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# Fall/Winter CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **SANTA'S NORTH POLE EXPRESS (SOLD OUT)**

**Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6**

## **ORLAND PARK THEATRE TROUPE PRESENTS "THE RENTED CHRISTMAS"**

**Friday, December 12 - 7:00PM**

**Saturday, December 13 - 7:00PM**

**Sunday, December 14 - 2:00PM**

- Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia
- Tickets: \$13.00 Adults - \$11.00 Senior/Student - \$9.00 Child

## **CHILLY WILLIE CHILI CHALLENGE**

**Saturday, January 24**

- Public Tasting begins at 2PM, until chili is gone
- \$5.00 per person
- Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia

The spicy aroma of simmering chili will fill the air when nearly 30 chili cooks from throughout the United States converge in Orland Park to compete in the Village of Orland Park's 'Chilly Willie Chili Challenge'. Enjoy sampling red chili, green chili, salsa, music and fun.

## **CINDERELLA'S BALL**

**Saturday, January 31**

- 4:30PM to 7:30PM
- \$18.00(R)/\$23.00(N) per person / 3 & up / Limit of 225
- Cultural Center, 14750 Park Lane

Join us for a night to remember as we re-create the royal ball. The evening will include a DJ, dancing, a craft and light refreshments. You and your special date will wish the night never ends. Dress up for this special occasion. Wehmeier Portraits will be on-site to create a special memory. Various photo packages will be available for purchase.

## **CHEFS' AUCTION**

**Thursday, February 19**

- 6PM - 10PM
- \$55 per person / \$90 per couple / \$600 corporate table of 10
- Orland Chateau, 14500 S. LaGrange Rd.

The Orland Chateau will once again host the annual Chefs' Auction. Join us as several fine south suburban restaurants donate their chefs' talents and signature entrees to sample at this elegant event. Enjoy fine wines, ales, and musical entertainment. The evening includes a raffle and live auction which is always the highlight of the evening. Bon Appetite!

## **ORLAND PARK THEATRE TROUPE PRESENTS "USO SHOW"**

**Friday, February 27 at 7PM**

**Saturday, February 28 at 7PM**

**Sunday, March 1 at 2PM**

- Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia
- \$13.00 Adults / \$11.00 Senior-Student / \$9.00 Child

Enjoy an evening with the Orland Park Theatre Troupe, while they bring you memorable musical pieces from war eras. All of your favorite performers, Bing Crosby, The Andrew Sisters, Bob Hope, Jane Froman, Judy Garland, Glen Miller, Georgia Carroll, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and many more! Complete with Donut Dollies and Cigarette Girls (no real tobacco). Enjoy the antics of Abbott and Costello, Lucille Ball, and Robin Williams.

### **2015 Season - Lifeguard Applications and Pool Memberships**

Starting in December, we'll begin accepting lifeguard applications.

Pool memberships go on sale December 5th for residents and 17th for non-residents. Join early for the best rates. Pool memberships make great holiday gifts.



# FROM THE MAYOR



Greetings,

What a busy and productive last few months we have had as a community.

Street repairs were in full swing as we prepared the roadways for the season before us. Your Public Works crews were busy making repairs, resurfacing, filling potholes and making sure that travel in and around the village is as safe and seamless as possible.

IDOT work on LaGrange Road is moving along as the road widening project begins to really take shape. Regular updates and road closure information is always current and available on the village website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org). Please rest assured that there will be no lane closures during the holiday season, from the eve of Thanksgiving through January the 2nd in order to free up the roadways for holiday traffic.

The village has a number of seasonal happenings planned for the upcoming holiday season. We hope that you will join us as all are invited to be a part of the great events happening around town. These occasions are always enjoyable and have become annual traditions for many families this time of year.

Our Winter Festival was held Sunday, November 30th at the Civic Center with Santa's arrival and activities for the whole family. A great time was had by all who were able to join us as we lit Orland Park's community tree in front of the Village Hall.

The beautiful tree is adorned with ornaments created by local individuals, families and groups. We were happy to see all of our ornament makers at the ceremony as they admired their contributions to the community tree.

See the village's website or recreation program guide for details about other holiday events at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).

We do a lot in Orland Park to involve the community, inviting the residents and businesses to interact with the village through its surveys, social media and through the village's website. I am excited about a new program that we're looking at which will benefit both the residential and business aspects of the community, fostering a community spirit that will benefit the village as a whole. Keep an eye out for more information about this program on our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) and on all of the village's social media pages.

The Village of Orland Park is again offering residents an opportunity to apply for residential property tax rebates, as we have for ten of the last 13 years. The Village Board approved a rebate of \$2.2 million as a result of the Village of Orland Park's strong financial position.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Senior Coffee at the Civic Center last month. Trustee Carole Ruzich and I were happy to be able to provide one-on-one assistance with the tax rebate process this year. It was great to see so many of our residents and be able to chat with you to touch base and hear your concerns.

Residents are able to apply online at [www.optaxrebate.com](http://www.optaxrebate.com) or complete a paper application at the Village Hall. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on December 12, 2014.

Orland Park continues to be the location of choice for many businesses to call home. Please join me in welcoming the many new businesses that have opened recently in the neighborhood by shopping locally.

On behalf of the Orland Park Board of Trustees and the village staff, I extend to each of you our best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor

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# SHERIFF'S YOUTH SERVICE

# Medal of Honor

The Village of Orland Park would like to congratulate the Carl Sandburg High School students that were recognized by the Cook County Sheriff for their dedicated service to their community. The students volunteered a minimum of 100 hours of service during the previous year. High school students who met the necessary criteria will be honored at a ceremony on December 9th where Sheriff Thomas J. Dart will present the awards.

## SOPHOMORES

Richard Aguinaga	Samanath Butzen	Arris Panos	Joshua Slee
Ashlynn Aherne	Morgan Greene	Briar Qualizza	Michal Splawski
Dallas Artis	Ashley Horras	Brian Santor	Nicole Stubenfall
Victoria Atkinson	Joseph Jaeger	Marilyn Sedlak	Melissa Welch
Jaimee Bigott	Jacob Keefe	Nadin Seif	
Daniel Bornstein	Marissa Martino	Nour Seif	

## JUNIORS

Mohammed Abourahma	Brooke Doman	James Jankowski	Cornyn Prendergast
Yasmeen Abu Samra	MaryKate Donegan	Roseanna Jumah	Sara Salama
Tyler Alfini	Abigail Dorey	Mark Kaczmarczyk	Nadine Salem
Mikaela Arrendondo	Erin Duffy	Rebecca Kenes	Abbiel Sanders
Arjun Bagai	Deena Elboghady	Gianna Kmiec	Nahum Siddiqui
Michael Boike	Mahynour El-Shikh	Benjamin Kohlhaas	Liam Walsh
Joseph Bresingham	Deena Elwi	Caseu. Krzeczkowski	Riley Wilson
Maya Burnett	Natalie Faltenberg	Katie Manning	Jake Winer
Karalyn Lee Cardinal	Curtis Fortin	Brad Martisauski	Suah Yun
Matthew Carella	Javier Garza	Carella Matthew	
Kristen Cook	Gianna Gradowski	Abaigeal McCorry	
Ian Crain	Natalie Harmening	Donald Murphy	
Gianna Delpercio	Megan Horras	Joshua Otto	

