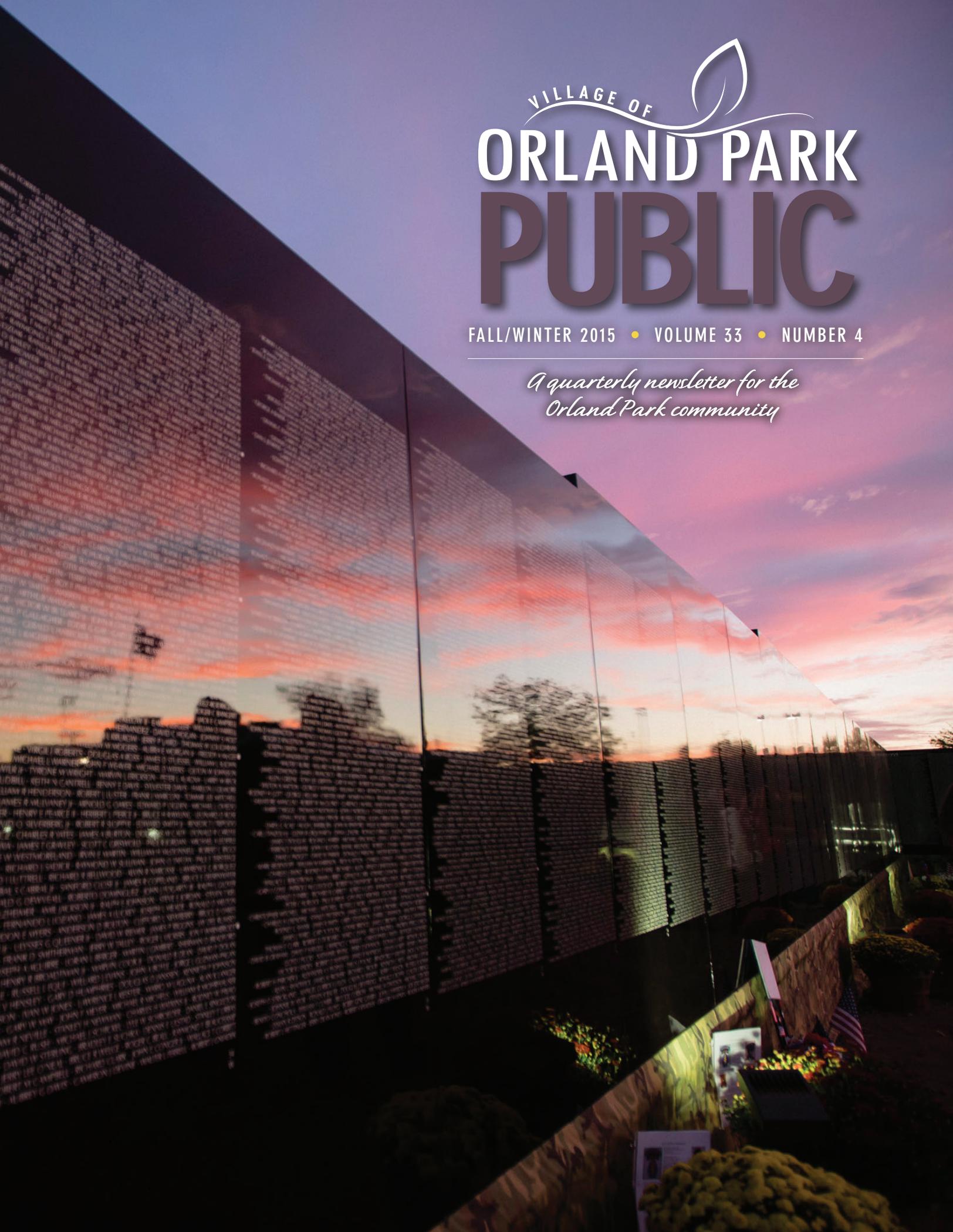




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BOARD MEETING DATES

- November 2, 2015
- November 16, 2015
- December 7, 2015
- December 21, 2015
- January 4, 2016
- January 18, 2016
- February 1, 2016
- February 15, 2016
- March 7, 2016
- March 21, 2016
- April 4, 2016
- April 18, 2016

Voter Registration Closes
 Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Presidential Primary Election
 Tuesday, March 15, 2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pictured (l to r) Trustee Michael Carroll, Trustee Patricia Gira, Village Clerk John Mehalek, Mayor Daniel McLaughlin, Trustee Kathleen Fenton, Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich, Trustee Daniel Calandriello, Trustee James Dodge

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John Mehalek
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 Engagement

Daniel Calandriello
 Public Safety

Michael Carroll
 Public Works

Patricia Gira
 Parks & Recreation



2015-2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

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

DECEMBER

Santa's Pit Stop at Sportsplex
Saturday, December 5
9 AM to 12 PM
Sportsplex Lounge

**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

Community Tree Trimming Event
Sunday, December 13
12 to 2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

Skate with Santa
Sunday, December 13
2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

JANUARY

Turkey Bowling
Sunday, January 17
2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

Comedy Improv
Friday, January 29
8 to 10 PM
Cultural Center

Chilly Willie Chili Challenge
Saturday, January 30
2 PM
Orland Park Civic Center

Snowman Building Contest
Saturday, January 30
2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

FEBRUARY

Cinderella's Ball
Saturday, February 6
4:30 to 7:30 PM
Cultural Center

State of the Village Address
Tuesday, February 9
7 PM
Carl Sandburg High School
Performing Arts Center

Valentine's Day Skate
Sunday, February 14
2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

Human Shuffle Board
Saturday, February 20
2 PM
Centennial Park Ice Rink

Chef's Auction
Thursday, February 25
6 to 10 PM
Orland Chateau

Comedy Improv
Friday, February 26
8 to 10 PM
Cultural Center

MARCH

Special Recreation Garage Sale
Saturday, March 19
9 AM to 1 PM
Orland Park Civic Center

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 19
10 AM
Centennial Park

Comedy Improv
Friday, March 25
8 to 10 PM
Cultural Center

Pandemonium 2016 is Coming!

