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TOWN HALL,
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VIETNAM: TOLD BY
THOSE WHO WERE THERE

ASK YOUR TRUSTEE:
DAN CALANDRIELLO

**ORLAND PARK
DEBUTS NEW LOGO**



ORLAND PARK



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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I have to say that it has been a fantastic summer season so far! It was great to be able to attend so many of the great village events around town and to interact with our amazing community over the last couple of months. We kicked things off on Memorial Day weekend as we honored and remembered our fallen heroes at the village's annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial, Ara Pace. Be sure to read the first-hand account of a Vietnam Veteran in this issue of the Orland Park Public.

The same weekend also brought the opening of the Centennial Park Aquatic Center. The waterpark was named as Chicago Magazine's "Best of 2016" in August, which confirmed what we already knew, that it is the place to be in the summer! I hope everyone had a chance to visit and enjoy the CPAC.

The Village of Orland Park Centennial Park Aquatic Center earned three five-star safety ratings following unannounced risk management audits by the Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI). SAI works with aquatics facilities around the world with the sole purpose of improving safety to reduce drownings and save lives. Being awarded five stars shows the skill level and expertise of lifeguards who work hard to keep everyone safe.

I know getting around town with construction happening is quite the task. I appreciate the patience of the community as we close in on the home stretch of the IDOT LaGrange Road Widening Project. It will all be worth it in the end when we have a vast, open roadway that will accommodate our traffic, improve the safety of our drivers and result in a more visually appealing travel route in and through our village.

The Fourth of July festivities got underway with the annual Liberty Family Fun Run and Walk at Centennial Park on July 1 followed by the always exciting Independence Day celebration complete with a concert and fireworks to cap off the evening. I had a wonderful time and hope you all did as well.

Thank you to all of the seniors who joined me for lunch at the Civic Center for the National Night Out Against Crime Senior Luncheon. It was great to get to speak to so many of you, I truly enjoyed your company. Please join us at the Civic Center at 9 a.m. on October 31 for the next Senior Coffee. Those in attendance will hear about, and get assistance with, the Village of Orland Park's tax rebate process.

Visit the village website at 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

NO LIMIT LAUGHS WITH THE ORLAND PARK COMEDY IMPROV
September 30
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Cultural Center

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY
October 1
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Orland Park Police Station

THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY
October 1
(Rain date - October 8)
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Centennial Park

SENIOR WEEK
October 3-6
Orland Park Sportsplex

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
October 3
6:00 to 6:59 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 3
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY
October 8
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Orland Park Police Station

POETRY SLAM
October 15
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
\$3 at the door / \$5 to "Spit"
Cultural Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
October 17
6:00 to 6:59 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 17
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

NO LIMIT LAUGHS WITH THE ORLAND PARK COMEDY IMPROV
October 21
8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Cultural Center

SPECIAL RECREATION GARAGE SALE
Saturday, November 5
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Orland Park Civic Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
November 7
6:00 to 6:59 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 7
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
November 21
6:00 to 6:59 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 21
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center

SPECIAL RECREATION GARAGE SALE
Saturday, November 5
Orland Park Civic Center

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS: JONATHAN BEYER & ELIZABETH REITER CONCERT
Sunday, November 13
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall
\$20; no refunds for ticket purchases.
Tickets available online at orlandpark.org or in person at the Recreation Administration Office or Sportsplex Office.

ORLAND PARK COMEDY IMPROV PRESENTS: 'NO LIMIT LAUGHS'
Friday, November 18
Cultural Center

KIDS' TURKEY TROT
Saturday, November 19
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sportsplex indoor track
Ages 3-9

DIAPER DASH
Saturday, November 19
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Sportsplex Gym 1
Ages 1-2

TURKEY SHOOT FREE-THROW CONTEST
Sunday, November 20
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sportsplex gym #1

TURKEY TROT
Thursday, November 24
6:30 a.m. check-in, 8:00 a.m. start
Franklin Loebe Center

MAYOR'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Sunday, November 27
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
(The Mayor's official tree lighting will take place at 5:45 p.m.)
Orland Park Civic Center
Free to all ages

Addresses for the various locations can be found on the back cover of this publication.

LET'S TALK

Tuesday, October 4
@7 p.m.



TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

The Village of Orland Park has implemented a number of programs to increase its civic engagement, inviting residents to offer input, ask questions, clarify rumors and more. One of the town's newest engagement programs debuted in 2015, Orland Park's Telephone Town Hall Meeting.

"We have had a great response in the past to Telephone Town Halls," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "It worked like a radio talk show where people called in to listen or to ask questions. We had people participate that may have not if it were not for this form of venue."

Orland Park's third Telephone Town Hall will be held Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. The hour long meeting is held over the telephone and will address village finance in Orland Park and give updates on other items of interest.

The Telephone Town Hall enables residents to ask questions or, if they prefer, simply listen in to the conversations.

