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Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Orland Park Veterans' Memorial • 147th Street and Ravinia Avenue



Mayor's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the newly redesigned *Orland Park Public*, the village's quarterly publication. I hope you enjoy the new magazine style format that has been created to mirror the village's new website.

Be sure to visit the newly designed website at www.orland-park.il.us. You will find the new website easy to navigate and very informative.

Orland Park residents are being rebated 100% of the 2006 property taxes paid to the village in 2007, estimated to be approximately \$5,100,000. The village also abates property taxes (to be reflected on tax bills paid by tax payers in 2008), which amounts to \$2,551,000.

In 2007, Orland Park was honored to receive a number of awards for excellence in several areas. We're proud to be recognized for these programs which are listed on page 3.

Improving Orland Park's roads and traffic flow throughout the village remains a top priority for us. These improvements include village, state and county roads. A number of road construction projects were completed in 2007 and are listed on page 3.

Stages one and two of the of the \$13 million intersection reconstruction of LaGrange Road (U.S. Route 45) at 159th Street were completed in 2007.

Construction resumed in March and

completion of this major intersection improvement is estimated to be in August of this year.

The Village Board and I are proud of the accomplishments that the village achieved in 2007 and we know that we have much more work ahead this year.

We're fortunate to have a dedicated staff of professionals and countless volunteers who work with us to implement the many programs and events that help make Orland Park such a great community.

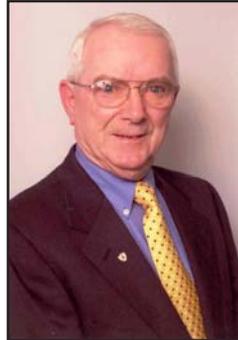


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Orland Park Receives National Honors

The village received an Honorable Mention award in the 2007 Engineering Excellence Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois. The award was given for the Orland Park Storm Sewer and Water Main Improvement Projects.



The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) awarded the Orland Park Police Department the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification for the new police station.

Orland Park earned the Bronze Level Designation from the Clean Air Counts Campaign. Clean Air Counts is a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, resulting in improved air quality and enabling economic development. Orland Park was one of seven communities attaining the bronze level designation.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded the village an honorable mention in the 2007 City Livability Awards Program, which recognizes mayoral leadership for developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities. Orland Park was one of fifteen communities selected from a pool of over 200 applicants nationwide. The award was in recognition of the village's veterans' programs, which support both veterans and current military personnel.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and The Home Depot Foundation awarded Orland Park an Award of Excellence for Community Trees and Urban Forestry. The award was presented in recognition of the village's tree programs, which includes the Open Lands Program.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) awarded the Village of Orland Park Police Department the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification for the new police station. It is the only police facility in the country and the first project of this kind in the south suburbs to achieve the LEED Gold Certificate.

The village was selected as the winner of the Development Process category for the 2007 Chaddick Development Awards for its design review process.

The Government Finance Officers' Association awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Orland Park for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. This was the fifteenth year that the village has received this prestigious award. The village was also awarded the Government Finance Officers' Association Distinguished Budget Award for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

Orland Park's bond rating was upgraded by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Our current Moody's rating is Aa2 and our current Standard & Poor's rating is AA+.

Orland Park was ranked seventh in the state for total sales tax revenue for calendar year 2006 (including Home Rule Sales Tax).

Road Improvements

In 2007, the \$1.9 million reconstruction of 153rd Street from West Avenue to Wolf Road with a new traffic signal at 153rd Street and 108th Avenue, the reconstruction of the Southwest Highway bridge over LaGrange Road, and the 82nd Avenue resurfacing project from 135th Street to 151st Street were completed. Reconstruction of 108th Avenue from 143rd to 153rd, 153rd to 159th Street is 85% complete, with the intersection at 159th Street now open.

The village also spent \$2.4 million on its Neighborhood Improvement Program, including the 143rd and Ravinia Avenue intersection.

Redevelopment of the Main Street Triangle included the completion of the new Metra Train Station at 143rd Street, along with construction of two new Metra parking lots on Southwest Highway, providing approximately 245 new parking spaces. In addition, a new 142nd Street and two additional Metra parking lots with an additional 190 parking spaces were completed.

Orland Park Residents Honored

In each issue of the *Orland Park Public*, the Village of Orland Park is proud to recognize the youth of the community for their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to the "pride of our community" on their recent accomplishments.

Congratulations to the Orland Park students who received Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart's Youth Service Medal of Honor for volunteering 100 hours of community service, including **Janeen Abedrabo, Jonathan Altman, Joseph Arena, Elizabeth Barnes, Elizabeth Baudler, Kevin Behrendt, Caitlin Buerger, Kristin Bulthuis, Woon Lee Chiao, Patrick Clavio, Jonathan Collins, Anna Czaplicki, Ellen Dace, William Dalaly, Alicia Davids, Shane Duffy, Erin Flynn, Amy Frazzini, Kirsten Gerry, Kathryn Goldberg and Brianna Grady.**



Also receiving the award were **Elise Harmening, David Healey, Sean Healey, Sara Heinking, Kaitlin Hennessy, Natasha Jain, Amanda Jedloe, Jennifer Kay, Tiffanie Kempke, Kathryn Kenes, Kaylyn Kenny, Carolyn Kovach, Morgan Krzyminski, Cara Marassa, David Miller, Deborah Miner, Eric Paulio, Brock Peiffer, Dominick Peters and Riva Riley.**

Other recipients include **Sara Rosinski, Nicholas Sandoval, Ryan Swayers, Jake Schifano, Kelly Scott, Amanda Smolinski, Stephanie Spengler,**

William Strnad, Robyn Szablewski, Alex Vainer, Matthew Weglarz and Gabrielle Wydra.

Providence Catholic High School seniors **Sarah Budz, Ashley Christie, Eric Daliege, Ryan Gray, Joshua Lembke, Kelsey Naso, Mack-Anthony Parayo, Therese Stecich, Luke Weimar and Andrienne Yangas** were named Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations on this tremendous achievement!

The Orland Park Pioneers Varsity Pom Squad took first place honors at the 2007 SWCCL Cheer and Pom Competition in November. This is the fourth consecutive year that the squad has placed at competition. Winning poms included **Christina Barkowski, Brooke Batusic, Jordan Butera, Madeline Canas, Lizzy Carroll, Jennifer Coners, Alyssa Cuevas, Maggie Czaplicki, Nichole Gemmellaro, Hanna Gobielle, Kara Gogolew, Raquel Grutius, Emily Gut, Deanna Hiatt, Eunice John, Katie Katsenes, Michelle Magana, Michelina Malfeo, Jackie Manning, Kelli Miller, Taylor Morales, Madelynnne Murphy, Diedre Pappas, Veronica Passarelli, Kayley Schabes, Nichole Schackle, Kristen Sisto, Brittany Spayth, Apryl Tomala, Julianna Zachary and Varlarie Zapata.**

Congratulations to **Matthew Szott** who achieved the level of Eagle Scout. Szott is a member of Palos Park Boy Scout Troop 699.