The Pandemonium 5k challenge returns to Orland Park on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Register early to ensure you don't miss all the Pandemonium.

Resident registration begins on December 4, 2015, at a reduced rate of \$30 through January 3, 2016. Check it out at orlandpark.org/pandemonium.



Please visit
orlandpark.org
for more information.

FROM THE MAYOR



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Thank you to the more than 2,500 people who took the time to participate in Orland Park's first Telephone Town Hall Meeting. We believe communication is key and are very pleased with the outcome and participation in the meeting. Those who missed it this time around can visit the Village of Orland Park website at orlandpark.org or the village's YouTube channel to hear a recording of the event.

The Vietnam Moving Wall returned to Orland Park in October. The Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Thank you to the many volunteers for their time spent hosting the wall to make sure visitors were welcomed 24 hours a day during the four-day event.

The Village of Orland Park has been named a partner for the Vietnam War Commemoration planned by the US Department of Defense. We continue to add to our database of Vietnam Veterans' email addresses to let them know about the village's commemoration programs. Vietnam Vets can send their email addresses to my office at mayorsvietnamvets@orlandpark.org.

University of Chicago Medicine's Center for Advanced Care at Orland Park is moving forward as planned. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 29. The project will include a pharmacy and a parking structure that the village will be able to use free of charge after hours and on weekends, making it even more convenient for visitors to park their cars and explore the restaurants and shops in the area. The building is expected to bring more than 100 jobs and create more than 200 construction jobs in the process. The project will bring approximately 161,000 annual visitors/patients to downtown Orland Park and nearby businesses.

IDOT's LaGrange Road Widening Project continues and the contractors try very hard to minimize inconveniences for LaGrange Road businesses and their patrons. The project includes adding through lanes; intersection improvements including additional turn lanes at key intersections; improved bicycle and pedestrian services; improved roadway alignment and enhancements. When complete, it will be a magnificent gateway to all that Orland Park offers. Thank you for your patience during the process.

We have some great events coming up this season! The annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, Nov. 29 from 3-6 p.m. and the Orland Park Theater Troupe will present Oh "Ho Ho" Holy Night at the Orland Park Civic Center from Dec. 11-13. Then, on Feb. 25 will be the annual Chef's Auction which is always a community favorite. This year the proceeds will benefit the Bridge Teen Center.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McLaughlin, Mayor



MADISYN FOTSIS



Madisyn Fotsis, 13

Do you know someone who should be recognized as a young achiever in an upcoming issue of the Orland Park Public? Email orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org to let us know!

On the surface, Jerling Junior High Student Madisyn Fotsis is a lot like any average 13-year-old kid. She goes to school, loves her friends, plays sports, and does well at all of it. Her heart is as big as her smile. This alone is reason enough to call her a “young achiever.” But, in addition to all of these things, she has gone above and beyond recently to help another young girl.

When Madisyn found out that a little girl named Ava was very sick, she knew she had to do something. Ava Martin is the daughter of a close family friend.

Ava is in the hospital with complications following an initial diagnosis of hypoplastic left heart syndrome. She is on the waiting list for a heart transplant and is on a breathing tube. The road has been tough for this little girl. Fortunately, she has friends like Madisyn fighting alongside. “She has fought so hard and is so young. We’re going to do whatever we can to help,” shared Madisyn.

In order to help, Madisyn is selling bracelets to help defray the costs of long-term medical care. “I wanted to sell these because I wanted them to know someone else is there to help them,” said Madisyn. The purple bracelets, imprinted with #AmazingAva, are being sold by Madisyn during her lunch period for \$5. All of the proceeds go to help little Ava.

“Madisyn serves as a great example of reaching out and helping others in their darkest hour,” said Jerling Junior High Principal Kevin Brown. “We are proud to have her as a part of the Jayhawk family and are excited that she has been chosen as a Young Achiever.”

*The facility is
scheduled
to open in
late 2016.*



UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICINE BROKE GROUND IN ORLAND PARK

The University of Chicago Medicine broke ground on its newest ambulatory facility, the Center for Advanced Care at Orland Park, on September 29th.

The 108,000-square-foot, four-story outpatient medical facility will be the institution's largest off-site location, expanding their footprint in the South and Southwest suburbs to provide patients with increased access to high-quality health care.

Located at the corner of 143rd Street and LaGrange Road in downtown Orland Park, the facility will have 80 exam rooms that will support more than 25 specialties.

The \$61 million project will also include retail operations, a CVS pharmacy and a 530-space above-ground parking structure that will be developed by the Village of Orland Park.

- Located at the northwest corner of LaGrange Road and 143rd Street
- 108,000-square-foot building with retail on first floor
- Five-level, above ground parking structure with 530 spaces
- Facility expected to employ more than 100 people
- More than 200 construction jobs created



A.



B.



