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# FROM THE MAYOR



## DANIEL J. MCLAUGHLIN

Spring has finally sprung! After record-breaking snowfall and low temperatures, it is wonderful to have the cold weather behind us so that we can enjoy the beauty of the warm months in Orland Park.

Thanks to those who called or sent notes complimenting the village's snowplowing and salting efforts. Our Public Works Department rose to the challenge of one of the overall toughest winters we have had in a number of years.

The village was pleased to offer curbside pick-up for the spring clean-up for the first time. The process went smoothly and was very popular, with over 100 tons of large household items picked up from Orland residents.

We officially welcome summer to Orland Park during Memorial Day Weekend. Orland Park's Centennial Park Aquatic Center will open for the 2014 season on May 24. Check our website for membership, special events and classes offered at the pool.

We will honor and remember all fallen heroes at the village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26. All are invited to join us at the 1 p.m. ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace, located at the Village Center, 147th & Ravinia. There will also be a brief ceremony on Friday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D-Day. All are welcome.

Summer in Orland Park brings many events and fun activities. The Concerts in the Park are already becoming an area favorite. City Lights Orchestra will be performing again this summer at Centennial Park West. See page 24 for more dates, times and details.

Visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) and click on "Special Events" for a complete list of the many options in Orland Park this summer.

More than 15,000 households completed their Property Tax Rebate Applications. We were pleased to be able to, once again, refund a portion of residents' property taxes.

The village is working hard to alleviate traffic and make traveling throughout Orland Park a more enjoyable experience. Progress on the Illinois Department of Transportation's widening of LaGrange Road continues and IDOT and its contractors are working steadily to advance this much needed improvement through the center of town.

Stay up to date on pending lane closures and other announcements via the village's website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).

I hope you have a safe and fantastic summer filled with family, fun and great times!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor



# Calendar of Events

MAY THROUGH  
JULY, 2014

**MAY  
17**

**Nature Scavenger Hunt**  
(Rain date: Sunday, May 18)  
1:00 - 2:30 PM • Age: 3 & up •  
Franklin Loebe Center, Room 122

**JUNE  
29**

**Orland Park FREE  
Outdoor Concert Event**  
Centennial Park West  
(see page 24 for more details)

**JULY  
19**

**Chamber Fine Art Fair**  
July 19 and July 20  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Orland Park  
Crossing Shopping Center

**MAY  
24**

**Centennial Park  
Aquatic Center Opening Day**  
Noon to 8:00 PM • Centennial Park  
Aquatic Center

**JULY  
3**

**Liberty Family Fun Run & Walk**  
7:00 PM at Centennial Park  
153rd Street Metra Station

**JULY  
20**

**Concert on the Lawn**  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Crescent Park • FREE

**MAY  
30**

**No Limit Laughs with the  
Orland Park Comedy Improv**  
8:00 - 10:00 PM  
Old Village Hall

**JULY  
3**

**Kids Run for Fun 50 Yard Dash**  
7:30 PM at Centennial Park  
153rd Street Metra Station

**JULY  
22**

**Fun in the Park Featuring:  
The Frog Lady**  
11:00 AM / DJ begins 11:45 AM  
Frontier Park • FREE

**JUNE  
6**

**Farmers' Market**  
Fridays beginning June 6 - Oct. 3  
No Market on July 4 & Aug. 1  
Village Center

**JULY  
4**

**Independence Celebration**  
Centennial Park • Johnny Russler &  
the Beach Bums 7:15 - 9:15 PM  
Pres. of Colors & Fireworks 9:15 PM  
FREE

**JULY  
24**

**Snorkel Treasure Hunt at  
Centennial Park Aquatic Center**  
4:00 - 6:00 PM

**JUNE  
13**

**Story Time at Centennial Park  
Aquatic Center**  
Fridays • 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
June 13 to Aug. 8 (no session Aug. 1)

**JULY  
10**

**Guards vs You at Centennial  
Park Aquatic Center**  
6:00 PM

**JULY  
31**

**Luau at Centennial Park  
Aquatic Center**  
2:00 PM Start

**JUNE  
17**

**Fun in the Park Featuring:  
Raisin Rhyme**  
11:00 AM • DJ begins 11:45 AM  
Deer Point Estates Park • FREE

**JULY  
16**

**Wacky Wednesday Featuring:  
Istvan & His Imaginary Band**  
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM • DJ Performs;  
Village Center Amphitheater • FREE

**AUG  
1**

**Taste of Orland Park**  
Fri. - Sun., Aug. 1-3  
Orland Park Village Center  
FREE

**JUNE  
22**

**Open Lands Garden Walk**  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Orland Park Civic Center

**JULY  
17**

**Watermelon Eating Contest at  
Centennial Park Aquatic Center**  
1:00 PM

**NEW!**

**Flash Farmers' Market**  
Third Thursday of June, July  
and August (June 19, July 17  
and August 14) • 4:30 - 7:30 PM  
Crescent Park/143rd Street  
Metra Station

- Fresh produce
- Flowers
- Plants
- Bakery items
- Homemade tamales
- Organic breads
- Gourmet sauces
- And more

**JUNE  
22**

**No Limit Laughs with the  
Orland Park Comedy Improv**  
Family Show • 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Old Village Hall

**JULY  
18**

**Orland Park Theatre Troupe  
Presents: "Occupation Murder"**  
July 18 & July 19 at 7:00 PM  
Orland Park Civic Center

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**ORLAND PARK HAS JOINED AN ELITE LIST, HAVING BEEN NAMED ONE OF CHICAGO MAGAZINE'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE.**

The magazine used statistics from Midwest Real Estate Data, the U.S. Census Bureau, the Illinois State Board of Education and the police departments for Chicago and every town in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lane, McHenry and Will Counties.

"It's especially gratifying when a well-respected source like Chicago Magazine makes an unsolicited finding that recognizes our community's value," the mayor added.

Cook County suburbs making the list with Orland Park include Barrington, Northbrook, LaGrange and Wilmette. Those from DuPage County include Hinsdale and Wheaton. Lake County is represented by Highland Park and Lake Bluff with the sole winner from Kane County being Geneva. Woodstock, in McHenry County, made the cut as did the only other south suburb on the list — Frankfort in Will County.

"We are very proud of Orland Park being named and in particular for the village's low crime rate being noted," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "This was a big part of the mayor's State of the Village Address in February — what a safe community Orland Park is," he added.

The magazine studied how home prices have fared in recent years compared with prices in neighboring areas as well as whether buyers can get good value for their money. Orland Park's median home sale price for 2013 was \$275,000, an increase of three percent since 2012. The number of home sales in Orland Park for 2013 was listed at 442.