Like during previous Telephone Town Hall events, residents will receive pre-recorded calls from the mayor to their land line telephones a few minutes before the start of the meeting. The recorded message from the mayor will invite them to remain on the line to participate.

"We're always looking for ways to get people involved, learn how they think we're doing and what concerns they have," said Trustee Jim Dodge, chair of the Technology Innovation and Performance Improvement Committee. "This worked well in the past because people called in with great questions and shared their thoughts on what's important to them."

Those with questions specific to the evening's topics can speak to a call screener before being entered into a question queue. Calls are answered live in the order they are received.

Callers unable to get through during the hour will receive personal replies within the week. Those with questions unrelated to the night's topics may remain on the line after the meeting to leave messages along with their names and phone numbers.

"We're hoping that residents are able to join us for the Telephone Town Hall on October 4," the

mayor said. "It's a neat way to ask about things that are happening in Orland Park – from the comfort of your own home."

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- Trustee Jim Dodge*

Residents without land line telephones may participate in the meeting by calling 877-229-8493 and entering PIN: 115817 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4. Questions about Orland Park's next Telephone Town Hall Meeting may be directed to the village's Office of Public Information at 708-403-6150.



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

We are now in the home stretch with most of the work complete or scheduled to be complete on LaGrange Road by the end of the year.

It may seem to some that LaGrange Road has been under construction forever. In fact, over the years several different projects have taken place in order to repair, widen, improve and update this main corridor going through our village.

See the timeline below for specifics.

- LaGrange Road carries 40,000 vehicles per day and is expected to carry more than 65,000 vehicles per day by year 2040.
- The improvements currently being made are necessary to improve traffic flow and safety throughout this essential traffic corridor.
- Drivers may notice a number of visually appealing additions to the corridor; such as trees, plants, lighting, pavers and more.
- 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 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.

LaGrange Road

2006	2007	2010	2011	2011	2013-16
Southwest Highway Bridge widening over LaGrange Road / widening and raising of the Southwest Highway road bridge over LaGrange Road	159th Street and LaGrange Road Intersection Improvement	143rd Street and LaGrange Road Intersection Improvement	Metra Bridge over LaGrange Road / construction of a widened railroad bridge for an additional track and the widening of LaGrange Road	Pedestrian Bridge over LaGrange Road	IDOT LaGrange Road Widening Project



D. The Orland Knights Super Pee Wee Football Team was honored for winning the 2015 Metro Youth Football League Championship with Community Pride Awards at the February 1 Village Board Meeting.

A. Mayor McLaughlin presented community pride awards to eight Evans Scholars from Orland Park at the July 18 village board meeting. These high school and college students are recent recipients of scholarships from the WGA and the Evans Scholars Foundation. Pictured (l to r) Danny Fisher, Erin Cronin, Anthony Arunno, Grace Foley, Martin Kelly, Mattie Kelly, Mayor McLaughlin, Scott Tatro and Massimo Onesto.

B. Police Chief, Tim McCarthy, with members of the three-peat Providence Catholic High School State Champion Baseball Team. Pictured (l to r) are Tom Kelley, Matt Trzesniewski, Eric Juds, Kevin Fitzgerald and McCarthy. Mayor McLaughlin presented community pride awards to each of the Orland Park members of the team.

C. At the February 15 Village Board Meeting, Mayor Dan McLaughlin presented community pride awards to Orland Park Royal Twisters gymnastic team, the number one team in the Illinois Park District Gymnastics Association. Orland Park's team is sponsored by the Village of Orland Park and led by United Gymnastics Academy at the village's Sportsplex.



E. Orland Park's Grace Rost was honored at the July 5 Village Board Meeting for receiving the Girl Scouts USA Gold Award. Mayor McLaughlin presented a community pride award to the Providence Catholic High School senior noting that the Girl Scouts Gold Award is equivalent to the Boy Scouts rank of Eagle Scout.

F. Orland Park's Victoria Kappel accepted her community pride award from Mayor McLaughlin

G. The St. Michael School Cheerleaders attended the March 21 Village Board Meeting to receive community pride awards from Mayor Dan McLaughlin. The squad won first place in the Large Junior High Division of the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches' Association Competition.

H. Mayor McLaughlin displays the community pride award he presented to Orland Park's Michael Schofield of the 2016 Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos. Schofield played for the Orland Park Pioneers, Sandburg Football and at the University of Michigan before being drafted by the Broncos.

I. On June 20, Orland Park's Elise Blinn received a community pride award from Mayor McLaughlin. A student at Century Junior High School, Blinn was honored for writing and illustrating her first book, "Jewish Jammer. The Story of a Jewish Pilot in Desert Storm," written about her father.

J. Carl Sandburg High School student, Evita Griskenas, was honored at the June 20 Village Board Meeting for winning the All-Around Senior National Qualifier in rhythmic gymnastics at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, NY in May. The honors student will be a sophomore in the fall.

K. Orland Park's Gabriella Gasior, 11, was named American Girl of the Year earlier this year. American Girl created its Lea Clark doll with Gasior's likeness, and Gasior appears on the cover of the Lea Clark books. Mayor McLaughlin presented the fifth grader with a community pride award on April 5.