## SENIORS

Jaznica Arcenal	Alexis Good	Hannah McCorry	Katherine Ruane
Oludolapo Aworiran	Ennis Hajjousif	Rebecca McWilliams	Michelle Rubino
Kholoud Baste	Jamie Hill	Alyssa Melone	Alexander Sandoval
Allison Boyce	Alyssa Hultquist	Anne mokate	Haylie Schadt
Joanna Capiak	Jacob Hyde	Meghan Mokate	Francesca Strolia
Sarah Cinquepalmi	James Jaeger	Danielle Moran	Evan Vouris
Caitlin Conners	Hafsa Kagzi	Samantha Murphy	Tia Vukanic
Kaylyn Egyarto	Rachel Kalebich	Lauryn Papan	Grace Ward
Waseem Elayyan	Nick Kiecana	Dushaun Phelps	Tricia Welch
Kathleen Fabular	Callahan Klein	Joseph Randolph	Carly Whiteford
Colleen Finucane	Nicholas Kogionis	Haley Reks	Olivia Zaczyk
Alexandra Gary	Natalie Krzyston	Lauren Riebel	
Lance George	Rachel Mathew	Monica Roselli	





## Natalie Bozzetti

Natalie is a Sandburg High School Senior and Orland Park resident who is very active in the theater program at Sandburg. Among her many accomplishments, Natalie's play recently was selected by Eureka College to be produced for their Illinois High School 10-Minute Play Festival on November 21 and 22. Natalie is a Senior Committee Member of the Speech team, meaning she is a four year member and a senior leader. This past May, Natalie received the Palos Park Village Players scholarship to attend the Prairie State University Summer Speech Camp to work on her Humorous Interpretation for this season. At camp, she was selected out of 50 students to be one of 4 students to showcase their work for the entire camp.



# Young **ACHIEVERS**



## Ashley Perk

Ashley is a Sandburg High School Senior and Orland Park resident. Ashley is involved in athletic training, youth and government, superintendent's advisory, yearbook, and is this year's Sandburg High School student council president. Her favorite part of being a student leader is having the opportunity to encourage and inspire her peers, as well as make a difference in the school. Her favorite memory from her time thus far at Sandburg was being elected junior class president. It allowed her to become more involved with decision making for later events. Ashley is most excited to inspire the underclassmen to become leaders. Ashley's greatest strength is her ability to communicate with others in any domain. To Ashley, being a Sandburg Eagle is something to be proud of. It is a community where students with true talent show ambition and strive to have fun! In the future, Ashley plans to go to school to become a pediatric nurse or physical therapist. She has her eyes on Lewis University and the University of Iowa.

*(Ashley Perk, left, and Sandburg Principal Deb Baker pose with Sandburg's school mascot, Baldie.)*

# Gina Rebello

## READING, WRITING AND ROBOTS

When Center School launched their Reading Rocks student reading program this school year, the goal was to incentivize the students to practice their reading skills. Second grade student Gina Rebello was so excited about one book that she also built a robot and wrote and illustrated her own book!

Based on a book given to her by her reading teacher, Gina recently spent a day off from school reading the children's book *All About Robots*. She enjoyed the story so much she then set out to build her own robot. With the assistance of her mother, Gina built a small battery operated robot name Pinky with rabbit ears and also holds pens and pencils. When asked why she wanted to build Pinky she responded, "Because robots are awesome and they can do things with you!"



*Second grade Center School student Gina Rebello (center) stands with her reading teacher Mrs. Bonfitto (right) and Pinky the robot (left).*

Creating Pinky was Gina's second inspiration derived from reading. Her first was writing and illustrating her own book titled, "*Blondy and the Big Bad Hairdo*." This was a short story Gina wrote about a girl named Goldy who had a bad hair day and needed to go to a hair salon to have her hair fixed. The 12 page book included color pictures and captions.

Her teacher Mrs. Bonfitto is proud of Gina's enthusiasm for reading and reports that she has been an inspiration to her classmates and now other students are creating their own books.

# Kaitlyn Yi

In early September, Century Jr. High eighth grade student Kaitlyn Yi submitted an essay to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in the First Amendment Freedom Essay contest. The participants were asked to portray or describe how one or more of the five freedoms in the Amendment personally affected his or her daily life.

Kaitlyn shared a story of how her great grandparents endured great hardships while keeping their faith alive during 1920's living in South Korea where practicing of any religion was not allowed.

Kaitlyn won first place and will receive a \$5,000.00 scholarship! Congratulations Kaitlyn!



*Superintendent Dr. Janet Stutz (left) stands with essay winner Kaitlyn Yi at the Orland School District November 10 Board of Education meeting.*

# INQUIRING MINDS

*...want to know!*

**Have questions about what is going on around town?  
Curious about the timing of village weather-related services?**

Well, you have asked and we are answering!  
Here are a few of the most frequently asked  
questions and answers...

## *When will my street be plowed?*

An integral part of addressing snow and ice is timing and street salting. It is imperative to call out plow crews at the right time. Too soon and the most valuable resources (plow drivers) are used up too early – too late and the drivers are playing catch up with the storm. Orland Park's Public Works and Police Departments monitor all winter storms and crews are dispatched as soon as possible.

Orland Park categorizes its roads as either main or arterial roads (151st Street, Wheeler Drive or Ravinia Avenue); collector or primary streets (OrlanBrook Drive, Teebrook Drive, 157th Street, 88th Avenue or Brookhill Drive); secondary or residential through streets such as Huntington, Highland or 144th Street and cul-de-sac and dead-end streets.

Top priority is given to the main or arterial roads and streets. These are the routes that have the heaviest year-round traffic and are usually major arteries and collector streets running north/south or east/west. These streets are cleared first to move the heaviest volumes of traffic.

## *My street has a pothole, who do I call to have it repaired?*

To report a pothole in the Village of Orland Park, please call 708-403-5010 or sign onto the village's website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org). A link to the Public Works Department's pothole reporting option appears on the opening page under the "How Do I?" option. Simply provide your name, address and phone number as well as the locations of the pothole(s), including the nearest cross streets. If the pothole is not within the village's jurisdiction, Public Works will notify the responsible agency, the township, county or state.

*I am thinking of having some work done on my home and/or landscape. What steps do I need to take now?*

**MAKE SURE CONTRACTORS ARE LICENSED**

An updated list of all our currently licensed and bonded Contractors can be found on our website by navigating to the *Business and Development >Register>Contractor License* and click the link for a complete list.

**GET PERMITS**

Visit our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) to review which projects require a permit and the requirements for submittal.

If you are planning a landscaping project in your yard, come in and let our engineering department take a look at potential drainage impacts.



*I had work completed on my home, now what?*

Make sure the work has been inspected by the village. To request an inspection, place a request directly on the village website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org), on homepage click on permits and inspections for electronic form. You may also fax your request to (708) 403-6215 or submit your request in person at the Development Services office located at Village Hall, 14700 S Ravinia Avenue.

*When is the next election and where do I go to vote?*

The next election is the consolidated election on April 7th of 2015. Visit [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) and visit the clerk's page for more information regarding voting.