The PTA Reflections entries of five students from Orland Park's Kruse Education Center advanced to the district level with one moving onto state. Students were asked to use a variety of media to answer the question, "I can make a difference by..." Those advancing to the district level included **Natalie Harmening, Timothy Klotz, Connor Marks, Mitchel Redman and Nicholas Redman.** Mitchel Redman's entry has advanced to the state level. Klotz's essay honoring veterans was also recognized by the village's Veterans' Commission.

Sandburg High School senior **Kristen Sutherland** is Sandburg's first individual cross-country champion. Sutherland finished first in the Class 3A state high school cross country championships. She was also conference, regional and sectional champ.

Orland Park Knights' Junior Team members **Joe Siebenaler, Alec Kehoe, Mike Thornton and Jerry Blake** were selected to play in the Pro Bowl at Argo High School. They were selected for their extraordinary leadership, sportsmanship and contribution to the team.



Seventy Years of Scouting

Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 318 honored the 102 Eagle Scouts who have advanced from its troop over the last 70 years. Twenty-three of these scouts gathered in the lobby of the Village Hall for the plaque dedication honoring the scouts. Orland Park's Jerry Stechmiller is scoutmaster for Troop 318 and Jim Harmening is committee chair.



Passport Changes Effective February 1

Several important changes in the Passport Program took effect February 1, 2008. Customers now may apply for a passport book, a passport card or both on the new forms.

The passport card may only be used for land and sea travel between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean. The passport card will provide a less expensive, smaller and more convenient alternative for those who travel to these destinations.

Passport applications and photos are available by appointment in the Office of Special Services in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia.

NEW PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Both parents' consents are required for minors under the age of 16 to obtain passports.

NEW FEES

Passport Book (age 16 and older)
\$75 plus a \$25 execution fee

Passport Renewal
\$75.00

Passport Card (age 16 and older)
\$20.00 plus a \$25 execution fee

Passport Card (age 15 and younger)
\$10 plus a \$25 execution fee

The \$25 execution fee is not charged when adults age sixteen and older with fully valid passport books apply for the passport card using a DS-82 form.

Orland Park Tops Cook County Early Voting Sites

The Village of Orland Park had the largest number of early voters among the more than 40 suburban Cook County early voting sites.

According to the Cook County Clerk's Office, more than 50,690 suburban voters cast early ballots in person, three times more than the 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election. The previous high was roughly 32,000 for the November 2006 Gubernatorial General Election. Mail absentee ballots, grace period and in-person absentee votes account for another 10,000.

Early voting was first instituted in March, 2006 after a legislative package promoted by Cook County Clerk David Orr became law.

Early voting in Orland Park was held from January 14 through January 31, Monday through Friday, with early voting also being available on Saturdays during the almost three week period.

"We had more than 3300 early voters take advantage of this service in Orland Park," said Village Clerk David Maher.

"During last spring's municipal elections, we had the highest number of early voters for the south suburbs," Maher said. "With the Presidential Primary, Orland Park was first in all of suburban Cook County," the clerk said, adding that more than 400 people voted on the last day, January 31.

Village Clerk's Office

Explaining Orland Park's high numbers, Orland Park Deputy Village Clerk Joe LaMargo said, "The village conducted an extensive public awareness campaign, letting people know that early voting was available."

"And, even though we had more than 3000 come to Orland Park to vote early, the lines moved fast, it was quick and easy," Maher said.

"Several people commented on how pleasant both the village and county employees were, which is always nice to hear," he added.



Voter registration in Orland Park re-opened Wednesday, February 6. Registration is available for United States citizens who will be at least eighteen years old on or before Election Day, the General Election, November 4, 2008.

"We're looking forward to an even bigger turnout for the November election and will publicize the early voting dates as soon as we have them from the Cook County Clerk's Office," Maher said, adding that early voting for the November Presidential Election is expected to be available in late October.

Preliminary Plan Results Presented

by Trustee James Dodge, Chair
*Development Services
& Planning Committee*



In my last column, I mentioned that the village had initiated a formal Strategic Economic Development Plan Study to competitively position Orland

Park in the future. This project relies on two main sources of information:

1. Your input through our web-based resident survey
2. Marketplace information such as demographics, retail trends, business development trends, etc.

We've made strong progress on the study. Our consultants have completed the "marketplace" assessment and we have received 2600 responses from residents, the results of which we are currently processing. Thank you for your input!

The initial findings validate the village's current strategic plan and efforts. They also help crystallize what we should do next in our economic development plans. As soon as this study is completed, we will post a summary version on the village's web site for your review.

Strengths

- The "shopper drawing" area for our retail base is large and growing in purchasing power.
- National retail and restaurant chains that come to Orland Park often have much better results than they anticipate.

- Our "work force" and access to major transportation assets, both roads and rails, makes Orland Park an attractive area for business development.
- Investments and policies that improve our "quality of life" – roads, parks, community amenities, public safety and strict zoning laws – make this an attractive place to live.

Challenges

- Continued retail development in surrounding communities, e.g. New Lenox near I-355
- Property tax rates compared to surrounding counties
- Recent Cook County and RTA sales tax increases that make our sales tax much higher than surrounding counties

Opportunities

- Continue our efforts to improve our "retail mix" by working to attract retailers like Nordstrom's

We can't stop a new mall in New Lenox, but we can achieve the right mix of retailers to keep Orland Park a destination shopping area.

- Continue to pursue community amenities like our outdoor music venue and events like Taste of Orland Park
- Continue our efforts to bring more restaurants to town
- Attract additional development in our I-80 Corridor
- Finish the road improvements on LaGrange.

As a closing thought, there are many attention grabbing headlines on the state of the American economy that you and I are assaulted with daily. Some of those national economic trends are starting to appear in Orland Park.

For example, although the number of new residential permits has dropped substantially, the number of "remodeling" projects has increased.

Let's put that fact in context – we still had more than 1450 residential permits for additions and remodeling, up from 1439 in 2006. Our commercial developments and business expansions are holding up well – we issued 23 new construction and 243 remodeling permits and 1300 business licenses.

We are very pleased that **American Technical Publishers** will bring more than 100 jobs to our I-80 Corridor and in 2007 we saw the opening of some new businesses including **Homewood Suites**, **Mimi's Café**, **Rock Bottom Brewery**, **Granite City Brewery** and **Houlihan's**. A complete list of new businesses appears on the back cover of this publication.

