

# OAK BROOK

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A Quarterly Newsletter for Village Residents | SUMMER 2012



# *Taste of Summer*

Celebration Set for July 3

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends and fellow residents,

Your elected officials and staff are hard at work this summer! Here is a quick update on recent activities:

### FORMER POLICE CHIEF SLEP ISSUE

On May 2, 2012, I sent you a letter sharing the facts, and the steps, including Statement of Claim, which the Village is taking to eliminate this unjustified and unfunded pension liability that will cost the Oak Brook taxpayers an estimated \$750,000 or more. The documents are available on our Village website for your review.

Since that letter, there has been significant progress made on advancing legislation that would declare null and void the 2007 General Assembly bill sponsored by Bob Molaro that allowed Tom Sheahan to add his Chicago time to his SLEP pension and sock Oak Brook with most of the liability. Tom Sheahan is the sole beneficiary of the bill cleverly crafted by Bob Molaro in 2007.

Thanks to Senator Kirk Dillard, Amendment 4 was added to HB 5078 that would repeal the 2007 legislation. It passed the Senate and then moved on to the House of Representatives. On May 30, there was a motion in the House made by Rep. M. Zalewski that attempted to remove Amendment 4 from the rest of the bill. (Rep. Zalewski is Rep. Molaro's successor in the House). The Zalewski motion failed overwhelmingly (40-75) after an extended discussion in the House. This success is due in large part to Rep. Chris Nybo who made a very strong and compelling speech supporting our position. Nybo had also placed that morning on each Representative's chair a copy of a Better Government Association (BGA) editorial that was published the day before supporting Amendment 4. In addition, the Sun Times wrote an article about the debate supporting the amendment to reverse the Sheahan sweetener. We sent both of these articles to every legislator that morning. The legislators (led by Rep. Zalewski) who wanted Amendment 4 defeated argued that it was not constitutional. The Village and the BGA respectfully disagree.

We are working on getting this bill approved either in a special session this summer or the veto session in the fall. We have accomplished a tremendous amount in the last two weeks. The Senate has approved this bill, the House has vigorously debated it, and the media has strongly focused on this unfair Sheahan bonanza that needs to be quickly reversed. This legislation is now on everyone's radar. Several people deserve a lot of credit for their extraordinary efforts on this bill, including Senator Dillard, Representative Nybo, Village Attorney Peter Friedman, and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Also, I want to thank the Homeowners Association Presidents who wrote strong letters supporting the bill.

We have put forth our best effort for future success on this legislative 'fix', will keep you informed of our progress, and will need your help as we move forward.

### IML LOBBY DAY

Trustee Moy, Village Manager Niemeyer, and I attended the annual Illinois Municipal League Lobby Days in Springfield on April 25. We heard a briefing from key legislators on pension reform and other major issues in Springfield.

We had a number of individual meetings with legislators on various issues of importance to the Village, including the proposed Sheahan/SLEP bill, support for the

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## VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK ELECTED OFFICIALS/ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Police Non-Emergency/630.368.8700  
Public Works/630.368.5270  
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Sports Core  
630.368.6420 - Administration Building  
630.368.6440 - Bath & Tennis Club  
630.368.6400 - Oak Brook Golf Club

## CONNECT WITH THE VILLAGE

Website | [www.oak-brook.org](http://www.oak-brook.org)  
Facebook | "Village of Oak Brook"  
Twitter | @OakBrookVillage  
Meetings | Regular meetings of the Village Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.  
Broadcasts | Videotaped broadcasts of Village Board meetings air on Comcast Cable Television, Government Access Channel 6 or 110 (Oak Brook Club), Mondays at 7 p.m.

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Have comments or suggestions?  
E-mail Ashley Stambaugh at [astambaugh@oak-brook.org](mailto:astambaugh@oak-brook.org).

Village's upcoming 22nd St. beautification grant, monitoring any potential changes in the sales tax formula that could negatively affect Oak Brook, as well continuing to make sure the state doesn't grab other municipal revenues such as our share of the income tax to balance the state's budget.

