

# village of orland park

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## **CITY LIVABILITY AWARD**

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more award info.



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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## AUGUST

Farmers' Market  
Fridays  
7:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Center

## SEPTEMBER

Farmers' Market  
Fridays  
7:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Village Center

Centennial Park West  
Concert  
Sunday, September 6  
U2 Zoo - 3:30 to 4:30 PM  
Mike and Joe - 5:00 to 7:00 PM  
Centennial Park West

Mayor's Cup Golf Outing  
Benefitting Open Lands  
Tuesday, September 15  
Starting at 8:30 AM  
Silver Lake Country Club

Camp Beneath the Stars  
Saturday, September 19-20  
4:00 PM to 8:00 AM  
Centennial Park West

Comedy Improv  
Friday, September 25  
8:00 to 10:00 PM  
Cultural Center

## OCTOBER

Sportsplex Fall  
Membership Special  
October - December

The Great Pumpkin Party  
Saturday, October 3  
1:00 to 5:00 PM  
Centennial Park  
Warming House

Comedy Improv  
Friday, October 23  
8:00 to 10:00 PM  
Cultural Center

Arts Commission Cultural  
Series - Tres Belle Concert  
Sunday, October 15  
2:00 to 3:30 PM  
Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall

Senior Week at Sportsplex  
October 12 - 16  
Sportsplex Fitness Center

## NOVEMBER

Indoor Garage Sale  
Saturday, November 7  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Orland Park Civic Center

Arts Commission Cultural  
Series - Melamed Band  
Presents, Music Around  
the World  
Sunday, November 15  
2:00 to 3:30 PM  
Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall

Comedy Improv  
Friday, November 20  
8:00 to 10:00 PM  
Cultural Center

Kids' Turkey Trot  
Saturday, November 21  
9:30 to 11:30 AM  
Sportsplex Track

Diaper Dash  
Saturday, November 21  
9:00 AM - 1 year olds  
9:15 AM - 2 year olds  
Sportsplex Track

Turkey Shoot  
Free-Throw Contest  
Sunday, November 22  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sportsplex Gym #1

Turkey Trot  
Thursday, November 26  
6:30 AM Check-In  
8:00 AM Start Time  
Franklin Loebe Center

Holiday Festival and  
Mayor's Tree Lighting  
Ceremony  
Sunday, November 29  
3:00 to 6:00 PM  
Orland Park Civic Center

## DECEMBER

Orland Park Theatre Troupe  
Presents: Oh 'Ho Ho' Holy Night!  
December 11 at 7:30 PM  
December 12 at 7:30 PM  
December 13 at 2:00 PM  
Orland Park Civic Center



Please visit  
[orlandpark.org](http://orlandpark.org)  
for more information.



**FROM  
THE  
MAYOR**

*Pictured are Mayor McLaughlin and the first place Orlando Park Pioneer Pee Wee Cheerleaders.*

I have to say that it has been quite the summer season so far! Despite intermittent bad weather, the community has managed to come together and have a great time nonetheless. There are always many fun and family-friendly events and activities in Orland Park for all to enjoy.

Some favorites are the outdoor concerts at Centennial Park West and Crescent Park. So many of you came out with blankets or a couple of chairs to enjoy these wonderful outdoor musical events. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoy great music, talk with friends and neighbors and even meet new people at these community gatherings.

Join us for the next Centennial West concert on September 6.

We honored and remembered our fallen heroes at the village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony in May at the Veteran's Memorial, Ara Pace. Be sure to read first-hand accounts of two Vietnam Veterans in this issue of the Orland Park Public.

The Vietnam Moving Wall and the Agent Orange Quilt of Tears will return to Orland Park October 1-5, 2015.

Volunteers are still needed for this event, so if you would like to help out, please call (708)403-6115 or email [veterans@orlandpark.org](mailto:veterans@orlandpark.org).

The Farmers' Market returned on June 5 with an array of fresh produce, handmade items and more. Be sure to stop by before the last market on October 2.

The Fourth of July festivities got underway with the annual Liberty Family Fun Run and Walk at Centennial Park followed by the always exciting Independence Day Celebration, complete with a concert and fireworks. I had a wonderful time and hope you all did as well.

Visit the village website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) for more information about upcoming events, village programs, the latest news and more.

I hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor

**YOUNG  
ACHIEVER**

# LIAM HERREBOUT

## Meet Liam Herrebout, Sandburg Senior and our Young Achiever for this issue of the Orland Park Public

Liam Herrebout has been a dedicated volunteer at The Bridge Teen Center for the last several years, most recently assisting with set-up for *Friday Night Live* events. Liam's attention to detail and willingness to do whatever is required to fulfill his volunteer duties are greatly appreciated by the staff at The Bridge.

"Liam is a joy to be around, is a great communicator, and does everything he's asked to do with a smile on his face," said Priscilla Steinmetz, Co-Founder of The Bridge Teen Center. Liam is involved with many other activities, including drama club at Sandburg High School.

When asked about the time spent volunteering at the center, Liam simply stated that he was "happy to find the time to work to better the community."

"His passion for that group has been very evident to us over the years," said Steinmetz. "Liam is a great asset to The Bridge Teen Center volunteer team, and is already exhibiting leadership skills that will serve him well in adulthood. His work ethic, personality, and brains are sure to take him far in life - and we at The Bridge Teen Center are honored to have been a small part of it."



