

OAK BROOK

A Quarterly Newsletter for Village Residents | SUMMER 2011

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Taste of Oak Brook

...Bigger and Better!

LOOKING FORWARD

IT IS MY DISTINCT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO serve you, and to work with the Village staff and the Village Board. We will work together toward effective, efficient and ethical government that will be civilized, orderly and accountable to all residents. I take the responsibilities you have given me seriously and will do everything I can to advance Oak Brook, build bridges, reach consensus, and provide trustworthy leadership. One of our first responsibilities is to heal and bring back together our somewhat fractured community. We are a small family that can work together for the common good. We may disagree with each other on some of the issues some of the time, but we do not need to be disagreeable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing officials-- John Craig, Jim Carson and Moin Saiyed for their many hours of dedication and service to the Village. They did many positive things, and I promise to build upon those, and create an atmosphere of respect and dignity among all.

Heartiest congratulations to Michael Manzo and Asif Yusuf on their newly elected position of Trustee, and to Trustee Jerry Wolin and Clerk Charlotte Pruss on their recent re-election. I also welcome the opportunity to work with Trustees Stelios Aktipis, Elaine Zannis and Mark Moy, and look forward to working cooperatively with all our elected officials.

This is your government, and your elected Trustees and President are here to serve you and to act on your behalf. I am eager to hear from you about your needs and concerns. I hope you will join us at the meetings of the Village Board. We will continue to make them available on the Village website, www.oak-brook.org. Kindly provide us with your thoughts and ideas. I will also have regular meetings with the Homeowners Association Presidents who I believe are the pulse of our community. And, of course, you are always free to call upon me or our excellent staff at any time.

Make a Difference

On page 5 of the newsletter, I have included an application for all Village residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to one of our boards, commissions or committees. Applications can also be found on the Village web site or at Village Hall. I encourage you to consider giving some of your time and talent in the service of our community. This was Paul Butler's dream for his grand experiment to have Oak Brook's best and brightest citizens to give of their time and talent to volunteer positions within the Village. Together we will pursue and regain Oak Brook's reputation as a wonderful place to live and work, shop and play.



Village President Gopal Lalimalani taking an Oath of Office during the 2011 Swearing In Ceremony.

Taste of Oak Brook

I am excited about the new additions to our annual Taste of Oak Brook co-sponsored by the McDonald's Corporation which will be held on July 3rd at the Polo grounds. The event will begin at 2 p.m. with a few more family activities earlier in the day. We currently have scheduled three live bands to perform; 2-3:30 p.m., Stockwood, 4-6 p.m., Sixteen Candles, 6:30-8 p.m., Hi Infidelity, and at 8 p.m., Bang (DJ). We have also secured the Jesse White Tumbling Team for an afternoon performance and other children's activities. Sanford-Brown College, Advocate Hospital and Elmhurst Hospital will be offering free health screenings for interested participants. This year's fine area restaurants include: Anyways Restaurant & Pub, Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, India House, Kama Indian Bistro, Kona Grill, Labriola Bakery & Cafe, McDonald's, Reza's Restaurant, The Grotto, and Tuscany Italian Restaurant. We hope you will all join us for this wonderful fun-filled community event. Event information can also be found on the Village website.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to serve our beautiful community. I am eager to start working hard on your behalf, and look forward to working closely with you in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,

Gopal Lalimalani

Meet the NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



President
GOPAL LALMALANI

I have been a resident since 1988, and currently reside in Hunter Trails Subdivision. The Village issues I am most concerned with are providing leadership to Oak Brook; integrity, transparency, and accountability at all levels of government; efficiently delivered services; fiscally responsible

policies; and providing meaningful commercial expansion within Oak Brook. I served on the Village Plan Commission for the past five years. I am a practicing cardiologist and business owner. My wife, Neetu, and I have two children.



Trustee
MICHAEL MANZO

I have been a resident since 2002, and currently reside in Saddle Brook Subdivision. The Village issues I am most concerned with are wasteful government spending, disharmony within our Village, and Cook County influence on our Village. I served on the high school board for

Proviso School District 209, and as a member of Oak Brook Community Caucus. I work for the State Farm Insurance Company. My wife, Anna, and I have 3 children.