SENIOR Happenings

SPORTSPLEX SENIOR CLUBS

FREE FOR SPORTSPLEX MEMBERS! Join others 55 & better for Sportsplex Senior Clubs! The clubs meet each week at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex. Members will utilize the track, fitness center, play a game of volleyball or bocce ball and then round out the club time with some camaraderie with fellow Senior Club members.

The women's club meets on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the men's club meets on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sportsplex members participate free of charge, but registration is required. Non-members must register and pay a semi-annual fee of \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

MAYOR MCLAUGHLIN'S SENIOR COFFEE

Senior residents of Orland Park are invited by Village of Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin to attend a complimentary Senior Coffee on Monday, October 31 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center. Attendees will hear a presentation about the Village of Orland Park's tax rebate process, senior freeze and exemptions, and an estate planning workshop.

"Even though the village's portion of the property tax bill is only about seven percent of the total, the rebate does give some relief for residents," McLaughlin said. "We're fortunate to be able to provide the rebate while continuing to provide a large number of valuable services and projects for village residents," the mayor added.



"The one-on-one assistance will ensure that all residents, with or without access to a computer or the internet, will experience a seamless application process."

The village has rebated \$36.7 million of the property taxes paid to residents over eleven of the last fourteen years.

"We are glad to once again offer the one-on-one assistance, as residents indicated that they appreciate that type of help with completing their applications," stated Trustee Ruzich. "The one-on-one assistance will ensure that all residents, with or without access to a computer or the internet, will experience a seamless application process."

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to 708-403-6133 and bring

- A valid driver's license or state ID
- 2nd Installment of 2015 property tax bill
- Utility bill (not needed if currently a Village of Orland Park water bill account holder)
- If direct deposit is preferred, a canceled check or bank name and account number

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 31 at the Orland Park Civic Center, located at 14750 South Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park. Please call (708)403-6133 to reserve a spot. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Speakers include Mayor McLaughlin, Trustee and Finance Committee Chair Carole Ruzich, a representative from the Cook County Assessor's Office and Cook County Recorder of Deeds Offices.

One-on-one assistance will be offered to those in attendance by village representatives in completing and submitting the 2016 Village of Orland Park Property Tax Rebate Application. This will be the second year the village has offered the service at the Fall Senior Coffee.



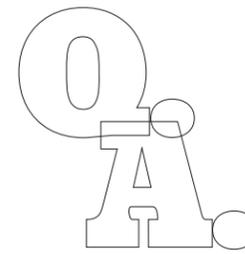
Orland Park Senior Card

I would like to be contacted/informed about upcoming senior events/programs and alerts in Orland Park.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Mail to: Village of Orland Park, Village Hall, Office of Mayor McLaughlin, 14700 Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462

ASK YOUR TRUSTEE



I've heard about burglaries in my neighborhood and want to know what I can do to help.

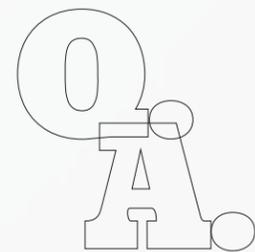
The best way for residents to help keep the community safe is to keep a watchful eye on their own neighborhood. We encourage residents to make their concerns known by calling 911 to report suspicious activity. Remember, if you "See Something, Say Something, NOW!" Additionally, as a prosecutor, I can't tell you how many car burglaries happen because people don't lock their car doors. Unlocked car doors are the easy target criminals are looking for.



DAN CALANDRIELLO
Public Safety Committee Chair

Welcome to the "Ask Your Trustee" feature where your elected officials answer your submitted questions.

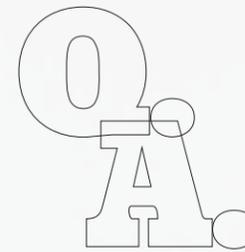
This time around we talked a little with Trustee Dan Calandriello about a few questions residents had about Orland Park.



My daughter and her husband are thinking of moving back into the area after starting their family. I would love for them to purchase a family home in Orland Park. What does Orland Park have to offer that makes it more appealing than the surrounding areas?

I was born and raised in Orland Park and have a place in my heart for this village. At some point in time, I realized that this is where I wanted to raise my own family. I respect the values of the people I know from here, I appreciate the many services offered to residents in Orland Park and the amount of home I was able to get for the money was fantastic.

In addition, my taxes are lower than that of surrounding areas, the schools here are exceptional and nowhere else around has the parks, the recreational activities, the safety and security of our police department and all of the other wonderful features Orland Park has to offer.



I've noticed a few spots around town that have pedestrian crossing signs, one near my home on 151st and another on Ravinia. Some people just keep driving, what is the protocol?

According to the Illinois Rules of the Road, drivers must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, particularly when a pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk and no traffic signals are present.

Orland Park is a pedestrian-friendly village. The primary focus of the crosswalk signs is to ensure the public's safety at all times.

