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Regular meetings of the Village Board are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm, except no fourth Tuesday meetings in the months of June, August and December.

Live streaming of Village Board meetings now available. Videotaped broadcasts of Village Board meetings air on Comcast Cable Television, Government Access Channel 6 or 110 Mondays at 7pm and online at www.youtube.com/oakbrooktv

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The Coronavirus has monopolized every aspect of our lives these last few months, and as summer begins, we hopefully will see some normalcy returning. Retail outlets, restaurants with outdoor seating, hair salons and other industries are finally reopening, and the economy will commence the long road to recovery. We will be able to enjoy the outdoor activities at State Parks, camping areas, golf courses and tennis courts. As we appreciate the relaxing of restrictions, we need to remember that health and safety must come first. I urge you to be diligent in social distancing, wearing facial coverings when in public, washing hands and sanitizing surfaces. Until a vaccine is developed this will be a recommended way of life.

Of late, we have been struggling with new challenges because of protesters. The tragedy of the death of George Floyd has forced us all to take a step back and think about racism and equality. While we encourage citizens to exercise their First Amendment rights peacefully, criminal activities will not be tolerated. The Village of Oak Brook condemns and denounces the actions of the Minnesota police officer, who has since been charged with second degree murder. We need to stand together against ignorance and hatred, and begin working toward peace and justice as a community.

In other business, the Village of Oak Brook is continuing to battle with IDOT regarding the red light cameras at Rt. 83 and 22nd Street. Our Representative Deanne Mazzochi has written a letter to the Illinois Department of Transportation on behalf of the Village of Oak Brook demanding that IDOT respond to our letter of January 31st. With the new found evidence of pay-to-play politics from former Senator Sandoval, the former mayor of Oakbrook Terrace, and other

Cook County politicians, it is evident that these cameras were installed without proper justification. These cameras have become a money grab from our unsuspecting motorists. After receiving IDOT's response, our Village attorney has drafted one final letter before we take legal action on behalf of the taxpayers of the State of Illinois to have these red-light cameras removed.

Even though there is a possibility of entering Phase 4 of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan by the end of June, it would only allow for gatherings of 50 people or less. Therefore, the Taste of Oak Brook has been cancelled. We are hopeful that 2021 will be the comeback year for our beloved festival!

Finally, during these unprecedented times, I want to assure you that the Village officials and staff are doing everything possible to keep our community safe. And, though Village Hall for now is closed to the public, staff is on hand to address your needs. Building applications and permits are still being processed and inspections are being done. It is not quite business as usual yet, but services are being done effectively and efficiently. Thank you for being cognizant of the restrictions we are working under, and for understanding our limitations. We will get through this together.

As always, the Trustees, staff and I are here to serve you. Please contact us with your thoughts and concerns.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear friends and residents;

To say that these past few months have been challenging is an understatement. As you know, we are living through a time in our lives we have never experienced before. Our country has been through down-turns in the economy and a terrorist attack but nothing compared to this, where we have been told only to go out in public for necessities and to stay away from each other. Our Village Hall has been closed to the public since the end of March. We have had to implement a number of cost-cutting reductions that have delayed major capital projects and reduced general fund expenditures. Additionally, we implemented furloughs through April for all of our full-time staff and our part-time staff and seasonal employees have been furloughed since April 3rd. I would hope to return to a normal work environment when we move into Phase 4 of the Governor's plan which is being targeted for the end of June.

Thankfully, as we move into the summer months our Village and State are beginning to re-open under Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan. On Friday, May 29th, the Governor moved Illinois into Phase 3 of his Restore Illinois Plan. One of the things he amended in Phase 3 was to allow restaurants to re-open and utilize their outdoor dining areas to assist in their recovery. Some of the restaurants in the Village at the Oakbrook Mall already have outdoor dining areas they would like to expand and those that do not wished to install one. At the May 26th Village Board meeting, the Village Board unanimously passed an amendment to our code which would allow them to expand their present area or place a new outdoor area outside their restaurant through the end of October.

Additionally, it will be a very challenging year for our Sports Core. This year would have been the first in which our Park District would operate our Pool, Tennis and Soccer programs. Unfortunately, due to the state of the COVID 19 response our pool will not be open this season. We still had renovations to complete and the Illinois Department of Health has not been available to permit the work and allow us to re-open our pool or those across the state. The Park District will begin one-on-one tennis lessons and single play on our courts June 1st and a condensed soccer program for ten players will begin on June 15th.

Finally, we have had to cancel our Taste of Oak Brook and Fireworks for a second year. Last year it was due to the torrential rains we had and this year it is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thrilled that our golf course is finally open per the Governor's guidelines. We are excited to showcase the newly, renovated clubhouse illustrated below, when the course can move into Phase 4 of the Governor's plan.



I hope everyone stays safe and is able to enjoy the summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Riccardo F. Ginex".