Visit [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) to determine the location of your designated polling place.

# IN THE KNOW

## VILLAGE WEBSITE

Our new website has a plethora of information available to residents in just a few clicks. Looking for meeting dates and times? Want to know what events are happening around town? Need a permit for construction or tree removal? Would you like updates on road construction in the area?

All of this information is readily available on our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).



## TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter at @VillageOrlandPk to receive timely tweets about events, traffic, public announcements and more.



## FACEBOOK

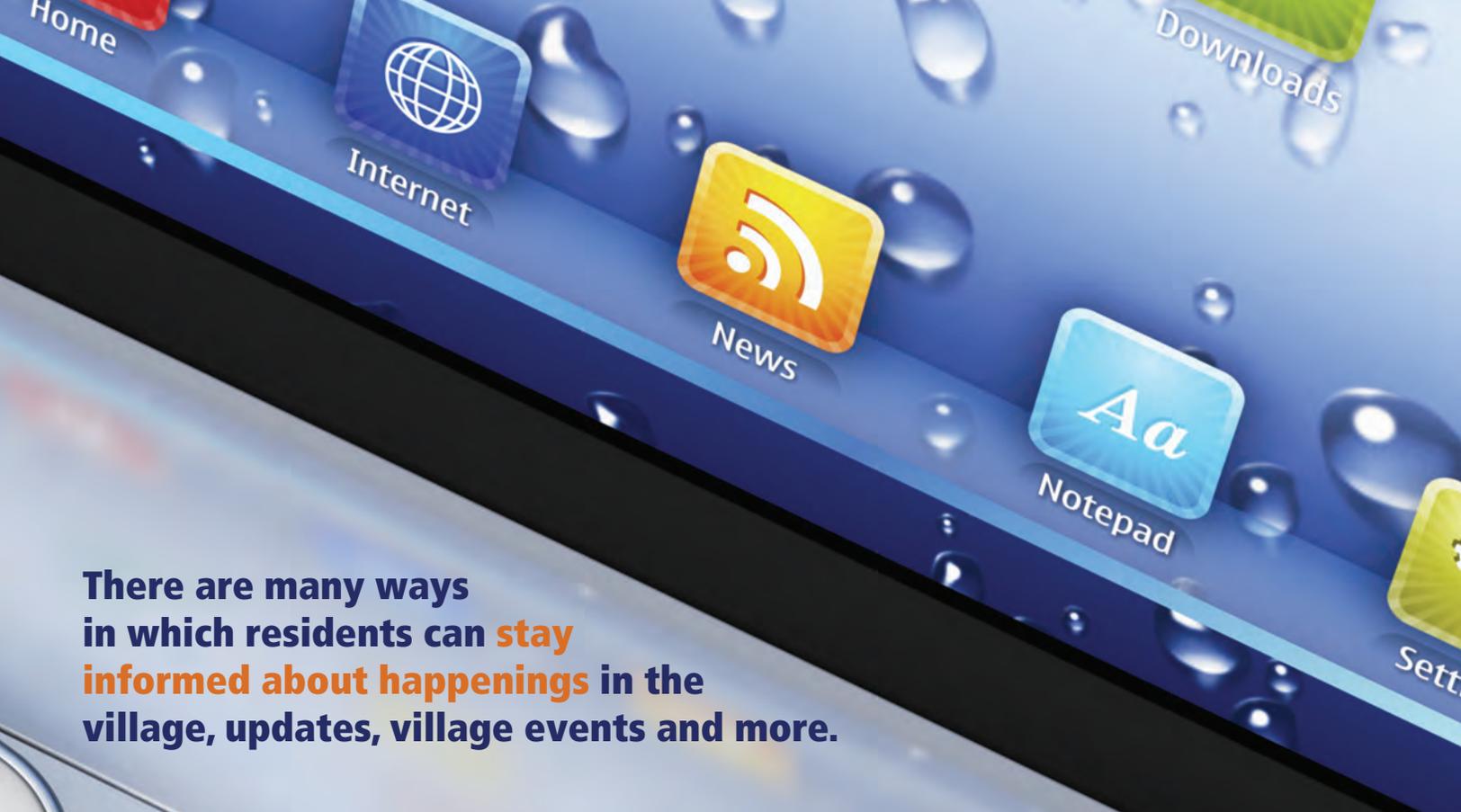
Did you know that the Village of Orland Park has a Facebook page? Many events, important information and highlights of people in our community are featured on our Facebook page.

Visit the village's page at [Facebook.com/villageforlandpark](https://www.facebook.com/villageforlandpark) and give us a "like" to stay up to date on all that's happening.



## PINTEREST

Are you on Pinterest? Follow our Pinterest page and boards @ [www.pinterest.com/vlgoforlandpark](https://www.pinterest.com/vlgoforlandpark) to find out more about Orland Park, current and past local events, history of the area and to find things to do in town.



There are many ways in which residents can **stay informed about happenings in the village, updates, village events and more.**



### ORLAND PARK TELEVISION

Administered through the Village of Orland Park Public Information Office, Orland Park Television welcomes programming and announcements from the taxing bodies / government agencies that serve the Village of Orland Park.

Available to Comcast and AT&T U-Verse cable television subscribers in Orland Park, and parts of Palos Park, Orland Park TV exists to offer viewers a high-quality source of information about the many programs and services offered by the Village of Orland Park.

### MONTHLY CABLE TELEVISION SHOW

The Village of Orland Park's cable television channel (Comcast Channel 4 or AT&T Channel 99) makes available a myriad of information about village events, local organizations as well as the Village of Orland Park In-Focus, a regular show highlighting some of the area's interesting topics.

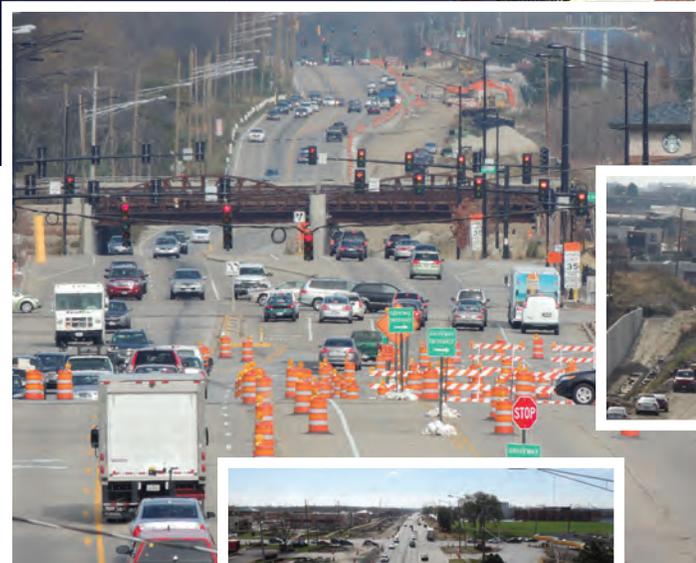


### YOUTUBE

The Village of Orland Park is on YouTube! Check out the many videos featuring local events, our cable shows and more at [www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark](http://www.youtube.com/VillageofOrlandPark). Be sure to subscribe for timely updates.