Winning communities included those with schools that scored above average on standardized tests and offered ease of transportation downtown. Communities with several "L" stops and at least one Metra stop earned extra points.

"They studied everything that makes Orland Park great — a variety of housing options, our low crime rate, great schools, outstanding parks, transportation, shopping for everyone and Downtown Orland Park," McLaughlin said. "We were very excited to see that they mentioned the Old Orland Historic District and its link to Ninety7Fifty on the Park," the mayor added.

Print copies of the magazine were delivered in the Sunday, March 16 Chicago Tribune. The online version of the article appears at [www.chicagogamag.com/Chicago-Magazine/April-2014/chicago-neighborhoods](http://www.chicagogamag.com/Chicago-Magazine/April-2014/chicago-neighborhoods).

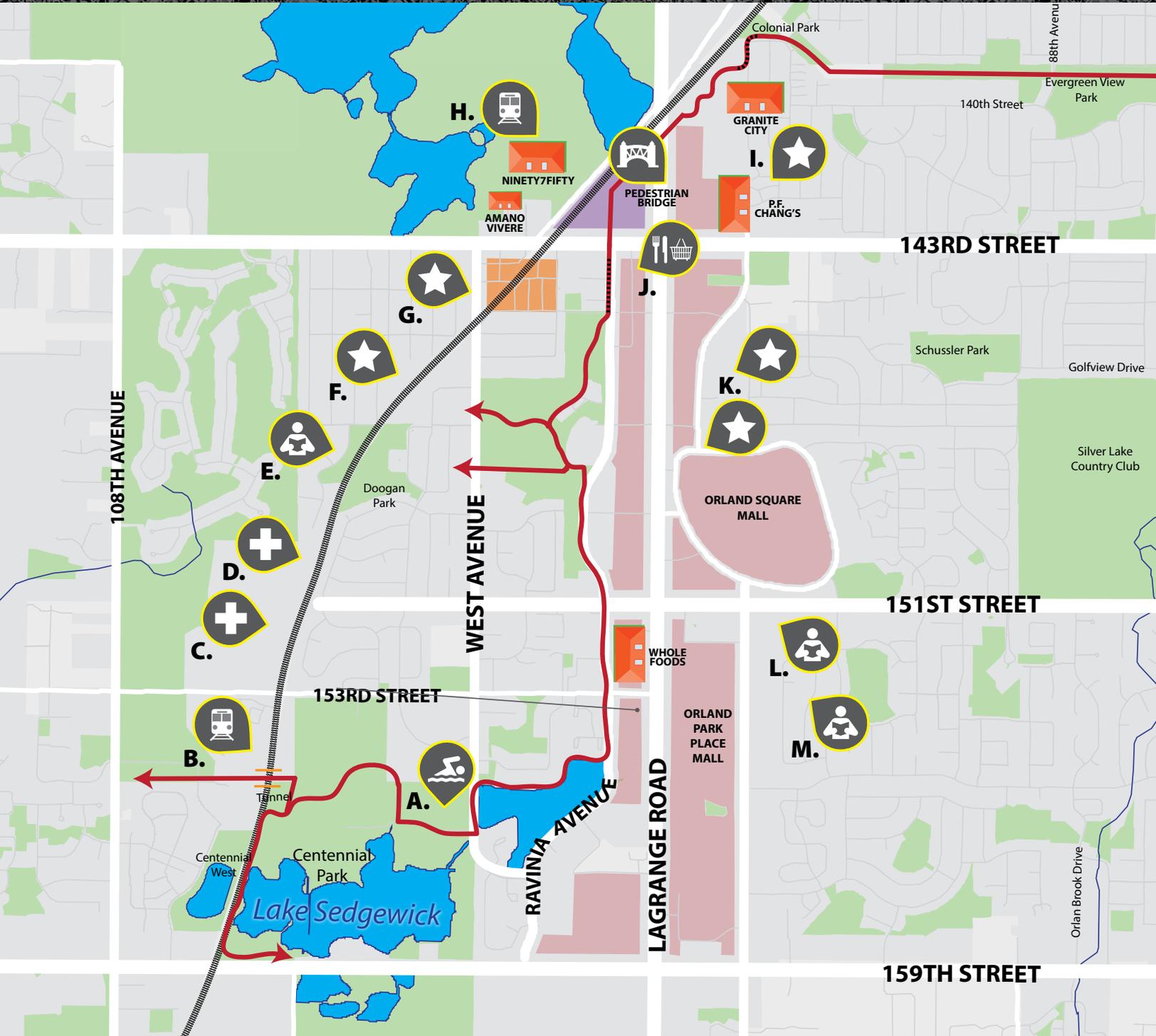


*"This is a great honor for Orland Park," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The village's low crime rate, our exceptional amenities and access to downtown Chicago were all important parts of Orland Park being named," the mayor said.*