- Ambulatory, outpatient health care facility
- Radiation oncology
- Orthopedics
- Gastroenterology
- Cardiology
- Pediatrics
- Women's health
- Surgical consulting
- Pharmacy
- \$61 million project
- 25-year lease-to-purchase agreement
- Direct economic impact to Orland Park is approximately \$22 million in revenue
- \$13 million parking garage project

A. Village Clerk John Mehalek, Trustee Michael Carroll, Trustee Dan Calandriello, Trustee Kathy Fenton, Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Director of Development Services Karie Frling, Trustee Pat Gira, Trustee Carole Griffin Ruzich, Village Manager Paul Grimes and Assistant Director of Development Services Michael Kowski take part in the ground breaking ceremony.

B. Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings, Emily Nicklin, chairwoman University of Chicago Medical Center Board of Trustees, Kenneth Polonsky, MD, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Chicago and Dean of Biological Sciences Division and Pritzker School of Medicine -Nita Karnik Lee, MD, assistant professor of obstetrics/gynecology, Jennifer Close, senior vice president of ambulatory services, Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Village of Orland Park and Sharon O'Keefe, President, University of Chicago Medical Center

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.



ASK YOUR TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE CAROLE GRIFFIN RUZICH
Finance and Information Technology Committee Chair

What is the total amount of this year’s rebate and how much has the village rebated since the program’s inception?

This year’s total rebate amount is \$2.2 million. In total, since 2002, the village has rebated approximately \$36.67 million.

How is the village able to offer this rebate?

At the time the village enacted a home rule sales tax, the Board set the policy of utilizing a portion of the home rule sales tax collected each year to reduce the property tax burden on village residents through the form of an annual rebate. Based upon the village’s strong financial position, sound budgeting practices and healthy reserves, we have been able to offer qualified applicants a rebate for the 11th time in 14 years.

Who is eligible for a property tax rebate?

Owners of single family homes, townhomes, and residential condominium units are eligible for a rebate upon proving residency in the home with a valid Illinois driver’s license listing an Orland Park address. Owners of multi-unit apartment buildings must be living in one of the units to qualify for the rebate. Property taxes on the entire building will be prorated to determine the amount paid by the single unit occupied by the owner.

When will I know the amount of my rebate?

Once all applications have been received and processed, the village will calculate the amount of each applicant’s rebate. An applicant’s rebate will be based upon the assessed value of their home as compared to the total assessed value of the approved applicant pool.



PROPERTY TAX REBATE 2015

The Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees has approved a rebate of a portion of the 2014 taxes paid to the village in 2015 by owners of homes in which they currently reside.

How to Apply

Applications Available Beginning November 2, 2015

- Apply online at optaxrebate.com. 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:

Village of Orland Park
Property Tax Rebate Program
14700 South Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, IL 60462

- Application Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2015. Rebate checks will be mailed or credited during the week of March 14, 2016.

Required Documentation to Accompany Application

- Copy of 2014 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.