Some of the legislators we met with included Republican House Minority Leader Tom Cross (along with other DMMC Mayors and Managers), Sen. Ron Sandack, Rep. Chris Nybo, Rep. Sandy Pihos and Rep. Patti Bullock. We also met with several Democratic legislators including Assistant House Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, Representative Camille Lilly, and Majority Whip Terry Link.

The legislators spoke positively about the proposed Sheahan/SLEP bill. They also thought there would not be any bills passed that would adversely affect municipal revenues this year. However, since our visit there were a couple of bills introduced that would take municipal revenues and use them for teachers' pension costs and to help with the state's budget problems. These bills were not approved, but we are actively fighting legislation that would use our revenues for other purposes.

### HOA PRESIDENTS MEETING

Since taking office, I have restarted and have had several regular meetings with Home Owners Association (HOA) Presidents on important issues facing our community. I find the positive interaction and the valuable input from the HOA Presidents most useful as we strategically plan our future.

### VIDEO GAMING

The Village Board recently voted to ban video gaming in Oak Brook. A few years ago, the State legislature passed a law allowing video gaming throughout Illinois unless a community specifically banned it. We believe that video gaming is not something that is part of the fabric of Oak Brook, and we certainly do not want those types of elements visiting our beautiful and tranquil community.

### CHADDICK MUNICIPAL AWARD

The Village recently received the runner up Chaddick Municipal Award for its Commercial Areas Revitalization Plan. The Chaddick Award is bestowed by the Chaddick Institute, a prestigious planning group affiliated with DePaul University.

Finally, it goes without saying that your elected officials and our Village staff are all here to serve you, and to protect your interests. Kindly feel free to call, e-mail or visit any one of us if you have any thoughts, issues or concerns.

Respectfully,

Gopal G. Lalimalani, M.D.  
Village President

# TASTE OF OAK BROOK

Sponsored by McDonald's Corporation

**TUESDAY, JULY 3 FROM 2-9 PM**  
**FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT DUSK**  
**OAK BROOK POLO FIELDS**

### PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS

Freshii • Gibsons Steakhouse • Grotto Italian Steakhouse  
Kama Bistro • Kona Grill • Labriola Bakery Cafe  
Pinstripes • Tuscany • Ravioli Oli

### ENTERTAINMENT

Chris Green 2-4 p.m.  
Vito Zatto 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Hi Infidelity 6-8 p.m.  
DJ 8-Dusk



### KIDS ACTIVITIES

Meet Ronald McDonald • Face Painting  
Oak Brook Park District Bounce Jump  
Stilt Walkers • Balloon Artists • Petting Zoo

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

McDonald's Corporation will provide free samples of their World Famous French Fries!

The American Heart Association will be available to perform blood pressure tests.

Onsite parking will be available for \$10/vehicle with additional lots walkable from nearby areas. The Drake Hotel will not be available for parking this year.

Rain date for the fireworks display only is July 4.

*The Village wishes to extend its appreciation to the following generous sponsors:*

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## From the Manager's Desk

DAVID NIEMEYER

Last year, the Village Board approved moving our emergency dispatch to DU-COMM, a regional dispatch center that services many area local governments. This will improve our services and reduce our costs. DU-COMM employees are better trained and equipped than we are to handle emergency calls. The cutover will take place July 9. You should not notice any differences in how your 9-1-1 call is answered.

I am pleased to report that participation in the Electric Aggregation Program is already paying off in a big way! In January 2012, residents and businesses that did not opt-out of the program began receiving electric service from Integrys Energy Services. Over 3,100 electric accounts are participating and in just three months the savings are greater than \$300,000! If you initially chose not to participate in this program, there's still time to join. Sign up online at [integrysenergy.com/oakbrook](http://integrysenergy.com/oakbrook) or call (877) 548-8795.