Trustee
ASIF YUSUF

I have been a resident since 1979, and currently reside in Brook Forest Subdivision. The Village issues I am most concerned with are the quality of life our residents enjoy, attracting new businesses to our Village, and ensuring the highest ethical standards are maintained. I served as a Village

trustee; a Republican Committeeman for York Township Precinct 106; an Autumnfest committee member; and as a member of the Oak Brook Civic Association Board of Directors. I work as a real estate developer and a farm investor and operator. My wife, Azra, and I have four children.

HOTELS OF OAK BROOK

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Your Summer Adventure Awaits!



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Book now to enjoy a weekend of memories with the Hotels of Oak Brook and Brookfield Zoo! Escape

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VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE



*From the
MANAGER'S
DESK*
David Niemeyer

Stay connected with the Village during a busy summer ahead!

Blackboard Connect: Sign up to receive notifications via voicemail, text and e-mail messages concerning emergencies and Village matters.

New Village Website: The website will be going "live" this fall. E-mail info@oak-brook.org to submit recommendations for the website.

Redesigned Newsletter: With the support of advertisers, the newsletter has become more reader-friendly and cost-effective. An electronic version is also available on our website.

Facebook & Twitter: Find our "Village of Oak Brook" Facebook page and follow us on Twitter at @OakBrookVillage.  

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION UPDATE

On April 5th, residents authorized the Village to aggregate residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within Oak Brook with 69% percent of the voters approving this referendum. The Village will now solicit bids to enter service agreements for the sale and purchase of electricity for residents and small businesses. The Village will be hiring a consultant and broker to assist in the process of following the state laws for the bidding process. The consultant will help develop a plan of operation and governance and prepare for two public hearings that must be held before the plan can be adopted.

Once the bids are received, residents will be notified that they can accept this rate from the chosen power company or continue receiving power from ComEd. In either case, ComEd will continue to deliver the electric power, manage infrastructure, and billing the resident.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGES

The Village is currently undertaking a national search for a new police chief with the recent retirement of Tom Sheahan. In the interim, recently retired Deputy Chief Steve Larson will serve as the acting Police Chief. The Village hopes to fill the Police Chief position by fall.

VILLAGE RECEIVES GFOA FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

The government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Oak Brook for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2009. To receive the award, the Village published an easily readable and well-organized report, as well as met GFOA program standards. The Village has successfully obtained the Certificate of Achievement for 33 consecutive years.

BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Make a difference in the Village of Oak Brook by serving on a board, commission or committee. Please review the descriptions, complete the application on the following page, and mail it to the Village of Oak Brook. The application is also available on the Village website.

Autumn Festival Committee (1-Year Term, 7 Representatives)

Plans, coordinates, publicizes, and executes the Autumn Festival, encouraging Village-wide participation. Meets as needed January through November.

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

(3-Year Term, 3 Commissioners)

Administers, according to state statute, personnel matters pertaining to Fire and Police Departments. Responsible for testing, hiring and major disciplinary cases for both departments. Meets monthly or as needed.

Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund

(2-Year Term, 2 Residents on a Larger Board)

Oversees the investments and claims relating to police pension funds. Meets quarterly and on call as notified.

Firefighters Pension Fund Board (3-Year Term, 2 Appointments and Minimum 1 Resident on a Larger Board)

Oversees investments and claims relating to firefighter pension funds. Meets quarterly and on call as notified.

Hotel, Convention & Visitors Committee

(1-Year Term, 2 Residents on a Larger Committee)

Recommends advertising campaigns promoting overnight stays at Oak Brook hotels. Meets the second Thursday of every other month.

Library Commission (3-Year Term, 7 Commissioners)

Advises the Village Board regarding Library policies and services. Meets every other month on the third Tuesday.

Plan Commission (3-Year Term, Chairman and 6 Members)

Oversees the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and deals with the future of the Village in the broad sense of overall planning, subdivision, infrastructure, etc. Meets the third Monday of each month.