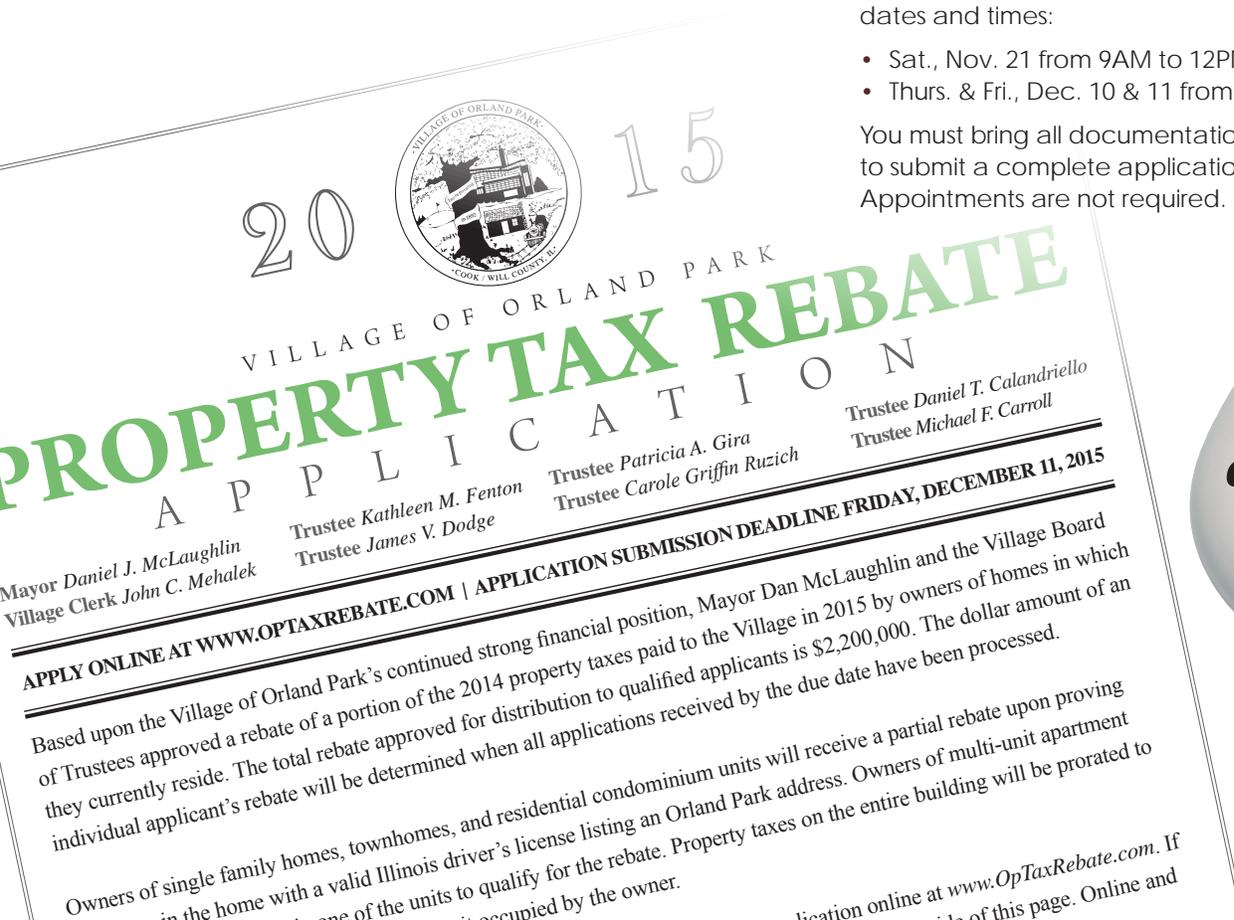
Application Assistance

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.

In addition, one-on-one assistance for all applicants will be available on the following dates and times:

- Sat., Nov. 21 from 9AM to 12PM
- Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 10 & 11 from 8AM to 5PM

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



SAVE TIME.
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AROUND TOWN

ORLAND PARK
ILLINOIS, USA

GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

Hundreds of residents came out to enjoy this year's Great Pumpkin Party! What a wonderful way to kick off the season and enjoy an afternoon full of fall fun.

Free games, horse rides for the kids, a pumpkin patch, hayrides through the park and marshmallow roasting around the bonfire were some of the many offered activities at the event.

A pie eating contest, sponsored by Bakers Square, has become an annual tradition that attendees enjoy watching and participating in. The Pet Parade is always a favorite and brought out some of the best dressed pets in town.

Congratulations to all of the winners of the contests!







Village Trustees Dan Calandriello (left) and Mike Carroll (right) hold the ribbon as Mayor Dan McLaughlin and Leon Cooper cut it to dedicate the new sign explaining Lake Sedgwick's history at Centennial Park. Looking on are members of the village's Museum Development and Advisory Board and members of the Hewson and Gee families whose ancestors played a part in the creation of the man-made lake.





OPEN LANDS COMMISSION: (left)

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. We recently celebrated the rededication of Lake Sedgewick and held the Mayor's Cup Golf Outing to help fund Open Lands of Orland Park.

MIKE AND JOE AT CENTENNIAL PARK WEST: (right)

Thank you for joining us for the Labor Day Centennial Park West Concert! Mike and Joe were the headliners and U2ZOO kicked things off as the opening band. Close to 1,000 people were in attendance and enjoyed both modern and classic rock favorites. Concessions were provided by Square Celt Ale House & Grill, Wooden Paddle Pizza, and Jay Vending. What a great time!



CAFÉ GASTON



DINING LOCAL DIN



"Cafe Gaston can be described in two words – fresh & homemade," said owner Yaser Elkayyal. The restaurant uses only fresh ingredients to make all of their menu items. No shortcuts are taken here where you will find delicious, French-inspired American fare.

"We were informed that Gaston's was for sale back in Jan. of 2002," said Elkayyal. "When we came to see the café, it had been closed for about a month and we took a chance and purchased it." The Elkayyal family has been serving up their now-famous fresh-made sauces, soups, pastas, salads and more for well over 13 years. "We take pride in our food and the

customer service we provide," explained Elkayyal. The Elkayyal family has been an integral part of the Orland Park community, living and going to school here in addition to being business owners. "We love this community, the people in it, and plan on staying for a very long time," said Elkayyal.

Café Gaston offers daily specials and their holiday catering services are an area favorite with full holiday and seasonal offerings for your family gatherings.

"Since we are off the beaten path, we are sometimes overlooked by those who do not know we are here. Customers who are able to find us remark that we are a "hidden gem" and we love to hear they are pleased





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CHICKEN BOW TIE PASTA

- 8 oz. of boneless/skinless chicken breast
- 2 cups of heavy cream
- One half of a medium-sized tomato, chopped
- 4 artichoke hearts
- 1/2 cup fresh spinach
- About a palm-full of flour
- 1/4 cup of butter
- salt and granulated garlic to taste
- 1/4 cup of white wine
- 1 cup of bow tie pasta, cooked al dente
- 1/4 cup of grated Romano cheese

Instructions:

- Heat the butter in a sauté pan on medium-high heat. Add cubed chicken breast to the pan.
- Add in the flour and sauté the chicken until it is just about cooked through.
- Add tomatoes and artichokes to the pan and mix well to ensure nothing sticks to the bottom of the pan.
- After a minute, add the wine and allow to reduce down about 10%.
- Add the cream. Once cream begins to thicken, add the spinach and pasta.
- Allow pasta to cook through, then add salt and garlic.
- Continue mixing to incorporate all ingredients. Once desired thickness is reached, transfer to a plate and top with grated Romano cheese.

with what they have found. Our regular customers are like family to us, some returning daily," remarked Elkayyal.

The location has a casual, open kitchen concept where customers can see their orders being prepared and seats about 70 people inside. An outdoor patio allows customers to dine alfresco when the weather permits and allows for seating of an additional 40 diners.

Cafe Gaston offers dine in, carry out, or catering from their restaurant located at 14438 John Humphrey Drive in Orland Park. "We are also BYOB and offer full service for dinner," added Elkayyal.

Named one of "Chicago's Best of South Suburbs," many would agree that their unique, made-from-scratch menu is in fact one of the area's best. And lucky us, they are right here in Orland Park!