Am I concerned? Not as much about the national headlines as the local headlines. By that, I mean Orland Park doesn't have a massive "over supply" of houses the way California, Florida and Nevada do. Nor did we have extreme increases in house values which now seem to be collapsing in those same markets. A large percentage of the national foreclosures are concentrated in those states.

What does concern me? Sales taxes increased by Cook County and the RTA, aggressive economic development efforts by surrounding counties who have lower sales and property tax rates.

We really don't know yet how Orland Park's revenues will be impacted and what the effect will be on our ability to improve roads and provide the property tax rebates. We are keeping an eye on the situation and will respond accordingly.

Yard Waste

Resumed April 1

Yard waste collection resumed April 1 and continues through November 30. Waste Management began collecting yard waste on regular garbage pick-up days. All yard waste materials must be separate from normal household garbage. In Orland Park, residents may use Waste Wheeler Carts for yard waste or Kraft Biodegradable Bags. Yard waste in other containers will not be collected.

Bundled trees and brush less than four inches in diameter and 48 inches in length are picked up during the first full week of each month. For more information call Waste Management at 800/796-9696.

Streets Swept

The village contracts with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. to sweep streets from spring to late fall. The commercial and arterial streets are swept eight times a year beginning at the end of March. In addition, residential streets are swept four times a year also starting at the end of March.

Streets that are still under development in new subdivisions are the responsibility of the subdivision developer. Each developer has a separate agreement to sweep streets during construction.

The last residential sweeping of the year takes place at the end of November so it will coincide with the village's annual Leaf Pick-Up Program. Residents with leaves left over from last fall must place them in yard waste containers or Kraft bags for pick-up by Waste Management.

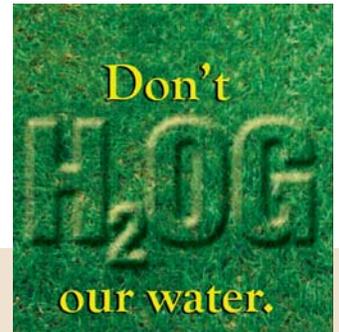
Seasonal Reminders

Outdoor Water Use Changes May 15

Orland Park's Water Conservation Program is in effect all year. Chicagoland communities have limits placed on the amount of water available to them. The village's Water Conservation Program is a necessary part of managing the water that the village receives.

Between September 16 and May 14, outdoor watering is permitted only between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. From May 15 through September 15, Orland Park's conservation efforts are further enhanced by adding the odd/even address restriction. All outdoor water usage (sprinkling, washing cars, watering flowers, etc.) is regulated to an odd/even address system during these times.

Regulated outdoor water usage includes but is not limited to, all lawn and garden sprinkling by hose-fed sprinklers or underground irrigation systems for residential and commercial properties, all non-commercial car washing, residential pool maintenance and other similar uses, but shall not include water used for construction or building renovation purposes, commercial car wash operations or filling swimming pools.



Restorations Explained

Parkway restorations depend on when the work or damage occurred and the size of the disturbance. If the damage was from a snowplow, the restoration will occur in early spring as the ground disturbance was minimal.

Keep storm sewers and inlets clear of leaves and debris to prevent flooding in your neighborhood.

If the restoration was from a water main or sewer repair, that could take longer. When the ground is excavated down several feet, it takes about three months for the ground to properly settle to avoid having dips or depressions develop later. Public Works makes every effort to get the sites restored as soon as possible.

Public Works may avoid laying sod in the very dry months of June, July and August as sod will have a difficult time getting established. It is the homeowner's responsibility to water the area regularly to help the new sod take root.

Newly sodded lawns may be watered more frequently upon application for and receipt of a special permit from the Public Works Department. Those violating the village's water usage provisions are subject to fines of \$750 for each offense. Each day of violation and each violating location shall be considered a separate offense. Questions may be directed to 403-6350.

Spring Clean Up

The Spring Clean-Up Campaign, sponsored in cooperation with Waste Management, will be held Friday, April 25 (7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday, April 26 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) and Sunday, April 27 (7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

Dumpsters will be located at the Public Works Facility, 15655 South Ravinia Avenue for residents' disposal of normal household garbage inside of the dumpsters.



Supporting Our Troops

Add Vets' Names To Memorial

Orland Park's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. This service, at which the newest names added to Orland Park's granite wall are read, is open to the public. The ceremony is held outside at the Orland Park Veterans' Memorial, Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.



April 27 is the last date to add a veteran's name for Memorial Day '08. Veterans need not live in Orland Park and they don't have to be deceased. For more information, call 403-6203.

Remember Our Troops

Each edition of the *Orland Park Public* includes a list of village residents who are currently serving in the United States military. Please join us in saluting and remembering the Orland Park residents listed below as they serve our country. To have your loved one's name added to this quarterly list, e-mail the information to info@orland-park.il.us or fax the details to 403-6171.

Lance Corporal Denis P. Ryan
United States Marine Corps
Currently stationed in Fallujah, Iraq

Lt. Colonel Robert A. McGuire, Jr.
United States Army
Illinois State University • Class of 1989
Brother Rice High School • Class of 1985

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Open to anyone with a loved one serving
First Thursday of each month 7:00 p.m.
Orland Park Civic Center • 14750 South Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park Marines Return Home

In early April, the families of two Orland Park Marines were preparing for their returns home from Iraq. Welcome home to **USMC Corporal Nick Kwiatek** and **USMC Lance Corporal Jim Keating**, both members of the Carl Sandburg High School Class of 2004. To share your service member's return home, send the information to info@orland-park.il.us or fax it to 403-6171.

Care Package Collection Continues

Thank you to the many families, individuals, scout troops, schools and organizations that have so generously contributed to the Orland Park Veterans' Commission's Care Package Collection Program. The commission is collecting items for care packages for local residents currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Please join this ongoing effort. The list below shows what military personnel need --- in order of preference.

- Toilet paper • Peanut butter (8 oz or less) • Disposable cameras
- Ramen noodles
- Decks of playing cards
- Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen
- Mints & gum NOT in foil wrapping
- Hard candy • Anti-itch cream
- Gold Bond Powder • Multivitamins
- Power/Granola bars
- Trail & dried fruit & cereal mixes
- Vacuum sealed foods
- Canned snack foods
- Pringles, Doritos, etc
- Powdered cold drink mixes
- Individual coffee, tea, cocoa & spiced cider packets
- Small plastic funnels
- DVDs & CDs
- Sun block • Baby wipes
- Pocket size Kleenex
- Gel insoles for boots • Deodorant
- Fly swatters
- Laundry detergent tablets
- Small cereal boxes
- & instant oatmeal packets
- DROP OFF SITES**
- Village Hall • 147th & Ravinia
- Sportsplex • 159th & Wolf

WELCOME HOME!