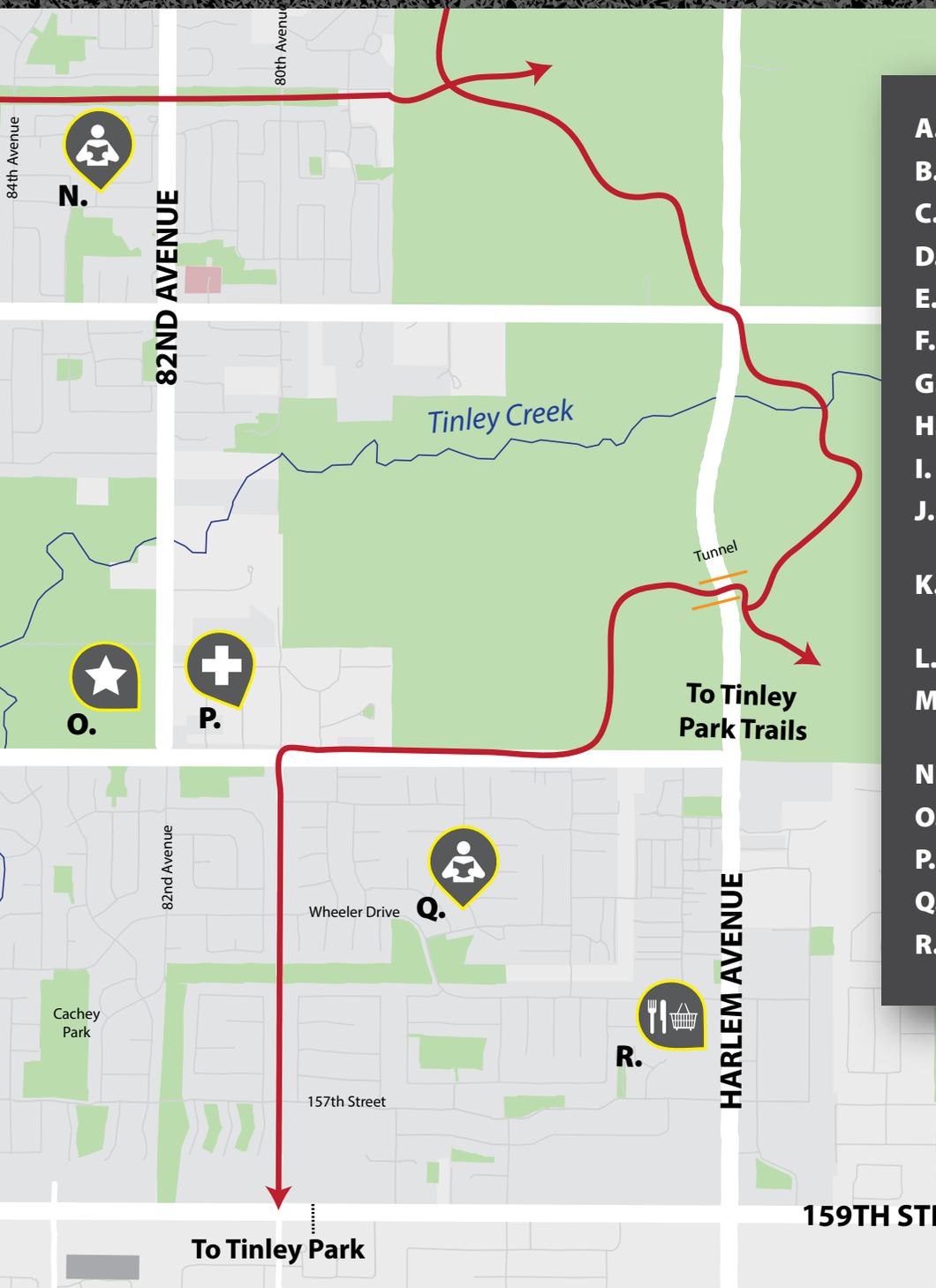




# BIKE PATHS



# of Orland Park



- A.** Aquatic Center
- B.** 153rd Street Metra Station
- C.** Orland Park Police HQ
- D.** OFPD Station & HQ
- E.** High Point & Orland Jr. High
- F.** Humphrey Sports Fields
- G.** Old Orland Historic District
- H.** 143rd Street Metra Station
- I.** Downtown Main Street Area
- J.** Village Center Retail & Restaurants
- K.** Village Center Campus/Orland Township
- L.** Orland Park Public Library
- M.** Center School & District 135/230
- N.** Prairie School
- O.** Bosley Farm
- P.** OPFD Fire Station
- Q.** Kruse School
- R.** Retail & Restaurants

# community pride



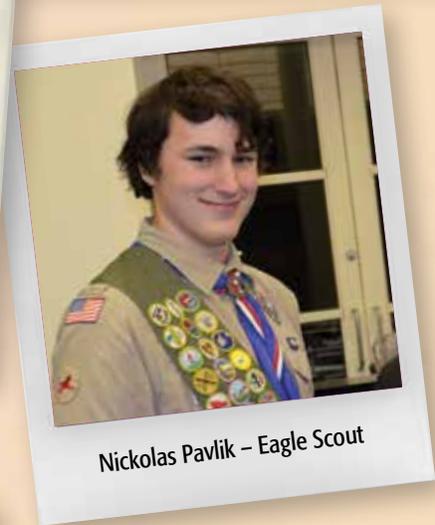
The undefeated Orland Knights Pee Wee Football Team



Sean Gaughan, Orland Knights Football Coach



Steve Armbruster, Orland Knights Football Coach



Nickolas Pavlik – Eagle Scout



Ed Vrdolyak, Orland Knights Football Coach



Brian Sord was recognized for his charitable efforts



Mark Szczesniak, Orland Knights Football Coach



St. Michael cheerleading  
Coach Becky Weslow



Congratulations to the St. Michael Varsity Cheerleaders  
for their state and national championship wins



St. Michael cheerleading  
Coach Kimberly Williams



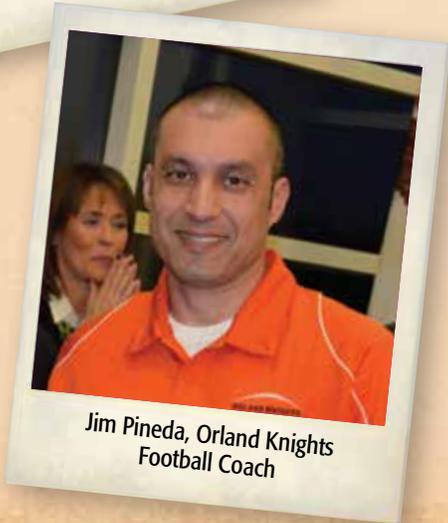
Erin Nolan, Miss Teen Illinois  
Galaxy 2013



Miss Illinois Teen USA 2014,  
Miranda Fenzua



St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen's  
Court Member Erin Mulcahy and  
Queen Lauren Catinella



Jim Pineda, Orland Knights  
Football Coach



Orland Park Lions Gail Anton, Steve Anton,  
Mayor McLaughlin, Trustee Kathy Fenton and  
Lions Nancy Kimer and Herb Zimmerman



# THE FUTURE LAGRANGE ROAD

*Improved traffic flow,  
increased safety and  
visually appealing;  
Welcome to the new  
LaGrange Road.*

Traveling through and around Orland Park via LaGrange Road will soon be a much more appealing and enjoyable experience. In addition to the IDOT road widening that is currently underway, the Village of Orland Park is keeping in mind the aesthetics by enhancing the corridor with various improvements including trees, irrigation, lighting, pavers, plantings and more.



## WHAT DOES THE LAGRANGE ROAD PROJECT INCLUDE?

The following key improvements are being made throughout the project corridor:

- Additional through lanes
- Intersection improvements; including additional turn lanes at key intersections
- Improved traffic signal coordination
- Access restrictions
- Improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Improved roadway alignment
- Roadway enhancements

Visit the Village of Orland Park website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) or the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) website at [www.dot.state.il.us/US45lagrange/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/US45lagrange/index.html) for frequent updates and information.

## WHEN WILL THE WORK BE COMPLETED?

IDOT estimates that the project will be complete in the fall of 2015 with various landscaping projects to be complete in 2016. This schedule is dependent on weather as well as several other factors and is subject to change. Updates are available on the village website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).