## Getting to know Liam...

**AGE:** 17 years old

**SCHOOL:** Senior at Carl Sandburg High School

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY:** Drama Club

**GOALS:** To serve his community and earn the Cook County Sheriff's Award

**FUTURE PLANS:** To apply to the University of Colorado Springs and pursue a degree in Engineering.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Over 70 hours of community service at The Bridge, three years participation in Sandburg musicals and writing his own play for Sandburg One Acts.

## ASK YOUR TRUSTEE

Welcome to our “Ask Your Trustee” feature where your elected officials will answer your submitted questions.

Here are a few of the most recently asked questions from residents and answers from your trustees.

### KATHLEEN FENTON

**Q.** I noticed construction occurring along 159th Street, what is this for?

**A.** The 159th Street roadway widening and construction are underway. Most of the utility relocation work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Topsoil and trees have been removed. Drainage utility work is underway in anticipation of both temporary pavement and permanent road construction.

The approach pavement at the Metra railroad tracks was coordinated and completed for both the temporary and permanent pavement widening.

The road will be widened to two lanes in each direction with a center median and/or turn lane(s). Sidewalks and multi-use paths will be installed throughout the corridor. A new traffic signal will be constructed at 113th Court (Sportplex entrance) and at 104th Avenue.

As part of the construction, a water main connection from 108th Avenue to Ravinia Avenue will be made. This will help the village’s overall water distribution system.

The project is scheduled to be substantially complete in the fall of 2017. The following is a link to the project website.

<http://idot.illinois.gov/projects/159th-street-project>

**Q.** When will Mariano’s open?

**A.** According to representatives of Mariano’s, they are expected to open in the first quarter of 2016.

**Q.** How is development in Orland Park?

**A.** Development is up in Orland Park in every sector. This is good news. Here is a quick snapshot of permits for the first half of 2015:

- New single family permits up 14%
- New townhome permits up 169%
- Existing residential permits up 62%
- New commercial permits up 600%
- Existing commercial permits up 42%

# ANSWERS



**Trustee James Dodge**  
Mayor Pro Tem;  
Economic Development,  
Strategy and Community  
Engagement



**Trustee Kathleen Fenton**  
Development Services,  
Planning & Engineering

## JAMES DODGE

**Q.** It is difficult for me to make it into Village Hall during business hours. What are my other options for obtaining information?

**A.** There are many ways to get information about village programs and services without coming into any of the village buildings. You can visit us online at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org) or call (708)403-6100 with any questions you might have and someone will be more than happy to assist you. We are also on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and always available via email at [publicinfooffice@orlandpark.org](mailto:publicinfooffice@orlandpark.org).

**Q.** Does the Village of Orland Park have an app that I can download on my phone?

**A.** A Village of Orland Park app is currently in development and is anticipated to be available in fall of 2015. Communication with residents is a top priority for the village and we hope that this new means of information and community outreach will be just another way to open the lines of communication between the village and residents. The app will be compatible with iPhone, Android and tablets.

**Q.** How can I find out more about what is happening regarding road construction, new projects and changes that are happening within the community?

**A.** All Village of Orland Park road project and rehabilitation updates can be found on our website at [www.orlandpark.org](http://www.orlandpark.org).

All LaGrange Road updates and information can be found at [www.idot.illinois.gov](http://www.idot.illinois.gov).

When a road project is going to directly impact the area in front of your home, you will be notified via flyer placed on your door. As always, you can contact the village at (708)403-6100.

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Have questions of your own that you would like answered in an upcoming issue of the Orland Park Public? Email your question to [orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org](mailto:orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org).

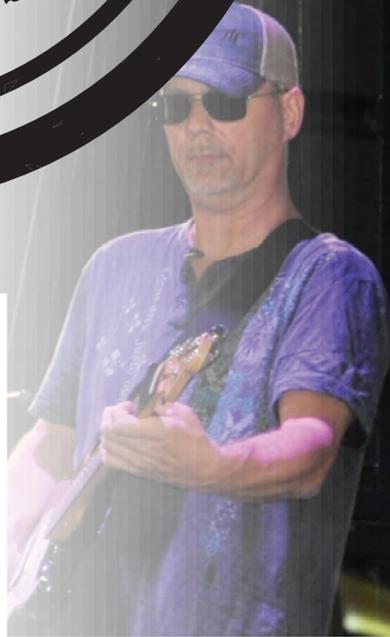
# AROUND TOWN

ORLAND PARK  
ILLINOIS, USA

## THE ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

We kicked off the Independence Celebration with the Liberty Family Fun Run/Walk on July 3 followed by Mason Rivers rocking Centennial Park, the Presentation of Colors, and the countdown led by Mayor Dan McLaughlin to the fantastic fireworks display on the Fourth of July.

Mason Rivers



WELCOME TO THE VILLAGES  
Orland

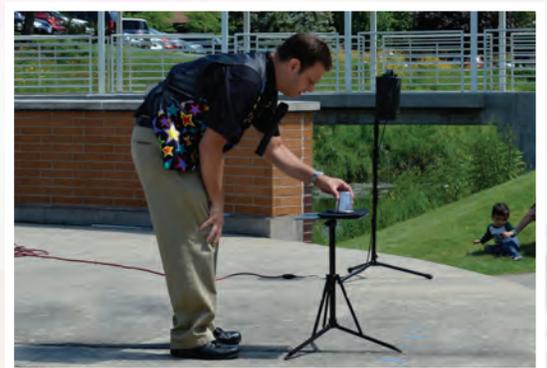




**WACKY WEDNESDAY:** Hundreds came out for a wacky good time and turned Wednesday upside down! Dressed in their wackiest outfits, silly hats and out-of-this-world hairstyles, families enjoyed a fun afternoon of wacky wonderfulness.

