the large number of ash trees in the village, removal work is planned for a five to seven year phased removal plan. Public Works will determine the schedule of work in subdivisions based on the number of unhealthy ash trees and their size. Some areas are more highly affected than others.

After a parkway ash tree has been removed, the stump will be ground down and the area restored within a timely manner. The village plan is to replace the parkway trees during the following planting season. Please note that it may not be possible to immediately plant a replacement tree. The number of trees replaced will be in accordance with Village Code.

Residents who are treating their parkway ash trees with pesticides should notify Public Works at 708-403-6350. If the tree is not a safety hazard, the tree will not be removed if being treated.

Ash tree leaves are arranged oppositely, meaning leaves and branches are located across from each other. The leaves of many other species are arranged alternately. Most ash leaves have five to nine leaflets. If there are less than five leaflets or more than nine, it is generally not an ash. However, occasionally black ash and blue ash can have up to 11 leaflets. On mature trees, the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees, the bark is relatively smooth.

Ash trees that have been impacted from this pest have many identifiable indicators. Crown dieback from the top of the tree is the first and most noticeable sign. More die back will be seen from year to year. As the tree gets more and more stressed, suckers will begin to sprout from the base and trunk of the tree. Noticeable splitting in the bark can occur and woodpeckers may start to feed on the larvae, which will accelerate a tree's decline.

For more information, visit www.emeraldashborer.info or www.mortonarb.org. Visit the village's website for continued updates and information on the village's EAB program as it moves forward, www.orland-park.il.us.



Lower B-Boxes

Residents whose water service valve boxes (buffalo boxes/b-boxes) are above the lawn or sidewalk should call Public Works so it can be lowered to grade.

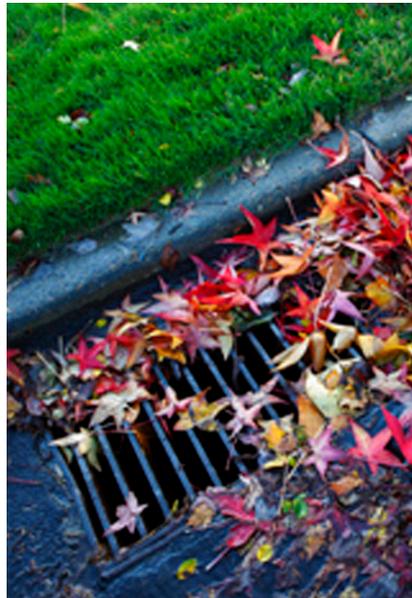
A buffalo box is a small metal pipe with a round cap on top that is typically located in the parkway for shutting off the water to the residence. Because of the annual freeze/thaw cycle and natural ground movement, some b-boxes may have a tendency to rise.

If a b-box has become a tripping hazard or if residents find themselves constantly hitting the b-box with a lawn mower, they should call so that it can be set back to proper grade. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 403-6350.

Adopt An Inlet

There are more than 16,000 storm inlets in the village. Each year, the Public Works Department asks residents to "adopt" the inlets near their homes. Inlets may be in the street or the rear yard. Regardless, residents are asked to keep them clear of debris and other obstructions.

Most of the department's street and backyard flooding calls are directly related to storm water inlets becoming covered with leaves, grass and debris. Once the debris is cleared, the inlets can properly drain. Residents are reminded to use care when clearing inlets during a heavy rainfall or directly after a storm.



Restricted Outdoor Water Use Begins May 15

The Village of Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect all year. Chicagoland communities have limits placed on the amount of water available to them. The village's Water Conservation Program is a necessary part of managing the Lake Michigan Water that the village receives from the City of Chicago via the Village of Oak Lawn.

RESTRICTED OUTDOOR WATER USE Annually May 15 to September 15

**Outdoor water use is permitted
from 7 to 11, both a.m. and p.m.
following the
Odd/Even Address System.**

Between September 16 and May 14, outdoor watering is permitted only between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. From May 15 through September 15, Orland Park's conservation efforts are further enhanced by adding the odd/even address restriction. All outdoor water usage (sprinkling, washing cars, watering flowers, etc.) is regulated to an odd/even address system.