As a member of the Illinois Risk Management Association (IRMA), the Village of Oak Brook engages in a thorough risk management assessment every three years. The 2-day assessment reviews the Village's risk management practices, procedures, documentation and training. In the Village's 2008 assessment – which reviewed 2006, 2007 and 2008 activities – it was noted that the Village still did not have a clearly defined risk management plan, but rather a collection of policies and procedures. As such, staff was tasked with getting the Village's risk management area updated. Since the 2008 review, the Village has shown significant improvement, which is reflected in both the \$650,000+ premium savings and earning IRMA's Management Assessment Program (IMAP) Accreditation. By executing the new risk management plan, the Village was able to reduce legal claims, better manage workers' compensation claims, and improve safety.

# HOTELS OF OAK BROOK

DOUBLETREE  
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HYATT LODGE  
630.568.1234

MARRIOTT  
630.573.8555

RESIDENCE INN  
630.571.1200

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per night

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## Court Update

# DuPage Housing Authority Case

■ The Village of Oak Brook and the DuPage Housing Authority (DHA) recently submitted a joint motion for dismissal of a 10-year-old lawsuit filed by the DHA and the Forest Preserve District (FPD) of DuPage County against the Village. As a result of this motion, the Court of the Appeals for the 7th Circuit recently dismissed the case.

This agreement ends a long dispute between the parties. In 1999, the DHA requested a zoning text amendment and special use from the Village for the purpose of redeveloping and using FPD property, a 6.18 piece of property known as the St. Paschal Friary for a 93 unit assisted living facility. The Village denied the permit, and the FPD and DHA filed a suit against the Village. In 2008, a jury returned a verdict in favor of the Village on discrimination claims and the judge ruled in favor of the FPD and DHA with respect to claims relating to the denial of the zoning permit.

The FPD and DHA appealed the discrimination claims and the Village appealed the zoning permit claims. In the last couple of years, both sides agreed to mediation to resolve their disagreements. In order to avoid prolonged litigation and attorney fees, the Village, DHA and FPD agreed to drop all claims against each other in a joint motion for dismissal.

### BREAKING GROUND

President Lalmalani, Clerk Pruss, Trustees Wolin and Manzo, and staff at the Pinstripes Groundbreaking.



## New Entertainment Coming to Oak Brook

Pinstripes construction is in full swing! Pinstripes is building a 32,000 sq.ft. bowling, bocce ball, and bistro entertainment facility on land owned by Sears that is located in the northwest quadrant of Oakbrook Center and they had their groundbreaking on Tuesday, May 8. Similar facilities already exist in South Barrington and Northbrook. The facility is expected to open by fall.

## COMED GOES MOBILE

In an effort to be more customer-friendly, ComEd has launched an application for iPhone and Android users. The app allows customers to better manage their account, and is helpful for checking for power outages and times to restore power to their location.

- > Need to report an outage? Text the word OUT to 26633 (ComEd) and get updates until your power is restored. Visit [ComEd.com/Text](http://ComEd.com/Text) for more info and to sign up.
- > ComEd's outage map allows customers to view all outages in area at once and get detailed information on outages, such as estimated restoration time and the number of customers affected. Check it out at [ComEd.com/Map](http://ComEd.com/Map).

To download the app, go to your smartphone's app store and search for "ComEd" or visit [ComEd.com](http://ComEd.com). - Source: ComEd

## Going Green: Electronic Board Packets

Starting in July, Village Board packets will be available on the Village's website for viewing and download. This is in addition to the Village Board's agenda and minutes, which have already been available on the Village's website. Thus, by the time you read this newsletter, residents and visitors will be able to go beyond the agenda title and view the supporting documentation.

Additionally as part of the conversion from paper to electronic packets, each Trustee has been assigned an iPad to view the agenda materials before and during meetings. By replacing the paper packets, the Village is estimating an annual saving of paper, printing, delivery, and staffing time of approximately \$20,000. Going green is efficient and economical, too!

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## From the Chief's Desk

JAMES KRUGER

This marks my sixth month as your Police Chief. Over the past several months, we have embarked on a reorganization of the department that saw a reallocation of the divisions within the department and the selection and promotion of Lieutenant Jason Cates to the position of Deputy Chief of Police. We are also diligently working on new policies and procedures that will bring us back into national accreditation standards and readying our transition to DU-COMM for emergency telecommunications.