Frank Alletto the Magician was beyond funny and had everyone laughing from the start with his comedy magic.

Frank's magic show is high energy, family friendly and audience interactive.





**THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Dance students ended their season with the annual recital, "Dancing Through a Dream," held in June at the Carl Sandburg Performing Arts Center. Dancers of all ages performed their well-rehearsed routines to an audience filled with family and friends.





### **TASTE OF ORLAND PARK:**

Taste-goers tasted and sipped their way through the weekend while listening to live music and enjoying community togetherness at the 12th annual Taste of Orland Park. This three-day summer festival showcased some of Orland Park's finest restaurants and included live entertainment, Kids' Day, a car show, bingo, Live Band Karaoke, Orland Park's Got Talent, Teen Battle of the Bands, country line dancing, community and sponsor booths and much more. There was something for everyone at this annual summer favorite.





# COOPER'S HAWK™

WINERY & RESTAURANTS

## TASTE OF ORLAND PARK SPOTLIGHT



"Our Orland Park customers are passionate about their food and wine," explained Cooper's Hawk Executive Kitchen Manager Valerie Badon. "Cooper's Hawk has been participating as a vendor in the Taste of Orland Park since its inception. A favorite of Taste-goers for years, this year the restaurant offered up their Over the Border Egg Rolls, House-Made Meatballs and Crispy Chips and Dip," said Badon.

Badon has been with the restaurant's Orland Park location for 10 years. According to Badon, what makes Orland Park special is the people. "They are dedicated to their neighborhood Cooper's Hawk just as they may be dedicated to a sports team," said Badon.

The always-busy dining room is evidence of the restaurant's local popularity.

What sets them apart from other local dining establishments? "We have an all-scratch kitchen," said Badon. "Staff are trained, possess the knowledge and skill along with high quality ingredients that results in a great dining experience."

Combining seasonally-inspired dishes with expertly paired wines, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants gives guests the best in modern casual dining and one of the country's largest wine clubs. Located at 15690 Harlem Ave. in Orland Park, the original Cooper's Hawk location combines an outstanding dining experience coupled with a Napa-style tasting room



## AHI TUNA TACOS

5 each taco shells, 4"  
 1/3 cup fresh shredded cabbage  
 2 tbl. cilantro lime vinaigrette  
 2 tbl. pico di gallo  
 2 tbl. sriracha cream  
 1 tbl. melted butter  
 2 oz. piece ahi tuna  
 2 tsp. blackened spice  
 1/4 each avocado, sm. dice  
 2 tbl. cilantro, leaves  
 1 each lime wedge

### Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette:

2 1/2 tbl. lime juice, fresh squeezed  
 1/4 tsp. cumin, ground  
 1/2 tsp. lime zest  
 3/4 tsp. sugar  
 1/2 tsp. kosher salt  
 1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped  
 2 grinds black pepper, from a pepper mill  
 1 tbl. poblano peppers, finely chopped  
 1/2 tsp. jalapeno peppers, finely chopped  
 1/4 cup canola oil  
 Mix all ingredients together well and set aside.

### Sriracha Cream

3 tbl. sour cream  
 1 dash sriracha chili sauce  
 1 dash fresh lime juice  
 1 pinch kosher salt  
 Mix all ingredients together well and set aside.

### Instructions:

Press blackening spice into tuna on all sides. In a hot pan, add melted butter and sear tuna on all sides quickly making sure to keep it rare. Set tuna to the side. Slice very thinly in 10 slices.

Toss cabbage in cilantro lime vinaigrette and distribute evenly between the taco shells and drizzle with half of the sriracha cream over all the tacos.

Top cabbage with pico de gallo and lay 2 tuna slices on each taco.

Top with diced avocado, drizzle with remaining sriracha cream and garnish with cilantro leaves.

Garnish with lime wedge for some extra citrus flavor!

and gift shop. The Cooper's Hawk Wine Club offers members exclusive blends from Cooper's Hawk's own winery and members-only classes, parties and events. An award-winning producer of 50 varieties of wine, Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants' own winery offers a full range of thoughtful wines to pair and enjoy both in restaurant and at home.

The Cooper's Hawk culinary team has created a seasonally inspired menu with unique takes on classic

dishes, incorporating peak-of-season ingredients and innovative preparations. Each dish is created in a scratch-kitchen and is expertly paired with one of Cooper's Hawk's award-winning wines. Highlights include Pistachio Crusted Grouper, Red Wine Braised Short Ribs, Gnocchi Carbonara, and Chocolate Pretzel Bread Pudding.

Visit your local Cooper's Hawk for a "taste" of what else they are cooking up today!

Orland Park's own Cooper's Hawk restaurant was the original Cooper's Hawk location.

**Tasting Room & Restaurant Hours: Monday – Thursday: 11AM – 9:30PM ◀ Friday & Saturday: 11AM – 10:30PM ◀ Sunday: 11AM. – 9PM**

**Bar Hours Monday – Thursday: 11AM – 11:30PM ◀ Friday & Saturday: 11AM – 12AM ◀ Sunday: 11AM – 11:00PM**



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Orland Park Kiwanis has been making a difference in Orland Park for over 36 years

If you have ever ventured into Denny's on a Tuesday morning, you may have noticed them in the midst of their weekly morning meeting. This dedicated group of local residents has one goal in mind, to help others in need.