# THE FUTURE LAGRANGE ROAD





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

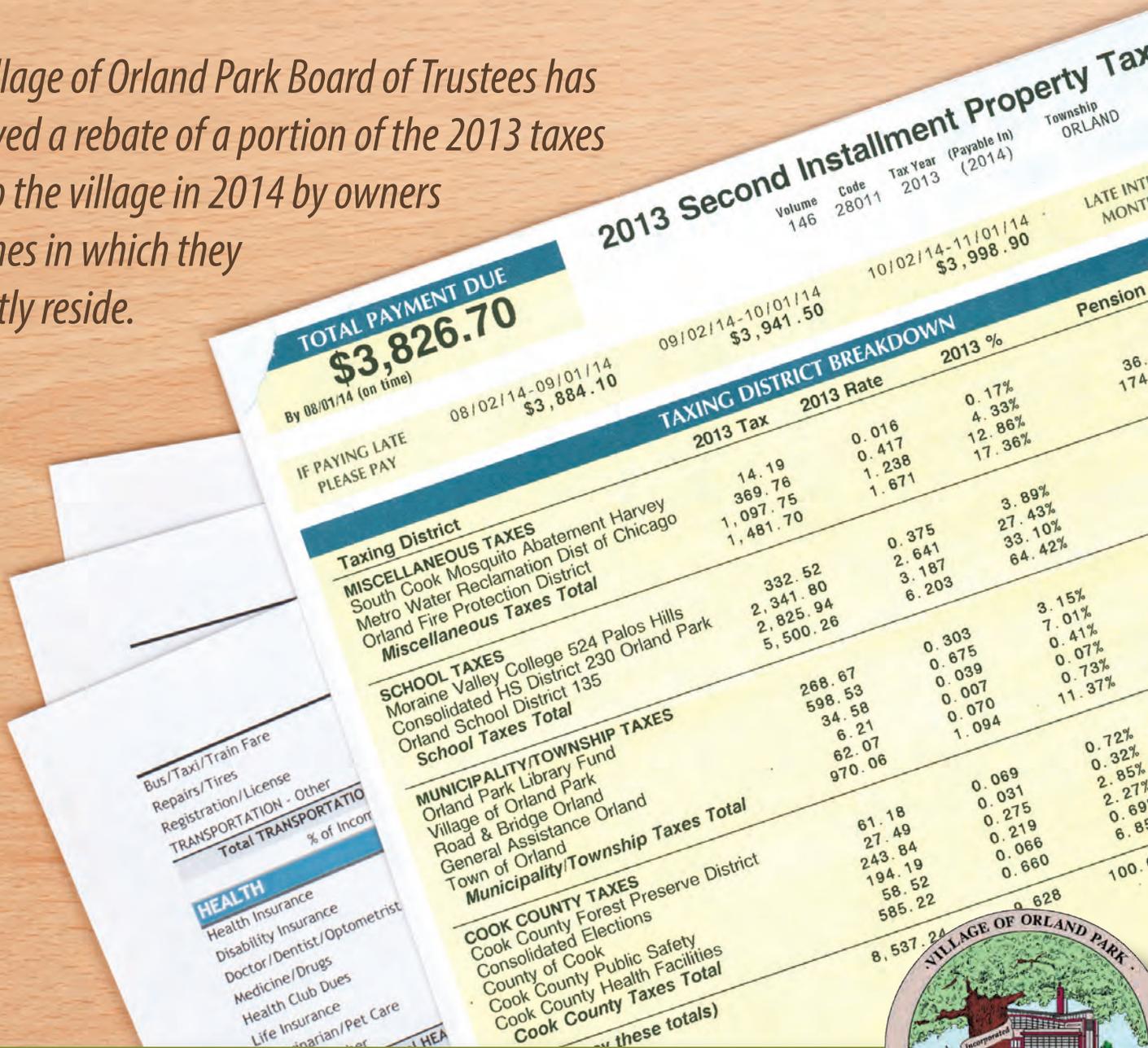
Traveling through and around the Village of Orland Park will soon be a much more enjoyable experience. IDOT is working diligently to complete the road widening process while the village is keeping the aesthetics in mind by enhancing the popular corridor with visually appealing improvements including trees and plants, lighting, irrigation systems, pavers and more.

The result will be improved traffic flow, increased safety and a visually appealing roadway.

Visit the village website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) for current project information and updates. Questions regarding the LaGrange Road Project can be directed to the Illinois Department of Transportation via its website at [www.dot.state.il.us](http://www.dot.state.il.us).

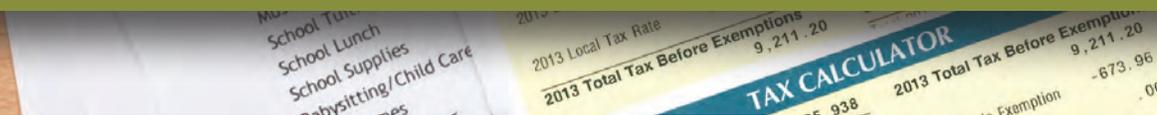


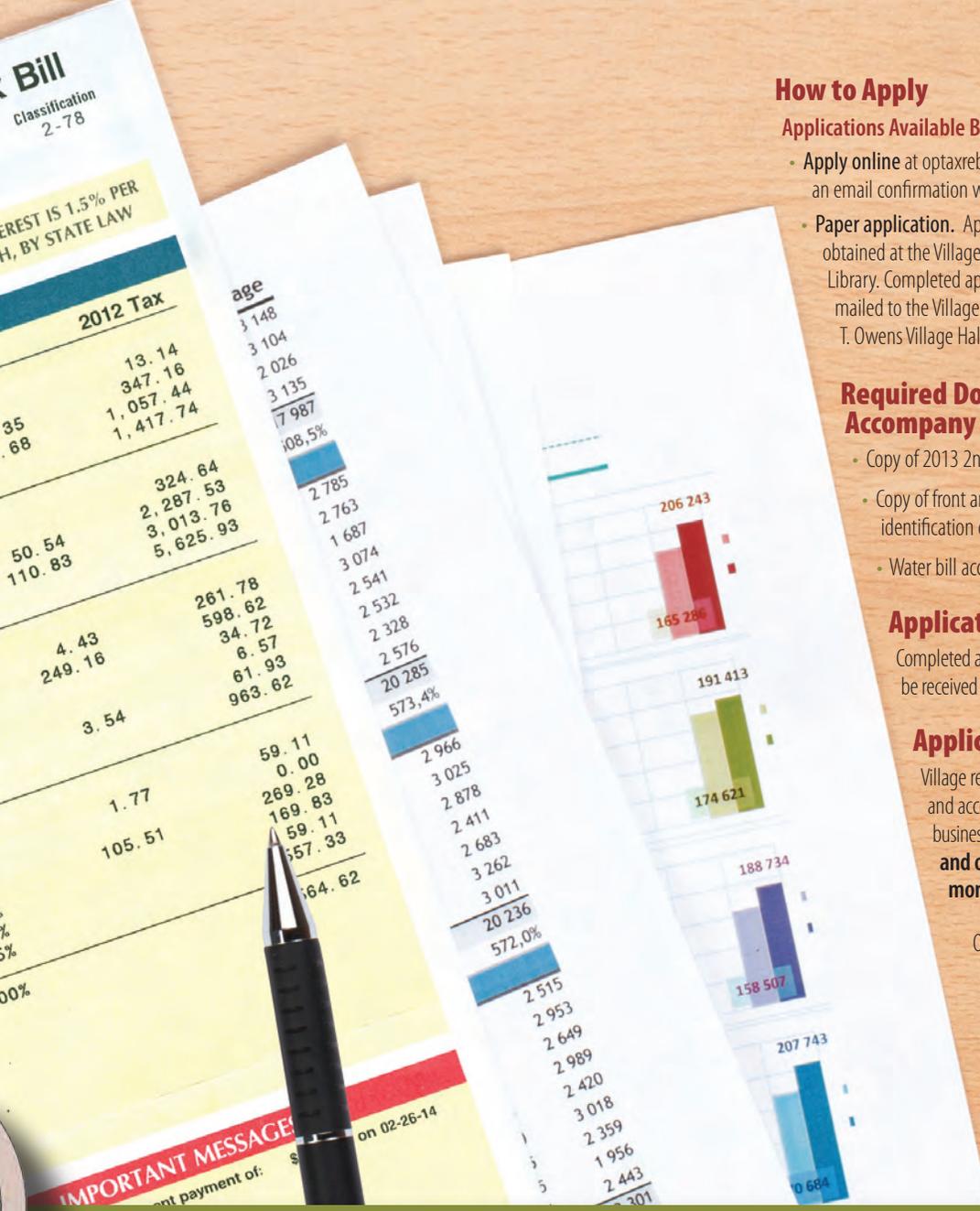
The Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees has approved a rebate of a portion of the 2013 taxes paid to the village in 2014 by owners of homes in which they currently reside.



# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

## 2014 PROPERTY TAX REBATE





## How to Apply

### Applications Available Beginning November 3, 2014

- **Apply online** at [optaxrebate.com](http://optaxrebate.com). Save time, postage and paper. You will receive an email confirmation when your online application is received by the village.
- **Paper application.** Applications may be printed from the tax rebate website or obtained at the Village Hall, Recreation Administration, Sportsplex or Orland Park Library. Completed applications may be hand-delivered to the Village Hall or mailed to the Village of Orland Park, Property Tax Rebate Program, Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462.

### Required Documentation to Accompany Application

- Copy of 2013 2nd installment tax bill;
- Copy of front and back of your Illinois driver's license or state identification card with your Orland Park address; and
- Water bill account number or copy of most recent utility bill.

### Application Deadline

Completed application and all required documentation must be received by 5:00PM on Friday, December 12, 2014.

### Application Assistance

Village representatives will be available to answer questions and accept applications at the Village Hall during regular business hours, **Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM and on the first and third Mondays of the month, 8AM to 7PM.**

One-on-one assistance with the completion and submission of applications will also be available on the following dates and times:

- Sat., Dec. 6 from 9AM to 12PM
- Thurs., Dec. 11 from 8AM to 5PM

You must bring all documentation required to submit a complete application. Appointments are not required.

**APPLY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2014.  
APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER  
THAN DECEMBER 12, 2014.**

**Questions...** Visit [optaxrebate.com](http://optaxrebate.com) or call (708) 403-3086

**SAVE TIME.  
APPLY ONLINE.  
[optaxrebate.com](http://optaxrebate.com)**



# AROUND TOWN

## VAN GOGH'S AND TRIPPIN' BILLIES

Closing out the Summer Concert Series was the Van Gogh's, a Chicago-based pop-rock band who opened for the headliner of the day and Dave Matthews Tribute band, the Trippin' Billies. Residents and visitors brought their blankets, lawn chairs, snacks and excitement and headed to Centennial Park West to enjoy one of the best new entertainment venues around!





## THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

Families headed out to Centennial Park for a fun-filled day of fall activities this year at the Great Pumpkin Party! There were more than pumpkins at this party. Guests were able to participate in scarecrow building, hayrides through the park, marshmallow roasting around the fire, a pie eating contest, costume pet parade, crafts, music, dancing and more.



# AROUND TOWN

## OPEN LANDS GOLF OUTING

The Village of Orland Park held its annual golf outing at Silver Lake Country Club to benefit Open Lands of Orland Park.

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin created the village's Open Land Commission in 1995 to purchase and preserve natural areas and those with unique heritage qualities in the Village of Orland Park. For nearly 20 years, the commission has purchased and protected more than 276 acres of land, equivalent to almost 300 football fields of preserved open space.

The event continues to draw support for the Open Lands of Orland Park and has become a much anticipated annual gathering.





# *THE FUTURE OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT*

*Civic Engagement remains a priority for the Village Board, using a number of means to connect with the community. A variety of media are used to make residents and businesses aware of the village's programs and initiatives.*

*We invite all residents and businesses to interact with the village through our surveys, social media and through the village's website.*

*We are now looking forward to our newest initiative; an initiative that brings the newest ideas in community engagement together with a program to promote and reward sustainability efforts.*

*Later this month, we will be introducing an exciting way to get more involved in your community and promote sustainability. Watch for it and get involved.*



*Mayor Dan McLaughlin*

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK



New!

# THE GIFT OF Recreation

Gift cards are redeemable for merchandise or services at the following Village of Orland Park Recreation locations: Sportsplex, Centennial Park Aquatic Center, and Recreation Administration Office. They can be purchased at the Sportsplex and Recreation Administration offices: 11351 W. 159th Street / 14600 Ravinia Avenue. Only cash or credit card will be accepted to purchase a gift card. Gift cards cannot be redeemed for cash, or used at Village concessions and special events, or as payment for online registrations. Protect your gift card and treat it as cash. Lost, misplaced, damaged, or stolen cards are not refundable or replaceable. Some exclusions apply.



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RECREATION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 14600 S. RAVINIA AVENUE, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462 | 708.403.7275  
 SPORTSPLEX, 11351 W. 159TH ST, ORLAND PARK, IL 60467 | 708.645.7529 | WWW.ORLANDPARK.ORG



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## Where in Orland Park?

Sure, you live here, but how well do you really know Orland Park? Welcome to our new quarterly contest where we will test your knowledge of our wonderful village by including a photo taken somewhere within Orland Park and ask that you guess where exactly it was taken.

The first correct answer emailed to [orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org](mailto:orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org) will win a **FREE ONE MONTH MEMBERSHIP** to the Village or Orland Park Sportsplex!

### Do you know where this photo was taken?



\*Disclaimer: Prize winner is subject to all terms and conditions set forth by the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex.





Veterans of all ages from all eras attended the village's Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11.

Normally held outside at the village's Veterans Memorial, this year's ceremony was moved indoors because of inclement weather.

Eric Keness and Taryn Mitchell, both students at Orland Junior High School, present a wreath from the school for Veterans Day.

# VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK OBSERVES VETERANS DAY

## *Fifteen Veterans' Names Added to Village's Granite Wall*

"We come together at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day during the eleventh month," said Trustee Jim Dodge as he welcomed nearly 300 attendees to the village's Veterans Day Ceremony held inside of the Orland Park Civic Center because of inclement weather.