## WILL THERE BE ROADWAY ENHANCEMENTS AS PART OF THE PROJECT?

The Village of Orland Park will be enhancing the corridor with both landscape and hardscape improvements. The improvements include brick paver enhancements along the medians and sidewalks; enhanced crosswalks, median walls, and columns; additional monument and fencing at key intersections; median and parkway trees; and irrigation, decorative street lighting, and median plantings.

Pedestrian enhancements include both sidewalks and multi-use paths throughout the corridor. Intersection crossings will have pedestrian signals with countdown timers.





# SAFE VILLAGE

Safety for all within the village is of the utmost priority of the Orland Park Police Department. Great measures are taken to ensure safe schools, retail centers and residential areas, resulting in what we have today, a safe Orland Park.

## SCHOOL SAFETY

The Orland Park Police Department enjoys a strong partnership, dedicated to school safety, with all of the schools located within the Village of Orland Park. This partnership includes ten schools in District 135, Carl Sandburg High School, Saint Michael School, Kruse Education Center, and Fernway Park School along with various colleges/universities, pre-schools, and day care centers. The department has three dedicated School Resource Officers (SROs) that meet regularly with school officials to share safety-related information.

The department also holds "School Safety" meetings with each school annually. The department has been committed to Rapid Deployment training (critical incident response) for more than ten years. This training includes the use of an actual school, or other such venues, as a training site. School officials are included in this training in an effort to understand each partner's role and to improve safety procedures. The department has worked with school officials for almost ten years on lockdown drills and is now conducting rapid deployment/active shooter drills in all school buildings in accordance with state law.



## SAFE SUMMER SHOPPING

Summertime shoppers in Orland Park can browse and buy with ease thanks to the diligent efforts of the Orland Park Police Department. Increased police presence and cooperation between the retail centers and the police have ensured a continual decrease in incidents and retail thefts since 2011.



# PREVENTING RUSE BURGLARIES

A huge topic among police agencies across the country and throughout the Chicagoland area is ruse burglaries, with criminals targeting seniors. A ruse burglary is when criminals try to distract people from their homes so an accomplice can enter another door and steal cash, jewelry and other items.

The Orland Park Police Department is in the midst of a community wide public awareness campaign to get the word out to area seniors to be aware of people who are trying to victimize them. Seniors are targeted because they're home during the day, they oftentimes want to talk and they're willing to comply with "authority" figures.

All solicitors going door to door in the village must first apply at and be screened by the Orland Park Police Department. If a solicitor comes to your home or business not displaying an official solicitor's badge, immediately notify the police department. If you see a suspicious vehicle in your neighborhood, call the police. If you see an unfamiliar vehicle at a senior neighbor's home, knock on the door and ask if everything is okay.

The police department also recommends getting the color, make and model of the vehicle driven by someone knocking at your door. Remind seniors to never, ever let strangers into their home and to not accompany strangers outside without locking the house or having a family member attending the door. Read more about how you can help your senior family members and friends at [orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org).



# HOMETOWN *Heroes*

A sincere thank you to the brave  
men and women from Orland Park  
who selflessly serve our great nation.



**Christian M. Andrews**  
*Priv. First Class; Marine Corps*



**Sean Casper**  
*Sergeant; Marine Corps*



**Michael Wieland**  
*Captain; Marine Corps*

Thank you to the Orland Park families who have graciously shared their photos of family members serving our country in the armed services. Above are the newest additions to our growing list of men and women who selflessly serve our great nation. To have your family member added to the Hometown Heroes display located in the Village of Orland Park Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, call or email Gail Blummer at 708-403-6115 or [Veterans@orlandpark.org](mailto:Veterans@orlandpark.org).

# VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

## ADD A NAME TO THE MEMORIAL

Each Memorial and Veterans Day, the village's Veterans Commission adds the names of veterans to the granite wall surrounding Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial, "Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace."

Remembered military need not be residents of the Village of Orland Park or deceased. Veterans from throughout the region have been honored by family and friends as they proudly rise when their name is called at the village's Memorial and Veterans' Day Ceremonies.

The cost to add a veteran's name to Orland Park's memorial is \$250 each. For more information, call Village of Orland Park Veterans' Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 708-403-6115 or email [Veterans@orlandpark.org](mailto:Veterans@orlandpark.org).



# D-DAY

The Village of Orland Park and its Veterans Commission will host a 70th Anniversary D-Day Commemoration Ceremony on Friday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Orland Park Veterans Memorial, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Everyone is invited and the commission invites D-Day Veterans to be recognized for their heroic service on the beaches of Normandy 70 years ago.

After the ceremony, an authentic news reel presentation will be shown in the Civic Center Annex with light refreshments.

D-Day Veterans planning to attend are asked to call Phil Bell at 708-860-2355 or Gail Blummer at 708-403-6115 to have their names included on a special roll call at the ceremony.



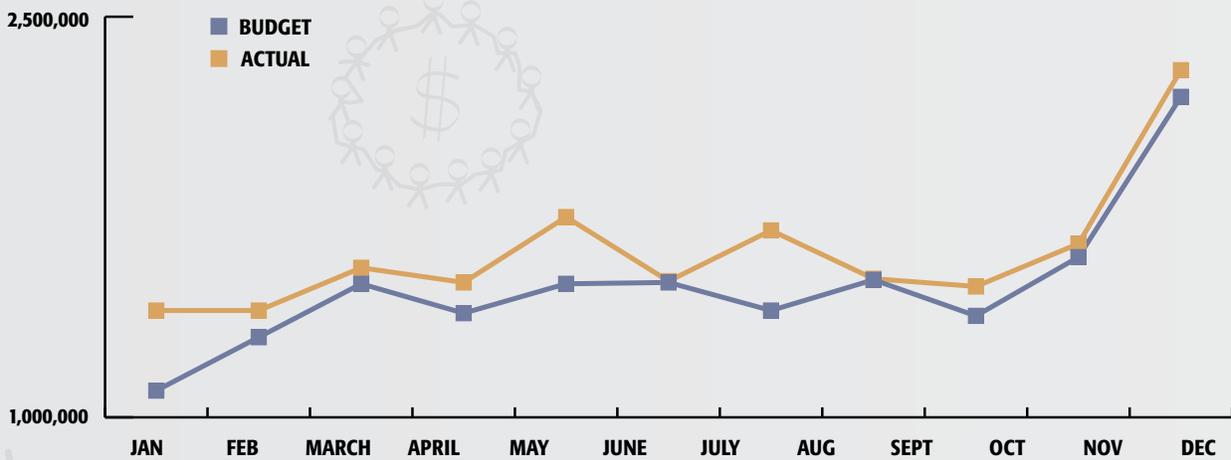
# YOUR DOLLARS

The Budget vs. Actual Core Sales Tax and Home Rule Sales Tax graphs below represent the amount of revenue the village budgets for sales tax vs. the actual amount of revenue received. The village takes a conservative view when budgeting sales tax revenues.