Zoning Board of Appeals

(5-Year Term, Chairman and 6 Members)

Deals specifically with the Zoning Ordinance and its implementation and enforcement, including amendments, variations and appeals. Meets the first Tuesday of each month.



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VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK

Village Board, Commission & Committee Appointment Application

Anyone interested in serving on the Boards, Commissions, or Committees listed below is invited to complete this application form, which is also located at Village Hall or on the Village website at www.oak-brook.org. The Village of Oak Brook encourages citizen participation in its government and appreciates your interest.

Please Print:

Name: _____ Date of Birth*: _____

Address: _____ Driver's License No.*: _____

Telephone (Work): _____ Telephone (Home): _____ Fax: _____

Telephone (Mobile): _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of years of residence in Oak Brook: _____ *Required for background check.

I wish to serve as a Member or Chairman on the following Board or Commission or Committee:
(please check one of the following)

- Autumn Festival Committee – 1-Year Term (7 representatives)**
- Board of Fire & Police Commissioners – 3-Year Term (3 commissioners)**
- Firefighter Pension Board – 3-Year Term (2 appointments, minimum 1 resident, on a larger board)**
- Hotel, Convention & Visitors Committee – 1-Year Term (2 residents on a larger committee)**
- Library Commission – 3-Year Term (7 commissioners)**
- Plan Commission – 3-Year Term (chairman and 6 members)**
- Police Pension Board – 2-Year Term (2 residents on a larger board)**
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 5-Year Term (chairman and 6 members)**

A description and meeting time for each board, commission, and committee is provided on the previous page.

Current Occupation and Employer: _____

Business/Professional Background relevant to the appointment: _____

Educational Background:

High School: _____

College: _____

Professional: _____

Other: _____

Professional or Technical Licenses: _____

Community Service (Oak Brook or elsewhere): _____

Organizational Membership: _____

Special Qualifications for appointment: _____

Briefly state your interest for seeking appointment: _____

Optional: Please attach any additional information that you feel is pertinent to the appointment for which you are applying.

I understand that this completed application, along with any additional information submitted at the applicant's option, is accurate and truthful, and will be a public document, and any interviews will be conducted as open meetings. As public documents, I have no expectation of confidentiality regarding their existence and the information contained herein, except for the telephone numbers which I ask the Village not to publish. In addition, I authorize a criminal background check.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Return completed applications to: Office of the Village President
Village of Oak Brook, 1200 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523**

POLICE DEPARTMENT



From the
**ACTING CHIEF'S
DESK**
Steve Larson

The Police Department administration is currently in a transition period with the resignation of Chief Thomas Sheahan in April. Recently retired Deputy Chief of Police Steve Larson was asked to return to the department as a consultant and is currently serving as the Acting Police Department Director.

With the warmer weather upon us the department is increasing patrols in the parks, and expecting bike patrols to resume shortly. May brought another DARE graduation, and preparation begins for additional Alive at 25 classes.

The department would like to let residents know that Police officers are available to attend Homeowners Association Meetings. Whether it is providing informational presentations on current trends in criminal activity or simply answering questions on the minds of residents, we are here to meet your needs. To request our presence at your next Homeowners Association Meeting, please contact Officer Robin Crook at (630) 368-8733 or rcrook@oak-brook.org, or Officer Erica Huff at (630) 368-8734 or ehuff@oak-brook.org.

While any type of violent crime is extremely rare in the Village, the department is especially proud of the actions of our officers in promptly locating and arresting the subject involved in the April homicide. The Officers of the Oak Brook Police Department hold themselves to a high standard, and are committed to providing excellent service to the community!



Oak Brook Police Department and high school volunteers promote legal drinking age by placing stickers on alcoholic products at local liquor retail stores.

PROJECT STICKER SHOCK

On Friday, April 8th, the Oak Brook Police Department, in partnership with the Illinois Liquor Commission, participated in "Project Sticker Shock". April was designated as Alcohol Awareness Month by the Illinois Liquor Commission, who has created the project to increase awareness in underage alcohol consumption and fraudulent "fake" identification use.