Kiwanis is a global organization of members of every age dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis is often a last resort for individuals or families that need medical equipment when their insurance coverage fails to meet those needs. "Sometimes we are able to help in ways that contribute to quality of life that is not addressed elsewhere," said Kiwanis member and Village Trustee, Pat Gira.

"We have helped families that need medical equipment that may not be covered by insurance and assist with needs that are essential and yet not available," she added.

Over 99 percent of Orland Park Kiwanis revenue goes to charitable causes. The main source of funds raised comes from a popular weekly bingo event held every Wednesday at the Orland Park Civic Center.

Bingo has been sponsored by Kiwanis for over 17 years and is operated solely by volunteers. Over \$2 million has been collected and distributed to charitable causes and to those in need within Orland Park and the surrounding areas. Contributions are regularly made to Together We Cope and the Orland Township Food Pantry, as well as to individuals and families in the area, as needed.

Orland Park Kiwanis offers up \$10,000 in scholarships annually to local students who attend Carl Sandburg High School to use toward their education.

Orland Park Kiwanis also supports a worldwide effort known as Project Eliminate. With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a deadly disease that takes the lives of nearly 49,000 innocent babies and a significant number of mothers annually.

Orland Park Kiwanis meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM at Denny's near the Orland Park Mall. All are welcome to attend!

For more information, please stop by at one of the meetings or visit [www.orland-park.kiwanisone.org](http://www.orland-park.kiwanisone.org).

*Kiwanis International is an international, coeducational service club founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. It is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, United States and is found in more than 80 nations and geographic areas. Membership in Kiwanis and its family of clubs is nearly 600,000 members strong, annually raise more than US\$100 million, and report over 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children.*



*3rd Annual*  
**BULLY WALK**



The Bridge Teen Center’s third annual Bullying Stops Here Community Walk is Saturday, October 3, 2015. This year’s event is held during National Bullying Prevention Month as part of the Mayor’s Campaign to End Bullying (a national initiative led locally by Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin). Once again, Mayor McLaughlin will be the honorary chair at this year’s walk. The walk is intended to educate, inspire and rally the community together around the growing issue of bullying.

Designed for the entire family, walkers will begin and end their 1.5 mile walk “experience” outside of the Franklin Loebe Center in Orland Park, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Along the route, participants will visit experiential stations that represent each of the five afterschool program “buckets” at The Bridge. The walk concludes with a celebration featuring live music, a culinary demonstration, an awards presentation, and food samples from several prominent local restaurants.

Registration is open 9 to 10:30 a.m.; walk is 9:30 to 11 a.m.; walk celebration and awards 10 a.m. to noon.

All proceeds support the innovative mission of The Bridge Teen Center, which proactively combats bullying by connecting, challenging, and empowering students on a daily basis. The Bridge provides a safe and positive environment where seventh through twelfth grade students can participate in free afterschool programs and weekend entertainment events.

- To learn more, contact The Bridge at (708) 532-0500 or visit [www.bullywalk.org](http://www.bullywalk.org)
- Tweet the latest on your team to @TheBridgeTC and use the hashtag #bullyingstopshere
- The first 500 walkers to register receive a free special edition Bullying Stops Here Community Walk t-shirt!
- Raise \$100 or more in support of The Bridge Teen Center and get a free Bridge hoodie!
- Individual Walker registration (11+) before 8/31: \$20.00
- Individual registration after 8/31: \$25
- Team registration (3+ people, fee per walker) before 8/31: \$15.00
- Team registration after 8/31: \$25
- Child under 10: No Fees (no t-shirts available)



# A WORD FROM OUR *Veterans*

## **Vietnam Veteran Jim Baillie**

I was a grunt in the infantry during the Vietnam War. Vietnam is much closer to the equator than the U.S. is and their summer heat makes Florida's summer weather seem quite cool. The monsoons were so predictable that you could actually set a watch by their start and finish times.

Where we slept was constantly changing as we moved. We carried all of our possessions on our backs. The pack alone weighed about 50 pounds, which was half of my weight. I was in the field about 300 days and was visited by the NVA (North Vietnam Army) more than five times.

On a typical day, we would wake up, eat our C-rations for breakfast and pack up our belongings before beginning our walk through rice paddies or cutting our way through a three-canopy rain forest. We walked an average of 10 klicks (6.2 miles)

per day. I wore out three pairs of boots in one year. If we didn't walk, we were flown by helicopter.

Every three days, the choppers would drop off our supplies to us. We each got three C-rations packages in 1946 for WWII Vets. Keep in mind, it was 1968. We also got three LRP (Long Range Patrol) dehydrated dinners which were prepared by adding warm water. Every other month we were each given two cans of beer and two cans of soda pop. The drinks were such a treat that they were sometimes sold for \$20/can. That was a huge amount of money, especially when you consider the fact that combat pay was about 25 cents/hour.



Every nine days we each got one clean uniform and we kept our t-shirts since there were not enough of them to give a clean one to each soldier. We learned to go commando.

Our entire company had a three-day stand down once every three months. This was our free time to party and relax. I once got to spend one week of R & R in Hong Kong. I was fortunate to be one of the 12 soldiers flown by helicopter from our squad to attend the USO Bob Hope Christmas Show in Chui Lai. The front rows were reserved for hospital patients who were able to attend. I was in the second session with other front line troops while other personnel were in the back.