A veteran of the United States Army, Dodge went on to explain the history of Veterans Day, which was previously known as "Armistice Day."

World War I, known at the time as "The Great War," officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. Fighting had stopped seven months prior when an armistice or temporary halt to fighting between the allied nations and Germany went into effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

"Today is a day that we remember all who served and continue to serve our country," Dodge said. "We are honored to have veterans from so many eras with us today and we thank all of you for your service," he added.

Dodge noted Veterans Day observances across the country, encouraging everyone in the audience, especially the students who walked over from Orland Junior High School for the ceremony, to talk to veterans to learn and share their stories.

Dodge added, "As we pass these stories from generation to generation, those that follow us will learn why our country is the land of the free because of the brave."



*Vietnam Veteran Terry Lenz stands as his name is called and the audience applauds. Lenz was one of the 15 veterans whose names were added to the village's wall.*

*The honor guard from the Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2604.*

*World War II Navy Veteran Jack Gaul stands at attention.*

Each Veterans Day, students from Orland Junior High School present a wreath for the village's memorial. Eric Keness and Taryn Mitchell, both OJ students, presented the 2014 wreath, which was followed by Pastor Don Borling of All Saints Lutheran Church in Orland Park offering the blessing.

Dodge then read the names of the veterans that have been added since the village's Memorial Day Ceremony, inviting the vet or his/her family members to stand to be recognized.

"It is with tremendous gratitude and pride that the Village of Orland Park adds the names of the following veterans to the Orland Park Veterans Memorial, Ara Pace, Place of Peace," Dodge read.

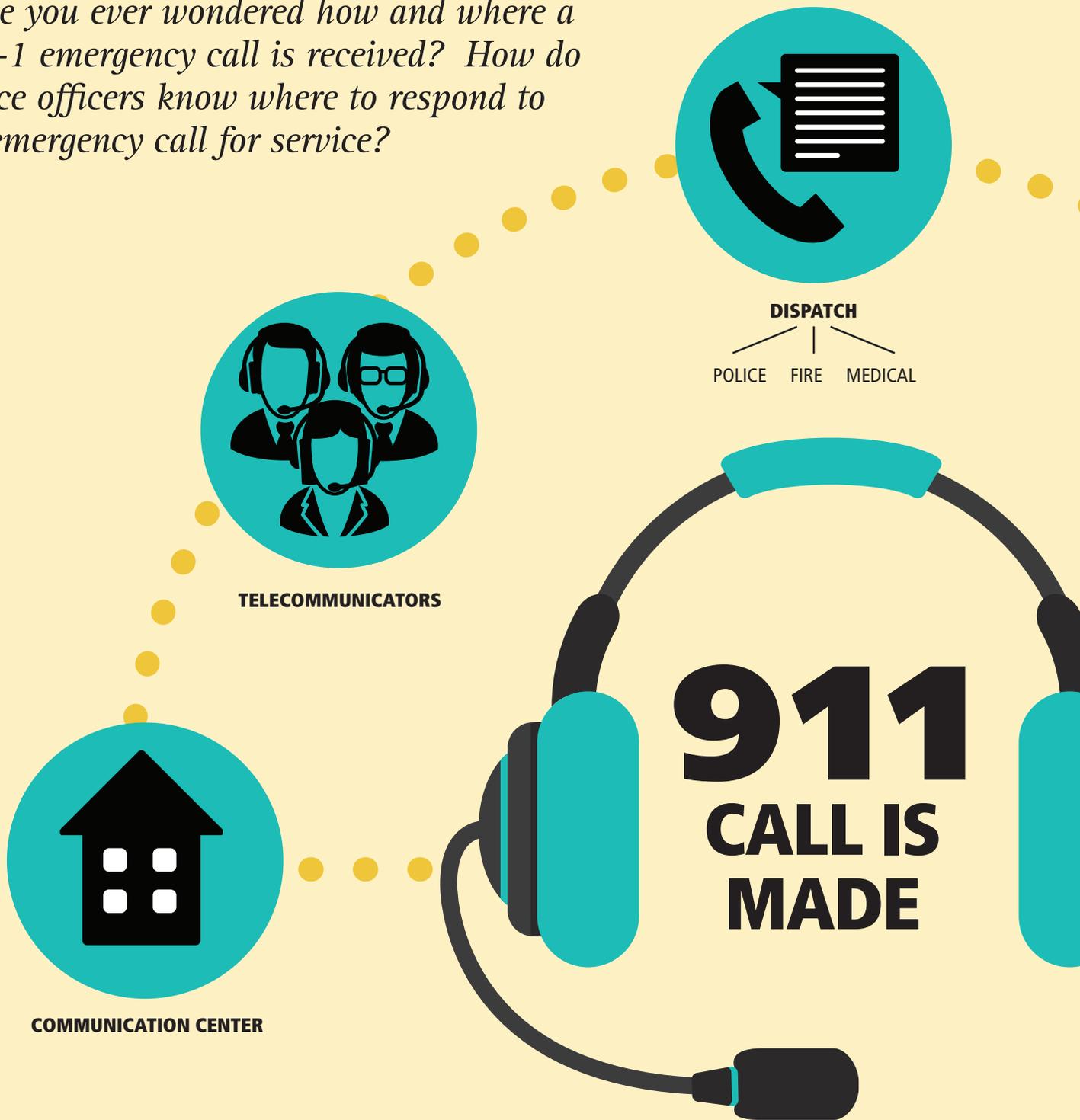
We're pleased to be able to remember and honor the veterans whose names were added to the village's memorial and all veterans who have bravely served our country," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

- United States Army | Vietnam | **Adolf A. Ansmits**
- United States Army | Korea | **Martin A. Bonato**
- United States Navy | World War II | **Geno Cocanig**
- United States Air Force | Vietnam | **Robert J. Condon**
- United States Army | Korea | Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Killed in Action | **Charles George**
- United States Army | Korea | **Marion S. Santor**
- United States Air Force | **Ronald S. Santor**
- United States Army | Korea | **Raymond W. Knizner**
- United States Army | Vietnam | **Terry R. Lenz**
- United States Army | Vietnam | **Raymond B. Madison**
- United States Army | Vietnam | **William M. Prybell**
- United States Coast Guard | Iraq/Afghanistan | **Ryan P. Raddatz**
- United States Army | World War II | **Harry B. Schrodt**
- United States Navy | World War II | **John Skirnick**
- United States Army | Vietnam | Killed in Action | **Ronald L. Zinn**

*Local veterans were well represented at the ceremony, presenting and retiring colors and performing the rifle volley outside of the Civic Center. The American Legion Orland Memorial Post 111 and the Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond VFW Post 2604 are mainstays at the village's veterans' events. Orland Park resident Tom Cameron returned to the podium to sing "God Bless America," having opened the ceremony with the national anthem.*

# ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS

*Have you ever wondered how and where a 9-1-1 emergency call is received? How do police officers know where to respond to an emergency call for service?*



# CENTER



INCIDENT REPORT

**911  
CALL IS  
COMPLETE**

- **9-1-1 call is made** by person requiring emergency service.
- **Call is received at the Orland Park Police Department's Communication Center.** The Communications Center is a 1500 square foot facility located within the police station at 15100 S. Ravinia Avenue.

