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INDOOR SMOKING BAN

The village's Indoor Smoking Ban takes effect on March 14, 2007. For details, see page 6.

ATTENTION WASTE WHEELER CART USERS

Orland Park village residents who are being retroactively billed by Waste Management for waste wheeler carts (toters) they purchased should call 1-800-796-9696 to let Waste Management know that the cart/toter is indeed owned by the homeowner.

Village of Orland Park Enjoys A Year of Honors

by Mayor Daniel J. McLaughlin

I wish all of you a very happy and healthy new year! The holidays may be over but the Winter Wonderland at Centennial Park remains open through the middle of March, weather permitting. Come out to enjoy the lights and decorations along with ice skating and, snow permitting, sledding and cross country skiing. It's a great place to bring the family to enjoy winter activities.

Orland Park Honored

In 2006, the Village of Orland Park was honored to receive of a number of national and state recognitions and awards.

Nationally, Orland Park ranked #45 on *Money Magazine's* top 100 List of America's Best Places to Live, and was the second highest ranked city in the State of Illinois. For the nineteenth year, Orland Park was named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The village was also awarded the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2006 budget.

The Public Works Department received the Salt Institute's Excellence in Salt Storage Award and we received an Honorable Mention Award from the American Council of Engineering

Companies of Illinois (ACEC) for the village's storm sewer and watermain improvement projects.

The trustees and I are very proud to have the village receive

recognition for these accomplishments that help make Orland Park such an outstanding village. We would not be able to complete the projects and programs we approve without the hard work and dedication of our village staff.

Road Improvements

The Village of Orland Park's number one priority remains improving roads and traffic throughout the village. The village Board and I have committed millions of dollars to improve traffic flow on state and county roadways.

Working in conjunction with state and county officials, intersections slated for upgrades in 2007 include 159th Street and LaGrange Road, 143rd Street and LaGrange Road, and improvements to 153rd Street from West Avenue to Wolf Road and 104th Avenue from 159th Street to 167th Street.

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Local Road Improvements Planned

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The village completed design engineering and provided the upfront money to acquire all the land needed for the 159th and LaGrange Road improvements at a cost of \$6.5 million and will fund over \$4 million in actual construction costs. With the assistance of State Representative Kevin McCarthy, IDOT has programmed \$4 million for improvements at the intersection of 143rd and LaGrange, with the village funding approximately \$3 million of this work. Work at this intersection is expected to begin later this summer. Engineering work is currently being performed on 143rd Street (LaGrange to Will-Cook) and Wolf Road (143rd to 167th) to position them for future improvements.

Phase II engineering has begun for the reconstruction and widening of LaGrange Road to six lanes with a landscaped median from north of 135th Street to 179th Street. When LaGrange Road is widened, a new Metra bridge will be built with the train tracks moved eastward.

Other road improvements include the newly completed intersection for the Costco development at 159th and Ravinia, the completion of Wolf Road from 123rd Street to 143rd Street, 167th Street from LaGrange Road to Will/Cook Road, and 108th Avenue from 153rd Street to 159th Street. In addition to these, reconstruction of Southwest Highway from LaGrange Road to 143rd Street is slated for completion in the spring.

Phase I of the redevelopment of the Main Street Triangle, the area bounded by LaGrange Road, 143rd Street and the Metra tracks at Southwest Highway includes the newly constructed Metra commuter station and parking lot.

Main Street Triangle will include both commercial and residential developments. The addition of the new 142nd Street from the Metra station to LaGrange Road will connect the Main Street Triangle to the Orland Park Crossing development on the east side of LaGrange Road.

Storm Sewer and Water Main Improvement Project

The Village Board approved storm sewer and water main improvement projects to help reduce flooding problems in three neighborhoods: Village Square, Tuckaway and Old Orland. The water main improvements included replacing existing pipes and the installation of a new watermain to improve distribution throughout the area. The street improvements included the complete reconstruction of the streets in Old Orland to bring them to current codes and provide improvements to drainage. The work was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. For the first time in years, these homes did not experience any flooding, even during the significant rainfalls in September and October, 2006.

New Police Station Progresses

I'm sure that anyone who has driven past the new police station at 151st and Ravinia has noticed the changes to the site over the last year. Work is progressing on construction of the new 63,000 square foot, state-of-the-art police headquarters that will provide enough space to meet the department's needs for the next 40 years.

The new headquarters will include an alternative lighting system and an energy-saving heating system, as well as a cistern that is underground in front of the station to collect rainwater for irrigating lawns and landscaping.

The village is committed to incorporating energy efficient technology as well as seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification. This is the first "green" building constructed by the village. Construction is scheduled for completion in early 2007.



winter wonderland
at centennial park
through the march 18,
as the weather permits
see page 17.

Outstanding Orland Park Youth Recognized

In each issue of the *Orland Park Public*, I am proud to recognize the youth of our community on their outstanding achievements. Please join me in congratulating the “pride of our community” on their recent accomplishments.

Brittany Dircks has won the silver medal in the Senior Women’s Division in the Pan American Games in Monterrey, Mexico for gymnastic competition on the trampoline. Brittany is currently competing all over the world to qualify for the Olympics. We wish you the best of luck!

Orland Knights team members **Dan Molinari, Vince Teodoro, Brant Valach** and **Kyle Wood** were selected to play in the Metro Youth League Pro Bowl held in November at Argo Community High School in Summit, Illinois. The Pro Bowl features the top eighth grade football players from teams in Chicago, the south and southwest suburbs and northwest Indiana. Congratulations to all of you!

Congratulations to **Daniel Jilek** and **Peter Balsam** for a championship year in football. Jilek and Balsam are members of the St. Rita High School Mustangs Varsity Football 2006 Class 7A State Champions.

Sandburg senior **Lauren Billo** and junior **Alex Blatt** were named to the *Star Newspaper's* 2006 All-Area Girls Volleyball Team.

Sandburg senior **John Weston** was named to the All-Area Offense in the Regional’s All-Area Football Team. **Nick Chmielewski, Jim Clendenning** and **Mike O’Neill** received All-Area Honorable Mentions.