Homewood Suites Targets Extended Stay Travelers

Homewood Suites by Hilton, the international brand of upscale, all-suite, residential-style hotels targeting extended-stay travelers, held the grand opening of their 81-suite Orland Park Homewood Suites by Hilton in Illinois.

Of the opening, Trustee James Dodge said, "Homewood Suites opening in Orland Park is a milestone indeed. This is the first hotel in the village since the Orland Park Hotel graced Union Avenue in the 1800s. This adds to the village's growth as we diversify our economic base. We expect this hotel to be very successful because guests have great amenities within walking distance, including Marcus Theaters, retail opportunities and a number of restaurants."

Located at 16245 South LaGrange Road, the four-story hotel is connected to the Elements Conference Center – a 7,000 square foot flexible meeting and banquet space accommodating up to 500 people. The hotel is adjacent to Lifetime Fitness and Main Street Village Lifestyle Center. The hotel is only 1.5 miles north of I-80 and nine miles from Midway Airport.

"We continue to see strong demand in the extended stay hotel segment and feel this property helps to fill a

need in the Chicago metro area," said Tom Fidanza, general manager.

"Whether traveling for business, for leisure, or with the entire family, at Homewood Suites, guests are made to feel at home with standard amenities such as fully equipped kitchens, complimentary, high-speed wireless Internet access, and separate living and sleeping areas."

The Homewood Suites – Orland Park is conveniently located near many restaurants including Champ's Americana, Al's Beef,



Homewood Suites - Orland Park, located at 16245 South LaGrange Road, opened its 81-suite facility in early March.

Rock Bottom Brewery, Mimi's Café and Houlihan's.

"We are very pleased with the trend developing in this area of the village," said Interim Village Manager Ellen Baer. "Homewood Suites coming to Orland Park serves the community with the creation of jobs and providing a service for businesses and residents who look for area hotels in which to book their colleagues and guests," Baer said.

Beyond its spacious two-room suites and home-like amenities, Homewood Suites guests can find an

on-site Suite Shop, convenience store, exercise facility, and guest laundry. Guests can also enjoy a daily complimentary Suite Start hot breakfast and a Welcome Home reception featuring a complimentary light meal and beverages Monday through Thursday evenings.

Additional guest services include a complimentary grocery shopping* service, a complete business center, and complimentary wired and wireless Internet access in all guest suites.

ABOUT THE OWNERS

Orbitz Group, LLC is a local partnership with a long business history in the southern suburbs of Chicago. Orbitz Group watched the growth of Orland Park and felt that the Homewood Suites by Hilton and Elements Conference Center were a good fit for the expanding market.

ABOUT THE DEVELOPER

Schulte Hospitality Group specializes in hospitality management and development. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, this company locates special opportunities for development or management of existing hotel properties. They are family owned and operated with more than 150 years combined experience in hotel operations. Schulte Hospitality Group has a strong relationship with Hilton Hotels Corp.

*Guest pays for groceries. Restrictions apply.

APRIL *in Orland Park*



Tuesday, April 1

- Recreation Advisory Board; 7pm; Loebe Center

Wednesday, April 2

- Emergency Telephone Board; 4:30pm; Police Dept
- Civic Center Bingo every Wed at 4:30pm
- Arts Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Thursday, April 3

- Military Family Support Group; 7pm; Civic Center
- Parking & Traffic Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall

Monday, April 7

- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, April 8

- Zoning Board of Appeals; 5pm; Village Hall
- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Wednesday, April 9

- Civic Center Bingo every Wed at 4:30pm

Thursday, April 10

- Veterans' Commission; 7pm; George Brown Vets' Center

Saturday, April 12

- Baseball Card Show; 9am to 2pm; Civic Center

Sunday, April 13

- Kite Kaboodle; 10am to 2pm; Village Center
Call the Recreation Dept at 403-7275 for details.

Monday, April 14

- Public Safety, Community Events & Outreach, Public Works & Engineering Committees; 7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, April 15

- Historic Preservation Review Board; 7pm; Village Hall

Wednesday, April 16

- Economic Development Advisory Board; 7:15pm; Village Hall
- Civic Center Authority Board; 7:30pm; Civic Center

Sunday, April 20

- Computer Show; Civic Center; 9:30am to 3pm

Monday, April 21

- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Community Relations Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, April 22

- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Friday, April 25

- Fish Fry; Civic Center 4:30pm to 7pm

Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27

- Orland Park Theatre Troupe's GREASE;
CSHS Performing Arts Center. Call 403-7275.

Saturday, April 26

- Sportsplex Health Fair; 9am to Noon; Call 645-PLAY for details.

Sunday, April 27

- Baseball Card Show; 9am to 2pm; Civic Center

Monday, April 28

- Dev Serv & Planning, Rec/Pks and Fin Coms; 7pm; VHall

Tuesday, April 29

- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Telecommunications Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall

MAY *in Orland Park*



Thursday, May 1

- Military Family Support; 7pm; Civic Center
- Parking & Traffic Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4

- Times of the Civil War; 10am to 3pm; Humphrey Complex

Monday, May 5

- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, May 6

- Recreation Advisory Board; 7pm; Loebe Center

Wednesday, May 7

- Emergency Telephone Bd; 4:30pm; Police Dept
- Arts Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Thursday, May 8

- Veterans' Commission; 7pm; George Brown Vets' Center

Saturday, May 10

- Baseball Card Show; 9am to 2pm; Civic Center

Sunday, May 11 • Mothers' Day

Monday, May 12

- PubSafe/ComEvents & Outreach, PubWks & Eng Coms;
7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, May 13

- Zoning Board of Appeals; 5pm; Village Hall
- Open Lands Commission; 6pm; Village Hall
- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Friday, May 16

- Fish Fry; Civic Center 4:30pm to 7pm

Saturday, May 17 & Sunday, May 18

- Three-I Open CASI Regional Chili Cook Off;
Centennial Park. Call 403-6140 for details.

Sunday, May 18

- Computer Show; 9:30am to 3pm Civic Center

Monday, May 19

- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Community Relations Commission; 7pm; Village Hall

Tuesday, May 20

- Historic Preservation Review Board; 7pm; Village Hall

Friday, May 23

- Veterans' Job Fair; 10am to 2pm; Civic Center

Saturday, May 24

- Centennial Pool Opens; 11am for members;
Noon for non-members

Sunday, May 25

- Baseball Card Show; 9am to 2pm; Civic Center

Monday, May 26 • Memorial Day • Village offices closed.