The graphs reflect that buying patterns change throughout the year, with the largest revenue being received during the holiday season in December.

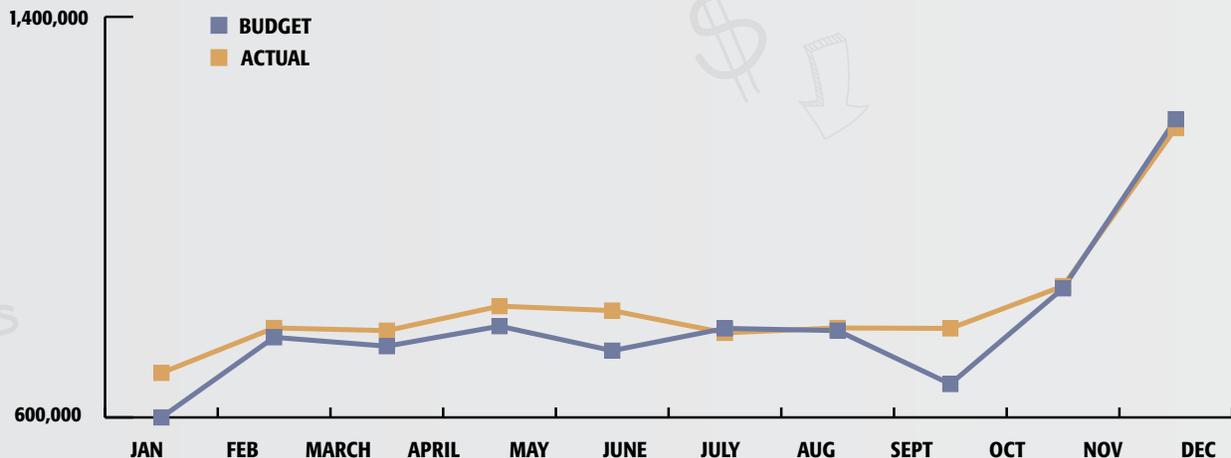
## CORE SALES TAX

Budget vs Actual 2013



## HOME RULE SALES TAX

Budget vs Actual 2013

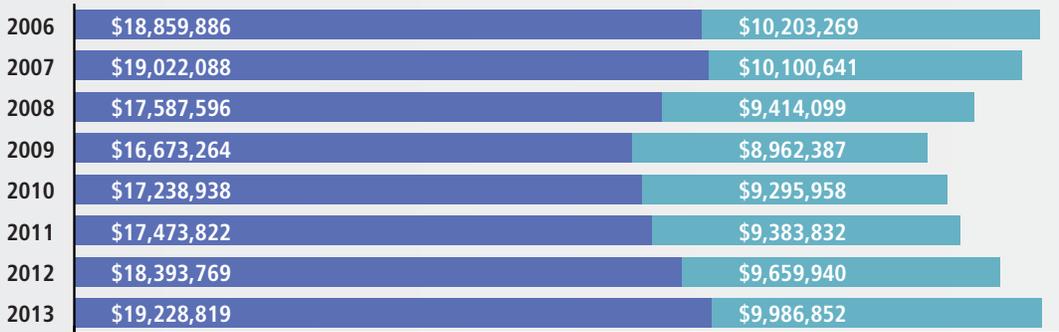


**1% Core Sales Tax Collections**

2006 to 2013 Actual

**.75% Home Rule Sales Tax Collections**

2006 to 2013 Actual



The graph above reflects sales tax collections from 2006 through 2013 and provides a snapshot of the effect the Great Recession had on the village's largest revenue source. The reflection of the slow but steady economic recovery is visible as sales tax collections continue to grow from 2009 to the current year, increasing by approximately 14%.

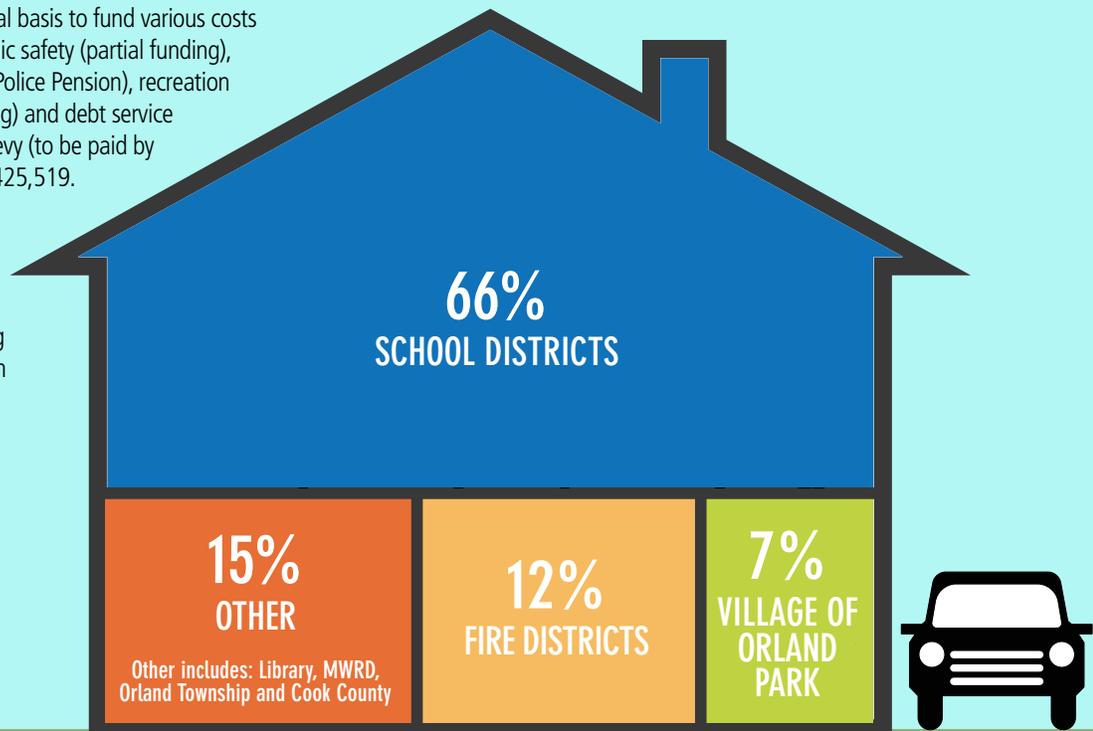
## YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

**For every property tax dollar paid by residents each year, approximately 7¢ goes to the Village of Orland Park to fund operating expenses.**

The remainder of the resident's property tax bill is distributed to a variety of taxing districts, as illustrated on the right.