Fifty-one Sandburg High School students received the Cook County Sheriff’s Medal of Honor for earning more than 100 hours of community service between September 2005 and August 2006. The winners include Sophomores **Ata M. Alaraj, Kevin Behrendt, Stephanie Rae De Re, Eamon Edwin Giboo, Kayla Rey Guajardo, Ariel Gutierrez, Hanna Knight, Morgan Krzyminski, Deborah Miner, Sara Rosinski, Caitlin Schackle, Lindsay Young** and **Matthew Weglarz**. Juniors honored include **Brian Apostol, Jaclyn Bishop, Janet Espino, Kathryn Goldberg, Lauren Hagy, David Healey, Natasha Jain, Saba Ottman, Riva Riley, Tegan Marie Smith, Amy Shiyao Sun, Robyn Szablewski** and **Thomas Woods**. Seniors receiving the award include **Kara-Lyn Ahrendt, Mervet Akroush, Sofia Anastasopoulos, Rubina Baig, Cameron Adam Bands, Erica Benigno, Jaclyn Borema, Krista Brundridge, Emily Dabrowski, Sarah DerKacy, Mark Diver, Geoffrey Go, Kristi Heitman, Michael Kenes, Richard Kingery, Colleen McGuire, Timothy Scott Oswald, Anjali Parikh, Michael Peters, Courtney Petro, James Pickham, Melissa Schmitz, Heidi Schuber** and **Natalia Sokolowski**. Congratulations to all of these fine young men and women for going above and beyond the 24-hour community service requirement for graduation.

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veterans' affairs office in village hall

The Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs officially opened its new office in Orland Park last January. The office is located in the Village of Orland Park Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

The Illinois State Veterans’ Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Services include providing assistance to veterans and their families located in Orland Park and the surrounding areas. Veterans will also be able to file VA claims for federal and state benefits, apply for copies of discharges, military records and medical records. The office is able to provide assistance with VA headstones, federal and state educational benefits and claims for VA medical benefits.

For more information, call the Veterans’ Service Officer at 403-2011 or the Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

Orland Park Remembers Those Who Serve

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 708/403-6171.

Sergeant Patrick Gallagher
 United States Army
 Carl Sandburg High School
 Class of 2001
 Currently serving in Iraq

Private First Class Nicholas M. Kwiatek
 United States Marine Corps
 Carl Sandburg High School
 Class of 2004

Airman Marcell Montgomery
 United States Air Force
 Carl Sandburg High School
 Class of 2004
 Currently serving in Qatar

Specialist Isaiah D. Patrick
 United States Air Force
 Carl Sandburg High School
 Class of 2005

Private First Class Stephen D. Prior
 United States Army
 Carl Sandburg High School
 Class of 2002

Add Your Vet's Name to Orland Park's Veterans' Memorial



Orland Park's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28, 2007 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.

Those wishing to add a veteran's name to the memorial should make arrangements by April 27. Veterans need not live in Orland Park and they don't have to be deceased to be added to the wall. For more information, call Gail Blummer at 403-6203.

Vets Plan Trip To Cantigny

The Veterans' Commission is planning a spring 2007 trip for veterans to the Cantigny First Division Museum and its surrounding grounds. Additional information will be published in the future.



New Items Collected for Manteno

The Veterans' Commission has budgeted money to purchase new items needed by the residents of Manteno Veterans Home. The Commission will bring these items as gifts to the veterans bi-monthly. Residents interested in helping with this project are invited to contact Commission Secretary Gail Blummer at 403-6203. Only NEW ITEMS are being collected for the veterans.

Help Support Our Troops Serving Overseas

Thank you to the many, 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. Everyone is invited to be a part of 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

Military Care Pack Contribution Locations

Frederick T. Owens Village Hall
 14700 South Ravinia Avenue

Village of Orland Park Sportsplex
 11351 West 159th Street

Orland Park Tops South Suburban Early Voting Sites

by Village Clerk David P. Maher



Congratulations Orland Park! The Village of Orland Park Early Voting Site was ranked #1 in south suburban Cook County and #2 in all of suburban Cook County for voter turnout during the 2006 fall General Election. The Clerk's Office staff and I are very pleased with the great turnout and the positive feedback to the new touch screen voting stations.

The next local election is on **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. My office will be open and staffed from 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions on where your polling place is please call us at 403-6150.

Dial-A-Ride to the Polls

Residents who don't have transportation to their polling places can schedule a ride to the polls on Election Day. For your convenience, the Village of Orland Park's bus service is available to take residents to and from the polls on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. For more information call the village's Dial-A-Ride dispatcher at 403-6355 or my office at 403-6150.

Register to Vote

Voter's registration is another service available in the Village Clerk's Office. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. My office will also be open for voters' registration on Saturday, March 3rd, March 10th and March 17th. Residents who are U.S. citizens, 18 years of age on or before the next election which will be April 17, 2007, recently moved, changed their name, were removed from the voter rolls, or never registered to vote can do so in the Clerk's Office. Two forms of identification are required when registering to vote, one with your name and Orland Park address and the other with simply your name. The entire process only takes about ten minutes of your time and is free! The Village of Orland Park Clerk's Office is proud that many residents have taken advantage of the convenient voter registration process in recent years.

Voter registration closes on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Cook County closes registration 28 days before an

election. Registration is scheduled to re-open on April 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

Can't come into our office but want to register to vote in Cook County? Need to find out where to go to vote? Not sure if you're registered in Orland Park? Visit David Orr's Cook County website at www.voterinfonet.com or call our office at 403-6150. This site gives you summaries of recent election returns in the suburbs of Cook County. It has a mail-in registration form that you can download if it is inconvenient for you to come into our office to register. Please note: If you mail-in your registration, you must vote in-person the first time you vote, so absentee voting would not be an option for you.

Early Voting Available

Two options for college students home on spring break, business travelers or election judges... Early voting is scheduled to begin for all suburban Cook County residents beginning March 26, 2007 through April 12, 2007. There are no restrictive guidelines for early voting. Suburban Cook County residents who wish to vote early may do so. You do not need a reason such as being out of town or in surgery to vote early. You simply come in and cast your ballot!

NOTE: All early voters must show a government-issued photo ID to vote early. This ID must be an Illinois driver's license, a state ID or other government-issued ID such as a passport. No other type of identification will be accepted.

Early voting will be available in the Clerk's Office on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturday, March 31st and April 7th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting is an option if you will be out of the county on Election Day, performing certain election duties, a student attending college and temporarily residing at school, serving as a juror, observing a religious holiday, physically incapacitated or are a pre-trial detainee. Residents can pick up an Absentee Voter Application in the Clerk's Office located on the main floor of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall. You will not need any form of identification to absentee vote, but you will need a reason.