- Memorial Day Ceremony; 1pm; Veterans' Memorial

Tuesday, May 27

- Dev Serv & Planning, Rec/Pks and Fin Coms; 6pm; VHall
- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Telecommunications Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall

Friday, May 30

- Farmers' Market Opens for 2008 Season; 7:30am;
Village Center

JUNE in Orland Park



- Monday, June 2**
- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, June 3**
- Recreation Advisory Board; 7pm; Loebe Center
- Wednesday, June 4**
- Emergency Telephone Bd; 4:30pm; Police Dept
 - Arts Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Thursday, June 5**
- Military Family Support; 7pm; Civic Center
 - Parking & Traffic Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall
- Friday, June 6**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm; Orland Park Village Center
- Saturday, June 7**
- Duke O'Malley Fishing Derby. Call 403-PARK for details.
- Monday, June 9**
- Public Safety, Community Events & Outreach, Public Works & Engineering Committees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, June 10**
- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Wednesday, June 11**
- Emergency Telephone Bd; 4:30pm; Police Department
 - Arts Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Thursday, June 12**
- Veterans' Commission; 7pm; George Brown Vets' Center
- Friday, June 13**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm; Orland Park Village Center
- Saturday, June 14 • Flag Day**
- Baseball Card Show; 9am to 2pm; Civic Center
- Sunday, June 15 • Fathers' Day**
- Monday, June 16**
- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
 - Community Relations Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, June 17**
- Historic Preservation Review Board; 7pm; Village Hall
 - Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Wednesday, June 18**
- Summer Kick Off/Ice Cream Social; Amphitheater; 11am
 - Civic Center Authority; 7pm; Civic Center
- Thursday, June 19**
- Movie At The Cultural Center; Dusk; Call 403-7275 for details.
- Friday, June 20 • Summer Begins**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm Orland Park Village Center
- Monday, June 23**
- DevServ & Planning, Rec/Pks and Fin Coms; 7pm; VHall
- Tuesday, June 24**
- Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Friday, June 27**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm Orland Park Village Center
 - Fish Fry; Civic Center 4:30pm to 7pm
- Sunday, June 29**
- Open Lands Garden Walk; 10am to 3pm; Civic Center. Call 403-6140.

JULY in Orland Park



- Tuesday, July 1**
- Recreation Advisory Board; 7pm; Loebe Center
- Wednesday, July 2**
- Emergency Telephone Bd; 4:30pm; Police Dept
- Thursday, July 3**
- Parking & Traffic Advisory Board; 7pm; Village Hall
 - Military Family Support; 7pm; Civic Center
 - Independence Spectacular at Centennial Park
- Friday, July 4 • Independence Day • Village Offices Closed**
- No Farmers' Market
 - Independence Spectacular at Centennial Park
- Monday, July 7**
- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, July 8**
- Zoning Board of Appeals; 5pm; Village Hall
 - Open Lands Commission; 6pm; Village Hall
 - Plan Commission; 7 pm; Village Hall
- Wednesday, July 9**
- Arts Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Thursday, July 10**
- Veterans' Commission; 7pm; George Brown Vets' Center
 - Movie At The Cultural Center; Dusk Call 403-7275 for details.
- Friday, July 11**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm; Village Center
- Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13**
- Art Fair; Orland Crossing; Call 403-6140 for details.
 - Antique Show; 10am to 4pm; Civic Center
- Monday, July 14**
- Public Safety, Community Events & Outreach, Public Works & Engineering Committees; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, July 15**
- Historic Preservation Review Board; 7pm; Village Hall
- Wednesday, July 16**
- Economic Development Advisory Board; 7:15pm; VHall
- Thursday, July 17**
- Movie At The Cultural Center; Dusk Call 403-7275 for details.
- Friday, July 18**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm; Village Center
 - Fish Fry; Civic Center 4:30pm to 7pm
- Monday, July 21**
- Board of Trustees; 7pm; Village Hall
 - Community Relations Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
- Tuesday, July 22**
- Plan Commission; 7 pm; Village Hall
- Thursday, July 24**
- Movie At The Cultural Center; Dusk Call 403-7275 for details.
- Friday, July 25**
- Farmers' Market; 7:30am to 1pm; Village Center
- Monday, July 28**
- DevServ & Planning, Rec/Pks and Fin Coms; 7pm; VHall
 - Plan Commission; 7pm; Village Hall
 - Telecom Advisory Bd; 7pm; Village Hall

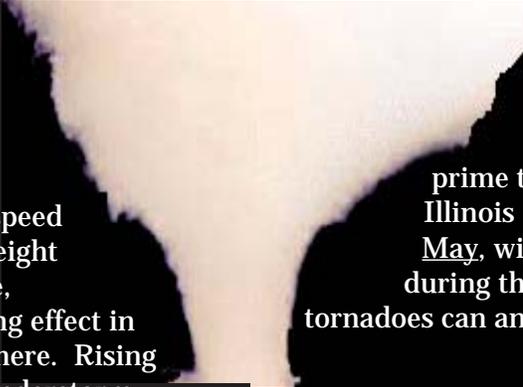
Prepare for Spring Weather

Before thunderstorms develop, a change in wind direction and an increase in wind speed with increasing height create an invisible, horizontal spinning effect in the lower atmosphere. Rising air within the thunderstorm updraft tilts the rotating air from horizontal spinning to vertical.

Thunderstorms develop in warm, moist air in advance of eastward moving cold fronts. These thunderstorms often produce hail, strong winds and tornadoes.

A severe thunderstorm warning means that severe thunderstorms are occurring. Close all windows and doors. Draw all shades or blinds on windows. If a window or door glass breaks due to high winds, shades might reduce the risk of flying glass.

Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather risk to residents of Illinois.



Tornadoes in Illinois totaled 124 in 2006 and 19 in 2005. The prime tornado season in Illinois is March through May, with 63% occurring during that time, although tornadoes can and do occur at any time of the year.

Tornadoes can be almost invisible, marked only by swirling debris at the base of the funnel. Some are composed of several mini-funnels.

A tornado watch means that tornadoes are possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter.

A tornado warning means an actual tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. The Village of Orland Park's Outdoor Warning Siren System is activated when a tornado warning for our area is issued by the National Weather Service or when an actual tornado has been sighted.

All Households Should Have Disaster Kits

All Orland Park families are encouraged to put aside a separate box with supplies to be used only in the event of an emergency.

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes
- Change of clothes

Establish An Out-of-State Contact

If family members are separated from one another during a tornado --- a genuine possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school --- have a plan for getting back together. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

When Sirens Sound

When a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, the village's sirens have been activated, or if a tornado has been sighted, take the following actions.

- Go at once to your predetermined shelter (basement, storm cellar or the lowest level of the building). If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a small inner room without windows, i.e., a bathroom or closet or get under a stairway. Monitor the radio for the latest weather information. Remain in the shelter until the danger has passed.

