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Village Sponsors "Orland Park Has Heart" Art Contest



The Village of Orland Park is preparing for Mayor Dan McLaughlin's 2016 State of the Village Address --- the theme for which is "Orland Park Has Heart."

The mayor's 2016 address will be held at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center the evening of February 9, 2016. The event is free and open to the public. The address will include announcing the three winners of the Volunteer of the Year Awards

awarded to a nominated village student, adult and business.

The evening will also include the "Orland Park Has Heart" Art Contest, sponsored by the village's Arts Commission.

"A number of people have been working to incorporate different aspects of the community into this year's event," McLaughlin said. "We're excited to have a number of Sandburg students involved, honor some great volunteers and showcase the artistic talents of village residents."

The Orland Park Has Heart Art Contest is open to Village of Orland Park residents with two categories of competition --- under age 18 and over 18. Original artwork must be submitted to the Village of Orland Park by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016. Artwork must be original pieces and all media are welcomed and encouraged. Wall art must be matted, framed or have finished edges and all entries must reflect the theme "Orland Park Has Heart."

"The concept is simple," the mayor said. "It's about being kind, putting others ahead of yourself, paying it forward and contributing goodwill that demonstrates that Orland Park is a village with heart."

The grand prize winner for each category will receive \$300 with second place earning \$150 and third place winning \$50 in each category. Submitted artwork will be utilized for promotional and print materials and will be on display during the 2016 Village of Orland Park State of the Village Address at Carl Sandburg High School on February 9, 2016.

"This is very exciting," said Village Trustee Pat Gira, the Village Board liaison to the Arts Commission. "The overall theme of the State of the Village is 'Orland Park Has Heart' and we are asking village artists to illustrate that in their artwork for the contest and potential display at the address in February."

Art pieces may be selected to be on display at the Village of Orland Park Cultural Center through June 2016. A maximum of two entries is allowed per artist. Entries must be delivered to the Village Hall at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2016.

A jury consisting of the Village of Orland Park arts commissioners will select the winners. The art pieces selected will reflect the mayor's message and follow the exhibit criteria.

Winning artists must agree to permit the Village of Orland Park to utilize submitted artwork for promotional purposes for the "Orland Park Has Heart" campaign.

All artwork must be original and created solely by the artist. All artwork must be suitable for viewing by all ages. Residents wishing to attend the 2016 State of the Village Address will be able to make free reservations on the village's website at www.orlandpark.org

For more information, call 708/403-6399.