Indoor Smoking Ban Begins March 14

by Trustee Kathy Fenton, Chair
Building and Zoning Committee



Orland Park took a leadership role with its Indoor Smoking Ban. In October, 2006, the Village Board approved Orland Park's own ordinance so that we could legislate locally and not be subject to Cook County's ban that also prohibits smoking outside of public places.

Orland Park's ordinance allows smoking in *outdoor* dining areas which must be clearly posted as "smoking permitted."

The Village Board approved this ban recognizing that there is no such thing as "safe" second hand smoke. This is a public health issue.

Working with the local business community, we have chosen March 14, 2007 as the new start date for the Village of Orland Park's Indoor Smoking Ban.

Commercial Developments Top \$81 million

It is common knowledge the national residential market softened in 2006. Mirroring this national trend, new residential permits were down in Orland Park last year.

However, as most industry experts will attest, commercial development follows residential development. In 2006, commercial development in Orland was brisk. Commercial permits were up from the previous year, with new private investment totaling over \$81 million. Buildings are rising in just about every corner of Orland Park.

Commercial development is a strong indicator of the overall health of a community – and I am pleased to report a positive diagnosis and outlook for our village. Projects, such as Lowe's, Costco and Orland Crossing, provide additional real estate and sales tax dollars that support the exceptional quality of life our residents desire.

While residential permits were lower in 2006, the Village of Orland Park still issued more than 180 new residential permits. Residential remodel and addition permits were substantial, totaling over 1400. The village is proud to see this reinvestment being done by our residents. This clearly shows we are proud of our homes and community.

The Building Division, housed in the Development Services Department, is responsible for ensuring that all developments in the village comply with public health and safety code requirements.

In 2006, over 10,500 inspections were completed for both residential and commercial developments. For our restaurant and food establishments, over 1000 health inspections were completed. Additionally, over 1200 business license inspections were done. The village takes our responsibility very seriously when it comes to protecting our residents and businesses.

While 2006 was a busy year, we look forward to 2007 and the promise of continued growth and prosperity for the Village of Orland Park.

non-smoking restaurants

In addition to all of the fast food restaurants in the Village of Orland Park, the establishments listed below are non-smoking.

Bobak's
Buca Di Beppo
Canoe Club
Chipotle Mexican Grill
**Cooper's Hawk Winery
& Restaurant**
Famous Dave's
Ginger Asian Bistro
Gino's East
Giordano's
**Ichiro Japanese
Restaurant**
Noodles & Company
Olive Garden
Palermo's
P.F. Chang's China Bistro
Pizza Hut
Red Lobster Restaurant
Silver Lake Country Club

If a non-smoking restaurant in the Village of Orland Park was inadvertently omitted, I apologize. Please send the name of any other non-smoking restaurants in the village to officials@orland-park.il.us.

Grant Received for 159th Street Corridor

by Trustee Brad O'Halloran, Chair
Planning and Economic Development



The village received great news with the announcement that we are being awarded an \$180,000 development grant from the state. This grant will

be used for improvements to what is commonly referred to as the 159th Street Corridor, which runs from Interstates 57 to 355. More specifically, these funds will be used to hire a consultant to address traffic control, economic development and streetscape improvements.

Orland Park applied for this state grant on behalf of the Village of Orland Park and several other local municipalities—Markham, Oak Forest, Orland Hills, Tinley Park, and Homer Glen—and will be working closely with these communities on this area-wide project. We are very pleased to be a recipient of this grant and look forward to the future improvements along this stretch of one of our main thoroughfares.

Welcome New Businesses

The Village Board of Trustees and staff work diligently to maintain a healthy economy in the village and are quite aware of the important role businesses play in this endeavor. So, it is with much pleasure that we publicly welcome businesses that have opened their doors in Orland Park. Among the more recent major retailers are Lowe's Home Improvement and Costco, and as well as PF Chang's Restaurant. Welcome—and much success at your new location.

New Zoning Districts

Several new zoning districts have recently been approved by the Board of Trustees. One of the districts is the Village Center District, which is envisioned to be the downtown and civic core of Orland Park. This district encompasses the Main Street Triangle area nearby the 142nd Street train station as well as the Village Center Complex along Ravinia Avenue. We believe this district will be unique because it offers great potential to create pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods in the heart of the village.

We envision this area to offer a diverse mix of uses, including some small-scale commercial development. Our hope is that more residents will be attracted to live within walking distance to the 142nd Street train station thanks to plans for a grid of streets that will connect the Village Center, the downtown area near the train station, the Orland Crossing area, the library, McGinnis Slough, Humphrey Woods and the Old Orland Historical District. We've got some exciting plans for this area and we think residents will be pleased with these planned improvements.

Another zoning district is the Open Lands District, which has been created to protect the village's parks, natural areas, retention ponds, and more. For more than ten years, we have been very aggressive in our attempts to preserve open spaces in Orland Park. It is important to all of us and we know this is a big part of what attracts many residents to our community.

Along with purchasing many acres over the past decade that will remain open space, we now have a zoning district in place that will help to ensure permanent access to outdoor recreation and natural areas for residents in all neighborhoods for generations to come. Some of the areas in this district will include playgrounds, public swimming pools, playing fields, trails, picnic areas, boating and fishing areas, golf courses and outdoor amphitheaters.

In addition, it will include natural areas and passive parks to preserve native flora and fauna and establish wildlife corridors. We believe this will be quite beneficial to enhance the value of nearby properties and I do believe this is another step forward for the village.

In closing, as we begin a new year, I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2007. I also thank village staff for another year of providing outstanding services to the residents. We look forward to serving you in 2007.

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New Police Facility Nears Public Debut

by Trustee Ed Schussler, Chair
Police and Emergency Preparedness Committee

Orland Park's new police facility is nearing its public debut. Substantial completion of the interior will be done by February 15. In late February and early March, furniture, audio/visual equipment and 911 equipment will be installed.



The Orland Park Police Facility, at 151st Street and Ravinia Avenue, will be substantially completed in mid-February. The green covering on the outside of the building is not the final facade. This is the water proofing material.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate with the outside work. Paving of the south and west parking lots, completion of the front plaza and landscaping will not occur until early spring.

Chief McCarthy has advised that the Police Department is now well into planning for the physical move to the new headquarters and the changeover from the 9-1-1 Center at the old headquarters to the 9-1-1 Center at the new headquarters. "The 9-1-1 changeover is, without a doubt, the most important and intricate move of this entire complex project," according to the chief.