Café Gaston ◀ 14438 John Humphrey Drive ◀ Orland Park, IL 60462 ◀ 708-403-3663
Hours: Monday – Thursday: 7AM – 8PM ◀ Friday & Saturday: 7AM – 9PM ◀ Sunday: 7:30AM – 3PM





LET'S TALK!

What do you think...

We are always looking for new ways to communicate with the residents of Orland Park. We want to know your views on important topics, hear your concerns and most importantly, work together as a community to make living in Orland Park a great experience for all. In addition to the many ways to get in touch with the village such as in person, via social media, a phone call to any of our administrative offices or by mail, we have now introduced a new avenue for communication:

Telephone Town Hall Meetings

Thank you to the more than 2,500 residents who listened in and/or participated in the Village of Orland Park's first ever Telephone Town Hall Meeting.

The intention of the meeting was simple: open up the lines of communication with residents. And that it did, with questions ranging from topics like potholes to questions about senior citizen assistance.

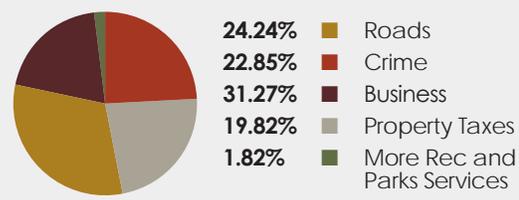
"I truly enjoyed being able to connect with residents one-on-one during the meeting," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "We understand that people have a lot going on in their lives and may not be able to make it out to a meeting at the Village Hall. The next best thing is to bring the meeting to residents and that is what we did."

Moving forward, the village plans to hold two telephone town hall meetings per year. Just as before, 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 rely solely on their cell phones are encouraged to call in to a phone number that will be provided closer to the date of the meeting.

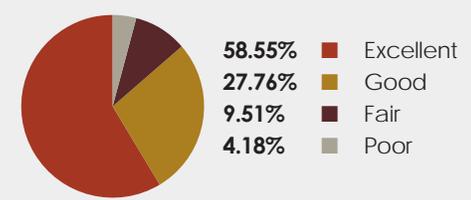
We hope you can take part and we look forward to hearing from you!

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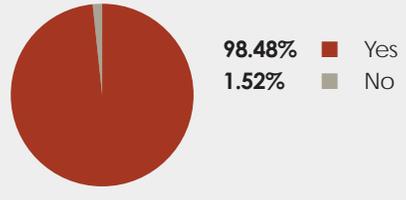
In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing the Village of Orland Park today?



In general, how would you rate the services you receive from the Village of Orland Park for the taxes you pay?



This is the first in a series of live telephone Town Hall meetings. Would you like to see more Town Hall meetings in the future.





Call For Artists

ART EXHIBITION AT ORLAND PARK STATE OF THE VILLAGE

sponsored by the Village of
Orland Park and the Orland
Park Arts Commission



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The campaign, a Village of Orland Park initiative by Mayor Dan McLaughlin, spotlights an important message that is deeply rooted in the heart of Orland Park, *kindness*.

THE CONCEPT

"The concept is pretty simple," said Mayor McLaughlin. "It's about being kind, putting others ahead of oneself, paying it forward and contributing good will that demonstrates that Orland Park is a village with heart."

SELECTION PROCESS/CRITERIA

A jury consisting of the Village of Orland Park arts commissioners will select the grand prize winner.

The art piece selected will reflect the message of the mayor's campaign and abide by the requirements of the exhibition. Winning artist agrees to allow the Village of Orland Park to utilize submitted artwork for promotional purposes for the "Orland Park has HeART campaign."

EXHIBITION

Finalists' artwork will be displayed at the Village of Orland Park State of the Village Address at Carl Sandburg High School's Performing Art Center on February 9, 2016.

The Village of Orland Park will not be liable for any theft, damage, or loss of artwork incurred while stored/on exhibit. Artists will be asked to sign a liability waiver upon submission of artwork.

Artists' information will be on display for the general public at the site of the artwork.

The Village of Orland Park reserves the right to withdraw any artwork submitted that is deemed inappropriate for general public viewing.

SUBMITTING ARTWORK

All entries must be delivered to the Village Hall at 14700 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 no later than January 15, 2016 by 5pm.

All artwork must be original and created solely by the artist. All artwork must be suitable for viewing by citizens of all ages.

ATTENDANCE

Artists wishing to attend the State of the Village Address are asked to RSVP on the village website at www.orlandpark.org.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jill Hodge, Special Projects Coordinator at (708)403-6399 or email jhodge@orlandpark.org for more information about the art exhibition.

Two categories:

18 and up and under 18.

- Grand Prizes: \$300
- 2nd Place: \$150
- 3rd Place: \$50

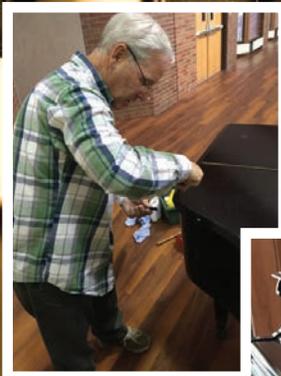
Limit two entries per artist.

Artists must be Village of Orland Park residents



WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

// We are grateful to the Plumbers Union for their gracious donation," said Village of Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The Cultural Center was in need of a piano, and due to this act of charity, we can decrease the expenditure and still enjoy having a beautiful instrument to use. //



Mayor McLaughlin assists in restoring the donated piano.