Property taxes are levied on an annual basis to fund various costs incurred by the village, including public safety (partial funding), employee pensions (IMRF, FICA and Police Pension), recreation services and amenities (partial funding) and debt service (partial funding). The village's 2013 levy (to be paid by taxpayers in 2014) amounts to \$13,425,519.

As a result of our conservative fiscal stance, we were able to rebate a portion of residents' property taxes for nine of the past 12 years, rebating a total of approximately \$32.3 million to residents.





# THE ASH TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The village is managing a program that mandates the removal of our inventory of over 8,000 parkway ash trees. These trees must be removed before they deteriorate to the point of posing a danger to resident safety and property. We are asking that residents please be patient as we assess these deteriorating trees to determine where resources should be directed to remove the most hazardous trees first. Understanding the importance of maintaining community, parkway and neighborhood aesthetics, the Village of Orland Park will be replacing nearly all of the trees that are being removed.

## **ASH TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (ATRRP) AT A GLANCE**

- The village inventoried approximately 8,085 parkway ash trees in the Village of Orland Park. The village also estimates that there are approximately 200 ash trees bordering the various village-owned ponds throughout the village.
- The village's initial ash tree removal/replacement program was a 6-year program (2013 through 2018).
- In the fall of 2013, the Village Board, in response to citizens' concerns, decided to expedite the tree removal process and fund a more aggressive three year program (2013 through 2015).
- As of March 7, 2014, the village has completed the removal of approximately 1,735 trees with an estimated 6,600 trees remaining.

## **REPLACEMENT TREE VARIETIES**

- Glenleven Linden
- State Street Maple
- American Elm Princeton
- Redmond Linden
- Norway Maple
- Brandy Wine Maple
- Red Sunset Maple
- London Sycamore (Sycamore)
- Little Linden
- Shademaster Honey Locust
- Red Maple
- Accolade Elm
- Crimson King Norway Maple
- Pacific Sunset Maple
- October Glory Maple

# Ash Tree Removal/Replacement Program Update

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How will I be able to identify what type of tree is being planted in the parkway?**

Beginning Spring 2014, all replacement parkway trees will be planted with a tag that specifies the common name and the scientific name of the tree. Staff will be placing a similar tree identification tags on those trees that were planted prior to 2014.

Residents receiving new replacement trees will also receive information on how to care for the parkway tree, and other basic information that will assure proper and successful longevity of the tree.

### **What if I don't want a new replacement tree planted in the parkway in front of my home?**

The village will do their best to honor requests to "not replace" an ash tree. Please note that in order to preserve neighborhood aesthetics and neighborhood parkway requirements, all requests to "not replace" an ash tree will be handled on a case by case basis.

### **What happens to ash trees that are located on my private property, who will remove them?**

Ash trees on private property including those in common areas maintained by associations are the responsibility of the private property owner or association.

### **What should I do and who should I contact if I am treating my ash tree so that it is not removed?**

If you are treating your ash tree(s), please contact the Public Works Department at 708-403-6350 so that we can place your tree on the "do not remove" list. To ensure that your tree will not be mistakenly removed, staff will install a small aluminum "treated tree" tag on your tree(s).

### **Can I purchase my own tree and install it in the parkway?**

Residents can purchase and install parkway trees with a few requirements:

- Before any digging can occur in the parkway, you must complete a Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (J.U.L.I.E.) locate. Call 811 or 1-800-892-0123 to place a locate request.
- You must contact Development Services and speak to a landscape architect to ensure that your species of tree is a village approved parkway species.
- As a courtesy, please contact the Public Works Department so that we can account for your newly planted tree.
- Parkway tree removals require a permit that is issued by Development Services.

### **What will happen to my decorative brick landscaping surrounding my parkway ash tree?**

We encourage residents to remove all decorative landscaping from around their parkway ash tree. If you are unable to remove the decorative landscaping, it will be removed and stacked for your convenience.

Village arborists will continue to evaluate our village-wide ash tree inventory to identify the next sub area that will be scheduled for ash tree removals.

Feel free to contact the Public Works Department with any questions or concerns at [publicworks@orlandpark.org](mailto:publicworks@orlandpark.org), or by phone at 708-403-6350.

For more information visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org/index.aspx?nid=307](http://www.orlandpark.org/index.aspx?nid=307)



# GETTING AROUND

*Staying updated on current and upcoming road improvement projects in town this summer can make getting around a breeze.*

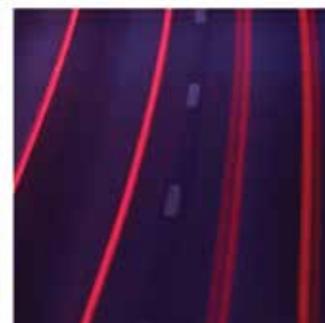
Road improvement projects are currently planned for this construction season in several neighborhoods in Orland Park.

- 142nd Street Storm Sewer Improvement
- Orland Golfview Pavement Reconstruction
- Sterling Ridge Pavement Rejuvenation
- Breckenridge, Marley Creek Pavement Reconstruction
- Park Hill Drive Pavement Reconstruction
- 183rd Street Sidewalk extension

## **2014 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The 2014 Road Improvement Program includes curb, sidewalk and storm sewer repairs along with the reconstruction of pavement in Marley Creek Subdivision, Breckenridge Subdivision and Park Hill Drive. This project also includes the installation of an underdrain along 142nd Street west of Lagrange Road, and a sidewalk extension along 183rd Street east of Orland Parkway. These areas are included in the 2014 Road Improvement Program. Additional streets or neighborhoods may be added to this project depending on available funding.

Additionally, the village will be treating portions of the newly (2013) surfaced pavement in the Sterling Ridge Subdivision with two different types of pavement rejuvenators. These trial areas will be used to help determine the feasibility of a future, larger scale treatment program.



# What to expect ...

## **IDOT LAGRANGE ROAD WIDENING**

Temporary lane closures will be on-going this year. Various locations of LaGrange Road will shift traffic to the west side of the road to maintain two travel lanes of traffic, allowing the contractor to work exclusively along the east side of the road. There are east west road closures proposed along LaGrange Road. To date these closures have not been scheduled. As this project progresses updates will be posted on the village website. This is a multi-year project.