Motorists should yield to pedestrians, this is the protocol. Those who do not risk the safety of pedestrians and will be ticketed by the police department.

VIETNAM

AS TOLD BY: VIETNAM VETERAN – RONALD ARMSTRONG

This is the story of one action in the many that took place while I was a member of B Company 1/7 Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division. My main job was that of an R.T.O. (radio telephone operator), which meant that I carried a 25 pound PRC25 radio strapped to my back in addition to all of my combat gear, water and food (total approximately 75 lbs).

We were most of the time resupplied by helicopter, but in case we weren't, it was good to carry everything you would need.

On this particular day we were patrolling out of 1st Cav. Base camp at Ahn Khe South Vietnam. There had been some Viet Cong activity along the highway between Ahn Khe and Pleku and we were looking for the perpetrators.

At about 14:00 (2:00 p.m.) we came across some remnants of an old farmhouse. There was anti-U.S. graffiti scrawled on the mostly destroyed concrete walls of the bombed-out building. And then SUDDENLY there was movement. At first we heard it (we meaning a troop we all called

L.J. and yours truly). Then we saw movement and our fingers were on the triggers of our M16 Rifles. Then from around the corner of the wall came, not the V.C. we were looking for, but two chickens. With one shot, L.J. had the first K.I.A. of the day, a mostly white V.C. chicken. She was obviously an enemy chicken.

Then the REAL action happened. Two Six [call sign for the second platoon (I was 1-6-India, R.T.O. for the 1st platoon leader)] reported that "they were taking incoming fire from the village across the rice patty." With that, the Company Commander ordered the company to get in position along the rice patty dike that overlooked the rice patty, which was about a half mile wide and adjacent to the village.

I checked my map and, as I remember, the name of the village was An Loc.

So we did as told by 6. There was a radio conversation between 6 and 2-6 regarding the fire and where it came from. 2-6 said it, after consulting with his men, that it came from the village across the rice patty where there was MORE THAN ONE SHOT. (I only

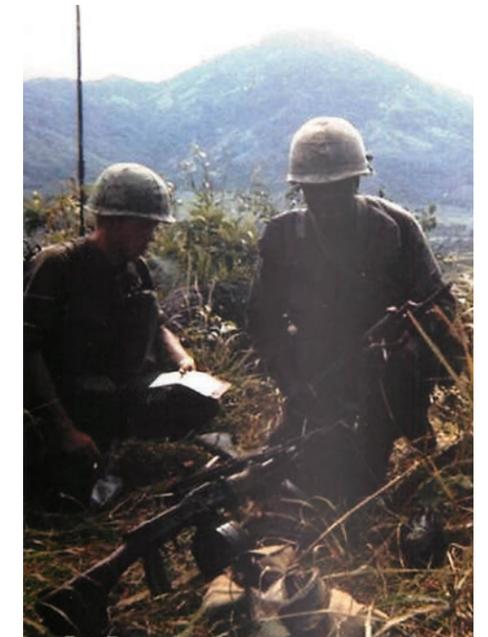
heard one and it came from L.J. killing the V.C. chicken).

Anyway, 6 decided rather than risking his troops he would call in other assets namely artillery and then the Air Force. Then we would cross the rice patty and clean up what was left of the villainous V.C.

The artillery launched a barrage of about 10 rounds of high explosives and then the Air Force came over and unleashed their bombs, none of which were napalm. As a finale, the pilot called and asked where we wanted his 40M.M. from his machine guns. 6 said we didn't need them so he put them down harmlessly in the rice patty.

We were next. As we crossed the rice patty we noted the pattern left by the aircraft's 40M.M. The rounds were separated by about two inches, incredible considering that his speed was near to 300 mph when he flew across. There was no enemy fire as we walked slowly. We were spread out at approximately five to seven yards between each trooper and the same front to back. When we reached the village, the citizenry

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was rather upset with the Americans who were obviously responsible for bringing their peaceful afternoon to a halt, and they showed it in various ways including spitting and I am sure cussing in Vietnamese, although we didn't understand it.

The result of our patrol was we netted one K.I.A. She was delicious but not as tender as US chickens (I've had Perdue and this was no Perdue chicken), and quite a net loss in the pacification program.

My contention is that the shot (or shots) reported by 2-6 as coming from the village was actually from L.J.'s M16. The error is attributable to "the fog of war." Just an innocent mistake. I am sure this kind of thing happened many times and in many places, mostly by the United States because of our superiority in weapons (and chicken). I am also sure that it is not limited to Vietnam but occurs in all wars both before and after. "AND THAT'S THE TRUTH."

— RONALD ARMSTRONG

The Village of
Orland Park
History Museum
is asking residents
and history lovers to
“say yes”
to loaning the dress.

Something Old

In preparation for a special 2017 wedding exhibit planned from February 2 to March 12, the museum is seeking wedding dresses from the following eras: 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940, 1950, 1960, 1980, and 1990.