I have visited the project and attended construction meetings and feel that the new headquarters will fulfill all of the expectations that the Village Board had when it authorized construction. I am looking forward to completion and presenting the building to the public in late March or early April. We plan to conduct public tours of the facility before the department moves. This will avoid interfering with police operations and will allow the public to see the entire facility.

Crime Statistics Released

The Orland Park Police Department is required to report their crime statistics to the Illinois State Police every month in eight different crime categories that are referred to as the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics. These categories include murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and battery, burglary, theft and arson.

The department was pleased to report that they had significant reductions in crimes last year in all categories other than theft.

There were no murders in 2006, four less sexual assaults, five less robberies, eleven less aggravated assaults and batteries, forty-five less burglaries, sixteen less car thefts and two less arsons. However, there were eighty-six more thefts in 2006 than in 2005. Chief McCarthy was extremely pleased that crimes against persons were reduced significantly last year.



Public tours of the building will be conducted before the department moves in to avoid interfering with police operations.

We are not required to report criminal damage to property incidents. An increase in these incidents did occur in 2006. Chief McCarthy believes more work needs to be done by our officers and residents to reduce property damage as well as thefts.

Lock Those Doors!

Everyone needs to remember to lock cars and close garage doors which will prevent many of these crimes which are often crimes of opportunity rather than pre-planned crimes. Please call the police as soon as you see anything suspicious. A tip to the police can prevent criminal incidents and lead to the apprehension of those involved in criminal activity.

I look forward to meeting you at the open house of our new police station, the annual police beat meetings and the summer programs conducted by our Police Department.

Thank you to Chief McCarthy & Deputy Chief Hughes for contributing to this edition's column.



Record Number of Tax Rebates Processed

by Trustee Patricia Gira, Chair
Finance Committee

The deadline to submit for the village's tax rebate has passed and staff is quickly processing applications in order to meet the published rebate mailing date. This is the fifth year that the Village Board has voted to rebate the village's portion of residents' property tax bills. Finance

Department personnel report that the number of residents applying for the rebate this year surpassed years past and we anticipate a total rebate amount of approximately \$5,100,000. Rebate checks will be mailed in late March to the village addresses provided on the applications.

Bravo, Village Arts Commission!

The Village of Orland Park Arts Commission celebrated two cultural milestones within the last two months. The commission presented the village's first ever "Do It Yourself MESSIAH" in early December, generously co-sponsored by **Fifth Third Bank**, and enjoyed a sold out performance of "The Best of Dance Chicago" in late January. Congratulations to Orland Park's volunteer commissioners who have done so much to enhance the cultural community in the village and thank you to the many, many residents who attend these programs and support the arts in the community.

Orland Park Named Number One

Congratulations are also in order for another village program that brings the arts to the community. The village's own Orland Park Theatre Troupe was honored by the *Star Newspapers* when it named the village's 2006 production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" number one among the top twenty community theater productions. Those of you who saw last year's "Joseph," staged in the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School, will attest to its downtown quality. Congratulations to Recreation Program Supervisor **Irene Buikema** and Resident Producer/Director **Frann Carnivele-Sidlow** and to everyone involved with community theater in Orland Park. This is a tremendous honor for the village and its ongoing commitment to the arts in the community.

In mid-February, the troupe will present the Broadway stage version of "Steel Magnolias" at the Orland Park Civic Center. Six veterans of community theater have returned to Orland Park to be a part of this production, the weekend of February 23 to 25. And, for the first time, reserved seating will be available at the Orland Park Civic Center. Ticket information is available at the Loebe Recreation Center, 403-7275.

Chefs' Auction 2007

The month of February also brings an annual village sponsored favorite, the Chefs' Auction to benefit the American Cancer

Society's Breast Cancer Research Program. Just 350 tickets will be sold for this February 22 event that showcases fifteen of the area's finest restaurants. The evening also includes a silent auction, live entertainment, original artwork, fine wines and coffees and Mayor McLaughlin's live auction of packages generously donated by the participating restaurants. Ticket information is available at the Recreation and Parks Department at 403-7275.

Mitchell's Flowers At The Rose Bowl

George Mitchell, owner of Mitchell's Flowers in Orland Park, worked on three of the floats featured in this year's Rose Bowl Parade. George, who is a member of the Orland Park Kiwanis Club, was solely responsible for the City of West Covina, California float.

2007 – Orland Park Anniversaries

The **Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce** celebrates 50 years in the community this year. It was the chamber that spearheaded the movement to have Orland Park dubbed the "Golf Center of the World," and according to former Chamber President **Rich Lentfer**, Noel Smith, who served as chamber president in 1966 and 1967, made an appearance on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson to discuss the town's claim to fame. As the Village Board's liaison on the chamber's board of directors, I see firsthand what a wonderful group this is. The business community in Orland Park has a tremendous resource in its chamber and I offer my congratulations to newly inducted Chamber President **Barb Rains** from Orland School District 135. Congratulations too to Chamber Executive Director **Keloryn Putnam** for the support she provides to the business community on a daily basis. Businesses considering being a part of the chamber can access the group's website at www.orlandparkchamber.org or give Keloryn a call at 349-2972.

Another notable milestone in the community's history is 2007 being the village's 115th anniversary. Orland Park's first mayor, Senator John Humphrey, was instrumental in having the village incorporated as a municipality in Illinois. The village was incorporated in May, 1892 and John Humphrey served as Orland Park's first mayor until his death in 1914.

Hold Onto the Special Events Guide

In January, all addresses in the village were mailed the 2007 Special Events Guide, an information packed list of what's coming up this year. We encourage everyone to hold onto the guide throughout the year so that you know about the village's many programs and events held each month. Additional copies are available at the different village buildings. You can also access the publication on the village's website at www.orland-park.il.us. Click on the "Village News" section to find the Special Events Guide 2007.

Special Services Offers Vets' Assistance

The Office of Special Services has moved from the lower level of the village hall and is now located in the main lobby as part of the Village Clerk's Office. The phone number for the office is 708/403-6188. The Office of Special Services purpose is to serve the diverse needs of Orland Park residents. One of the services that the office provides is assistance for veterans. Village staff can help veterans obtain service medals to which they are entitled, provide information on the V.A. health care enrollment process and help complete the enrollment form. Throughout the year we offer seminars on topics of interest to veterans.