Additionally, we have also added a new section to the Police Department web page for the HALO Program. This page has the subdivision listing along with the contact information of the officer assigned so that residents may contact their HALO officer directly. We hope this will provide an even easier connection between our residents and the police officers that serve them.

I am very pleased with the direction we are headed as a police department and hope that all of you are as well. I do want to hear from our residents and business stakeholders with any input you believe can help us provide you with the very best service. Please call or e-mail any time. In the mean time, please have a safe and enjoyable summer, and remember, fireworks are illegal and should be left to the professionals.

# Special Olympics Fundraising: WORKING HAND IN HAND FOR THE CAUSE

Over the past several months, officers and civilian staff members of the Police Department have been raising funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a nationally known fundraising effort for this very worthy cause. It is also the official charity of Illinois Law Enforcement.

Special Olympics, founded by Eunice Kennedy-Shriver began in 1968 in Chicago, Illinois with the first games held in Soldier Field. What began with 1,000 athletes now supports over 3.7 million Special Olympians that now includes a young athlete program that begins at eight years of age. We have some Special Olympians here in our own community, as well.

Officers of the Oak Brook Police Department have been planning several events to raise funds for the cause, including raffles, selling t-shirts, baseball hats and \$10 raffle tickets towards a 2012 Harley-Davidson motorcycle. On June 1, Chief Kruger and Chief Holakovsky of the Oakbrook Terrace Police sat on top of the Dunkin Donuts in Oakbrook Terrace as part of the statewide "Cop on the Rooftop" fundraising event sponsored by Dunkin Donuts and Special Olympics Illinois. Thanks to all the individuals who came out to support the cause!

The Police Department is also selling tickets to a Chicago Rush Arena Football game against San Antonio on July 8 at 3 p.m. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Contact the Oak Brook Police Department or Shannon Allen at (219) 628-2079 by June 22 to place your order. If you would like to purchase any Special Olympics items, please contact Officer George Peterson or Officer Erica Huff at (630) 368-8700.

### MISSION OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS

*Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.*





# INSECT ALERT

Insects such as wasps, bees, and hornets sting when they feel they are in danger. They inject poisonous venom into the skin. For most people, stings can be painful, but are not life threatening. Some people may have an immediate allergic reaction to being stung, which can be very dangerous. Call 9-1-1 or seek emergency medical treatment if, immediately after being stung, you experience any of the following symptoms:

*swelling or itching anywhere else on your body; wheezing; headache; nausea; fast heart rate; dizziness or feeling faint; difficulty swallowing; and/or swollen face or mouth.*

If you notice the stinger left in your skin, remove it as soon as possible. Do this by scraping it off using a hard blunt surface, like the edge of a credit card. Don't try to pinch the sting out using your fingers or tweezers as this risks spreading venom. Wash the area with soap and water, and put a cold cloth on the area. Raise the part of the body that was stung to prevent swelling. Use a spray or cream containing local anesthetic or antihistamine on the affected area to help prevent itching and swelling. Avoiding scratching this area, as it may become infected. Consult your doctor if any redness or itching remains after 48 hours.

## FIRE DEPT.

### From the Chief's Desk

TOM MCELLIN



Occasionally I receive inquiries of why Oak Brook is not protected by a volunteer or part-time fire department. Simply put, the demands of providing emergency service to the residential and business communities require on-duty, highly trained professionals.

In 1967, Oak Brook progressed to a full-time fire department when the population and demographics of our town could no longer protect the growing commerce center with a volunteer staff. One of the primary reasons Oakbrook Center annexed into Oak Brook was the services that the Village could provide. Fire Station Two was built on 22nd St. and Enterprise Dr. largely to protect the lives and property of corporate residents and districts. In addition to fire calls, the fire department handles a higher percentage of EMS, elevator rescue, and vehicle accidents than most departments its small size.