The center is equipped with five dispatch consoles containing CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) computers, mapping screens along with 9-1-1 telephone and radio equipment. The Orland Park Communications Center is the designated Public-Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for police, fire and medical (ambulance) service within the Village of Orland Park and the Village of Orland Hills.

- **The Center employs 15 full-time telecommunicators** (TCOs), 2 part-time telecommunicators and is supervised by a Support Services Manager and an Assistant Manager.
- The telecommunicator will **answer the call and determine if the caller is in need of police, fire or medical assistance.** If the caller requires fire or medical assistance, the telecommunicator will stay on the line while simultaneously transferring the call to their Orland, Mokena or Palos Fire Protection District for further assistance. If police service is required, the TCO will determine the nature of the incident and gather details, location and the name of the caller.
- **An incident report is immediately created** using the Computer Aided Dispatch System. The CAD System will automatically generate a unique incident number for the call, note the date and time the call was generated and allow entry of the call details such as the type of incident, location and information regarding an offender or vehicle description.
- At the same time, the TCO dispatches a police officer to the incident via the police radio and sends the information to the officer in the patrol car through the MDT (Mobile Data Terminal). If necessary, the TCO stays on the line with the caller to obtain further information until a police officer arrives on the scene. The TCO converses and relays information to the police officers via radio and MDT until the **situation is concluded.**

Telecommunicators play a vital role in public safety and are the first point of contact from the public to the police, fire or medical personnel in emergency situations. Tours of the Communications Center and the Police Department are available for groups, on a limited basis, by calling the Police Community Relations Division at (708) 349-4111.



# POLICE & TECHNOLOGY

*The Orland Park Police Department has implemented numerous technological innovations over the years to improve police service within our community,” explained Village of Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy.*

Some of the innovations include the installation of Mobile Data Terminals (MDT), video systems and Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) systems in the patrol vehicles.

- The Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) allows officers to conduct LEADS, Secretary of State and local records inquiries while in the car. Officers also receive or can initiate a call-for-service through the MDT. The in-car computer system allows an officer to write a report in the vehicle, electronically send the report to the station for supervisor review while simultaneously uploading the report into the records management system. Officers use the in-car computer to write traffic citations then print out the violator’s copy of the citation using the in-car printer. Once a traffic citation is entered in the computer, the citation data is electronically sent to the Cook County Court System and is automatically interfaced with the police department’s records management system.
- Every marked police vehicle is equipped with an In-Car Video System. The video system is used to record traffic stops, DUI’s and other incidents.
- Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) Systems are installed in each patrol car. The AVL system displays the location of each patrol vehicle on a live map. The AVL is interfaced with the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and allows a Telecommunicator to dispatch a patrol unit to a call for service based on proximity. Once an address is entered into a call for service, the CAD will recommend the closest patrol car(s) to be dispatched to the call. Proximity dispatching of emergency calls puts the resources that are geographically closest to the situation on scene faster, decreasing response time. Using AVL data to study patrol patterns in relation to calls for service aids in developing effective patrol methods and increases patrol efficiency.

**THE ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE POLICE SERVICE NOW AND WELL INTO THE FUTURE.**

# BANNED DEVICES

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE SAFE AND AVOID BREAKING THE LAW



As of January 1, 2014, a new law in Illinois bans the use of all hand-held devices while driving in Illinois.

Village of Orland Park Police Traffic Unit Officer Phil Glacier said there is confusion among local motorists. "There have been many occasions where motorists hold their phones and talk with it on speaker," explained Glacier. "Just because it's on speaker doesn't mean it's not a violation, it can't be held in your hand while you are behind the wheel."

Glacier also noted that motorists often indicate they are holding the phone for use with a GPS map. This is also a violation as the phone being held in hand is against the law. "It needs to be in a mount, out of the hands of motorists."

In addition, all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a school zone, all cell phone use is prohibited while driving in a construction zone and all cell phone use is prohibited if you are a novice driver. A novice driver is a person under the age of 19 who holds an instruction permit or a person under the age of 19 who holds a graduated license. All Illinois drivers are prohibited from texting.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, drivers using hand-held phones are four times more likely to get into a crash that causes injuries.

Banned devices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cell phones
- Smartphones
- Laptop computers
- Tablet computers
- All other electronic devices capable of connecting to the Internet or making audio or video recordings.

Only hands-free technology such as vehicles equipped with hands-free speakerphones, Bluetooth devices, and headsets are permitted.



# CRIME FREE RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE

*For more information  
about the Crime Free  
Rental Housing or to  
view the ordinance, visit  
[www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).*



The Village of Orland Park Police Department reminds all residents and property owners that all rental units located within the Village of Orland Park must be registered and inspected in accordance with the Crime Free Housing Rental Requirements for Owners/Agents of Rental Housing. The ordinance applies to single unit rentals and multi-unit rentals alike.

"This ordinance exists as a proactive measure to ensure quality of life, promote a safe environment and protect property values in the area," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "Renting is a business that should be regulated, if for no other reason, than for the sake of the tenants."

A rental housing property owner or agent must attend the eight (8) hour "Crime Free Rental Housing" seminar conducted by the Orland Park Police Department.

- To schedule this seminar call the Crime Free Rental Housing Coordinator at 708-403-6178.
- A rental application must be completed by the Tenant in the presence of the Owner or Agent.
- All tenants of the rental unit, age 18 years or older, must sign the Crime Free Lease Addendum.
- Failure to comply with required registration/inspection could result in fines of up to \$1000 per day.



**Mr. Ronald Noteboom** received a Community Pride Award from Mayor McLaughlin in honor of his years served on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees. Noteboom served on the board since 1987.

# COMMUNITY PRIDE

Meet **Morgan Manzke** The Sandburg alumna and current Sophomore at Valparaiso University is a star soccer player and engineering major.

Morgan was named the Horizon League Freshman of the Year by the league's head coaches in 2013.

Although forced to take a break recently due to a shoulder injury, she is excited that her team made it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time this year since 2005.

The straight A student has big plans for her future and hopes to give back to the community just as the community gave to her. In her free time she enjoys mentoring area children with dreams of playing soccer to the best of their ability. Morgan helps them brush up their soccer skills while being a positive role model in their lives. "It would be great if I could help girls in the community both academically and athletically," she said.

Please join us in wishing Morgan the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.



*Keep making Orland Park proud!*



# WAYFINDING & BRANDING PLAN

The Village of Orland Park is conducting a study to evaluate our community and how popular destinations can be promoted through effective, harmonious, and **attractive directional signage and branding**. Destinations may include municipal services, parks, sports facilities, shopping and dining.

The Village of Orland Park is partnering with Teska Associates to develop new wayfinding signage and enhance community branding. The ultimate goal of the plan will be to develop a unified and **attractive community logo**; strategies for logo implementation; comprehensive sign design plans; fabrication and construction budgets; and full scale sign mockups. The primary destinations that this plan will highlight include but are not limited to Centennial Park, Downtown Orland Park, multi-use trails, medical services, and the Old Orland Historic District.

As a part of this effort the Village wants residents and those who frequent these destinations to offer their opinion on the most effective way to navigate through the community and design considerations for the new logo and branding. Your input is greatly appreciated and please feel free to share with any of your family and friends that travel to Orland Park for any reason.