Veterans' Affairs Health Care And Enrollment Presentation

presented by Keith Bristow
Ambassador of Patient Administrative SVC Team
Hines VA Medical Center
Thursday, February 22, 2007 • 10:00 a.m.
Orland Park Civic Center
William R. Vogel Memorial
14750 South Ravinia Avenue

Keith Bristow will lead a special question and answer session on the updates for the veterans' health care, eligibility and enrollment. Keith will also be available to talk with veterans one on one. The Office of Special Services will host these presentations quarterly.

Mental Health Community Services Educational Seminar

presented by National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
(NAMI - South Suburbs)
Tuesday, March 6, 2007 • 6:30 p.m.
Orland Park Civic Center
William R. Vogel Memorial
14750 South Ravinia Avenue

In a given year, 22% of adults and 13% of children suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder. Attend a seminar designed to increase awareness of the community services available for mental illness such as educational programs and support groups, outpatient counseling services, residential services, vocational training, crisis intervention and services and forensic mental health services. For more information, call the village's Office of Special Services at 403-6188.

This publication is available on professionally recorded audiocassettes. Cassette tapes are available FREE for visually impaired village residents. For details, call 403-6188.

New Year Brings New Passport Requirements for Travelers

Applications and Photos Available at Village Hall

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State to develop and implement a plan to require all travelers, U.S. citizens and foreign nationals alike, to present a passport when entering the United States. Congress amended portions of the Act in 2006.

JANUARY 23, 2007

**Requirement applied to all air travel to or from
Canada, Mexico, Central and South America,
the Caribbean and Bermuda.**

JANUARY 1, 2008

**Requirement extended to
all sea and land border crossings
as well as air travel.**

For more information, visit www.travel.state.gov.

While on the website click on travel brochures to find safety tips for traveling abroad.

In 2006, the village's Office of Special Services processed more than 4,500 passport applications. Because of the high volume of passports being processed, applicants should allow extra time to receive their passports. We strongly suggest planning months in advance to apply for a passport. Passports are valid for ten years for anyone sixteen years of age or older. Applications and photos are available by appointment in the Office of Special Services in Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. Appointments can be made by calling the Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188. Orland Park's Special Services Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the office remaining open until 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month.

village medical i.d. bracelets linked with orland park police

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 senior's application. For more information, call Special Services at 403-6188.

State Law Requires CO Detectors

Effective January 1, 2007, every dwelling unit is required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within fifteen feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Alarms can be battery powered, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the AC power line with a secondary battery back-up. The alarm can be combined with smoke detecting devices if the combined unit complies with specific standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.

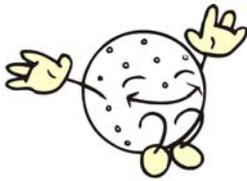
The Illinois General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act (Public Act 094-0741). This new law, effective January 1, 2007, requires homeowners and landlords to install carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities.

The primary features of the law are:

- Every "dwelling unit" must be equipped with at least one operable carbon monoxide alarm within fifteen feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.
- The alarm may be combined with smoke detecting devices provided the unit complies with respective standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.
- A "dwelling unit" means a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes single family residences, multiple family residences, and mixed use buildings.
- If a structure contains more than one "dwelling unit," an alarm must be installed within fifteen feet of every sleeping room in each "dwelling unit."
- The owner must supply and install all required alarms. A landlord must ensure that the alarms are operable on the date of initiation of a lease. The tenant is responsible for testing and maintaining the alarm after the lease commences.
- A landlord is required to furnish one tenant per dwelling unit with written information regarding alarm testing and maintenance.
- Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.
- The Act does exempt certain residential units from the requirement.

Those residential units in a building that (i) does not rely on combustion of fossil fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; (ii) is not connected to a garage; and (iii) is not sufficiently close to any ventilated source of carbon monoxide to receive carbon monoxide from that source OR a residential unit that is not sufficiently close to any source of carbon monoxide so as to be at risk of receiving carbon monoxide from that source, as determined by the local building commissioner shall NOT require carbon monoxide detectors.

ASK O.P.



Dear O.P.,
I see all kinds of things about early voting in Orland Park. Can anyone vote early or do you have to have a special reason? Just Askin' Joe

*Dear Joe,
Any voter living in suburban Cook County can vote early at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, March 26 through April 12, 2007. You simply need to show a photo i.d. to verify your identity and then you're ready to vote in the local contests up for consideration on April 17. If you have any questions, give the folks in the Clerk's Office a call at 403-6150 and they can answer all of your questions.
O.P.*

Dear O.P.,
We're traveling to Mexico for our wedding anniversary. Do we have to have passports? Anniversary Annie

*Dear Annie,
Congratulations! Yes, you do need a passport. See page 10 for details. And, call Special Services at 403-6188 to make an appointment for a passport!
O.P.*

History Book Sequel Planned

The Village of Orland Park, in cooperation with the Orland Historical Society, is producing a sequel to the community's Centennial history book that debuted in 1992. *The Orland Story - From Prairie to Pavement* described the village's first 100 years. The sequel will document the village's milestones over the last fifteen years, as the Village of Orland Park celebrates 115 years as a municipality in the State of Illinois in 2007.

Experienced writers and photographers who would like to volunteer to help with this endeavor are asked to send an email to Mowensklotz@orland-park.il.us. Once plans for the book are finalized, volunteers will be asked to meet to learn more about this community wide effort to record the village's history.

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CALENDAR KEY

CC	Civic Center (14750 South Ravinia Ave)
CCA	Civic Center Authority
CulCent	Cultural Center (former library) 14760 Park Lane
ComRel	Community Relations Commission
DLFac	Driver's License Facility (inside Village Hall)
EDAB	Economic Development Advisory Board
ElecCom	Electrical Commission
ETSB	Emergency Telephone System Board
HPRC	Historical Preservation Review Commission
LRC	Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center (14650 Ravinia)
OPAC	Village of Orland Park Arts Commission
PD	Police Department (14600 South Ravinia)
PlanCom	Plan Commission
PTAB	Parking & Traffic Advisory Board
PubWks	Public Works Department (15655 South Ravinia Ave)
RAB	Recreation Advisory Board
Splex	Village of Orland Park Sportsplex (159 & Wolf Rd)
TAB	Telecommunications Advisory Board
VETS	Veterans' Commission
VC	Village Center (14700 South Ravinia)
VH	Frederick T. Owens Village Hall (14700 Ravinia Ave)
ZBA	Zoning Board of Appeals

OP On WTTW

Orland Park will be featured in a public television program March 6th. Suburbs southwest of Chicago will be featured in a public television documentary scheduled to premier on WTTW, Channel 11, on March 6, 2007. Viewers who have seen WTTW's recent scenic excursion along the historic Fox River from the Chain O' Lakes in far northern Illinois to Aurora will be thrilled by the new travelogue on the southwest suburban region. The tour will have three legs, each using a different form of transportation, from a different era in Chicago history.