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling by hose-fed sprinklers or underground irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all non-commercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car wash operations or filling swimming pools.

Lawn irrigation from a separate well is also allowed pending inspection and permitting by the village.

CONSERVE WATER

1. Follow the village's Water Conservation Program for outdoor water use.
2. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until the water is cold.
3. Rinse fruits and vegetables in a bowl and then pour the water on your lawn or plants.
4. Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when full.
5. Fix leaky toilets. Put food coloring in the toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
6. Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
7. Put a bucket in the shower and use the collected water to flush toilets or water lawn and plants.
8. Use an efficient, water conserving shower head.
9. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. If you use pesticides or fertilizer on your lawn, research non-toxic, eco-friendly alternatives.

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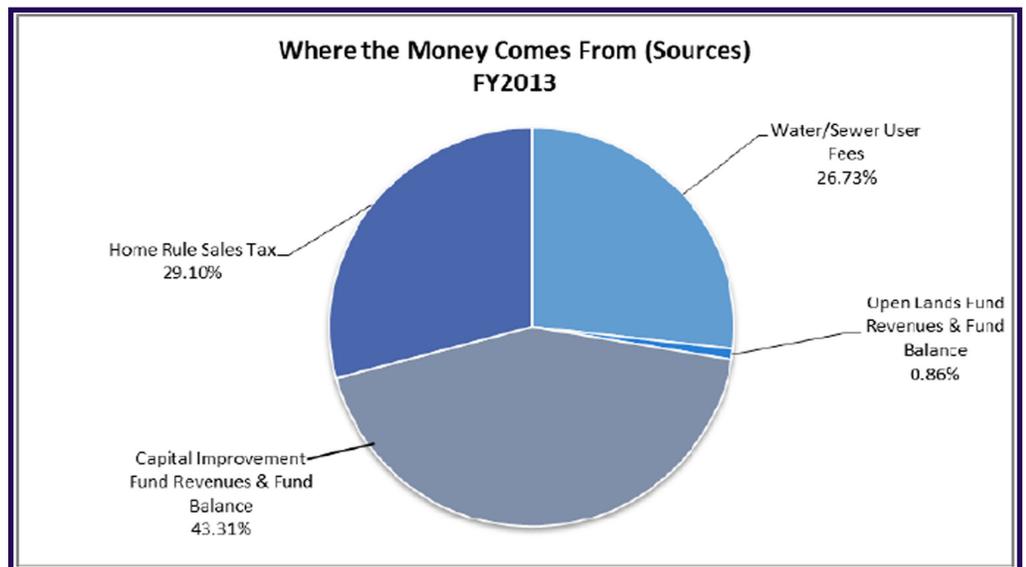
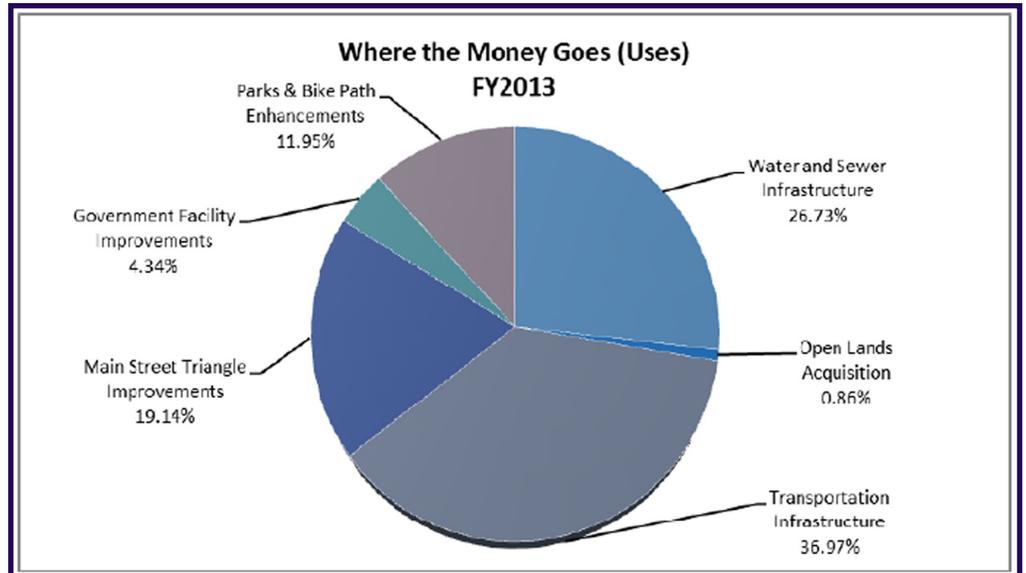
Capital Improvement Plan