- Stay away from all windows, doors and outside walls. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris.

- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture, i.e. workbench or heavy table. Use sofa cushions to protect your head and neck. If sturdy furniture is not available, become a very small target. Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them.

- If in a trailer home or business, leave and seek shelter elsewhere. A mobile home can overturn very easily even if precautions have been taken to tie it down. If there isn't substantial shelter nearby, seek shelter in a low lying area. Shield your head with your hands.

- In schools, hospitals, nursing homes or public buildings, go to small interior rooms or halls on the lowest floor. Avoid large rooms such as gymnasiums or auditoriums.

- Damage to buildings is caused by violent winds and debris slamming into the building, not by the low pressure of the tornado as it passes overhead.

Weather Radios Deliver Warnings

The National Weather Service issues severe weather alerts through NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radios. Different models and price ranges are available at area electronic stores.

When the tornado sirens or lightning detectors sound, all ballfields are to be immediately cleared.

"Rapid Recovery" Offered

Electronic System Helps Find Lost Special Needs Individuals

The Village of Orland Park is the first Cook County community to offer the "Rapid Recovery Program" to help find Alzheimer's patients, those with autism and other individuals with special needs who may wander away from home.

A mobile tracking system, Rapid Recovery is offered by the Office of Special Services in cooperation with the Police Department.

"This is a new program being offered through our Office of Special Services," said Orland Park Village Clerk David Maher. "It's tailored for village families with loved ones with Alzheimer's or those with special needs," Maher added.

"Rapid Recovery combines radio technology with a specially trained response team, creating a life-saving system to assist in locating missing individuals," explained Orland Park Police Chief Timothy McCarthy.

Each participant wears a band that emits a tracking signal 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When a care giver notifies the Orland Park Police Department that a person is missing, a search and rescue team responds and begins searching with the mobile tracking system.

"Search times have been greatly reduced utilizing this technology," McCarthy said, adding that the signal from the wrist band is tracked on foot or in vehicles.

"Each band has a unique radio frequency enabling police personnel to help try to locate and



Orland Park Police Sergeant Scott Sinko (left) watches as Officer Ken Lynch

demonstrates the tracking device for the Rapid Recovery Program, offered in cooperation with the village's Police Department and Office of Special Services. For more information, call 403-6188.

identify the person who has wandered away from home," explained Orland Park Police Commander Charles Doll.

Information and program requirements are available by calling 403-6188.

Emergency Medical Identification Bracelets Available

A separate program from Rapid Recovery, Orland Park's Emergency Identification Bracelet Program is a free service for Village of Orland Park residents.

Seniors, the disabled and children with medical conditions or special needs may come to the Office of Special Services to complete an application that includes name, address, persons to be notified in case of emergency, medications taken, physician's information, and current health problems. This information, along with a digital photograph, is entered into a secure computer database.

The ID bracelet has a spandex wrist bracelet with a compartment. Engraved on the lid of the compartment is the Orland Park Police Department phone number.

Opening the lid of the compartment reveals a code number that corresponds to the participant's database record.

If someone discovers a senior or disabled person lost, confused, or otherwise incapacitated, they can call the number on the compartment lid and give the Orland Park Police Department the code number on the inside.

Immediate assistance can be dispatched and appropriate medical attention administered based on the information from the individual's application. For more information, call Special Services at 403-6188.

New Web Site Debuts

Village Unveils New Web Site Design

The Village of Orland Park unveiled its new website in mid-March. The village's new website and this village newsletter, the *Orland Park Public*, emulate the color scheme of the new 143rd Street Commuter Station. The new site is accessible at the same address, www.orland-park.il.us.

The village's new brand identity appears across the masthead for the opening page, "Orland Park...where you want to be."

"The village's website offers 24 hour access to local government," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Our new site is very user friendly and a tremendous source of village related information all in one place," he added.

The village's new site opens with the main page that includes news and announcements, a spotlighted village event or program and the all inclusive village calendar for events, meetings and programs.

Easy to follow links are just below the page's masthead and those more frequently used appear on the left margin.

"Orland Park's new website is a collaborative effort among all of our departments," said Interim Village Manager Ellen Baer. "Led by our MIS staff, personnel from each of the departments are involved with the design, making it as easy as possible for people to find what they need and adding new information daily," Baer added.

Mary Klinger serves as MIS manager for the village. "We researched web design companies that specialize in municipalities

and were very pleased with all that CivicPlus offered," she said. "The new site is easy to use, both for the public and for village staff who are keeping it updated," Klinger said.

The Business and Development portion of the village's site features a host of information for current and prospective businesses.

"We know that businesses oftentimes look at a community's website before coming to visit," said Director of Development Services Karie Friling. "Orland Park's re-designed website is a primary marketing tool to show companies that Orland Park is 'where they want to be'."

The Business and Development portion of the site includes links for business climate, current developments, business incentive programs, community profile,

development review process, an economic development slide show and the concept plan for the Main Street Triangle.

"The recreation portion shows all that the department is offering in a given season," said Director of Recreation Nancy Flores.

"We also have our own department calendar on our page so families wanting to quickly find something to do can pop in and get the information they need," she added.

"Orland Park has more than 60 parks located throughout the community," said Parks and Building Maintenance Director Frank Stec. "When people visit the Recreation and Parks page, they can find out where a specific park is, what amenities are available and see pictures of the park," Stec said.

"Orland Park's new website is not only a source of information about the village," McLaughlin said. "Our staff has compiled a number of links of interest to the community, including those for civic groups, sports organizations, churches, schools and more," the mayor added. "It's quite the center of information for the Orland Park community," he said.

During its first week of public viewing, the village's website was visited 14,321 times with 67,905 page views.

Residents and businesses with suggestions for what they'd like to see on the village's website are asked to e-mail their thoughts to info@orland-park.il.us.



Automatic Debits Available for Paying Water Bills

Water bills can be paid by having the amount owed directly withdrawn from a checking or savings account. To use this program, complete an application for bank drafting. Once the bank drafting information is in the village's billing system, the bill will be automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account on the due date of the bill.

Once the automatic withdrawal is confirmed in the billing system, the resident's bill will read "BANK DRAFT" in the upper right hand corner. The lower right hand corner of the remittance stub will say "Bank Draft – Do Not Pay" in the "Amount Due" area. Or, residents may download the form on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us.



Choose the link for Village Services and scroll down to the Finance Department section for the downloadable form.

Customers may also pay by mail or in person at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall using cash, checks or credit cards. To obtain a form to have payments automatically debited from an

account, call 403-6175.

Night Deposit for Late Payments

Residents may use the night deposit box located in front of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall to pay their water bills. The free standing gray box is on the driver's side of the median in front of the circle drive. The box is emptied at 8:00 a.m.

every morning and all payments in the box are considered payments for the previous day.