The first leg will be by car to visit communities from Justice to Midlothian. There, the WTTW crew will board the Rock Island Railroad and travel westward to Joliet. Finally, the travels will continue toward Chicago on a tugboat in the Illinois Waterway. Visit the WTTW website at www.wttw.com as the date nears for the airing time on Channel 11.

Members of the Orland Historical Society have worked with WTTW to provide material about Orland Park's two sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and such widely-known local projects as Recording For The Blind. WTTW has been given permission to draw upon items in the illustrated book, *"The Orland Story: From Prairie to Pavement."* Copies of this book are available for sale at the Village Hall for \$15.

Outstanding Youth Recognized

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Congratulations to Carl Sandburg High School Boys and Girls Cross County Teams on their wins at Conference, Regionals and Sectionals. The boys claimed top honors at Conference, Regionals and Sections this year. At Conference, **Kevin Adamowski** took first, **Tom Sideras** second, **Justin Smith** third, **Brad Larocque** fifth, and **Mike Marbech** sixth. At the Regionals, **Tom Sideras** claimed second, **Kevin Adamowski** third, **Justin Smith** fourth and **Brad Larocque** fifth. At Sectionals, Adamowski was sixth and Smith was ninth. The team placed fourth in state, the highest place ever for Sandburg's Boys Cross Country Team. **Kevin Adamowski** placed nineteenth, earning him All State.

The Girls' Cross Country Team took second at both the conference and regionals and placed seventh at sectionals. **Kristin Sutherland** took second at conference and first at sectionals and regionals, qualifying for state this season. She came in second earning her All State Honors for the second consecutive year. **Erin Czuprynski** placed fifth at conference and eighth at regionals and qualified for state, coming in 52nd. **Randa Hamadeh** placed eighth at conference and tenth at regionals. **Stephanie Lakering** placed ninth at conference.

Sandburg's Varsity Speech Team won the Southwest Suburban Conference Varsity Championship in December. Conference champions include **Angela DeVenuto**, humorous interpretation; **Kait Kalata**, special occasion speaking; **Dave Schieber**, radio.

Second place honors went to **Angela DeVenuto** and **Brett Robertson**, humorous duet acting; **Liz Polit**, prose; **Amy Voglesang**, oration and impromptu. Third place honors went to **Brandon Mardoian**, dramatic interpretation; **Brett Robertson**, humorous interpretation; **Mary O'Brien**, radio speaking; **Ashley Doria**, prose. Fourth place was **Olivia Wilmsen**, special occasion speaking and verse. In fifth place were **Marc Celani**, dramatic interpretation; **Alex Sotiropoulos**, extemporaneous speaking. Sixth place were **Samar Dababneh** and **Anna Czaplicki**, dramatic duet acting. Finalists were **Liz Polit**, declamation; and **Vicky Gajc**, declamation.

St. Michael School Cheerleaders have won their first National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) National Title. The team competed at the NCA National Championship in Dallas, Texas in December. St. Michael Cheerleaders have previously won seven state cheerleading titles in 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 1999 and 1998. St. Michael is the first grade school in Illinois to compete and win the national championship. The national champions are **Lauren Amendola**, **Gillian Craig**, **Kelly Dillon**, **Sarah Flosi**, **Kathleen Hacker**, **Mimi Lewandowski**, **Jacklyn Majchrowicz**, **Christen McGlynn**, **Elizabeth McLaughlin**, **Allyson Murphy**, **Danielle Murphy**, **Laura Murphy**, **Lexi Olivieri**, **Gina Olsen**, **Kelly Patton**, **Kristina Segredo**, **Emily Slanker**, **Alison Thoma**, **Sarah Unger**, **Jade Welgat** and **Molly Weslow**. The team is coached by Mrs. Becky Weslow. Congratulations on this national victory!

energy policy act of 2006

What the Energy Bill Means to You
The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), signed by President Bush on August 8, 2005, offers consumers and businesses federal tax credits beginning in January 2006 for purchasing fuel-efficient hybrid-electric vehicles and energy-efficient appliances and products. Most of these tax credits remain in effect through 2007.

Buying and driving a fuel-efficient vehicle and purchasing and installing energy-efficient appliances and products provide many benefits such as better gas mileage – meaning lower gasoline costs, fewer emissions, lower energy bills, increased indoor comfort, and reduced air pollution. Some consumers will also be eligible for utility or state rebates, as well as state tax incentives for energy-efficient homes, vehicles and equipment. Each state's energy office web site may have more information on specific state tax information.

home energy efficiency improvement tax credits

Consumers who purchase and install specific products, such as energy-efficient windows, insulation, doors, roofs, and heating and cooling equipment in the home can receive a tax credit of up to \$500 beginning in January 2006.

The EPACT also provides a credit equal to 30% of qualifying expenditures for purchase for qualified photovoltaic property and for solar water heating property used exclusively for purposes other than heating swimming pools and hot tubs. The credit shall not exceed \$2000.

Improvements must be installed in or on the taxpayer's principal residence in the United States. Home improvement tax credits apply for improvements made between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007.

For more information, visit <http://www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm>

Village of Orland Park Joins Clean Air Counts

The Village of Orland Park has signed onto “Clean Air Counts,” a northeastern Illinois regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development. It is a voluntary, public-private effort that has members in the six-county greater Chicago region and is a collaborative effort between the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, City of Chicago, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



The typical U.S. family spends more than \$1,600 a year on home utility bills. Below are tips to reduce utility bills and air pollution.

Low Cost and No Cost Ways To Save Energy

- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.



Run the dishwasher only when it's full.

- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.



Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.



ENERGY STAR Look for the ENERGY STAR label on appliances and products.

- Check the insulation levels in your attic, exterior and basement walls, ceilings, floors, and crawl spaces.