The survey can be found at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).

**We invite anyone interested to complete the survey.**

At the end you will be prompted to provide your email address, this is completely optional but if you do you will be contacted with periodic updates to the project and may even be asked to participate in a focus group.

More information and QR code link to survey can be found on the back cover of this issue.



# Welcome

## NEW BUSINESSES

Orland Park has become the region's premiere retail destination. Please join us in welcoming the most recent additions to our business community.

**AISHLING COMPANION HOME CARE**

13607 SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY • (708) 774-9951

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE**

15554 70TH COURT • (708) 589-5324

**BACK IN ACTION WELLNESS CENTER**

9023 151ST STREET • (708) 385-9001

**BARTKOWSKI LIFE SAFETY CORP**

15557 70TH COURT • 708-6290315

**CHARTER ONE MORTGAGE LENDING OFFICE**

9661 143RD STREET • (708) 675-3833

**DAO ORLAND PARK**

15200 94TH AVENUE • (708) 873-9888

**ECOATM #2**

9350 159TH STREET • (858) 766-7250

**GREEN MESSAGE**

15852 WOLF ROAD • (626) 264-3970

**HN SALON**

14271 WOLF ROAD A • (312) 709-0505

**MESSAGE MASTERY BY CHERYL**

16057 LAGRANGE ROAD • (773) 343-3993

**NOTHING BUNDT CAKES**

14360 LAGRANGE ROAD #A • (708) 949-8885

**PET SUPPLIES PLUS #229**

9430 159TH STREET • (708) 971-0700

**PIED PFEIFER**

16602 107TH COURT • (708) 590-6430

**POLARX ORNAMENTS**

1000 ORLAND SQUARE DRIVE PC1 • (847) 670-0686

**PREDIRE**

1000 ORLAND SQUARE DRIVE • (317) 987-7415

**RANDY'S MEAT MARKET AND DELI**

9105 151ST STREET • (708) 845-1953

**REST-A-SURE RESTORATION**

7036 157TH STREET • (844) 737-8787

**S2 BREAKTHROUGH LLC**

10498 163RD PLACE • (708) 403-4877

**SALON PS ILLINOIS LLC**

14601 JOHN HUMPHREY DRIVE • (440) 600-1595

**SATELLITE SURF, INC.**

18301 DISTINCTIVE DRIVE • (815) 306-4059

**SQUARE CELT ALE HOUSE & GRILL**

39 ORLAND SQUARE DRIVE • (708) 226-9600

**ULTIMATE MASSAGE SPA**

14325 LAGRANGE ROAD #B • (708) 655-0755



# DOWNTOWN ORLAND PARK



We are pleased to report that Orland Park's Downtown continues to show great progress and receive various accolades. The Main Street Triangle, in particular, was recently selected as the winner of DePaul University's Chaddick Institute's 2014 Commuter Rail Station Area Development Award for our innovative transit planning and development work. And this past October, the Metropolitan Planning Council chose to use the Ninety7Fifty project as a model case study for successful public/private partnerships. It is clear that the Ninety7Fifty project continues to set the standard for luxury, market-rate rental units in our region. In fact, as of November 1st the building's occupancy rate grew to 96.3%, which means that 284 of the project's 295 units are now being called home by Orland Park residents.

This coming year will undoubtedly build upon these achievements and bring to our Downtown even more quality projects. As previously announced, the University of Chicago has chosen the Main Street Triangle as the location for their new 120,000 square foot, 4-story medical facility. And already underway on the east side of LaGrange Road, just north of Orland Crossings, is the construction of additional luxury multifamily housing that will surround a new upscale Mariano's grocery store.

These and other forthcoming projects confirm that Downtown Orland Park is the location of choice within the region to live, work, shop, and play.



The Village's 2013 Comprehensive Plan identifies I-80 as Orland Park's front yard to interstate travelers, and further recognizes that the development of this corridor can have a significant impact on our community's regional and national image. With this in mind, the Village is currently working to craft a master plan for roughly 500 acres alongside the highway – generally following Orland Parkway between LaGrange Road and Wolf Road – that will ultimately result in the creation of a new zoning district to guide future investment. The overall goal is to draw upon the district's premium location to encourage the development of a unique regional employment and destination center situated within an interconnected, campus-like setting. It is anticipated that the Village's master planning and code writing efforts will be completed in early-2015, and will be combined with a strategic economic development and marketing plan shortly thereafter.

# TOP 10 SNOW TIPS

1. Village ordinance prohibits parking on village streets once two inches of snow have fallen.
2. Parked vehicles must be kept off of the streets for 10 hours after it has stopped snowing.
3. When clearing the driveway, residents should place snow on either side of the driveway—on the lawn—and never in the street.
4. Residents should keep garbage cans and recycle bins from rolling into the street on garbage pick up day.
5. Designate curbs with five free stakes available from the Public Works Department, 15600 South Ravinia Avenue.
6. Digging from the street, clear out hydrants so that fire personnel can easily access them if necessary.
7. Do not clear your driveway at the curbline until the snowplow driver has made his last curb pass in front of your residence.
8. Be patient. Every storm is different with many variables. Streets may have to be plowed more than once.
9. Communicate with the Public Works Department. Report any ice formations on the street so that they can be salted. Clear the snow from storm sewers in front of your home so melting snow can easily drain, preventing ice patches.
10. Mailboxes should be kept in good repair and be placed at least one foot behind the curb to avoid damage. It is the residents' responsibility to clear a safe path around mailboxes to ensure delivery. Homeowners' associations are responsible for clearing the area around cluster mailboxes.



# Winter Wonderland

AT CENTENNIAL PARK

*Who says outdoor fun has to end  
once the cold weather sets in?*

The Village of Orland Park's Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park offers winter fun for residents of all ages. Enjoy skating at the ice rink, sledding when it snows and warm up in the warming house or at the bonfire!

## ICE RINK OPENS 11/22

\*The rink opens daily at day break.  
Skate rentals are available through the warming house.

\*Warming house hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 4PM – 8PM • Friday: 4PM – 9PM  
Saturday: 10a – 9PM • Sunday, 12PM – 7PM

## BON FIRES

Fridays: 5PM – 8:30PM • Saturdays: 3PM – 6PM  
Sundays: 3PM – 6PM

## WINTER WONDERLAND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Skate with Santa** • 12/14, 2PM  
Holiday music, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa!

**Turkey Bowling** • 1/18, 2PM  
Bowling with turkeys to win a turkey!

**\*Snowman Building Contest** • 1/31, 2PM  
Off ice activity. Carrot noses will be provided.

**Ice Challenge** • 2/21, 2PM  
Compete in ice skills contests for a chance to win prizes!

\*weather permitting



# 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  
14760 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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## THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK



# WAYFINDING AND BRANDING PLAN

*Participate, Plan,  
Promote Orland Park!*

The Village of Orland Park is interested in learning how local destinations can be promoted through signage and branding. Take our short online survey and give us your thoughts! Your input will help promote Orland Park!

Scan me to  
take the survey!!!



The survey can also be found on the Village website:  
<http://ORLANDPARK.ORG/>