The village's Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) amounts to \$13,493,450. The graphs to the right provide a snapshot of the types of projects included in the Fiscal Year 2013 CIP, as well as the revenue sources that fund these projects.

The two largest projects included in the Fiscal Year 2013 budget include:

Roadway Maintenance Program – \$2,800,000 - an annual program that provides for the resurfacing of various neighborhood roads throughout the village, based on the results of the village's recent Pavement Sufficiency Index Study. For Fiscal Year 2013, the program will follow the replacement of water main in the Orland Hills Gardens subdivision and a portion of Old Orland near 144th Place and Jefferson Avenue.

Flood Study Stormwater Management Improvements - \$1,936,925 – a program that continues to implement the improvements recommended in the village's 2004 Flood Study Report. The amount included in the Fiscal Year 2013 budget is for engineering and construction in the areas of Grasslands, Creekside North and South, Highland Avenue, Parkview Estates, Catalina, Mallard Lands, Maycliff Estate, Villa West, La Reina Re'al and Fernway.



2013/15 VEHICLE STICKER APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED THE LAST WEEK OF MAY

Stickers may be purchased beginning May 28, 2013. Those purchased on or after July 1, 2013 will double in cost. See details on page 6.



Prevent Auto Burglaries

Never leave valuables in vehicles, especially not in sight. Leaving valuables in sight in your vehicle automatically makes your car a target.

- Leave no trace. Do not leave any sign that there may be valuables out of sight such as docking stations or connector cables. Don't even leave loose coins or CDs, tempting a thief to break in.
- Simply leaving an empty docking station in plain view --- even if you've taken the expensive component with you --- could cost you hundreds of dollars to replace a broken window because the thief wanted to look for hidden valuables. Very few break ins are random --- thieves see something that's valuable or hints of hidden valuables.

Leaving signs of valuables in your vehicle makes it a target for thieves. Lock the doors. Use the alarms. Put valuables and other pieces completely out of sight.

- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors even if gone for just a brief time. Items are stolen from unlocked vehicles when the owner was gone "for a second." It takes seconds to break in. It's not uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles, checking doors to see if they're unlocked. Do not leave a window open or even cracked open including vent/wing windows sunroofs.

- Use an alarm or anti-theft device. Some may think that alarms no longer make a difference but they can be an effective deterrent to a burglar who wants an easy target. Lock your vehicle. Set the alarm and don't leave anything valuable in sight.

- Dark tinted windows don't hide valuables.

Thieves use flashlights to see through tint and after market tint is handy to keep all that broken glass in one place.

- Don't use "hide-a-keys." Thieves know the best places to hide those.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Signage Installed for Pedestrian Safety

The Village of Orland Park is making pedestrian crosswalks safer in the community. Recent state legislation and new local signage will ensure that vehicles stop for pedestrians.

"Orland Park is a very active community and we've heard from joggers and walkers that some motorists don't give pedestrians the right-of-way at crosswalks that they should," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. The village's new initiative enforces pedestrian right-of-way laws with non-traffic control signal crosswalks. "Ours is a pedestrian friendly community and this initiative is a great way to ensure safe crossing for everyone who travels on foot," the mayor said.

According to the Illinois Rules of the Road, drivers must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, particularly when a pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk and no traffic signals are present. "When the weather is nice, we have people on foot, runners, parents with strollers, dog walkers and we need to do all that we can to ensure their safety," said Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee.