Check the insulation levels in exterior walls.

Visit www.energysavers.gov for instructions on checking your insulation levels.

- Check for holes or cracks around your walls, ceilings, windows, doors, light and plumbing fixtures, switches, and electrical outlets that can leak air into or out of your home.
- Check for open fireplace dampers.
- Make sure your appliances and heating and cooling systems are properly maintained.



Check for holes or cracks around windows, etc.

Check your owner's manuals for the recommended maintenance.

- In high-use areas such as the living room, kitchen, and outside lighting, replace standard (also called incandescent) light bulbs and fixtures with compact or standard fluorescent lamps.



Use energy saving fixtures in high use areas.

Should I Insulate My Home?

The answer is probably “yes” if you:

- Have an older home and haven't added insulation. Only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated.
- Are uncomfortably cold in the winter or hot in the summer— adding insulation creates a more uniform temperature and increases comfort.
- Build a new home, addition, or install new siding or roofing.
- Pay high energy bills.
- Are bothered by noise from outside— insulation muffles sound.
- One of the most cost-effective ways to make a home more comfortable year-round is to add insulation to the attic.

Sealing Air Leaks

Warm air leaking into your home during the summer and out of your home during the winter can waste a lot of your energy dollars. One of the quickest dollar-saving tasks you can do is caulk, seal, and weatherstrip all seams, cracks, and openings to the outside. You can save as much as 10% on your heating and cooling bill by reducing the air leaks in your home.

By combining proper equipment maintenance and upgrades with appropriate insulation, air sealing, and thermostat settings, you can cut your energy use for heating and cooling, and reduce environmental emissions, from 20% to 50%.

Tips To Save Heating Costs This Winter

- Set your thermostat comfortably low in the winter.
- Install a programmable thermostat that is compatible with your heating/cooling system.
- Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters, and radiators as needed. Make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.
- Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season; if in doubt about how to perform this task, call a professional.
- Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.
- Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.
- Keep the drapes and shades on south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter and closed at night to reduce the chill.



During the heating season, keep drapes and shades on south facing windows open to all sunlight to enter your home. Close at night.

Inefficient Fireplaces

Your fireplace is one of the most inefficient heat sources you can possibly use. It sends energy dollars right up the chimney along with volumes of warm air. A roaring fire can exhaust as much as 24,000 cubic feet of air per hour to the outside, which must be replaced by cold air



coming into the house from outside. Your heating system must warm up this air, which is then exhausted through your chimney. If you use your conventional fireplace while your central heating system is on, these tips can help reduce energy losses.

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is going. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.
- When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly—approximately 1 inch—and close doors leading into the room. Lower the thermostat setting to between 50° and 55° F.
- Install tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.
- Check the seal on the flue damper and make it as snug as possible.
- Add caulking around the fireplace hearth.
- Use grates made of C-shaped metal tubes to draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room.



ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S.

Department of Energy helping to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

Thermostats Save

Save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling bills by simply turning your thermostat back 10% to 15% for eight hours.



Do this automatically without sacrificing comfort by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat. Adjust the times you turn on the heating or air-conditioning according to a pre-set schedule. As a result, the equipment doesn't operate as much when you are asleep or when the house, or a part of it, is not occupied.

Programmable thermostats can store and repeat multiple daily settings (six or more temperature settings a day) that you can manually override without affecting the rest of the daily or weekly program. When shopping for a programmable thermostat, be sure to look for the ENERGY STAR.

Indoor Lighting

- Look for the ENERGY STAR label when purchasing these products.
- Turn off the lights in any room you're not using, or consider installing timers, photo cells, or occupancy sensors to reduce the amount of time your lights are on.
- Use task lighting; instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it. For example, use fluorescent under-cabinet lighting for kitchen sinks and countertops under cabinets.
- Consider three-way lamps; they make it easier to keep lighting levels low when brighter light is not necessary.
- Use 4-foot fluorescent fixtures with reflective backing and electronic ballasts for your work room, garage, and laundry areas.
- Consider using 4-watt minifluorescent or electro-luminescent night lights. Both lights are much more efficient than their incandescent counterparts. The luminescent lights are cool to the touch.
- Use CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) in all the portable table and floor lamps in your home. Consider carefully the size and fit of these systems when you select them. Some home fixtures may not accommodate some of the larger CFLs.
- An average household dedicates 11% of its energy budget to lighting. Using new lighting technologies can reduce lighting energy use in your home by 50% to 75%.
- Take advantage of daylight by using light-colored, loose-weave curtains on your windows to allow daylight to penetrate the room while preserving privacy. Also, decorate with lighter colors that reflect light.



Turn off the lights in rooms you're not using.

Orland Park Offers 50/50 Tree Planting 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 \$150 per tree. **Applications will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. The deadline to apply is March 16, 2007. 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.**

Applications may be submitted to either Recreation & Parks Department Administrative Office at the Sportsplex, 11351 W. 159th Street or the Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 Ravinia Avenue. 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 2007.

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 \$150.00 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 _____

**Orland Park Theatre Troupe's
"Steel Magnolias"**

Six veterans of Chicago area community theater return to the Orland Park stage to present this Broadway favorite. Filled with humor and heartache, the show takes place in Truvy's beauty shop. Reserved seating now available at the Orland Park Civic Center.



**FEBRUARY 23 AND 24
8:00 p.m.**

**FEBRUARY 25
2:00 p.m.**

Orland Park Civic Center

William R. Vogel Memorial

14750 South Ravinia

\$12/Adult • \$10/Senior

\$8/Child

ADVANCE TICKETS

Franklin Loebe Rec Center

14650 South Ravinia

INFO at 403-PARK

**Indoor Duathlon
Returns to Sportsplex**

Everyone is invited to compete in this indoor event that includes a 1.5 mile run, ten miles on a stationary bike, followed by a second 1.5 mile run. All participants receive a t-shirt. Pre-registration is required and heats will be assigned the week of February 20. Post race refreshments will be provided.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February 14**

PROGRAM #54490

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Limited to 60 participants

Orland Park Sportsplex

11351 West 159th Street

\$20/R \$35/NR \$15/M

For more information,

call 645-PLAY.