OLD PIANO FINDS NEW HOME AT CULTURAL CENTER

A generous donation from Chicago Journeymen Plumbers and Technical Engineers Local Union 130 has brought a new piano to the Cultural Center in Orland Park. Previously housed at the Plumbers Union Hall in Chicago, the concert grand piano was built in 1928 by Charles A. Harddorff, during the golden age of piano making.

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin is an avid carpentry enthusiast and is helping to bring new life to the piano. "It really is a treasure that many will now be able to enjoy at the Cultural Center," said the mayor.

Although not a "new" piano, it is new to the Village of Orland Park and artists/residents can look forward to hearing beautiful music from it in the near future.

OPEN HOUSE

WAYFINDING & BRANDING

Join us for an open house to discuss signage and branding created as a result of a recent resident survey.

Resident input is welcome and appreciated.

January 18, 2016
5-7pm

Orland Park Civic Center
14750 Ravinia 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 correct answers will be collected and winner drawn at random.

Winner will receive ***one month free at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex!** Email answers to orlandparkpublic@orlandpark.org.

Do you know where this photo was taken?



Congrats to the last winner of our contest, Christopher W. of Orland Park who correctly named the Orland Park Civic Center lobby as the location of the photo and wins free month membership to the Sportsplex!

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

ORLAND PARK... AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Download the newest app for your mobile devices, The Village of Orland Park mobile app. Here you can find out about **upcoming events**, **locate a park or facility**, **find a business**, **report a pothole** and much, much more.

Download today from the Apple Store or Google Play, compatible with Apple and Android devices.



INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

Winter Weather Edition

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

Q. Why does it seem that my cul-de-sac, or court is always the last areas to be plowed?

A: All municipalities — due to limited resources — prioritize how they implement snow removal activities. During moderate to heavy snow falls, we engage snow removal on a wide scale with most of our resources geared at opening main roads as a priority. It is imperative to clear main roads first to provide mobility and access for police, fire and ambulatory activities. Public safety is our first concern for residents during snow events. Heavy snowfall events demand additional resources. During these storms, the village will dispatch contractors to assist with clearing snow from elbows, courts and cul-de-sacs.

Q. Why is snow being stacked on my parkway?

A: The recent snow seasons have provided record low temperatures lasting for weeks and even months. Snow continues to fall without an opportunity to melt. Additional snow falls create a situation where snow is constantly removed from the roadway and stacked, but does not melt. Unfortunately, parkway storage is the only efficient method for clearing snow.

Q. My parkway was damaged by a village snow plow.

A: If your parkway grass/sod is damaged by plows during snow removal, please contact the Public Works Department or email the department online at publicworks@orlandpark.org. We have a spring restoration program that will restore the parkway.

Q. Why do the plows come after I've already cleared my driveway? Why can't it be done all at once?

A: The Village of Orland Park has more than 450 lane-miles of roadway to clear during a snow event. Many factors must be taken into consideration when determining timing for snow removal; type of storm, amount of snow produced and number of plows dispatched. In some cases, residents see that their streets are cleared before residents have the opportunity to clean their driveways. In other cases, residents will clean their driveways and the snow plows will arrive to clear snow from the entire road way. By design, a line of snow will more than likely be deposited along the driveway. This snow is commonly called wind-row as it is the snow that escapes the plow during removal. It may take a plow truck two or three passes to clear snow from streets, increasing the likelihood of snow being deposited in front of driveways.



PUBLIC WORKS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SNOWY WEATHER TIPS:

1. Be patient. Our crews are highly efficient and dedicated and are often dispatched during the late AM hours and will plow until every street is cleared. We will get to your street.
2. Make sure your fire hydrant is cleared for ease of access during an emergency situation.
3. Shovel corners and bus stops.
4. Anticipate that snow will be piled and stored on the parkway.
5. Do not push snow from driveways into the street.
6. Some streets may develop "hard pack." In spite of our best efforts of using de-icing and even pre-treatment on roads, temperatures and conditions have a way of subverting our efforts. Hard pack occurs when snow is packed on the surface (via normal vehicle movement) and then freezes and bonds to the surface of the road.
7. Weather always has the final say. The lowest effective temperature of salt is +20°F (-7°C). Temperatures below 20°F renders salt nearly useless.
8. Respect the PLOW. As an added safety measure please slow down and yield the right of way to plows when their lights are flashing.
9. Provide assistance to elderly neighbors. Shovel sidewalks and driveways for seniors or handicapped neighbors. It's just the right thing to do.
10. If you commute more than 1 mile from your home, add winter resources to your vehicles: boots, salt, shovel, blankets, candles, non-perishable foods, lighter, etc.

A WORD FROM OUR

Veterans



SGT. WILLIAM W. WARD, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

*Company B 2nd Battalion, Mechanized; 2nd Infantry
"Big Red One"*

Thanksgiving Day, 1967

Growing up I was your standard guy: I was the sixth child out of eleven kids, I graduated from high school, played a lot of baseball, mingled with friends and family, and I was looking forward to my major league baseball draft until Lyndon B. Johnson threw me a curve ball and drafted me first. So, at almost twenty years young, I was in the Vietnam War and was the driver of an APC (Armored Personnel Carrier) on the Command Track for Bravo 6. I am "Bravo 6 Delta."

Fast forward a bit, and it's Thanksgiving Day, 1967—a day that is forever ingrained in my heart.

Even in Vietnam we celebrated Thanksgiving Day. I remember peacefully sitting around, laid back and relaxed with the guys in my unit eating a turkey dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy. Actually, we didn't even carry our weapons to the chow-line this day (which was a huge no-no) because after all, it was Thanksgiving! I was thinking about my family and what they were doing to celebrate this blessed holiday when my thoughts were unexpectedly interrupted.