When our fire department is compared to the norm, it is very efficient and cost effective. The department protects a higher net asset value than communities with fire staffing far more than our own. Our staff is trained for and responds to all fire, rescue, and medical emergencies. In some communities, EMS is provided separately by the private sector, but their personnel are not cross-trained to the paramedic level. Some departments staff their front-line fire vehicles with four personnel. In contrast, Oak Brook Station Two, which responds with an engine, ambulance, and rescue squad, is staffed with a total of four personnel for all three vehicles.

I welcome the opportunity to respond to any emergency service inquiries. We want our residents to know that their fire department is proficient, professional and accountable.

## eyes on the sky

Are you ready for tornado season? Peak season for tornadoes is March through August. Remember that tornadoes can develop at any time, and they move erratically, suddenly changing directions.

**Know the difference between a warning and a watch.** A tornado watch is a National Weather Service alert of the possibility of a tornado. A tornado warning is issued when an actual tornado is occurring.

**Seek shelter.** Once a warning is issued, take shelter until the danger has passed. Basement and storm cellars offer the best protection. Or, find a small room in the center of the building, such as a closet or bathroom. Stay clear of the windows to avoid injury from flying debris.

**Don't try to outrun a tornado in a car.** Tornadoes are capable of traveling at speeds up to 70 mph - it's dangerous to try to outrun them. If you are in a car, stop, get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building.

**Keep a radio and flashlights ready.** Radio weather reports help you pay close attention to weather developments. Flashlights are helpful if there is a power outage, and the tornado has left debris in its path.

**Create a tornado plan and practice it** with everyone in your family so you will be able to quickly do everything necessary to ensure your safety.



**From the  
Director's  
Desk**

MICHAEL HULLIHAN

Public works and Engineering are already in full “summer mode.” Work is well underway on watermain replacements in York Woods and extensive street rehabilitation in Saddle Brook. Your patience and forbearance with construction activities is much appreciated. If there are any issues with construction, please let us know at the Engineering Department at (630) 368-5130. The Public Works crews have taken advantage of the mild Spring to get well into the Summer tasks including: sign replacement, street painting, drainage structure maintenance, and repair of landscape damaged by Winter utility digs. Call (630) 368-5270 if there are any Public Works issues we should be addressing.

# SPRINKLER RESTRICTIONS

As summer approaches, keep in mind the water conservation requirements found in our Village code.

**Landscape watering is permitted as follows:**

**ODD-NUMBERED STREET ADDRESSES**

*Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays  
6-10 a.m. & 6-10 p.m.*

provided that newly seeded areas as well as planted sod may be sprinkled at any time on any day for a maximum period of two weeks from the date of installation.

**EVEN-NUMBERED STREET ADDRESSES**

*Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays  
6-10 a.m. & 6-10 p.m.*

provided that newly seeded areas as well as planted sod may be sprinkled at any time on any day for a maximum period of two weeks from the date of installation.

**HAND-HELD WATERING DEVICES**

Hand-held watering devices (including watering cans) may be used at any time on any day.

**OTHER THAN VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES**

Landscape watering with water not supplied by the Village is permitted at any time on any day.

**UPDATE**

## Flood Insurance Rate Maps

In 2011, DuPage County began releasing draft flood maps for Salt Creek, which affect Oak Brook, Elmhurst, and Villa Park. The final flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) will be used to designate which structures and properties lie within flood prone areas. Structures lying within these areas are subject to development restrictions and mandatory flood insurance.

The Village of Oak Brook is currently working with the DuPage County staff to resolve difficulties in the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) data. The difficulties arise from two areas: (1) The elevation data used by the County to produce the draft FIRM panels is not as accurate as the data collected by the Village; and (2) the assumptions used by the County in the hydraulic modeling in the southern portion of the

Village is not consistent with those used in other parts of the watershed.

The Village of Oak Brook is hopeful that these slight discrepancies can be resolved. In order to resolve these issues we have two initiatives underway. Our aerial survey provider is verifying the accuracy of Village elevation data using accepted “ground truthing” protocols. DuPage County has agreed to use verified elevation data to correct their maps. We are also having the computer hydraulic models re-run for the southern portion of the Village. The County has also agreed to use the results to correct FIRM panels.