For three hours, Community Relations Officer Robin Crook and Crime Prevention Officer Erica Huff, along with area high school volunteers, placed stickers on alcohol products at liquor retailers in Oak Brook. Costco, Cost Plus World Market, Sav Way, Shell, and Walgreens allowed participants to "sticker up" their alcohol products and post signs which highlighted information on the legal drinking age in Illinois. This year alone, the participants placed almost 3,000 stickers on alcohol products, educating and informing a greater number of patrons.

CAUTION: RUSE BURGLARIES

Home repair season is here and the Police Department is warning homeowners to be on guard against ruse burglaries. A ruse burglary happens when a homeowner is distracted by an individual having a seemingly legitimate business purpose. While the homeowner is preoccupied a second person enters the residence and steals property that can be easily concealed, typically jewelry and cash. Senior citizens are a primary target.

Be alert for unfamiliar occupied vehicles parked in their neighborhood. Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious person attempting to do so.

Be Wary of Anyone Using These Statements

"I did work for you in the past..."
"Do you remember me..."
"I'm here to check your property lines for a new fence..."
"Does he/she still live here?"
"I'm doing some work in the neighborhood..."
"I work for the Village of Oak Brook..."

Be Advised to Take Precautions

Don't let strangers into your home.
Keep your doors locked.
Don't go outside or into the backyard with a stranger.
Don't give out personal information.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY TIPS FOR USING HALOGEN BULBS

Halogen bulbs are used in many types of lighting including flashlights, floor lamps, reading lights, outdoor lights, and slide projectors and may also be used in lighting that showcases and illuminates paintings or art. The bulbs can reach very high temperatures and will start a fire if a towel, curtain, clothes or other material covers the bulb, which will encase heat. A Tubular halogen (250, 300, and 500 watt) light bulb is much hotter than incandescent bulbs and can reach temperatures up to 1200 degrees.

Here are some safety tips to adhere to when using halogen bulbs:

- Do not use a torchiere style lamp as a coat rack. Clothing, towels, curtains, and scarves should never be draped over a lamp or hanging where there is a risk it will fall onto the lamp or knock the lamp over.
- Turn off halogen lighting when you leave the room or you are leaving your home.
- With a halogen lamp equipped with a dimmer switch, operate the lamp at a setting lower than the maximum whenever possible.
- Replace 500 watt bulbs with 300 watt bulbs.
- Keep lamps away from where people or pets might bump into it or trip on the cord. A broken bulb from a pushed over lamp can start a fire.
- Never touch a halogen bulb with bare hands. Skin oil will make the bulb die sooner. Also, a small amount of oil from your hands could cause the bulb to explode when it heats up. Clean the bulb with a soft cloth and rubbing alcohol if accidentally touched while changing.
- Always read the manufacturer's instructions and warnings that come with the product in order to know what is safe and what is not.
- Never operate a halogen lamp that is missing its components.

AVOIDING HEAT STROKE

Heat stroke or sunstroke is a very serious, life threatening condition. If a person has heat stroke, their skin will be hot and red, feels dizzy or nauseous, his/her pulse may be rapid, and he/she is not sweating much. Immediately get the person out of the sun, apply cool water or apply cold packs to the person's body to lower the temperature. Do not give any drugs, alcohol or caffeine to the person.

Tips for Avoiding Heat Stroke

- Drink plenty of water.
- Infants and the elderly are most vulnerable to heat stroke, and should avoid the outdoors during midday.
- Use sunscreen, and wear light, loose fitting clothes, hats, and sunglasses.
- Don't exercise under the sun.
- Keep a water bottle with you.

Warning signs of heat stroke include heat exhaustion, fever, headache, absence of sweat, shortness of breath and sometimes collapse. Stay safe this summer!



From the **CHIEF'S DESK**

Tom McEllin

The Fire Department is looking forward to having our 1989 E-One ladder truck return to service. It has been undergoing extensive repairs at Fire Service, Inc., for the last four months and should be fully functional in 6-8 weeks. Ladder trucks are essential for our firefighters to gain access to roofs and windows above the second floor at ground level. We rely on our ladder truck for victim rescue and to provide an elevated stream to suppress large volumes of fires.

A few reminders . . .

Homeowners with burglar/fire alarms should contact their alarm company annually so that they may test to ensure proper signal and that the system is working properly.