We started getting heavily attacked by rapid gunfire, 81mm mortars, and RPAs (Rocket Powered Grenades). There were explosions all around and there was organized chaos everywhere we turned. As we engaged in battle, we had wounded men all over so I did what I had to do: I made several trips

to the chopper carrying wounded soldiers to be "dusted off" or flown out to the hospital. After my last trip, I got back to the perimeter of our camp (which was approximately the size of two city-wide blocks that housed hundreds of men and our artillery) to find out my bunker was out of M60 ammunition. In an instant, I found myself running to the tracks to retrieve as much ammo as I could possibly carry. When that ran out, I did it over and over again. Back and forth I went in the middle of an unimaginable attack. I think about how the Good Lord was with me this day because I was never hit—not even wounded.

When the sun came up the next morning, we found out that the Viet Cong soldiers had gotten through 2 of 3 rows of Constantia wire in our defensive lines and we somehow survived. Based on the damage done to our camp, the number of men that were severely wounded and the many casualties that were lost, those of us that survived felt fortunate and blessed beyond measure.

Even though I was "just doing my job," my Captain, Sonny Gratzler, recommended me for the Bronze Star with "V" Service (Valor) and I was later awarded that very medal. It is a true honor. Today, thinking back as I write these words, all I can do is pause to control a surge of overwhelming emotions in my heart ranging from utter sadness and sorrow, gratitude and gratefulness, and an irrevocable love, trust and faith in my Heavenly Father.



ORLAND PARK *History* MUSEUM



The Orland Park History Museum, a project sparked by Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin's enthusiasm for local history, is becoming a reality. The museum, which will capture and preserve the history, culture, and heritage of our community, will be located in the Old Village Hall, 14413 Beacon Avenue, and is targeted to open in mid-2016.

As one of its first tasks, the museum board created a mission statement for the Museum: "The Orland Park History Museum seeks to deepen the understanding of past events and choices, present circumstances, and future possibilities while fostering a sense of community that inspires discovery and appreciation of Orland Park culture and heritage."



The board looks forward to the participation of local residents as plans for the museum unfold. There is great need for volunteers to engage in the development, launch, and on-going operation of the museum. The advisory board has created committees, including Communications and Marketing, Finance, Programs and Education, Collections, and Membership and Volunteers, each of which will depend on a strong volunteer network.



Orland-area residents interested in volunteering may contact Jill Hodge, Special Projects Coordinator, Mayor's Office, 708-403-6399.

Although the museum will be open to the public, the Development and Advisory Board is currently working on developing a structure for formal memberships, sponsorships, and other opportunities to support this exciting project.



We are proud to announce that the members of the Orland Park History Museum Development and Advisory Board are:

- Tom Dubelbeis – Chairman
- Elizabeth Grad Christofylakis – Vice Chairman
- Diane Chin – Commissioner
- Karen Friker – Commissioner
- Jim Gira – Commissioner
- Diane Grah – Commissioner
- Eileen Neary – Commissioner

Orland-area residents interested in becoming museum volunteers may contact Jill Hodge, Special Projects Coordinator, Mayor's Office, 708-403-6399.





VIETNAM MOVING WALL

The Village of Orland Park hosted The Vietnam Moving Wall as part of its community partnership with the US Department of Defense Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall was on display at the Orland Park Village Center from noon on Thursday, October 1 through Sunday, October 4.

The Moving Wall is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for 30 plus years.

This year marked 50 years since U.S. ground troops arrived in Vietnam.

Five Orland Park residents died in Vietnam including Ron Zinn, Dennis Stiehler, Eddie Novak, Michael Reber and Bobby McAllister. All of their names appear on the wall. "The wall serves as a poignant reminder of the many service members who have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Through this remembrance, we vow to never forget our fallen heroes," the Mayor added.





The Agent Orange Quilt of Tears, a collection of handmade quilt patches, paying tribute to the victims of Agent Orange exposure was on display in the Civic Center. Local residents' memorial tables honored family and friends who served in Vietnam.

Mayor McLaughlin has invited area Vietnam Veterans to submit their contact information to be notified about Orland Park's events held during the nationwide commemoration. Vets are invited to send their contact information to MayorsVietnamVets@orlandpark.org to be added to the mayor's list. Emails will only be used for this purpose.



WGN radio's Steve Cochran Show broadcasted live from the Orland Park Civic Center on Friday, Oct 2. Guests included Mayor Dan McLaughlin and local veterans.

CRISIS INTERVENTION

In February 2015 the Orland Park Police Department established a crisis intervention team in response to the increasing number of calls involving subjects experiencing mental health crises within the community.

The Orland Park Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) consists of a sergeant and 11 officers, all of whom are trained to recognize and de-escalate situations involving a subject who is experiencing a mental health crisis. Every member of the team has attended a 40-hour block of state-certified instruction which is approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Officers are trained in areas such as, but not limited to; mental health knowledge, psychotropic medications and crisis resolution skills.

The goal of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is to improve the manner in which the police department responds to people experiencing mental health crises. This goal is accomplished by having trained CIT officers properly recognize a situation involving a mental health crisis, verbally de-escalating the situation and connecting the subject with the resources he, or she, needs for longer term care. In so doing, there is an increased level of safety for the subject in crisis, police officers involved, and the community.

Orland Park CIT officers have already helped a large number of individuals and families within the community. Many of these families have sent letters of appreciation to the police department thanking the CIT officers for their assistance and compassion.