These gowns would be on loan to the museum for the duration of the exhibit and do not need to belong to Orland Park residents.

“The idea came from the responses we’ve been receiving from visitors coming through the museum’s current exhibit. They love seeing the dresses we have on display and have asked if we had more in our collection,” said Diane Grah, curator for the village’s museum. “We want to keep people coming back to the

museum and this is a fun exhibit to do, especially around February/ Valentine’s Day and people planning spring weddings”

The museum is also looking for women’s bridal accessories such as shoes, gloves, hats, aprons and any other wedding trinkets. In addition, the museum is collecting groom attire, including suits, hats, shoes and gloves.

The wedding exhibit will also feature information on wedding traditions and display photos of weddings throughout the various decades. “Photographs would be a great addition to the exhibit. Personal stories, as well,” Grah added.

Anyone is welcome to donate or loan wedding photos and other

unique artifacts and mementos for this six-week exhibit. The museum is accepting donations now until January 8, 2017. Items can be picked up a week after the exhibit closes.

Opened in April, 2016, the village’s history museum is located in Orland Park’s Old Village Hall at 14415 Beacon Ave, Orland Park. The museum is open every Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second Sunday of the month, noon to 3 p.m. There is no fee for general admission during regular business hours. Volunteer, museum and board memberships are available.

If interested in participating in the wedding exhibit, contact Grah at (708) 873-1622 or via email at dgrah@orlandpark.org.

SIMPLY *the best*

CENTENNIAL PARK AQUATIC CENTER
NAMED AS CHICAGO MAGAZINE’S
“BEST OF CHICAGO”



Chicago Magazine recently confirmed what many of us have known for years— the Village of Orland Park’s Centennial Park Aquatic Center is the best waterpark in the Chicagoland area.

The August 2016 issue honors the people, places and things that Chicago Magazine readers and editors voted as tops in town.

“Centennial Park Aquatic Center is the place to be in Orland Park during the hot summer months,” said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “There’s something for everyone of every age to enjoy.”

The facility just wrapped up its 25th season and offers a zero-depth pool with a water play feature, two body speed slides, 328-foot tube slide, a 200-foot flume slide, a platform cliff jump and a drop slide. Those who would rather float than swim or slide can take a ride around bends and under waterfalls on the lazy river.

“The aquatic center is not only fun, it is family-friendly and safe,” said Village of Orland Park Trustee Pat Gira. “The lifeguard staff has received more than 20 perfect, 5-Star safety audits over the last seven years from Starfish Aquatics Institute.”

Centennial Park Aquatic Center is located within the village’s 192-acre Centennial Park along with nine baseball fields, Dogout Dog Park, Grinding Edge Skate Park, 75-acre Lake Sedgewick, Kevin Hertz Memorial Playground, seven soccer fields, two horseshoe areas, two fishing piers, two sand volleyball courts, bike/walking paths and a Winter Wonderland ice rink (seasonal).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTENNIAL PARK AQUATIC CENTER, CALL THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (708)403-7275 OR VISIT ORLANDPARK.ORG.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEDICINE

in Orland Park

The newest addition to downtown Orland Park is quickly taking shape at the northwest corner of 143rd and LaGrange Road.

The 108,000-square-foot, four-story outpatient medical facility is University of Chicago Medicine's largest off-site location, expanding the institution's footprint in the Southwest suburbs.

The project has generated more than 200 construction jobs, and the center is expected to employ more than 100 people, 70 percent of whom will be newly hired employees.

Information regarding open positions can be found online at ucmcareers.com/careers/.

A recent career search on the site showed that there are still positions available for registered nurses, medical assistants, pharmacy positions, ultrasound technicians and more.

The facility will have 80 exam rooms that will support services such as primary care, medical oncology, radiation oncology, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, women's health and comprehensive diabetes. Rotating specialties such as urology and surgical consulting will also be offered. CVS Health will be located on the first floor of the facility.

The facility is scheduled to open later this year.



Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin (center) recently visited the site of the University of Chicago Medical Center's Advanced Care Center currently under construction at 143rd Street and LaGrange Road in Downtown Orland Park. Once completed later this year, the 108,000 square foot facility will bring a number of medical specialties to Orland Park. The project and its adjacent parking structure have brought more than 200 construction jobs to Orland Park.

ORLAND PARK DEBUTS Wayfinding & New Logo

Orland Park has a new image and the community played an active role in its creation.

“Creating a new logo for the village has been a community effort,” said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “We had a steering committee of officials and staff that invited everyone to be a part of the process. Thank you to those who helped make the village’s new brand a reality.”

The concept of a Wayfinding and Branding Plan for the Village of Orland Park began when the Village Board approved both the 2013 Comprehensive and Strategic Transportation Plans. Officials and staff recognized a need for an updated and unified approach to community identity and directional (wayfinding) signage within the village.

In mid-January of 2016, the village held an open house to display potential designs created by Teska Associates, the village’s consultant. The Village Board voted on the final design in June, 2016.