**Special Rec To Host
Bi-Annual Garage Sale**

Rent a table at Special Recreation's Semi-Annual Garage Sale and keep all of your proceeds. This is a great event for everyone --- those who want sell and those who want to shop. Banquet size tables will be available. Set up begins at 7:00 a.m. and tables are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Visit the Loebe Center (14650 South Ravinia) or the Village Sportsplex (11351 West 159th Street) to reserve a table.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 9**

PROGRAM# 54701

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Civic Center

\$20.00 per table

FREE ADMISSION



15600 West Avenue • Through March 18, 2007 • Weather Permitting

The Village of Orland Park's own Centennial Park will again be transformed into a Winter Wonderland. Enter the park on Fun Drive and see the magnificent holiday displays that are sure to warm hearts of all ages. Ice skating, sledding and cross country skiing will be available. Skates, cross-country skis and helmets may be rented during staffed hours. There is no charge to bring your own equipment.

The ice rink at Centennial Park is open from sunrise until 9:00 p.m.

ICE RINK HOURS

Sunrise to 9:00 p.m.

The rink will be closed during resurfacing.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

Mon-Fri • 4pm to 9pm

Saturday • 10am to 9pm - Sunday • 10am to 7pm

HOLIDAY HOURS

Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

**WINTER WONDERLAND
SKATE RENTALS**

Skates available

Y-size 10 through A-size 15.

\$2/skate rental

\$1/helmet rental

\$5/day cross country skis

You must submit a photo i.d. for rentals, either a Recreation Department i.d. or a driver's license.

Clean Water



Orland Park's Top Ten Snow List

1. Village ordinance **prohibits parking on village streets** once two inches of snow have fallen.
2. Parked vehicles must be **kept off of the street for ten hours** after it has stopped snowing.
3. When clearing the driveway, residents should **place snow on either side of the driveway** --- on the lawn --- and **never** in a recently plowed street.
4. Residents should **keep garbage cans and recycle bins from rolling** into the street on garbage pick up day.
5. **Designate curbs** with five free stakes available from the Public Works Department.
6. Digging from the street, **clear out hydrants** so that fire personnel can easily access them if necessary.
7. **Do not clear your driveway at the curbline** until the snow plow driver has made his last curb pass in front of your residence.
8. **Be patient.** Every storm is different with many variables. Streets may have to be plowed more than once.
9. **Communicate with the Public Works Department.** Report any ice formations on the street so that they can be salted. Clear the snow from storm sewers in front of your home so melting snow can easily drain, preventing ice patches.
10. **Mailboxes should be kept in good repair and be placed at least one foot behind the curb to avoid damage.** To ensure mail delivery, residents must clear the snow from around their mailboxes after the street has been plowed.



10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



For more information, visit
www.epa.gov/nps or
www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

village of orland park facilities
 FREDERICK T. OWENS VILLAGE HALL • 14700 SOUTH RAVINIA AVENUE • 708/403-6100
 Open Monday-Friday 8am -5pm • Cashier open Sat 9am-1pm • www.orland-park.il.us

POLICE
 14600 South Ravinia
 708/349-4111 (non-emergency)
www.orlandparkpolice.com
 e-mail:
police@orland-park.il.us

Dial 9-1-1 for police, fire or ambulance service in the Village of Orland Park.

Illinois Secretary of State
 Orland Park Satellite
 Driver's License Facility
 Located in the Board Room of the Village Hall
 For more information, please call 1-800-252-8980.
 Open Monday through Friday/9am to 5pm
 Address/Name Changes...Vision Tests
 State Identification Cards...Plate Stickers

RECREATION & PARKS
 Franklin E. Loebe
 Recreation Center
 14650 South Ravinia
 708/403-PARK

Village Sportsplex
 11351 West 159th Street
 708/645-PLAY
 e-mail:
recreation@orland-park.il.us
 Inclement Weather Hotline
 708/403-6290

Village Cultural Center
 (former Orland Park Library)
 14760 Park Lane
 708/349-1402

PUBLIC WORKS
 15655 South Ravinia
 403-6350 • e-mail:
publicworks@orland-park.il.us
 PACE Bus Service
 708/403-6355

CIVIC CENTER
 William R. Vogel Memorial
 14750 South Ravinia Avenue
 708/403-6200
civic@orland-park.il.us

J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators)
 1-800-892-0123
 This is a FREE utility locating service.
 Call at least 48 hours before digging for any reason on your property.
 Violators are subject to fines.

Open Lands To Host Third Annual Garden Walk

Dedicated to the Memory of Shirley Fazio

Sunday, June 24, 2007 • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orland Park Village Center • 14700 South Ravinia Avenue

Orland Park Garden Walk Planned

The Village of Orland Park is seeking outstanding residential gardens to showcase at the third annual Open Lands of Orland Park Garden Walk on Sunday, June 24, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Six homes will be selected for this fund-raising event. The gardens will be single-family homes within the corporate limits of the village.

Residents who would like to have their yards considered for the tour are asked to send pictures of their property along with their name, address, subdivision, and phone number to Village of Orland Park Garden Walk 2007, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462, no later than March 16, 2007. For more information, please call 403-6145.

Vendors Sought for Garden Walk

The Open Lands of Orland Park will sponsor its third annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 24, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boutique vendors are being sought to showcase their products and services at the event. This is a great opportunity for lawn and garden retailers, service providers, gift shops and specialty boutiques to introduce their businesses at this community event. A 20' x 20' space is available for \$75 and includes an 8-foot skirted table with two chairs and the business name listed in the event program.

The Garden Walk will feature a tour of several outstanding gardens in Orland Park. The day will begin at the Orland Park Village Center where attendees can enjoy refreshments and music, shop the outdoor boutiques and get gardening tips from the pros. Bus service will be available to tour the gardens.

Return the vendor application below with a check to reserve your booth space today. For more information, please call 708/403-6145.

GARDEN WALK PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Yes! I would like my garden considered for the Open Lands 2007 Garden Walk. I have enclosed photos of my garden.

Please clearly print all information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Subdivision: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

GARDEN WALK VENDOR APPLICATION

Yes! I would like to host a vendor booth at the Garden Walk. My check for \$75, payable to Orland Park Open Lands, is attached.

Please clearly print all information.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

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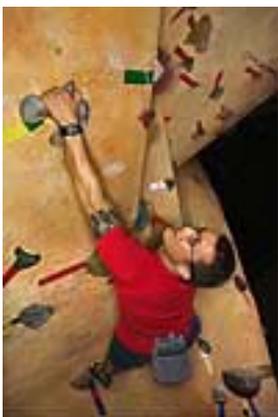
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