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BY JAMES KRUGER

IN THE NEWS

Undoubtedly, this was not the article I thought I would be writing for the summer quarterly newsletter at the beginning of the year. My guess is all of you probably feel the same way. Before I get into all we have been doing the past few months, the one thing that has stayed constant is our dedication to you our residents and our commitment to excellence. While dealing with the operational challenges of policing during a pandemic, our CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) international accreditation is up in 2020. Our staff has continued to work on insuring our department is up to the high standards that CALEA has set, and get ready for a virtual on-site, kind of a contradiction, inspection by the assessors in July and then testify in a hearing this Fall.

During the past two months we have worked extremely hard to rearrange schedules, change procedures, and insure our staff has the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep themselves safe. I am very happy to report that as of this writing, we have not had a positive test of any of our staff for COVID-19. The same cannot be said by some of our neighboring police departments and we have worked together to render mutual aid should the need exist. Deputy Chief Cates, with his dual role as village emergency management coordinator, has published a twice daily compilation of information to our staff to keep everyone up to date. We have been participating in daily teleconference and webinar calls from state, county, and federal law enforcement and health department officials providing an inordinate amount of information, sometimes conflicting, for us to provide the best possible service to our communities and keep our own people safe.

We were very disappointed to discontinue our citizen's police academy with just a few weeks left to go and hope to finish it up some time in the Fall. The department and our Special Olympics Committee has also made the tough decision to cancel our annual golf outing this year. We hope to have some other kind of fundraiser in late Fall. We have also cancelled National Night Out in August as well.

It is true that our call load generated from Oakbrook Center and some our corporate residents has slowed, but we are continuing to maintain a presence and a hyper vigilance in the community. Our retail establishments that have been able to remain open have been extremely busy. We are also seeing calls related to the executive order dealing with social distancing and essential businesses.

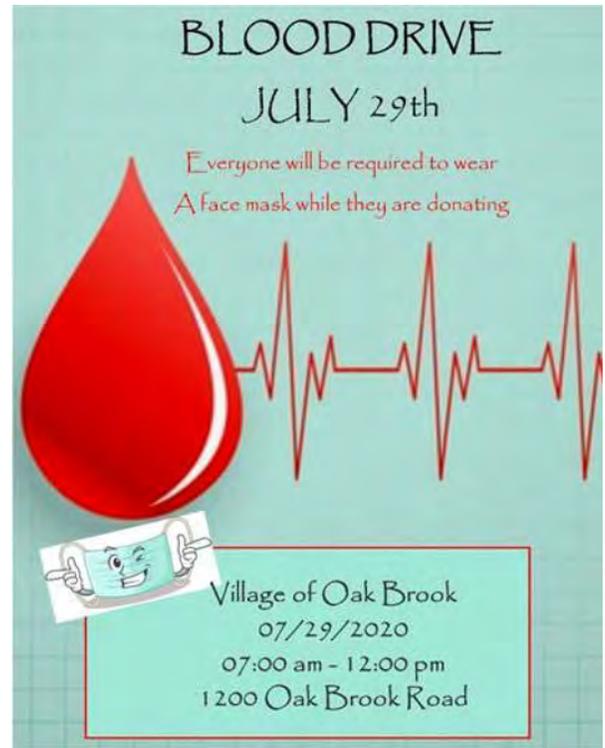
We appreciate the tremendous amount of support we have received from the community in the form of food and well wished to our staff. We have also had a wonderful

opportunity to provide a little respite to the stay at home order for our younger resident's birthdays and multi-grade graduation parade. While the stay at home order has been challenging, it has proven once again our community is a special place as we all stay #OakbrookTogether.

The Oak Brook Blood Drive will take place on July 29th. All social distancing and preventative actions will be taken by Versiti (formerly known as Heartland)

Please click the link below to schedule your appointment.

<https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/5579518>



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BY BARRY LISS

Oak Brook Fire Receives ISO Class 2 Rating

The Oak Brook Fire Department was recently re-evaluated on its fire protection ability through the Insurance Services Office. In many communities, such as Oak Brook, fire suppression is only a small part of the department's overall responsibilities. Oak Brook Fire is a dynamic and comprehensive agency capable of responding to not only fires, but a wide variety of life safety services including but not limited to Emergency Medical Services, Public Education and Fire Inspection Services.

A community's investment in fire protection services is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses. Statistical data on insurance losses bears out the relationship between excellent fire protection – as measured by the ISO classification – and low fire losses.



There are over 48,500 fire departments throughout the United States. Oak Brook is one of just 1,597 departments across the nation to have achieved an ISO Class 2 rating. In Illinois, there are 2,351 departments, and Oak Brook is one of only 77 departments to achieve the Class 2 rating.

Oak Brook's Class 2 rating is provided to homeowner's insurance companies. The insurers then use it to help set residential and commercial insurance rates. The more well-equipped a fire department is in putting out a fire, the better their rating becomes.

What Is an ISO Fire Rating?