Trustee Jim Dodge chaired the village’s steering committee that oversaw the development of the wayfinding campaign and the search for a new symbol.

“We wanted to create a unified brand for the village, an across the board symbol for use through all of the departments and the community,” Dodge explained. “We were looking

for something unique to Orland Park, something representative of Orland Park that wasn’t just a municipal seal.”

More than 400 residents participated in the village’s 2015 Wayfinding and Branding Survey. The survey was initiated to gather the community’s input about Orland

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Park’s identity to help the village create new branding and signage for key locations in town. Of the 433 total responses received, 82 percent came from people who had lived in Orland for more than 10 years.

“As we try to make it easier for people to find things in Orland Park – easier to find our local businesses – we knew that the image was important and that it had to be unique,” Dodge explained. “We asked residents, brought in advisors, enlisted the help of staff and created what we feel is a great icon for Orland Park.”

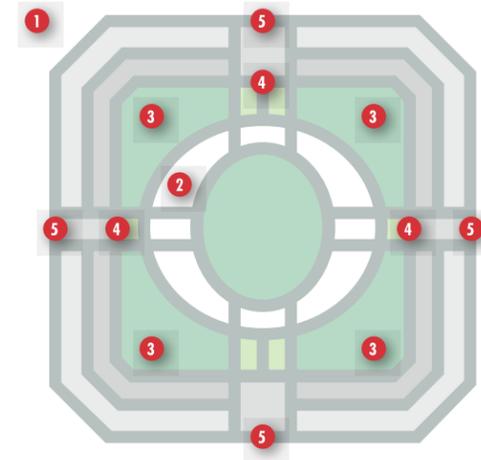
Dodge added, “Going forward, when you see the Orland Park image on your iPhone, you will instantly recognize it and know that’s the Orland Park smart phone app or the village’s website. We wanted to have a unique, attractive image that identifies Orland Park.”

The town’s “center” is seen as shifting from the Orland Square Mall area to the village’s evolving downtown, according to the results of the 2015 survey.

“For the longest time, people have thought of Orland Square as the town center,” McLaughlin said. “It’s good to know that people see Downtown Orland Park as the center of town with Main Street, Orland Crossing, the historic area and the civic corridor.”

The village’s new brand will soon be seen on vehicular directional signs, village gateway signs, those designating the community’s historic district, municipal signs, signs at village parks and bicycle directional signs. This is part of the community-wide wayfinding phase. The implementation of the wayfinding project will occur over time, as old signs are replaced/reconfigured and new directional signs are installed.

“Orland Park has never had one unique logo like this,” McLaughlin said. “We’re looking forward to people becoming familiar with it and knowing all that it means to Orland Park.”



1 GEMSTONE DESIGN

The “gemstone” concept derives from observations by residents that Orland Park is Chicago Southland’s “crown jewel” and “the jewel of the prairie.”

2 “O” TYPOGRAM

The letter “O” typogram represents both the “O” in the Orland Park name and Village’s “Heart of Orland,” its historic core district now being redeveloped as a centerpiece for the community’s image and identity.

3 GREEN QUADRANTS

The green quadrants represent Orland Park’s much beloved neighborhoods, parks and green spaces.

4 HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BANDS

The horizontal and vertical bands symbolize the Village’s two major roadway corridors – La Grange Road and 159th Street – and their premier retail, dining and entertainment destinations that differentiate Orland Park from peer communities.

5 HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BAND TERMINALS

The four terminal points of the horizontal and vertical bands represent the Orland Park’s major gateways and the easy access the Village has to major regional roadways.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

in the Community

The Orland Park Police Department hosts a number of community events to share its public safety messages with residents of all ages.

“Orland Park is very fortunate to have one of the best police departments in the state, if not the country,” said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. “They do a lot to get out in the community, meeting residents and business people and letting them know all that the department does.”

The department’s beat meetings bring police personnel into the village’s neighborhoods with residents and business people learning about what’s happening in their areas and how they can help keep their neighborhoods safe.

Cook Out with the Cops also brought the department into the neighborhoods as police personnel greeted residents and grilled hot dogs. Coffee with a Cop brings residents and business people to local coffee shops where they meet with officers in a casual setting and share concerns or ask questions.

“It’s nice for police personnel to be able to meet residents and the business community in relaxed, comfortable settings and not emergency situations,” said Trustee Dan Calandriello, chair of the village’s Public Safety Committee. “I like that they tailor their events for different age groups, from kids on up to seniors.”

Like police departments throughout the state, Orland Park does its part to help Special Olympics Illinois. Police personnel volunteer each May for Cop on a Rooftop, the annual fundraiser at Dunkin’ Donuts. Orland Park is represented in the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics and more than 120 bicycle riders participated in the department’s annual August bicycle ride for Special Olympics Illinois.

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The department’s Teen Citizen Police Academy invited young adults to get a firsthand look at the department and its different divisions. The department will host its next academy for adults October 1 and 8.