Our objective is to ensure the most accurate flood risk information is depicted on the maps before they are submitted to the FEMA this winter.

### NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Seasons 52

Construction has been completed in the former Braxton's space. Seasons 52 opened for business on May 21.

#### Hyatt Lodge

Construction is nearing completion on a \$5.5 million renovation of the hotel.

#### Ravioli Oli

New 2,245 sq.ft. restaurant located north of the Jason's Deli in the Clearwater development is now open.

#### Pinstripes

34,000 sq.ft. bowling, bocce and bistro was approved by the Village. Underground utility work has been started. Formal ground breaking was held on May 8. Construction should be complete by November 1, 2012.

#### Drake Hotel

IBLP (Institute of Basic Life Principles) continues to repair/upgrade several interior elements of the building.

#### Bloomington's Home Store

Oakbrook Center is working on redevelopment plans for this now vacant space. No formal announcements on potential tenants have been made.

#### Renaissance Hotel

Oakbrook Center is evaluating several redevelopment scenarios.

#### Oak Brook Promenade

DuPage Medical Group will be occupying some vacant second floor office. Two new restaurants - Freshii and Blueberry Hill - should be open in the coming months.

### NEW OFFICE DEVELOPMENT

#### HUB Group

The Village Board has approved the zoning and development agreement for the HUB Group in order to construct a new 140,000 sq.ft., five-story corporate headquarters facility at 2000 Clearwater Drive in Oak Brook. The existing Reed Business Systems building will be demolished beginning this summer. Construction of the new building should be complete by late 2013. The HUB Group will initially bring approximately 350 employees to the site but by 2015, could have over 600 employees in their new building.

#### Irgens Property

Irgens Development continues to market their site on York Road for either a medical office or a "build to suit" corporate office facility.

### From the Director's Desk

ROBERT KALLIEN



As a follow up to our recent economic development summit last fall, the Village has reconstituted its Commercial Revitalization and Streetscape Committees chaired by former Trustee Jeff Kennedy. As the result of the Commercial Revitalization Committee's work, the Village Board authorized a study of the York Road/Harger Road area to determine the feasibility of constructing a "traffic roundabout" to improve traffic flow and access to I-88 for both residents and businesses in that area. The Village is also undertaking a study to improve pedestrian access around Oakbrook Center Mall and the adjacent hotels.

Additionally, the Commercial Revitalization and the Streetscape Committees are moving forward with partnering with NAI Hiffman on the Village's first Gateway sign to be located on the west side of the Oak Brook Promenade. Some details remain, but NAI Hiffman has agreed to contribute \$25,000 to this sign that will identify three (3) of its tenants in the Promenade.

Finally, the Village's first streetscape project is scheduled to be constructed on 22nd St. from Spring Road to Salt Creek. Eighty (80) percent of the \$580,000 cost is being funded by a State grant. The Village will submit an application for a second grant for similar improvements on 22nd St. from Salt Creek to I-294.



**From the Director's Desk**

TREY VANDYKE

Spring came early to the Sports Core this year. Eighty degree temperatures allowed the golf course to open for the season on March 9 this year. Many golfers took advantage of the unseasonably good conditions and started honing their skills. The Bath and Tennis Club opened tennis play on April 14. Swim team practice will begin mid-May and the pool will open Saturday, May 26. Memberships are still available. Please feel free to call (630) 368-6420 for more information.

Earlier this year the Sports Core began the process of creating a new long range plan. A focus group was formed and met in January to discuss the greatest needs. Next, the Village Board was updated in February on the current physical and fiscal condition of the property. Following this meeting a planning group was created and has met to create the process we will be following over the next several months.

Lastly, the Village has received a \$187,800 grant from the State of Illinois for improvements to recreation facilities at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club. Several improvements are currently under review and will be completed before the 2013 season.