Informational signage placed in designated areas notifies drivers that the crosswalk initiative is being enforced. The village's Public Works Department has repainted the crosswalks to warn drivers to take caution when approaching. "The newly placed signs are part of the Police Department's strategic plan to enhance pedestrian safety," said Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "The primary focus of our department is to ensure the public's safety at all times," he said.

The Police Department chose where the signs are located after reviewing the village's five areas with the largest volume of pedestrians, high traffic and high speed limits.

The five areas of the village with the highest pedestrian traffic include 151st and Catalina Drive; 151st and Lakeview Drive; Brookhill Drive and Southwest Highway; the 179th Street Metra Train Station crossing and 16800 South 88th Avenue with student traffic going to Fernway School.

"The village's crosswalk initiative is crucial for increasing public safety in the village," McLaughlin said, adding, "This program will help everyone pay attention --- both motorists and those on foot."



OUTSTANDING YOUTH

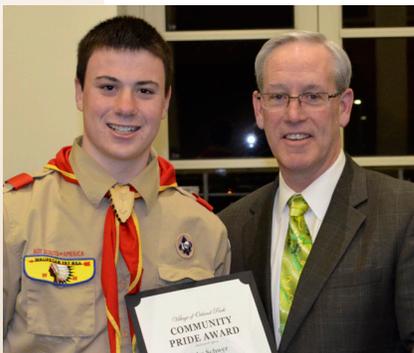
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Pioneer Varsity Team members included **Micah Awodiran, Ayoolumide Abiona, Cole Bateman, Brendan Brown, Sean Carroll, Ryan Colby, Collin Friedsam, Jerry Hokkanen, Jake Iwema, Zack Juwayyid, Tommy Kropp, Brenden Lavelle, Austin Lawlor, Ryan Lenkiewicz, Elyas Lepla, Bo Manning, Jared Monnett, Mike Murphy, Brian Murray, Zachary Nelson, Raymond Nowicki, Ifeloluwa Osilaja, Devibbe Porter, T.J. Quinlan, Billy Roche, Aaron Rubi, Kurt Smith, Mason Thomalla, Steven Wagner, Joe Wardell and Jack Witt.**

National Award Winning Boy Scouts. Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383 recently celebrated its second anniversary as a troop and receiving the Boy Scouts of America Journey to Excellence Gold Award for 2012. The troop was also honored for creating the "Orland Park Geochallenge 2012," inviting people to discover the community's history and to celebrate the village's 2012 120th Anniversary.

Troop members include **Jack Barrett, Bob Burns, Kevin Carroll, Will Davis, Steven Fechtner, Belal Jaber, JT Jakstavich, Mitchell Kramer, Tim Klotz, Jacob Monnett, Jaden Mossman, Colin Motzny, Mark Muellerm Shane Murabito, Christopher Pearson, Vince Scaravalle, Nate Sporleder and Ian Welgat.**

State Champion Knights Cheerleaders. The Orland Knights Widget Cheerleaders brought a state championship back to Orland Park, winning the Illinois Recreational



Mayor Dan McLaughlin presented a Community Pride Award to Orland Park's Jake Schwer of Mokena Boy Scout Troop 725, recognizing his reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

Illinois Recreational Cheerleading Association State Championship. Squad members included **Marisa Bielski, Kerry Brosnan, Monika Bzdyk, Katelyn Caldwell, Molly Cronin, Rebeka Kovar, Mia Lacny, Madison Mardoian, Lauryn McDonald, Lyndsey McHale, Madilyn Petrushevski, Tina Siebenaler, Joscelyn Stewart,**

Zoe Supanich and Kaylee Wilson.

State & National Champion Cheering Celtics. The Providence Catholic High School Varsity Cheerleading Team earned the state championship title for their division at the Illinois High School Association's (IHS) State Competitive Cheerleading Tournament, followed by being named grand national champions at the National Cheerleaders Association Open Nationals Championship in Louisville, Kentucky.

Orland Park residents who cheer for Providence include **Courtney McEnery, Lauren Murphy, Roslyn Parayo, Taylor Vennetti, Brittany Charnot, Tori Vennetti, Maryssa Presbitero and Dana Joseph.**



Mayor McLaughlin with two of the state champions from the Carl Sandburg High School Speech Team, Rahul Jacob and Cora Georgiou. Not pictured is Patrick Kelly.