When I was leaving the field the helicopter flew below the tree lines; they normally flew at about 40,000 feet. On the way back to the States, the troops were told to take off their uniforms so they wouldn't be dishonored and/or insulted at the airport. The soldiers were often targets for anti-war protesters who said and did very spiteful things to the returning troops.

I was drafted into the army by "my friends and neighbors to serve my country," as the letter read. I willingly went to serve my country because I felt it was my duty.



**SP5 Dennis Durak**  
**170th Assault Helicopter Company**

**1960 to 1970**

I graduated from high school in 1966 and started college. The [Vietnam] war was escalating and I consulted with my uncle, a Korean War and two-time Vietnam War "lifer" in Army aviation, who said, "Dennis, it's better to fly in the jungle than walk in it."

I took heed of his advice and enlisted in flight training rather than take a chance of being drafted and becoming an infantryman.

After flight training, we were sent to Fort Dix, NJ where we were faced with one of the largest SFC's (Sergeant First Class) I'd ever seen. He said to the 200 GI's standing before him, "We don't care what your MO is, what you have done before, or what you want to do. We are filling orders for Vietnam and Germany."

With my luck being what it was, after a coin flip, I was on the Vietnam side of the toss. After

more training, multiple shots in the arm, gear preparation and watching movies about life in Vietnam, I left with an infantry company on a C-30. It was a 30-hour ride and we arrived in Vietnam. It was August of 1969. Our sergeant greeted us with news of more training, shots and informed us of our assigned location. He ended the initiation with "Is there a PFC Durak in this group? Front and center, Durak!"

I thought to myself, I have only been in this country for a few hours, what the heck did I do already?



I was brought to my uncle who had summoned me. As a Command Sergeant Major on his third tour in Vietnam, he had access to all of my records. He said, "Dennis, you are supposed to go to Pleiku to the 170th Assault Helicopter Unit. I have been there and it is not the best place to be. I have the authority to place you somewhere safer. What would you like me to do?" After a short time, I decided that I did not want anyone pulling any strings for me. I followed my

orders and became a member of the flight platoon in the 170th. I knew I had to be on my own and accept whatever was to come.

As a 20 year-old kid, Pleiku was new and very different from anything I knew. Since all of the flying positions were full, I was placed in the maintenance platoon until a flying position became available. We would work all day and into the early evening. At night, we would pull guard duty. I truly never minded the long and difficult hours because I was honorably serving my country.

After three months in the maintenance platoon, I experienced the trust the pilots and crew had for the 170th maintenance unit. The bonds among us were immeasurable. In four months, I worked my way up to becoming a Team Leader and was promoted to Spec 4. I was now responsible for six to seven aircrafts at a time. I oversaw crews working on different aircrafts from our platoon and others as well.

I always felt good knowing that I had earned the trust of my maintenance guys and the flight crews. My job was taken seriously and my team worked on each aircraft as if it were our own. The flyboys of the 170th and the maintenance crew maintained a bond of trust and brotherhood that I have never experienced since.

# NEW BUSINESS

## **Allstate - B&C Group**

13301 Southwest Highway

## **Allstate - Annette Szaflarski Agency Inc.**

11931 143rd Street

## **American Financial Network**

9601 165th Street

## **B Stunning**

13123 LaGrange Road

## **Caring Hands Devotional Home Care Agency, Inc.**

14475 John Humphrey Drive

## **Destination XL**

15633 LaGrange Road

## **Five Star Property Management**

11545 183rd Place

## **Grand's Appliance**

14740 LaGrange Road

## **Heartstrings**

1000 Orland Square Drive

## **Joy's Best Friends Best Bites**

11323 143rd Street

## **Lisa M. Nardi, PC**

14475 John Humphrey Drive

## **Mattress Firm**

14724 LaGrange Road

14928 LaGrange Road

## **Max Packaging Inc.**

16614 107th Court

## **MGD Consulting, LLC**

10468 163rd Place

## **Michelle Conrad LCPC**

9611 165th Street

## **Performance Inflatables**

15604 70th Court

## **Pizza Hut**

7842 159th Street

## **Preferred Surgicenter**

10 Orland Square Drive

## **Regional Mortgage Corp**

9631 153rd Street 33

## **Richard M Post**

15426 70th Court

## **Rol Academy, LLC**

15629 71st Court A

## **Splat Ball**

1000 Orland Square Drive

## **State Farm - Stephen Neil**

11136 179th Street

## **The Pillar Corporation Inc.**

11532 183rd Place NW

## **Trine Dental**

13121 LaGrange Road

## **Tuesday Morning**

15846 LaGrange Road

## **UBreakFix**

15845 Harlem Avenue

## 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 exactly where it was taken.

The first correct answer will win *one month free at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex!* Email answers to [orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org](mailto:orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org)