Fire department personnel offer CPR/AED courses to interested residents. Certification is through the American Heart Association. Please call (630) 368-5200 for more information.

Free blood pressure checks are available any day of the week at either fire station. No appointment is necessary; however, please understand if we are not available due to emergency calls or fire department training.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



From the DIRECTOR'S DESK

Michael Hullihan

Public Works is coming off of a challenging winter and embarking on an equally demanding summer schedule. Landscaping activities began in April with the mowing season, which will also take care of some of the litter that accumulated over the winter. Tree removals have begun, with storm damaged and disease prone trees taking priority. The mosquito abatement services are being readied along with summer activities including roadway maintenance and sign replacement. Major system improvements are underway for water mains and road construction projects. As always, the Public Works and Engineering Departments are doing their best to safely and quickly keep the Village infrastructure in good repair.

2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The following infrastructure projects will occur this summer and fall. Contact Jim Bosma of the Engineering Department at (630) 368-5130 for questions or concerns.

2011 Water Main Replacement (south half of Timber Trails Subdivision)

This project replaces over one mile of breaking old water main.

2011 ERP Paving (35th Street from Fairview Avenue to Midwest Road)

This project repairs failing areas with deep patches and adds a new surface layer. It is partially funded by a \$250,000 ERP grant from IDOT.

2011 Paving (Trinity Lakes Subdivision/Commercial Drive)

This project will pave nearby streets in the subdivision and between Spring Road and McDonald's Drive, which is partially funded by a \$140,000 grant.

SEASONAL IRRIGATION CAP PROGRAM

In 2005, the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District revised its policy for metered water for irrigation for Oak Brook residents. The policy restricts the sanitary sewer user charge, which is based on water usage, to a maximum limit during the seasonal period. Applications for residential requests for the irrigation meter cap must be made annually by submitting the appropriate form and fee to the District's Office. You may pick up an application at the Village Hall or Library, or download it from the Village website. The application must be submitted by June 15 for the seasonal period between May 1 through August 31. If you have any questions, please contact the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District at (630) 323-3299.

22ND STREET UPDATE

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be focused on completing the north half of 22nd Street. In order to complete, IDOT will finish westbound pavement gaps, curbs, sidewalks, and driveways. Access to all businesses along 22nd Street will remain open at all times. IDOT will construct signage to assist traffic into businesses. No major traffic changes are anticipated; however, contractors may utilize temporary weekday lane closures between 9 am- 3:30 pm.

Current work includes completion of the northerly lanes and utilities in the southern right of way. Work is expected to shift to the southerly lanes in mid July. Work is progressing for an overall completion in Fall 2011. Motorists should exercise caution when entering and exiting business driveways under construction.

Grand Opening

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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM OUTREACH PROJECT

The best time to prepare for a flood is before it happens. Village of Oak Brook residents have experienced flooding from creeks and sewer backups in the past. As homeowners, there are a few things you should know about flood safety, preventing flood damage, flood plain regulation and insurance.

FLOOD SAFETY

A number of precautions should be taken in the event of a flood. (1) Electricity and gas should be turned off if your home is being flooded. (2) Walking through flood water should be avoided as currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. (3) If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there. (4) Do not drive through a flooded area as more people drown in their cars than anywhere else. (5) Don't drive around road barriers as the road may be washed out. (6) After exposure to floodwater, residents are advised to receive a tetanus shot if they have not received one in a while.

PREVENTING FLOOD DAMAGE

The Village provides advice on how to retrofit buildings to prevent flood damage. There are generally five approaches to retrofitting: elevation, barriers, dry flood proofing, wet flood proofing and basement protection. Other property protection measures include grading, ditch cleaning, moving furniture and sandbagging. For information on these and other flood protection issues, please contact the Village of Oak Brook Community Development Department at (630) 368-5108.

FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Development in or near a flood plain is allowed only upon application and issuance of the appropriate Village permits. Flood plain map information is available through the Village Engineering Department at (630) 368-5130. If you are planning to build, fill or otherwise develop in a flood plain, please contact the Community Development Department. If you witness what you believe to be illegal flood plain development please contact the Engineering Department.