If you or your family are involved in a chronic or acute mental health crisis and believe that the situation would be best resolved by a CIT officer, please call the Orland Park Police Department and request to speak with one. CIT officers are assigned to all shifts and able to assist you at any time of day or night.

For more information about the Orland Park Crisis Intervention Team, contact Sgt. Troy Siewert, Orland Park Police Department, at 708-349-4111.



Orland Park Named **STORM READY COMMUNITY**



Pictured (l to r) are Police Chief Tim McCarthy, Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Warning Coordination Meteorologist Mike Bardou from the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Deputy Chief Tom Kenneally. Bardou attended a September Village Board meeting to present Orland Park's StormReady sign for the village's certification.

The Village of Orland Park was named a StormReady Community this past summer by the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The agency described the community's progressive preparedness measures as "outstanding," noting Orland Park being among the first 100 communities in Illinois to be certified.

"This is an important affirmation for all that the village does to make people aware of dangerous weather in the area," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "The Orland Park Police Department oversees the village's programs and works very hard to ensure everyone's safety."

The village's weather preparedness program includes a written severe weather preparedness plan, outreach programs, trained Skywarn storm spotters monitoring the weather, receiving watches and warnings via the National Weather Service and disseminating severe weather warnings throughout the community.

"Orland Park has a prototype severe weather preparedness program and is very deserving of this

prestigious recognition," wrote Warning Coordination Meteorologist Mike Bardou in his letter to the village.

"Orland Park's weather preparedness efforts being recognized on the national level says a lot about all that the Police Department does to ensure everyone's safety during bad weather," said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village's Public Safety Committee. "The department works very hard to utilize every means possible to ensure that everyone is aware of bad weather when it comes to Orland Park."

As a StormReady community, Orland Park is able to display a StormReady road sign and use the trademarked StormReady logo on its promotional materials.

"The Orland Park Police Department prides itself on keeping the community safe," said Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "Being nationally certified as a StormReady community shows our commitment to the people we serve."



LAGRANGE ROAD WIDENING

WHAT TO EXPECT...

179th to 159th

Both the northbound and southbound permanent pavement is complete from 179th to 159th Street. Street lighting from 167th to 159th is installed and complete. Permanent traffic signals and turn lane pavement is nearing completion. Sidewalks and paths are complete in most areas and parkways will continue to be landscaped. In early 2016, all lanes of traffic will be available for use. Temporary daily lane closures to allow for parkway and median work may occur. The village continues to construct various enhancements such as median irrigation, median electric for receptacles, decorative brick banding in the median as well as decorative brick paving at 171st and 167th. Additional plantings, including trees, will be installed in the parkways and medians throughout 2016.

159th to 144th

Northbound permanent pavement is complete and northbound traffic is now utilizing the permanent pavement. Southbound traffic is traveling on temporary pavement and the contractor will continue to work on reconstructing the southbound

permanent pavement. Permanent street lighting will continue to be installed along the east side of LaGrange Road. Anticipated work in 2016 includes the construction of all permanent pavement, permanent traffic signals and street lighting. All lanes of traffic are expected to be available in the second half of 2016 however with parkway and median work ongoing motorists can expect to see daily temporary lane closures to complete the work. The village will be constructing decorative median walls, intersection monuments, irrigation, median electric for receptacles, decorative brick pavement areas in both the median and parkways as well as planting trees. Sidewalks and Water main and service connections are complete.

OTHER ROAD WORK

159th – Will/Cook Road to Ravinia Avenue

Utility relocations are on-going and in some areas are complete. The contractor has installed a number of storm sewer laterals along 159th Street. This work was mainly done at night to lessen the traffic disruption.



Metra completed the track crossing work which includes the relocation of various elements of railroad equipment. Motorists can expect a traffic shift in 2016 allowing the contractor to widen and rebuild the south portion of 159th Street.

IL 43 (Harlem Avenue) and 143rd Street

IDOT has completed the intersection improvements. The improvements include the installation of new traffic signal equipment, a southbound right turn lane and additional southbound left turn storage.

For project information and updates, visit:
Village of Orland Park
www.orlandpark.org
Questions regarding the LaGrange Road Project can be directed to:
Illinois Department of Transportation
www.idot.illinois.gov
IDOT LaGrange Road
www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/us45-reconstruction-and-widening



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 11/21

*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

Modified Warming house hours:

November 23 thru 25 - Open 10AM to 8PM

November 27 - Open 10AM to 9PM

December 24 - 10AM to 2PM

December 26 - 10AM to 9PM

December 27 - 12PM to 7PM

December 28-30 - Open 10AM to 8PM

December 31 - 10AM to 4PM

January 1 - New Year's Day - 10AM to 4PM

January 2 - 10AM to 9PM

January 3 - 12PM to 7PM

BON FIRES

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

Sundays: 3PM – 6PM

WINTER WONDERLAND SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Tree Trim • 12/13, 12PM – 2PM

Skate with Santa • 12/13, 2PM
Holiday music, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa!

Turkey Bowling • 1/17, 2PM
Bowling with turkeys to win a turkey!

*Snowman Building Contest • 1/30, 2PM
Off ice activity. Carrot noses will be provided.

Valentine's Day Skate • 2/14, 2PM

Human Shuffle Board • 2/20, 2PM

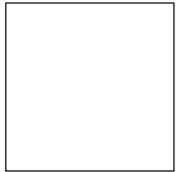
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SAVE THE DATES!

Holiday Festival and Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sunday, November 29
3 to 6 PM

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

Community Tree Trimming Event
Sunday, December 13
12 to 2PM

Chefs' Auction
Thursday, February 25
6 to 10 PM



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