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

## Do you know where this photo was taken?



# BUILDING ORLAND PARK



## LARGE EXPANSIONS & REMODELS

**Bridge Teen Center Expansion**  
4,800sf

**Ameriprise**  
7,139sf

**Mercedes Benz  
Service Area Renovation**  
9,064sf

**John Burns Construction  
Addition**  
5,025sf

**Sky Zone**  
88,755sf

**Advanced Heart Group**  
7,440sf

**Da's Deli & Dining**  
5,400sf

**Remax 1st Service**  
7,524sf

**Robert J. Michet Dental Office**  
5,600sf

**Five Star Management**  
4,622sf

**Orland Township Expansion**  
14,000sf

**Polar Heating & Air**  
5,642sf

**Mo's Chinese Kitchen  
on Wolf Road**  
3,839sf

**Midwest Animal Hospital  
Parking Lot and Dog Exercise  
Area Expansion**

## WATER MAIN REHABILITATION

The Village of Orland Park continues its efforts to provide safe, reliable drinking water for the community. To help with this objective, the village has contracted with the professional engineering and consulting firm Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. The engineers have studied the Maycliff Subdivision and have developed improvements for the water main distribution system currently in place. As is the case with any type of infrastructure, over time as the system ages it becomes less reliable and subject to water main breaks and other related issues that can affect delivery and quality of the water. To restore the integrity of the existing system with older cast iron pipe, the water main in specific areas will be cleaned and structurally lined to restore functionality and extend the life of the system. This process will cause less of an impact than traditional open construction. We appreciate your patience throughout this construction project.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

**University of Chicago Medical Center**  
Winterset  
**Parkside Square**  
**Hampton Court**  
**Greystone Ridge**



Site work on the new Mariano's location at 142nd Street and LaGrange Road is currently underway and completion is scheduled for fall of 2015.



# TELEPHONE TOWN HALL MEETING

Residents are invited to participate in the village's first-ever telephone town hall meeting on **Thursday, September 10 from 7- 8 p.m.**

As the name suggests, the meeting will be held over the phone in a conference call format. As the meeting begins, participants will be able to ask questions live, similar to a call-in radio program. Village of Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin will be taking your questions and will be joined by Trustee James Dodge, Village Manager Paul Grimes, Director of Public Works John Ingram and Transportation & Engineering Manager Kurt Corrigan.

The telephone town hall meeting will cover a topic affecting anyone who is on the go – road construction. LaGrange Road updates will be discussed, as well as the village's Road Improvement Program.

The mayor and trustees know that residents care about the community and may have questions or concerns. The virtual town hall meeting format is one way to open up the conversation, to allow for more resident participation and engagement. The goal is to provide a format that feels more convenient, as you will be in the comfort of your own home.

Residents with a land line telephone will receive a call moments before the start of the meeting, inviting them to stay on the line to participate. Those that have a more specific question can press star (\*) to be entered into a queue. Questions will be answered in the order they are received. If time does not allow for all questions to be answered, residents can stay on the line to leave a voicemail message stating their name, number and question/concern. Additionally, residents with questions unrelated to the night's topics can also leave a voicemail message at the end of the meeting.

In this fast-paced age, we realize many families rely solely on their cell phones and may no longer use a land line telephone. We still want these residents to participate and have provided a call-in telephone number. Residents can dial (708) 568-1088 moments before the start of the meeting to participate.

*Please join us for this interactive hour to ask questions or share concerns.*



# SAFE ROADS

## LaGrange Road Widening Updates

Thank you for your patience while IDOT is working diligently to complete the LaGrange Road widening process.

What will result is improved traffic flow, a safer roadway and a more aesthetically pleasing LaGrange Road.

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).



### Did you know?

- The LaGrange Road widening and reconstruction project is primarily funded utilizing Federal and State dollars
- Less traffic means less time on the roads
- LaGrange Road carries between 45,000 to 50,000 vehicles per day
- The LaGrange Road Widening Project will enhance travel by providing:
  - additional through lanes
  - intersection improvements; including additional turn lanes at key intersections
  - improved traffic signal coordination
  - reconfigured access points
  - improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities
  - improved roadway alignment
  - roadway enhancements



# GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Village of Orland Park and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) integrates hardware, software and data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

### GIS Uses

Over 85 percent of decisions in municipal government involve location. In one way or another, every department relies on geography to support its day-to-day operations. GIS helps answer questions and solve problems by looking at data in a way that is quickly understood and easily shared. Choosing sites, targeting market segments, responding to emergencies, or redrawing boundaries are all problems involving questions of geography.

### GIS Online

Visit the Village of Orland Park GIS Website at [www.gis.orland-park.il.us](http://www.gis.orland-park.il.us) to view in-depth mapping information.

### GIS Maps include:

- Available sites and buildings for business development
- Bike Maps
- 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Map
- Comprehensive Plan Maps
- Large Subdivision Map
- Village of Orland Park Street Map
- Zoning Maps



# 2015 CITY LIVABILITY AWARD

## Village of Orland Park Anti-Bullying Initiative Receives National Honor



*Pictured are (l-r) Waste Management Municipal Manager Mike Morley; US Conference of Mayors City Livability Program Director Jocelyn Bogen; The Bridge Teen Center Executive Director Priscilla Steinmetz; Mayor Dan McLaughlin; Trustee Dan Calandriello and Assistant Village Manager Joe La Margo.*

The Village of Orland Park has added a new national honor to its list of accolades. Orland Park received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the US Conference of Mayors City Livability Program, being honored for Mayor Dan McLaughlin's Community Wide Anti-Bullying Initiative.

Jocelyn Bogen, director of the US Conference of Mayors City Livability Awards Program, traveled from Washington, D.C. to Orland Park to present the award at the August 3 Village Board Meeting.

"The judges unanimously selected Mayor McLaughlin and the Anti-Bullying Initiative because his leadership and support of these programs recognizes the importance of partnership between city government and its citizens to bring about positive change and improve quality of life," Bogen said.

The award recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity, and innovation demonstrated by the mayors. This year's winning cities were selected by former mayors from a pool of more than 200 applicants.