Village Code also states that existing structures shall not be enlarged, replaced or structurally altered unless the changes meet the requirements for development. If the changes constitute substantial improvement to a building in the flood plain, then the entire building will need to meet the requirements for development. Substantial improvement is when the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or

other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% or the market value. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards. Enforcement of this requirement is achieved through the permitting procedure.

FLOOD INSURANCE

The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 helps to ensure that you will be protected from financial losses caused by flooding. Backed by the U.S. Government, flood insurance is available to residents across America that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It provides coverage that most homeowners insurance does not (e.g. coverage for damage to structures and contents from flooding, flood-related erosion, etc.). You can purchase flood insurance from any licensed property or casualty insurance agent, broker or company.

You must have flood insurance to get secured financing to buy, build or improve structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Lending institutions that are federally regulated or insured must determine if the building is in a SFHA and require flood insurance on conventional home mortgage loans, FHA loans, VA loans, second mortgages, home equity loans, home improvement loans, construction loans and commercial loans.

Flood insurance coverage is an asset to you as a borrower. It reimburses you for financial losses from flood damage. With one annual premium you have peace of mind that your losses will be covered. The law protects you from being uninsured and having to rely on a costly federal disaster loan after a flood. This loan is the same as another mortgage that must be paid back with interest.

Flood insurance protects your most important investment. It is considerably less expensive than federal disaster loans and is 100% backed by the U.S. Government. Call the NFIP at 1-800-638-6620 to answer any questions you may have about flood insurance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the information in this article, please contact the Village's CRS Coordinator at (630) 368-5130. In addition, the Oak Brook Library maintains a selection of publications pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program including insurance requirements, flood proofing techniques, and proper grading. Finally, you may also obtain information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.FEMA.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



From the DIRECTOR'S DESK

Robert Kallien

The Community Development Department is reminding all property owners that the Village requires that all lawns and landscaping be maintained. Grass and/or weeds exceeding eight inches in height found growing in any lot or tract of land are in violation of the Village code. Property found to be in violation of these regulations are given five days to comply. If compliance is not achieved, the Village may proceed to cut the weeds or grass and expense the service to the property owner. If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Department at (630) 368-5101.



OAK BROOK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The demolition of the **St. Paschal's Friary building** located at 3400 St. Paschal Drive is complete. Remaining site restoration work is now underway.

The Oak Brook Promenade's newest restaurant, **Totopo Mexican Grill**, is now open for business in the tenant space formally occupied by the Go Roma restaurant.

Braxton's, a restaurant in Oakbrook Center, will be closing later this year. In its place will be a **Seasons 52 restaurant**.

The **Renaissance Hotel** located at Oakbrook Center closed in April 2011. Oakbrook Center management is studying potential opportunities for that location.

The **Drake Hotel** building remains closed. The Village has been contacted by the new owners of the property who are evaluating potential options.

YORK ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Village of Oak Brook and Irgens Development Company have finalized an agreement to create a special service district in order to finance the infrastructure improvements for a 74,000 sq.ft. medical office building to be constructed on vacant land located at 1800 York Road. Irgens is actively pursuing tenants for the building.

OAK BROOK LIBRARY



From the DIRECTOR'S DESK

Sue Madorin

Plans are currently underway for our upcoming summer reading program, A Midsummer Knight's Read, for preschoolers through adults. The program runs from June 1 through August 6.

If you are looking for ways to entertain young children, the Youth Services blog is just a click away from the Library website. There you can find book suggestions and recommended activities.

UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

Chess Now

Instructional Chess Series taught by Jim Egerton, USCF Postal Master Expert
Wednesdays, June 15, 22 & 29,
and July 6, 13 & 20 at 7 p.m.

Ladies of Liberty

Jenny Riddle dramatizes the lives of America's earliest First Ladies, according to Cokie Roberts' bestselling book.
Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m.