## **WILL/COOK ROAD AND 143RD STREET INTERSECTION**

Will County will be completing this project in early summer. Expect daily lane closures.

## **TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES**

IDOT will be upgrading various traffic signals throughout the entire Village in the summer. Motorists can expect temporary daily lane closures to complete this work. A specific schedule has not been released from IDOT.

Locations are:

- 159th at 71st Court and Oak Park Avenue, US 6 (159th) at 91st/Park Hill Dr.
- IL 7 (143rd St) at 108th St; US 6 (159th St) at 94th St.
- IL 7 (143rd St) at 100th/ West Ave.
- IL 7 (SW Hwy) at 131st St.
- IL 7 (SW Hwy) at 143rd St.
- US 6 (159th St) at Orland Town Center/Jewel Osco
- US 6(Wolf Rd) at Brookhill Dr.
- US 6 (159th St) at 88th Ave.
- US 6 (159th St) at 76th Ave and US 6 (159th St) at 84th Ave

## **I-80 RUMBLE STRIPS AND GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION**

IDOT will add guardrail and rumble strips along I-80 from Route 30 to I-294. This project will take place this summer. A specific schedule has not been released from IDOT.

## **FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY**

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is scheduled to construct a perimeter path around the Grasslands Area. There will be path connections along LaGrange Road at 167th, 171st and 179th. Pedestrian crossings will be included at the intersections of 104th/167th and 104th/179th. This work is scheduled to begin early summer and be completed in the fall of 2014. Motorists can expect temporary daily lane closures at the intersections.

## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY WETLAND MITIGATION SITE**

Wetland mitigation improvements and perimeter path improvements will begin this summer for the Grasslands South Site. Path connections at 104th/167th and 104th/Eagle Ridge Drive are included. This project is scheduled to be constructed in phases and the Tollway has not released a specific construction schedule. Motorists can expect temporary daily lane closures at the intersections. This is a multi-year project.

Visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) for complete and up to date information regarding road construction and closures.

[www.orland-park.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/22184](http://www.orland-park.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/22184)



# AROUND TOWN

## CHEF'S AUCTION

The 14th Annual Village of Orland Park Chef's Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research Program was a huge success! The Mardi Gras themed event was sold out again this year at the Orland Chateau as Mayor Daniel McLaughlin put his auctioneer hat on to auction off donated restaurant packages for a great cause.





## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny hop-hop-hopped his way to Orland Park for this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Centennial Park. The event drew hundreds of happy kids looking forward to filling their baskets with colorful eggs.



## CINDERELLA'S BALL

Little princesses were in for a night to remember as they attended this year's Cinderella's Ball. The evening's entertainment included crafts and games, dancing to music by disc jockey Greg Carter, a catered dinner by Orland Park eatery Hienie's McCarthy's, as well as a chocolate fountain and plenty of sweets. Wehmeier Portraits was on hand for official photo keepsakes.



# DOWNTOWN ORLAND PARK



## **DOWNTOWN ORLAND PARK**

Divided into four areas — Main Street, Orland Park Crossing, Civic Corridor and Old Orland Historic District — Downtown Orland Park is evolving into a destination worth taking note of.

From dining at P.F. Chang's China Bistro to riding your bicycle along miles of paths that connect through some of the area's most amazing open space and forest preserve, there is something for everyone in and around the downtown.

## **MAIN STREET AREA**

The plan for the Main Street area combines luxury residential, retail and commercial uses where people can live, shop, stroll, dine and be entertained. The neighborhood's proximity to other downtown areas, including Orland Park Crossing, the civic corridor, the Old Orland Historic District and the bordering forest preserves makes it one of the most desirable places in Orland Park.

## **NINETY7FIFTY ON THE PARK**

Situated directly in the heart of the new Downtown Orland Park in the Main Street area, Ninety7Fifty on the Park encompasses all of the benefits of luxury apartment living with easy access to all of Orland Park and the Southwest Chicagoland region.

## **ORLAND PARK CROSSING**

Located at 143rd Street and LaGrange Road in Orland Park, Orland Park Crossing is home to some of the most exclusive fashion and specialty shops in Chicago's southwest suburbs which are sure to delight today's stylish consumers.

## **OLD ORLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Wander through our Historic District to travel back to a simpler time when Orland Park was a small, traditional midwest town with less than 1,000 residents. You will find a quaint collection of small shops, restaurants, antiques, historic churches and charming homes.



Congratulations to this year's Providence Catholic Salutatorian Jessica Talwar, daughter of Arvind and Cynthia Talwar of Orland Park. Talwar is a graduate of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School and a parishioner at St. Julie Billiart Church. Talwar, who is the President of the school's National Honor Society, received an academic scholarship to attend Loyola University Chicago in the Interdisciplinary Honors Program, where she plans to major in Political Science and Biology and minor in Spanish. The honor roll student is an AP Scholar with Honor, an Illinois State Scholar and has received numerous PCHS subject awards over the past three years.



# Young ACHIEVERS



## Science Bowl

Jerling Jr. High eighth grade students drove a steady course at this year's Chicago Regional Middle School Science Bowl Model Electric Car Challenge on April 6th. The annual competition challenges middle school students to create battery powered cars made of repurposed materials that can race at a qualifying speed down a 20 meter track.

This year, teams from Jerling Jr. High honors science classes were formed to create cars combining design, speed and torque.

Pictured are *Team Vroom Duck* which includes Luke Hecht, Michael Stavropoulos, Michael Stevens, Sean Fleming and Jaimie Marines (not pictured) who presented their car build based on a light-weight, aero-dynamic design.



## Spelling Bee

The annual Prairie School Spelling Bee 2014 winners..... Congratulations!

Pictured from left to right are: Scotland Perry (third place), Brendan Haran (second place) and Carson Banker (first place).



# ◆ CENTENNIAL PARK WEST ◆

# CONCERTS

*Get ready for another fabulous season of musical summer delights!  
Bring the blankets, lawn chairs, a picnic and the family to enjoy our concert series.*



**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

## City Lights Orchestra

**5pm** • Rich Daniels and The City Lights Orchestra have been entertaining audiences in Chicago and across the nation with their renditions of everything from the Beatles to The Big Band Era to Sinatra to Motown since 1974.

### Family fun AND a show!

After the concert, hang around for free and fun family activities before our showing of Monsters University at dusk. It's sure to be a fantastic evening for everyone!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

## The Van Goghs

**3:30-4:30PM** • Head out early to hear the sounds of The Van Gogh's, a Chicago-based pop-rock band. Compared to the White Stripes and Black Keys, their garage-folk sound will get you out of your seats. Be sure to stick around for headliner, Trippin Billies!