"Orland Park's anti-bullying efforts being honored at the national level is a credit to the entire community," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The village is working with The Bridge Teen Center and we've brought in agencies from throughout the region to address bullying head-on," he said.

"Bullying is a national issue that affects every community across the country," McLaughlin said. "Social media and the digital age exacerbate the problem making it even worse than it was when we were kids."

Created in 1979, the City Livability Awards are given annually to 10 mayors and their cities. A first place award is presented with four outstanding achievement awards for cities with populations less than 100,000 and the same for populations more than 100,000. Winning cities are selected by an independent panel of judges with the winning mayors being recognized at the annual conference of mayors.

"We are excited to be a part of Mayor McLaughlin's initiative and are very happy that Orland Park's local programs have been recognized on the national level," said Priscilla Steinmetz, executive director of The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. "It's a credit to the Orland Park community that so many agencies are a part of this program," Steinmetz said. "Everyone is working together to let our young people know that we are behind them."

"Waste Management is proud to partner with the US Conference of Mayors and sponsor the City Livability Awards. We are especially thrilled that the Village of Orland Park --- a longtime partner of ours --- has been recognized for this award," said Mike Morley, municipal manager for Waste Management of Illinois.



# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

## **Control Who Comes to Your Orland Park Home**

*Orland Park Police Department Encourages Residents to Post NO SOLICITORS Stickers*

The Orland Park Police Department reminds residents that they can control who comes to their doors. Posting “no solicitors” stickers, available at the cashier’s office at the village hall, tells solicitors that they may not approach the home.

The Orland Park Police Department requires all door-to-door solicitors to register before they can ring doorbells in Orland Park. All people and organizations that wish to ring any doorbell, be near any door or create sound in an effort to attract the attention of a resident for the purpose of engaging in a sales transaction must be registered with the police department.

Registered solicitors may go door-to-door only between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. When a no solicitors sign is displayed, they may not conduct

businesses and soliciting is illegal on state and national holidays. Registered solicitors must wear Orland Park Police Department issued badges.

Ruse burglaries can be prevented by being alert at all times, keeping the home locked even if outside to garden or on your property and by never letting strangers into the home. Orland Park residents should never allow anyone access to their homes without an appointment and verifying the person’s identity with his/her employee before letting them into the home. Village of Orland Park employees wear photo identification cards and residents can call the village department to confirm an employee’s identity. Residents are strongly encouraged to call other utility companies to confirm employees’ identities before letting workings into their homes.

Traveling home improvement workers often go door-to-door, offering services at a cheap price and ask for payments up front. Always check references and never pay for work in advance. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Residents are encouraged to immediately dial 9-1-1 if they see suspicious activity on their streets or if a solicitor is not wearing a police department issued badge.

For more information, contact the Orland Park Police Department at 708-349-4111.



## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Police Department a Safe Haven for Online Transactions

Buyers and sellers using online marketplaces can use the lobby of the Orland Park Police Department to complete transactions from online marketplaces such as Craigslist or eBay.

The premise is to conduct business in a relatively safe environment which would deter both sellers from ripping off potential customers and potential customers stealing from the sellers. The police department exchange is a growing trend nationwide.

"Internet sales are now common practice," said Chief McCarthy. "We just want to be sure there is a safe place to allow for these transactions to take place (if needed)."

Police department staff will not oversee or be responsible for such transactions, McCarthy said. Rather, the space is intended to assist in the safe exchange of goods and money without incident.

Internet marketplace Craigslist offers the following advice for personal safety.

When meeting someone for the first time, please remember to:

- Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe.
- Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.
- Be especially careful when buying/selling high value items.
- Tell a friend or family member where you're going.
- Take your cell phone along if you have one.
- Consider having a friend accompany you.
- Trust your instincts.

Anyone wishing to use the station as a meeting place to complete transactions is welcome to do so at any time. The Village of Orland Park Police Department is located at 15100 S Ravinia Ave, Orland Park, IL 60462.

For more information contact the Village of Orland Park Police Department at 708/349-4111.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY



*Participants of the Teen Citizens' Police Academy at the Orland Park Police Department.*

# Teen Citizens' Police Academy

The Orland Park Police Department recently hosted the first Teen Citizens' Police Academy. Nineteen area teenagers participated in the 16-hour training program to gain a better "understanding through education" on how policing is conducted in the community. The academy included training segments on:

- Authority and Scope
- Recruiting and Training
- Communications
- Patrol Operations
- Traffic enforcement and DUI investigations
- K9 capabilities
- Investigations Division
- Internet Investigations
- Search and Seizure
- Use of Force
- The Cook County State's Attorneys Office - Roles and Responsibilities
- South Suburban Emergency Response Team Operations

"The academy allowed area teenagers to gain insight into the many responsibilities of the Orland Park Police Department," remarked Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "We hope that the teens who participated took away a clearer understanding of the many policies and programs in place in order to keep their community safe."

The academy also included a department tour, equipment review and hands-on training in evidence processing. On the last day of the academy, the young adults had the opportunity to assess judgment, timing and accuracy in a scenario based firearms simulator.



Trustee Michael Carroll and Trustee Daniel Calandriello take a moment to pose with two members of Orland Park Girl Scout Troop 60023 at the National Night Out event.

## National Night Out

Orland Park held its "Orland Park's National Night Out Against Crime" on August 4 at the Orland Park Village Center.

"National Night Out is an Orland Park summer favorite," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The Police Department offers a fun and educational evening for the whole family and we look forward to it every year."