Clark Weber's Rock & Roll Radio 1955-1975: The Fun Years

Clark Weber, shares his experience as the Program Director and disc jockey at WLS radio during the rock & roll music scene.
Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

A Midsummer Knight's Read June 1 - August 6

Slay summer boredom and travel back in time to the magical days of knights and damsels, kings and queens, fairies and dragons! The Oak Brook Public Library is taking part in the Illinois Library Association's summer reading program theme of A Midsummer Knight's Read!

The Library will host a range of free activities, storytimes, crafts and programs that encourage and support a love of reading. Participants in the Summer Reading Clubs can win prizes for reaching their reading goals.



SPORTS CORE

SUMMER SPORTS CORE OPPORTUNITIES

The Sports Core is entering into the busiest of seasons. We hope you will experience all that the Sports Core offers!

Bath & Tennis Club Memberships are still available! Swimming, tennis, volleyball and our poolside café are just a few of the many attractions at our club. Membership can be completed at the Bath & Tennis Club, by calling our administrative office at (630) 368-6424, or at the Village Hall.

The Bath & Tennis Club Summer **Swim Team** is gearing up for another season. There is still time for members to sign up to join the fun! We offer a chance for children ages 5 to 18 to learn the strokes and improve their swim times with daily practice and stroke work. Oak Brook resident, Sarah Marek returns as Head Coach for the Swim Team. Also returning is Daniel Barron as assistant coach. Sarah and Daniel will be joined by Jackie Roeing and John Osborne as assistant coaches. Swim Team sign up can

be completed at the club or by calling (630) 386-6424.

The **Oak Brook Golf Club** is already well into an active golf season. Golf tee times can be made by calling (630) 368-6400. In June we will bring back our popular **Wednesday Buffet** at the Oak Brook Golf Club. Buffets run on all Wednesdays through September from 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling (630) 368-6420. Past menus have included beef short ribs, red snapper, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, cream of mushroom soup, tossed salad, assorted dinner rolls and assorted desserts. The buffet costs \$14.95 per person.

Our first **Nine, Wine and Dine** event will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 4 p.m. Enjoy nine holes of golf, a little wine and dinner prepared by Chef Rich Taylor. Registration is required for this new event, and can be completed simply by calling (630) 368-6420.



From the DIRECTOR'S DESK

Trey VanDyke

Summer is here and many celebrations are in store for us at the Sports Core. Whether it is a graduation party, bridal shower or wedding reception, we want to help host your special event!

The Bath & Tennis Clubhouse is perfect for any gathering that calls for a special and private setting for a corporate meeting or seminar. No membership is required to book an event. Our preferred caterers can serve a wide variety of menu selections, including ethnic specialties. Contact Tammi Perri in our Private & Events Department for availability or monthly specials at tperri@oak-brook.org.

OAK BROOK LIBRARY CONTINUED

SUMMER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: JUNE 3 - JULY 22

Blackbird Pie for tiny tots (ages 1-2) - Mondays at 10 a.m., except July 4
Bring your little princes and princesses to this royally delightful story time filled with bountiful stories, songs, fingerplays and jolly dances.

Magic Wand for preschoolers - Wednesdays at 4:30 or 7 pm for 30 minutes
Listen to stories, join in finger plays and songs, and have fun making crafts. All children must have celebrated their third birthday by June 1, 2011 to participate.

Princess n' Pirate Party for ages 2-6 - Tuesday July 19 from 2:30-3:30 pm
A swashbuckling and magical time awaits you during our pirates and princess party. Enjoy an hour filled with books, games, songs, and a craft fit for pretty princesses & dashing pirates.

Knights and Castles for K-2nd Graders - Mondays at 7 pm, except July 4
Stories and crafts will reflect our medieval theme.

Dragons and Dungeons for Grades K-5 - June 16, 23 & and July 7, 14, 21 at 7 p.m.
Artist Alan Ozark will lead this series of programs designed for those who wish to learn the technique to drawing dragons, knights and castles. Limit of 20.

Royal Gallery for Grades 3 and up - Tuesday night at 7 p.m. or Saturday at 11 a.m.
This program offers crafts of a medieval bent. Stained glass, fairy houses, banners, calligraphy and mapmaking.

Bingo for all ages - June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 1:30 p.m.
Join us in the Friends Meeting Room for an hour of fun and games.

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