State Champion Girl Scouts. Congratulations to the Orland Park Girl Scouts "Girls With Gears Team," winners of the "Rookies of the Year" category in the First Lego League State Tournament.

Girl Scouts on the team included **Danielle Bornstein, Calli Evans, Sophia Jablonski, Stephanie Jablonski, Therese Jaeger, Ashley Kirstein, Grace Molloy, Giana Palumbo, Makayla Shinnick and Sarah Slee.**

Sandburg Speech Wins State. Three members of the Carl Sandburg High School Speech Team received first place honors in the Illinois High School Association State Speech Finals. Congratulations to **Cora Georgiou, Patrick Kelly and Rahul Jacob.**



Mayor McLaughlin presents a Lifesavers Award to Jacob Pechukas for helping to save a man's life at the village's Sportsplex. Pechuka works at the Sportsplex and is also a lifeguard at the village's pool.

Troop 318 Eagles & Anniversary. Congratulations to five new Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 318, including **Joseph Jaeger, Scott Cleary, Eric Kowalczyk, John Patrick Magee and Jack Harmenting.** We also recently honored the troop's leaders for marking the group's 75th anniversary.

Sportsplex Lifesaver. On March 4, we honored and thanked Village of Orland Park Sportsplex employee **Jacob Pechukas** and Orland Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Nick Cinquepalmi for saving the life of a 32 year old man at the Sportsplex.

State Wrestling Champs. The Carl Sandburg High School Wrestling Team are again the Illinois High School Association state champions. Individual champions include **CJ Brucki, Colin Holler and Ricky Robertson.** Team members also include **Christian Robertson, Louie Hayes, Jim Pellegrino, Chris Conrad, Sebastian Pique, Jake Vales, Moe Shuaibi, Brian Krasowski, Ben Schneider, Tom Brennan, John Pellegrino, Mitch Cook, CJ Brucki, Hunter Pindel, Colin Holler, Chris Pajak, Ricky Robertson, Pat Halpin, Bill Gore, Robert Boyde and Nate Sonneveld.**

To share your child's regional, state or national honor, email the information to publicinfooffice@orland-park.il.us. Photos from Mayor McLaughlin's presentations to youth groups and individuals can be found on the Village of Orland Park's Facebook page.

Sculpture Heads to Italian Art Exhibit

Double Mobius Strip, a 14 foot stainless steel sculpture at 144th Place and Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park is making its way to the 55th International Art Exhibition at the Venice Biennale in Venice, Italy. The sculpture began its journey Friday, April 12 when it was removed from its Orland Park site.

The village's Art in the Park Program originally leased Double Mobius Strip for three years in October of 2008 and later extended the lease to have the sculpture remain at 144th and Ravinia Avenue until October 2014.

The village recently agreed to allow the artist Plamen Yordanov to temporarily remove the Double Mobius strip upon its selection to be displayed in the 2013 Venice Biennale.

The Venice Biennale has remained one of the most prestigious cultural institutions in the world for over a century.

The foundation promotes new artistic trends and organizes various international events in the contemporary arts sector.

The Venice Biennale is most famous for the International Film Festival, the International Art Exhibition and

International Architectural Exhibition. It is a true honor for any artist to have his or her work selected to be part of the Biennale.

Plamen Yordanov, the creator of Double Mobius Strip, will replace the stainless

steel sculpture with a similar piece of artwork of comparable size and quality by July 31, 2013. The original Double Mobius Strip will return to Orland Park by January 31, 2014.

Yordanov's more than 25 years experience includes displays in Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and others.