As always we encourage you to use our beautiful facilities for your next corporate event, or even a personal event such as a wedding, shower or birthday party. Contact Tammi Perri at (630) 368-6442 for availability and rates.



**Polo is Back!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:  
POLO IS RETURNING TO OAK BROOK!**

Two (2) matches will be played on August 19 and 26, and September 2 and 9, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Oak Brook Golf Club driving range. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. The matches will be coordinated by Mr. Kevin Kelleher of the Willow Harbor Polo Club. As a polo player and event host, Mr. Kelleher has a unique perspective that will guarantee an enjoyable afternoon of polo. He looks forward to returning Oak Brook to its former prominence on the polo scene. For more information, view our polo website at [www.oakbrookpoloclub.com](http://www.oakbrookpoloclub.com).

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# Have fun

AT THE LIBRARY  
THIS SEASON

WED  
JUNE 20, 27  
JULY 11, 18, 25  
7 PM

**Summer Chess at the Library with Chess Now**  
Designed for beginning or returning players, these drop-in sessions will explain strategy and tactics using recent tournament games. All materials are provided, including boards and sets. Patrons age 14 and up.

WED  
JUNE 20  
6:30 PM

**Reading Is Sooo Delicious with Mr. E**  
Rob Erdmann uses puppets to connect our favorite foods and candy to popular books. For children, but all ages welcome.

WED  
JUNE 27  
2 PM

**Movie Matinee: We Bought a Zoo**

SAT  
JUNE 30  
3 PM

**Elaine Dame Jazz** is a Chicago-based jazz vocalist and flautist who has been performing professionally for 15 years.

MON  
JULY 9  
3 PM  
7 PM

**Series of Programs on Medical Emergencies**  
Dr. Mark Moy, Oak Brook Trustee and Liaison to the Library, presents information on heat-related medical emergencies. Dr. Thomas J. Reutzler, and other faculty members and students of the Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy, discuss the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and HPV vaccines.

MON  
JULY 9  
7 PM

**Hunger Games: Trivia, Discussion & Challenge**  
Limited to Grades 6-12. Registration required.

MON  
JULY 16  
7 PM

**Shift Your Assets from Clutter to Cash**  
Join Laura Bruzas as she explains more than two dozen ways to make money de-cluttering your no-longer-wanted items.

TUES  
JULY 24  
7 PM

**The Fine Art of Food: Impressionist Still Life**  
Art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss why artists like Monet, Renoir and Caillebotte, considered still life a modern subject for their own time and how their approaches responded to the great tradition of seventeenth century Dutch still life.

FRI  
AUG 3, 10, 17  
2 PM

**Read to a Dog**  
The Hinsdale Humane Society's R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program will bring teams of trained owners and their Delta-registered dogs to help children improve their reading skills. You must register for a time. All ages welcome.

MON  
AUG 13  
2:30 PM

**Manners Do Matter**  
Stepping into Etiquette presents this entertaining program teaching children the importance of having good manners and how this can improve their peer relationships. Ages 5 and up.

## From the Director's Desk

SUE MADORIN



We are launching our “Reading Is Sooo Delicious!” summer reading program on June 1. Over the next two months, the Library will host a range of free activities for children and adults that encourage and support a love for reading. Participants can also win prizes for reaching their reading goals. We’ve got a great program planned to have a deliciously good time this summer.

Themed events include Reading Is Sooo Delicious with Mr. E and Manners Do Matter. Practice tests for PSAT and ACT/SAT will be offered. Movies with a food theme will be shown. The Friends of Oak Brook Library are providing gift cards to Barnes and Noble - plus there will be offerings from Brookfield Zoo, Buona Restaurants, Classic Cinemas, Dupage Children’s Museum, Gameworks and Ravioli-Oli.

Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss. Studies also indicate students who read recreationally out-performed those who don’t. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests. Our Library is committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for our families.

Registration started May 14 for Oak Brook resident card holders for our children’s summer weekly programs. Non-residents were able to sign up starting June 4. To learn more about the summer adventure at the library, please call (630) 368-7733 for children’s programs and (630) 368-7725 for adult programs.



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