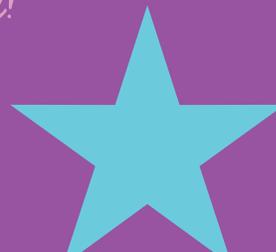
## Trippin Billies

**5-7PM** • Trippin Billies have been bringing the nation Dave Matthews for close to twenty years and is comprised of some of Chicago's best musicians. This talent, coupled with their mutual love of high energy performance, will draw you in right from the start! Trippin Billies have been called the "Nation's most successful Dave Matthews Tribute Band" and "Top Tribute Bands in the US".

*These are two concerts that residents will be talking about clear into next summer.*



*Hope to see you there!*



# SUMMER fun



*There are so many fun and exciting things happening in Orland Park this summer that it will make a staycation seem like a vacation!*



## **CENTENNIAL PARK AQUATIC CENTER**

Centennial Water Park is a fun and exciting family water park offering a zero-depth pool surrounded by plenty of deck and lawn for lounging and a water play feature for little ones. The aquatic center is complete with diving boards, two body speed slides, 328-foot tube slide, 200-foot flume slide, platform cliff jump, and drop slide surrounded by a lazy river, which offers a relaxing ride around bends and under waterfalls. Opening day is May 24th at noon! Visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org)

More events at the Aquatic Center:

### **Story time at Centennial Park Aquatic Center**

15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive  
Fridays – Children’s story time; 2:00PM to 3:00PM  
June 13 to August 8 (No sessions July 4 and August 1)

### **Guards vs You at Centennial Park Aquatic Center**

15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive  
Thursday, July 10 – 6:00PM

### **Watermelon Eating Contest at Centennial Park Aquatic Center**

15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive  
Thursday, July 17 – 1:00PM

### **Snorkel Treasure Hunt at Centennial Park Aquatic Center**

15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive  
Thursday, July 24 – 4:00PM TO 6:00PM

### **Luau at Centennial Park Aquatic Center**

15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive  
Thursday, July 31 – 2:00PM Start

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The week of 4th of July celebration begins on June 29th at 5pm with the Centennial Park West Concert featuring the City Lights Orchestra followed by an outdoor showing of “Monsters University” at dusk! The fun continues with the Liberty Family Fun Run and Walk on Thursday, July 3, 7:00PM at Centennial Park, 153rd Street Metra Station and the Kid’s Run begins shortly afterwards at 7:30PM.

Topping the holiday off is the exciting Independence Celebration on Thursday, July 4 at Centennial Park featuring Johnny Russler & the Beach Bums 7:15PM to 9:15PM and the highly anticipated Presentation of Colors and Fireworks at 9:15PM.

## **TASTE OF ORLAND PARK**

One of the most exciting and tasty events of the year, the Taste of Orland offers family fun and a sampling of the offerings of some of the area’s best restaurants. Fun activities and entertainment galore make this event one that is not to be missed. Located on the grounds of Village Center at 147th and Ravinia Avenue.

- Friday, August 1, 5:00PM – 11:00PM
- Saturday, August 2, 1:00PM – 11:00PM  
Kids Day, 1:00PM – 5:00PM
- Sunday, August 3, 1:00PM – 9:00PM  
Car Show, 11:00AM – 4:00PM

For a complete schedule of music, activities and restaurants, visit [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).



# VILLAGE FACILITIES

## FREDERICK T. OWENS VILLAGE HALL

14700 South Ravinia Avenue • (708) 403-6100  
Monday thru Friday • 8am to 5pm  
Cashier • Open until 7pm 1st & 3rd Monday

## ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

15100 South Ravinia Avenue • (708) 349-4111 non-emergency  
Dial 9-1-1 for police, fire or ambulance service  
in the Village of Orland Park.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

15655 South Ravinia Avenue • (708) 403-6350  
PACE Bus Service • (708) 403-6355

## ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER

William R. Vogel Memorial  
14750 South Ravinia Avenue • (708) 403-6200

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Administration  
14600 South Ravinia Avenue • (708) 403-PARK  
Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center  
14650 South Ravinia Avenue  
Village of Orland Park Sportsplex  
11351 West 159th Street • (708) 645-PLAY  
Centennial Park Aquatic Center  
15600 West Avenue at Fun Drive • (708) 349-4386  
Cultural Arts Center  
14750 Park Lane • (708) 349-1402  
Robert Davidson Center  
14700 Park Lane • (708) 403-6361  
Inclement Weather Hotline  
(708) 403-6290

## ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SATELLITE DRIVER'S LICENSE FACILITY

Board Room of the Village Hall  
(800) 252-8980  
Monday thru Friday • 9am to 5pm  
Address/Name Changes • Vision Tests  
State Identification Cards • Plate Stickers

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information and to find out if this affects your home or business, visit [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) or contact the Village of Orland Park Public Works Department at (708)403-6350.

ROCHELLE LURIE, PH.D, RPA OF  
MIDWEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH SERVICE, INC. PRESENTS:

## Archaeology in Your Backyard

Join us as Dr. Rochelle Lurie takes you on a journey of discovery of landscape and inhabitants in Orland Park from as long ago as the Early Archaic Period 8000-6000 BC.

**Thursday, May 22nd • 7-9 p.m.**

**Orland Park Civic Center • 14700 Ravinia Avenue**

There is no cost to attend the event and reservations are encouraged. Please call (708)403-6399 or email [jhodge@orlandpark.org](mailto:jhodge@orlandpark.org).



The Village of Orland Park has been named a commemorative partner for the Vietnam War Commemoration planned by the United States Department of Defense. As a commemorative partner, the Village of Orland Park will plan and carry out at least two events each year during the commemorative period, 2015 to 2017. These

events, held across the country, will recognize, thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families. To prepare for Orland Park's participation in the commemoration, we are creating a contact list asking area Vietnam Veterans, families and friends to send in their email addresses so we can let them know about the village's commemoration events. Area Vietnam Veterans, their families and friends are invited to send an email to [MayorsVietnamVets@orlandpark.org](mailto:MayorsVietnamVets@orlandpark.org) to be added to the village's list.

## From the Office of the Mayor...

Mayor Dan McLaughlin is reaching out to the public for old photos and/or treasures relating to the history of Orland Park. If you are interested in donating or loaning any artifacts, photos or memorabilia that documents Orland Park's history, please contact Jill Hodge at the Village of Orland Park @ (708)403-6399.