“We look forward to seeing residents and business people at our events,” said Chief Tim McCarthy. “Our officers and staff enjoy answering their questions and explaining the different programs that we offer. Our academies are always well

received, especially by young people who are considering careers in law enforcement. All of these events give the community an inside look at the department, letting them know about the different programs that we offer.”

In mid-July, Orland Park police personnel rode in the Illinois COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) 90-mile bicycle ride across the state.

The department’s biggest public event of the year is National Night Out, held the first Tuesday in August. The Orland Park Police Department has been participating in this national event for nearly 30 years. The day begins with a well-attended National Night Out Senior Luncheon at which police personnel present public safety information for local seniors.

The Orland Park Police Department has been a part of the Taste of Orland Park Kids’ Day since the village first started hosting the Taste in 2003.

Residents and businesses can register for free recorded phone messages from the department to be notified of upcoming beat meetings or emergency alerts for specific areas. Visit the village’s website at www.orlandpark.org and in the search box add Code Red Emergency Notification System to register. Phone numbers added are only used for village notifications and are not sold or given to other parties.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Join us as we welcome the holiday season with fun activities for the whole family!

THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

Open to All Ages
Saturday, October 1
Rain Date: Saturday, October 8
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Centennial Park Warming House

Gather the family and head out to Centennial Park for a fun-filled day of fall activities!

- Build a Scarecrow
- Hayrides
- Pony Rides
- Marshmallow Roasting
- Pie Eating Contest (2:00 pm)
- Costume Pet Parade (1:30 pm)
- Crafts
- Learn a Dance
- Music By DJ Greg Carter
- Concessions
- Pumpkin Patch*
- Candy Guess Game
- Pumpkin Weight Guess

**A nominal fee will be charged to participate at the Pumpkin Patch. All pumpkins \$2 each. Limit of 2 pumpkins per family.*

KIDS' TURKEY TROT

Ages 3-9
Saturday, November 19
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sportsplex indoor track

Addresses for the various locations can be found on the back cover of this publication.

DIAPER DASH

Ages 1-2
Saturday, November 19
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
Sportsplex Gym 1

TURKEY SHOOT FREE-THROW CONTEST

Sunday, November 20
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sportsplex gym #1

TURKEY TROT

Thursday, November 24
6:30 a.m. check-in, 8:00 a.m. start
Franklin Loebe Center

MAYOR'S HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Free to all ages
Sunday, November 27
3:00 to 6:00 p.m. (The Mayor's official tree lighting will take place at 5:45 p.m.)
Orland Park Civic Center

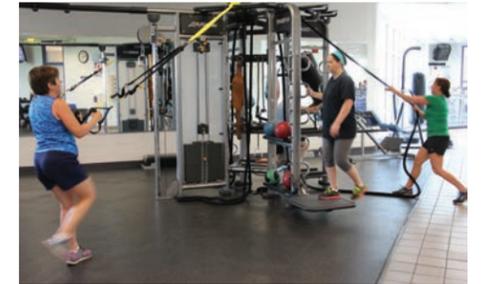
VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS: JONATHAN BEYER & ELIZABETH REITER CONCERT

Sunday, November 13
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall
\$20 - No Refunds for ticket purchases.
Tickets are available online at orlandpark.org or in person at the Recreation Administration Office or Sportsplex Office.



SPORTSPLEX

Sportsplex members are enjoying the new exercise opportunities available with the new weight room equipment delivered at the end of June. The multi-purpose station Synergy 360 is especially attractive to patrons. Staff is setting up training sessions to teach members how to use the equipment properly since it offers many new exercise options. Come visit the Sportsplex and try out the new equipment!



Staying Fit

PALOS HEALTH & FITNESS



While the news of the PHF closing came as a surprise to many, Mayor Dan McLaughlin was working behind the scenes with Palos Hospital since December of last year to keep the facility open. The mayor's effort to reach a collaborative partnership with the hospital paved the way for a transfer agreement, keeping the facility – including the warm water therapy pool – intact for all health club members. On March 23, 2016, the Village of Orland Park and Palos Community Hospital signed a preliminary agreement to preserve the fitness center. On July 18, 2016, the Village Board approved the Land Exchange Agreement which reflects the terms of the land exchange negotiated between the Village of Orland Park and Palos Community Hospital. Under the proposal, the fitness center ownership would be transferred to the Village on January 2 with Power Wellness maintaining day-to-day management. Palos Community Hospital will proceed with its medical expansion utilizing a reconfigured site plan to the north and west of the current fitness facility.

The facility will undergo array of updates and improvements after ownership is transferred and will continue to be a thriving facility for current members as well as new.

ZERO-WASTE at the Taste

Mayor McLaughlin's Zero Waste at the Taste Challenge succeeded in cutting close to half the amount of trash that was sent to the landfill when compared to 2015.

This year's Taste of Orland Park was the best attended Taste event ever held with more than 45,000 in attendance.

Last year's event generated over 6 tons of landfill trash while this year's number was at 3.24 tons.