Residents should place their water bill stubs and check payment in an envelope labeled "Water Billing." Cash payments are not advised. A drop box for water bill payments is also located next to the cashier's window in the lobby of the Village Hall, accessible during Village Hall business hours. Payment by cash is not recommended.

ODD/EVEN OUTDOOR SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

Annually May 15 through September 15

Homes and businesses with addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may sprinkle between 7 and 11 a.m. or p.m. only on even numbered days.

Those with addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 may sprinkle between 7 and 11 a.m. or p.m. only on odd numbered days.

Violators are subject to fines.

Veterans' Administration Office At Village Hall

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Office has an office in the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Illinois State Veterans' Office services include helping veterans and their families located in Orland Park and the surrounding areas.

Veterans can file VA claims for federal and state benefits, apply for copies of discharges, military records and medical records. The office can help with VA headstones, federal and state educational benefits and claims for VA medical benefits.

For more information, call Veterans' Service Officer Charletta Hayes at 708/403-2011. The office is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Open Lands Garden Walk 2008



Vendors Sought for Garden Walk

Boutique vendors and crafters are invited to showcase and sell their products and services at the Open Lands' Garden Walk on Sunday, June 29, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for lawn and garden retailers, service providers, gift shops, specialty boutiques and crafters to introduce their businesses at this community event.

A 20' x 20' space is available for \$50 and includes an 8-foot skirted table with two chairs and the business name listed in the event program.

Return the vendor application above with a check to reserve your booth space today. For details, call 403-6145.

GARDEN WALK 2008 VENDOR APPLICATION

Company Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Web address: _____

Complete and mail with payment to Garden Walk 2008; Village of Orland Park; 14700 South Ravinia Avenue; Orland Park, IL 60462.

Residential Gardens Sought for Tenth Annual Contest

The Village of Orland Park invites amateur gardeners to enter its Tenth Annual Garden Contest. The contest is open to residents of single-family homes within the corporate limits of Orland Park. Awards will be presented for **first, second and third** place and for **Best Use of Landscaping on Hill, Best Use of Perennials, Best Use of Landscaping in a Natural Setting, Best Overall Maintained Landscaping, and Best Water Feature.**

Traditional and/or unusual gardens are welcomed and judging will be based on originality, creativity and overall maintenance, as well as the use of native landscaping, color, texture and the variety and combination of plants and flowers used. The deadline for entries is July 1. Judging will take place in late July and awards will be presented at a Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting in September. Contestants do not need to be home at the time of judging. For information, please call 403-6145.

Please clearly PRINT or TYPE all information. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2008.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby give my permission to the Village of Orland Park and its Garden Contest representatives to enter my property for the purpose of consideration in the **Village of Orland Park Garden Contest**. I hereby grant my irrevocable permission to the Garden Contest and its authorized agents to use my name, and any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of my participation in this event for any purpose.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications must be returned to the address below on or before July 1, 2008.
Village of Orland Park Garden Contest • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue • Orland Park, Illinois 60462

50/50 Tree Program

The Village of Orland Park's annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program returns. This program enables the village and homeowners to share the cost of trees to be planted in the residents' parkways. Resident cost is \$125 per tree. **Applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2008. Residents of subdivisions built after 1993 --- in which the developer is required to plant parkway trees --- are eligible for replacement of parkway trees only. The resident is responsible for tree and stump removal.**

Because of the limited number of each species, the village cannot guarantee the type of tree, although every attempt will be made to accommodate residents' requests. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed with the tree being planted in the parkway --- between the street and the sidewalk --- only. **Trees are sold with one-year guarantee and a one-time replacement within twelve months of planting.** Residents will be informed when to mark the appropriate locations in their parkways. Trees are approximately 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Should utilities be located along the parkway, village staff must approve the final selection of tree location. Trees will be planted in the spring or fall of 2008.

Applications may be submitted to either Recreation & Parks Department Administrative Office at the Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street or the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 Ravinia Avenue. All questions should be directed to Mid-America Tree & Landscape at 708/479-7510.

Resident's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

<u>Species</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>First Choice</u>	<u>Second Choice</u>
Littleleaf Linden	_____	_____	_____
Shademaster Honey Locust	_____	_____	_____
Red Maple	_____	_____	_____
Accolade Elm	_____	_____	_____
Parkway Norway Maple	_____	_____	_____
Pacific Sunset Maple	_____	_____	_____
October Glory Maple	_____	_____	_____

**Please make checks payable to Mid-America Tree & Landscape.
TOTAL \$125.00 per tree.**

I have read and agree to all of the above listed stipulations.

Resident's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Recreation & Parks Department Use Only

Amt Paid _____ Check# _____ Rec'd by _____ Date _____ Time _____

Special Events

Civil War Remembered

Step back in time and see authentic uniforms, music, weapons, tents and



utensils as soldiers create the setting of Civil War camp, drills and demonstrations. Stroll the camp and experience living history. Speak to an old soldier as he prepares for the day's events. Several skirmishes will take place throughout the day. The setting will be on the grounds of the Hostert Brothers' Log Cabins and the Humphrey Woods. Thank you to the Orland Historical Society for being a part of this annual event.

Saturday & Sunday
May 3 & May 4
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Free and open to all ages
John Humphrey Complex
14700 West (100th) Avenue

Farmers' Market Returns

The Village of Orland Park Farmers' Market will open for the season on Friday, May 30th, being open every Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. through early



October. More than 25 vendors offer a variety of fresh produce, flowers, plants, beauty items, products for the home and garden, jewelry, purses, bakery items, gourmet spices, and more. Barbecue lunches, sponsored by local charities, are available for purchase through August. There will be no market on July 4 and August 1. For more information, call 403-6145.



Friday mornings
May 30 through October 3, 2008
7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center
14700 South Ravinia Avenue
Free admission and parking

Taste Showcases Restaurants

The village's annual Taste of Orland Park showcases twenty of the community's finest eating establishments. This weekend celebration includes live entertainment on two stages, community organization and



sponsor booths, the Teen Battle of the Bands, Classic Car Show, Bean Bag Tournament, kids' activities, country line dancing, Bingo/Raffle, fireworks and more. In just a few short years, this annual party has become an Orland Park favorite.

Fri, Aug 1 • 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat, Aug 2 • 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sun, Aug 3 • 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Orland Park Village Center
14750 South Ravinia Avenue
Free admission and parking

Village of Orland Park Recreation Department

Join the village's Sportsplex after May 1, 2008 and summer is FREE! (summer of '09).

Free months are applied to the end of the membership. Student, senior and corporate memberships are available.