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VILLAGE NEWS

Welcome, New Businesses

The following businesses have opened in Orland Park or have applied and are coming soon.*

Crystal Nails & Spa* 16077 LaGrange	Eden Nails by Susan* 16057 LaGrange Road
Soma Intimates* 9600 143rd Street	Star Fire Spa* 15550 70th Court
Luxury Nails* 9161 151st Street	Motor City Inc* 15550 70th Court
Mama Maria's Taco & Tequila Bar* 16117 LaGrange Road	George's Wine & Spirits 8600 West 159th Street
Call It Spring* 844 Orland Square Drive	Cutie Nails 9532 147th Street
Claeven, LTD* 16531 106th Court	Firehouse Subs 15892 LaGrange
LaBelle Jewelry & Repair* 14267 Wolf Road	New Uses 9020 159th Street
Cherry Berry Yogurt Bar* 15890 LaGrange Road	The Cheesecake Factory 304 Orland Square Drive
AVS Fabrication 15659 70th Court	Uncle Bob's Self Storage 11525 184th Place
CPR Cell Phone Repair* 15864 LaGrange Road	Native Arts 148 Orland Square Drive
V'Alexander Studio* 15752 LaGrange Road	Cloud Tobacco 14478 LaGrange Road
Titan Mechanical Corp* 16249 107th Ave	OMG Birthdays* 9556 147th Street
Orange Theory Fitness 190 Orland Park Place	C'est La Vie 9917 143rd Street
Stop & Shop 17849 Wolf Road	Whole Foods Market 15260 LaGrange Road
Fresh Market 14740 LaGrange Road	CPX Sports 288 Orland Square Drive
Kitchen Center, Inc 9525 131st Street	Customized Teez 2000 Orland Square Drive
Buona Beef 9525 131st Street	Red Mango 31 Orland Square Drive
SASS Orland LLC 16057 LaGrange Road	Dave & Buster's 49 Orland Square Drive
Suite Maria 16057 LaGrange Road	Polarx Ornaments 1000 Orland Square Drive
Eden by Gretchen* 16057 LaGrange Road	Simply Serenity Medispa 11935 143rd Street
	Go! Calendars 2000 Orland Square Dr

One RV Permitted Per Home

Village ordinance permits one recreational vehicle to be parked at a residence and it must be parked on the driveway, not blocking the sidewalk. Parking on the side of the home or on the rear setbacks is not permitted and recreational vehicles may never be parked on the street.



BUY LOCAL.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK DATES TO REMEMBER

May 15	Restricted H2O Conserv Begins	Aug 13	Village White Sox Game
May 17	Comedy Improv Team	Aug 25	OPPD SO Bike Ride
May 25	Centennial Park Aquatic Center Opens	Sept 1	Maggie Speaks at Centennial Park West
May 25	Pedal Boats & Kayaks Open	Sept 17	Open Lands Golf Outing
May 27	Memorial Day Ceremony		
June 7	Farmers' Market Opens	Oct 5	The Great Pumpkin Party
June 18	Fun In The Park	Oct 11-13	Theatre Troupe Show
June 23	Open Lands Garden Walk	Oct 20	35th Annual Spelling Bee
June 30	City Lights Orchestra at Centennial Park West	Oct 21-25	Sportsplex Senior Week
		Oct 25	Jr High Halloween Dance
July 3	Liberty Run & Walk	Nov 2	Special Recreation Garage Sale
July 4	Independence Spectacular	Nov 3	Veterans' Steak Fry
July 17	Wacky Wednesday	Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony
July 20-21	Chamber Fine Art Fair	Nov 16	Kids' Turkey Trot
July 21	Concert On The Lawn	Nov 28	Turkey Trot
July 21 & 28	Broadway in Orland Park	Nov TBA	"Dance Chicago"
July 23	Fun In The Park		
		Dec 1	Winter Festival & Mayor's Tree Lighting
Aug 2-4	Taste of Orland Park		
Aug 6	National Night Out	Dec 13-15	OPTT Holiday Show
Aug 9	Flick ' N Float/CPAC	Dec 31	Safe Ride Home

Orland Park Civic Center

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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 the perfect setting.

The Civic Center staff can help with party and event planning. A list of caterers, event planners, entertainment and 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. The adjacent outdoor amphitheater is perfect for outdoor weddings or ceremonies of any kind.

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 may be served at private parties. A liquor license is required for fundraising organizations. DJ's and caterers are permitted.

Information included here is subject to change.

Call 708/403-6140 for more information.

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14750 Park Lane
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Inclement Weather Hotline
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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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