"The community really came together to help reduce the amount of waste needlessly sent to landfills."

Mayor Dan McLaughlin

The reduction of landfill waste was due to the efforts of village staff and community volunteers as well as a new system of trash bins clearly marked for landfill trash, compost and recycling.

The village provided compostable cups, straws and utensils and urged restaurants that participated to use compostable, paper-based products only. Vendors were also asked to recycle all materials generated at their booths during the event.

TASTE OF ORLAND PARK 2016 - BY THE NUMBERS

13th Annual Taste of Orland Park

50% reduction in landfill waste

20 restaurants participated

45,000+ attended

9 bands performed over the weekend

165 vintage and modern day cars took over the John Humphrey Complex for the annual car show

Over 100 community volunteers

19 community booths participated in the event

Attendees 21 and over **increased by 25%** when compared to 2015

Over 2,500 bundt cakes were sold by Nothing Bundt Cakes at the event

100 people participated in the water balloon toss

10 families came up with Egg Drop contraptions

IN A CONTINUAL EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORLAND PARK, THE ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR ANSWERING THE DOOR WHEN A SUSPICIOUS PERSON IS KNOCKING, AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS TO BURGLAR-PROOF YOUR HOUSE.

ADDRESSING A SUSPICIOUS PERSON KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR

Automatically opening the door without checking first

Some people blindly open the door to see who it is or what it is that they want. Don't automatically open the door. This only applies if you do not know the person on the other side.

Look out a window first to see who is knocking

Avoid looking out the door's window (if it has one). Instead, look out from a different or adjacent window - away from the door (they won't see you that way). If you don't recognize the person, you could ask through the door who they are and what they want, or you could choose to ignore it completely. The goal is to look first before blindly opening the door.

Ignore the knock on the door

You may decide to continue going about your normal activities inside - not intentionally being quiet. Reason being that IF the stranger is a burglar - that person may go ahead and break-in if they think no-one is home. By making some noise or turning on a light, the stranger will know someone is home. On the other hand, the person may continue to knock hoping to get your attention.

Ask what they want

Ask who they are & what they want. Interview the stranger through the door while you keep it closed.

Please understand that statistics show that during the course of an illegal entry into a residence, offenders are more interested in acquiring your valuables and not actually confronting or harming the homeowner. Typically, a criminal will not enter the house if they know that someone is home. If you have any doubts regarding the intentions behind a visitor's knock, please call the police department immediately and allow us to investigate the person. Try to include a detailed description of the person and any vehicles that they're operating, as well as a direction of their travel from your house.

Set the door chain

If you have a door chain, you can crack open the door to speak with the stranger through the gap. Be sure that your door chain mounting bracket is attached well with LONG screws into the door frame to help resist a push in. The standard screws that come with a door-chain are often too short for a good secure grip.

Have an intercom speaker system

An intercom mounted on the outside of the front door is an inexpensive and effective way to communicate with the stranger at the door without actually opening the door.

Have a security camera

A security camera will enable you to see who is at the door (and to deter a potential burglar who will also see it). A fake security camera is also an effective deterrent and an inexpensive solution. Having a sign indicating video surveillance is also a good deterrent.

BURGLAR PROOF YOUR HOUSE

Keep some lights on

Keep lights on in your home. For cost efficiency purchase low energy lightbulbs and utilize timers.

Give your home a "lived in" look

If you're going to be gone for several days due to business, vacation, etc., you want your house to look lived in so that it doesn't come off as a "target opportunity" for burglars. Make arrangements to have your mail picked up, your driveway cleared of snow and eliminate any other clues of your absence.

Don't help a burglar!

Keep your ladders locked up in the garage; make sure your tools are secure. Avoid leaving windows open, because this is the easiest way for someone to enter your house without setting any alarms off. Although everyone likes to have nice

shrubbery, keep it well maintained as to not provide a hiding spot for someone waiting for you to leave.

Lock everything

Make sure that your windows are locked; lock doors that are infrequently used; close the garage door. Invest in quality locks for your home; equip bars for sliding glass doors so that they cannot be pried open.

Ask a neighbor to watch the house

It is always important that someone you can trust is watching your house while you are away. Ask a trustworthy neighbor to keep an eye out for anything out of the ordinary and to collect mail and other things delivered to the house that may pile up and give away your absence. In addition, utilize the Orlando Park Police Department's House Watch Program which provides the checking of your residence three times a day while you're on vacation.

Keep track of keys

Always know where your keys are. Don't have tags on your keys that would give away where each key goes.

Only tell certain people that you'll be gone

Give details of your departure only to people you know you can trust. You don't want the word to spread that your home will be unoccupied for a long extent of time. This includes refraining from social media posts advertising your trip.

Invest in a security system

Ensure that it's a quality system and that it's registered with the Orlando Park Police Department. This will provide the PD with all of the pertinent information regarding your residence while responding to the call for service.

Report suspicious behavior

"See Something, Say Something, Now!"

Please call 911 immediately, in order to report any and all suspicious activity.



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