College kids coming home? Our three month student memberships will be on sale beginning May 1, 2008. The cost for village residents is \$83 while non-residents pay \$135.

Sportsplex

Village of Orland Park Art Fair

Saturday, July 12 • 10am to 5pm & Sunday, July 13 • 10am to 4pm

Orland Park Crossing • 143rd Street and LaGrange Road

See the works of artists from across the country.

View and purchase original 2D & 3D pieces.

Enjoy live music, refreshments, a community art project and a children's art area at this outdoor gallery.

Free admission and parking

For more information, call 708/403-6145.

presented by the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission



Art In The Park Enhances Public Spaces

Orland Park's Art in the Park Program was created to use different art forms to enhance parks and public areas in the village. To accomplish this, three sites are now available within the village for artists wanting to publicly display their sculptures. Each site is located in an area with high visibility and is well traveled by both pedestrians and motorists.



A bronze likeness of Orland Park's founding father, John Humphrey, stands at the new 143rd Street Commuter Station. Humphrey was the state senator for the region before having the village incorporated as a municipality in 1892 and serving as its first mayor until his death in 1914.

Art in the Park is anchored by a sculpture created by nationally renowned artist Virginio Ferrari. His sculpture, Ara Pace ~ Place of Peace, graces Orland Park's award winning Village Center. (see cover photo)

A bronze sculpture of Orland Park's first mayor is on display at the 143rd Street Commuter Station. This historical piece greets travelers as they pass through the station and serves as a reminder of the village's rich history.

The sculpture was created to celebrate the Village of Orland Park's 115th Anniversary as a municipality in Illinois. It shows John Humphrey as he would have waited for the train to travel to his downtown law office or to Springfield, when he was a state legislator for the area. Mayor Humphrey is holding his brief case and wearing clothing of his era, including his trademark top hat.

The John Humphrey sculpture compliments the historic district of Orland Park, providing an attraction to a newly redeveloped downtown called the Main Street Triangle and is the northern-most display site for the Art in the Park Program.

Artists' submissions are ongoing. An honorarium will be provided for a loan of artwork for a period of three years. A wide variety of media will be considered; however, all sculptures must be durable and suitable for outdoor placement.

For more information, call 708/403-6140 or write to artinthepark@orland-park.il.us.

Community News



Mayor McLaughlin Addresses Chamber

On Wednesday, February 27th, Mayor Dan McLaughlin presented his annual State of the Village Address to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce at Silver Lake Country Club. Members of the Chamber Board of Directors gathered with those from the Village Board for the photo above.

Pictured in the back row left to right are Rob Wehmeier, Wehmeier Portraits; Mark Wright, Country Insurance and Financial Services; Trindal Stahnke, Pet Patrol LLC; Amy Grace Coghill, Silver Lake Country Club; John Marcquenski, Mission Signs; Dave Corradino, Terry's Lincoln Mercury; Marc Lochow, PrintSource Plus.

Front row left to right: Robin Wagner, Orland Park Public Library; Tami Khuntia, Sparks Complete Auto Care; Barb Rains, Orland School District #135; Mayor Dan McLaughlin, Trustee Ed Schussler, Trustee Bernard Murphy; Keith Massey, Palos Bank and Trust. Among those not pictured are Trustees James Dodge and Patricia Gira, both of whom also attended the event.

ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, April 19, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Orland Square Southeast Lot
RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL ONLY
Discarded computer equipment
and electronics.

\$5.00 fee for monitors

NO TELEVISIONS OR APPLIANCES ACCEPTED.

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Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses have opened in Orland Park since November, 2007.

2 nd Wind Exercise Equipment	Hootie's Excavating
A.A. Jacobs Supply	Houlihan's
A.M.C. Mechanical, Inc.	Internal Revenue Service
ABCO-Academy Builders Group	IT 24/7 Inc.
Aldi	Jimmy John's Gourmet Sub Shop
All You See On TV	LA Boxing
American Ingredient Technologies	La Tee Da
Axelent, Inc.	Mag Wireless
Balmain Paris	Mia Rose
Cardinal Fitness of Orland Park	Morse Data Corporation
Carson Pirie Scott Furniture Gallery	Muscular Dystrophy Association
CD One Price Cleaners	Nevaeh's Boutique
Computers 4 Less, Inc.	Next Generation Wireless, LLC
Cooper Services	Papa John's Pizza
Critical Piping Systems, Inc.	PJI Corp
Dahn Center Orland Park	Power On Mobile
Donson Machine Company	Roseland Stairworks
Eddie Z's Express Blinds	Roula LaPaul Salon and Spa
Elite Tan Spa	Salon 151
Express Electric Supply	Seattle's Best Coffee
First Bank	Staples the Office Superstore
First Sort, Inc.	Swoozies, Inc.
Five Star Auto Repair	The Original Honeybaked Ham
Flooring 4 U	T-Mobile
Foot Solutions	Toujvous
General Nutrition Center	TRS Automotive, Inc.
Gotcha Covered Window Fashions	Upscale Resale Shop
Granite City Food & Brewery	Wetzels Pretzels
Hansen Landscapes	XDimensional Technologies, Inc.
Have A Heart Healthcare, Ltd.	Yogen Fruz
Health From Within	Zorba's Gyro's, Inc.

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708/403-6100
Monday-Friday • 8am -5pm
Cashier • Sat 9am-1pm
www.orland-park.il.us

ORLAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
15100 South Ravinia Avenue
708/349-4111 (non-emergency)
**DIAL 9-1-1 FOR POLICE, FIRE OR
AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE
VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK.**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center
14650 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-PARK
Village of Orland Park Sportsplex
11351 West 159th Street
708/645-PLAY
Cultural Arts Center
14700 Park Lane
Robert Davidson Center
14760 Park Lane
708/403-6361
Inclement Weather Hotline
708/403-6290
Call for field conditions and to learn
if outdoor practices, games
and programs are canceled or
changed because of inclement weather.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
15655 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-6350
PACE Bus Service
708/403-6355

ORLAND PARK CIVIC CENTER
William R. Vogel Memorial
14750 South Ravinia Avenue
708/403-6200

Illinois Secretary of State
**ORLAND PARK SATELLITE
DRIVER'S LICENSE FACILITY**
Board Room of the Village Hall
1-800-252-8980
Monday through Friday • 9am to 5pm
Address/Name Changes • Vision Tests
State Identification Cards • Plate Stickers

The ORLAND PARK PUBLIC is published quarterly by the Village of Orland Park as a public information service for residents and businesses. Previous editions are available on-line at www.orland-park.il.us. Because of zip code delivery, some unincorporated areas of Orland and Palos Townships may receive this newsletter. This publication is available on professionally recorded audio cassettes for free for visually impaired residents. For details, call the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

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