National Night Out Against Crime enables residents to meet Orland Park police officers. The Carl Sandburg High School Color Guard performed along with music provided by Electric Blue. Jim Nesci's Cold Blooded Creatures made an appearance along with Mr. D's Magic Show.

"This event is a great night for the Orland Park Police Department," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "It gives us an opportunity to show the community all that the department offers and lets kids meet police officers in a comfortable, fun environment," he said.

Residents across the country were encouraged to turn on their porch lights as a statement against crime.

"Orland Park's National Night Out is a great way to raise crime prevention awareness among our residents," said Orland Park Police Chief Timothy McCarthy. "It's an opportunity for everyone to learn ways to be cautious and aware of criminal activity while hopefully making people more comfortable with police officers."

## Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens

As recent events have shown, severe weather season is certainly upon us. The Orland Park Police Department currently has thirteen outdoor weather warning sirens placed throughout the village with another one scheduled to be installed in the area of Carl Sandburg High School in 2015. As a reminder, outdoor weather sirens are to alert people who are *outside* for impending severe weather and not for those already indoors. Those individuals who may not hear the latest audible warning while inside, should monitor radio, television and/or weather apps for the most up-to-date information on the path of any severe weather. As an important reminder, the Orland Park Police Department **does not sound an "all-clear"** by activating the outdoor weather warning sirens after the passing of a severe storm. This policy is in effect because a situation may arise where a storm has cleared and another one, following on the heels of the first, meets the conditions for re-activation. The criteria for outdoor weather warning sirens activation are as follows:

Upon the issuance of a TORNADO WARNING or during a severe weather incident, the Emergency Warning Siren System should be activated in the event of one of the following:

- A. A CONFIRMED sighting of a tornado or funnel cloud aloft by a trained weather spotter within five (5) miles of the village.
  1. This five-mile perimeter should be extended geographically around the perimeter of the village from the farthest northern, southern, eastern and western borders at a minimum.
  2. Towns within this five-mile perimeter include Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights, Alsip, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Markham, Crestwood, Country Club Hills, Matteson, Tinley Park, Frankfort, Mokena, New Lenox, Lockport, Lemont & portions of Will and Cook County.
- B. A CONFIRMED sighting by a trained weather spotter of severe winds causing structural damage within five (5) miles of the village.
- C. A CONFIRMATION of severe winds in excess of 70 miles per hour within the village
- D. The receipt of a tornado warning, issued by the National Weather Service, indicating that Orland Park is in the direct path of the oncoming tornado.





Stellwagen Farm

# OPEN LANDS of ORLAND PARK

One of the many reasons people choose Orland Park as the place they want to live is the parks, forest preserves and open spaces.

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.

### FUNDRAISING

In addition to public grants and other funding mechanisms, the village seeks donations from private sources to acquire Open Lands, which are then protected in perpetuity from development. Open Lands are accessible to the public and offer passive recreational activities such as walking trails.

### OBJECTIVES

Open Lands' objectives are to acquire land and use other real estate techniques to:

- Preserve critical and sensitive environmental areas
- Provide comprehensive linkage between open spaces
- Add to existing holdings for specific advantages
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Provide additional land in already developed areas
- Improve aesthetic benefits



### THE MAYOR'S CUP GOLF OUTING



The outing to benefit the Open Lands of Orland Park will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 starting at 8:30 a.m.

The golf package includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch featuring craft beer, on-course beverages, pre-dinner open bar, dinner, golfer's gift and door prizes.

New in 2015, a \$40 Super Card! The Super Card includes all on-course games giving participants a chance to win cash and prizes and a two-night stay in Las Vegas. Featured games will be Golf Ball Launcher, Scattered Flags, Cash Landing and Speed Hole, which do not require expert golf skills. Each Super Card has an 18-hole scratch game for a chance to win a second two-night stay in Las Vegas. The Mayor's Cup is limited to 144 golfers. Foursomes fill-up fast, so register early.

Proceeds benefit the Open Lands of Orland Park nature center located at 13951 S. LaGrange Road. The nature center will be the newest Open Land amenity. When completed, the center will feature an outdoor gathering place, bird watching stations, butterfly gardens, bike access and small group indoor and outdoor learning opportunities.

For golf outing reservations and information, please visit [OrlandPark.org/Golf](http://OrlandPark.org/Golf) or call 708-403-7275.

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



# VIETNAM MOVING WALL

# Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemorative Partnership

The Village of Orland Park is a proud commemorative partner for the Vietnam War Commemoration planned by the United States Department of Defense. The department is conducting a program to observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War during the commemorative period of 2015 to 2017.

As a partner, the village will plan and carry out at least two events each year during this period. These events, held across the country, will recognize, thank and honor Vietnam Veterans and their families.

The Vietnam Moving Wall and the Agent Orange Quilt of Tears will return to Orland Park October 1-4, 2015.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Village of Orland Park Veterans Commission is looking for volunteers to fill day or evening four-hour shifts when The Vietnam War Memorial Moving Wall returns to the Orland Park Village Center October 1-4, 2015. The wall remains open 24-hours from noon Oct. 1 to 6 a.m. Oct. 5. Tasks include hosting the wall to maintain a quiet atmosphere and helping visitors locate names on the wall. Volunteers do not have to be veterans to help. Send your name, cell phone number and email address to [veterans@orlandpark.org](mailto:veterans@orlandpark.org). State whether you would like to work a day or evening shift.

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 mailing list for Orland Park's upcoming 50th anniversary commemoration events. The email addresses would be used only for that purpose.



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