An independent company called the Insurance Services Office (ISO) collects and evaluates information from communities throughout the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is meticulously analyzed using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) that results in a final determination of a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating, which is representative of the fire departments ability to suppress fires.

An ISO fire insurance Public Protection Classification rating is a score from 1 to 10 that indicates how well-protected a community is by their fire department. In the ISO rating scale, a lower number is better: 1 is the best possible rating, while a 10 means the fire department did not meet the ISO's minimum requirements.

According to the ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), there are four main criteria to a fire rating score:

- 50% comes from the quality of your local fire department including staffing levels, training and proximity of the firehouse.

- 40% comes from availability of water supply, including the prevalence of fire hydrants and how much water is available for putting out fires.
- 10% comes from the quality of the area's emergency communications systems (911).
- An extra 5.5% comes from community outreach, including fire prevention and safety courses.

According to the 2019 published nationwide distribution of communities by the PPC, the grade is as follows.



PPC Grade

The PPC grade assigned to the community will depend on the community's score on a 100-point scale:

PPC	Points
1	90.00 or more
2	80.00 to 89.99
3	70.00 to 79.99
4	60.00 to 69.99
5	50.00 to 59.99
6	40.00 to 49.99
7	30.00 to 39.99
8	20.00 to 29.99
9	10.00 to 19.99
10	0.00 to 9.99

The classification numbers are interpreted as follows:

- Class 1 through Class 8 represents a fire suppression system that includes an FSRS creditable dispatch center, fire department, and water supply.
- Class 9 is a fire suppression system that includes a creditable dispatch center, fire department but no FSRS creditable water supply.
- Class 10 does not meet minimum FSRS criteria for recognition, including areas that are beyond five road miles of a recognized fire station.

The department continuously examines and assesses its ongoing operations with an intent of working toward making progress to improve the ISO rating in the future.

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BY DOUG PATCHIN

Public Works is gearing up for summer projects, we have been working on spring plantings, landscaping and utility restorations. If you notice any utility or snowplow damage restoration areas that may have been missed, please call Public Works at (630) 368-5270.

The Village entered into a three (3) year contract with Lakeshore Recycling Service to sweep Village streets, May through October at our current schedule and frequency. Commercial areas are swept bi-weekly, residential curbed areas are swept monthly, and non-curbed areas are swept three (3) times per season.

Water Conservation Reminder

outdoor watering is permitted as follows:

Odd-Numbered Street Addresses

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Even-Numbered Street Addresses

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

6:00 AM until 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

Watering is Prohibited on Monday

Watering cans or hand-held watering devices may be used at any time on any day.

Customers with private wells are encouraged to utilize their wells for all outside watering purposes.

Newly planted sod or seed may be watered for a maximum period of two (2) weeks from the date of installation. Please notify Public Works at (630) 368-5270.

Major Road and Bike Path Improvement Projects Starting in 2020

The York Road Harger Road intersection and Bike Path Improvements. This project will be run through IDOT contracts at an estimated cost of \$7,426,328. The Village received \$4,328,400 in grants for this project. This project is anticipated to start in spring of 2020 with completion in late 2021.



North Windsor Drive widening and reconstruction

This project includes water main replacement and upsizing, utility relocation, widening the road from 2 to 4 lanes adding street lights, planted medians and the Tollway Bridge replacement. This project has an estimated cost of \$3,625,000. The utility water main relocation started in late 2019, the road widening and reconstruction anticipated to start in mid spring 2020, the Tollway bridge reconstruction is scheduled for spring through November 2021 and restorations scheduled to begin in spring 2022.



Harger Road Bike Path and water main extension

This project will also be run through IDOT contracts at an estimated cost of \$1,966,001. The Village received \$1,556,986 in grants for this project. This project is anticipated to start in late summer 2020 with restoration completion in spring 2021.



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BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

Economic Development Update – Summer 2020

The recent events related to the COVID-19 public health emergency have caused some new development projects in Oak Brook to be “paused” and others to be delayed without a specific re-start date. In the last three (3) months, Development Services has initiated a variety of temporary protocols to address these health issue in our day-to-day operations in order to provide a safer work environment for our customers and employees, while also trying to maintain proper service levels for building permitting, engineering and other development related functions. Village staff and our consultants have been reviewing plans and conducting inspections virtually (and in the field) and we have been consistently busy considering the circumstances.

It has been a challenging real estate and development environment but as phase 3 of the Governor’s plan begins, we are looking forward to outdoor dining beginning again in a physical distanced manner along with additional retailers slowly re-opening with reduced occupancy limits to bring some normalcy back to our community. As of the writing of this article, May 29th is fast approaching and we’ve been informed by Oakbrook Center that many businesses will be taking advantages of phase 3 with many restaurants and 15-20 retailers opening up under the modified guidelines released by the Governor’s office. Many other restaurants and retailers intend to follow suite in the near future.

Current Oak Brook Commons Progress



From a development perspective, the most visible and noteworthy project continues to be the Hines Oak Brook Commons redevelopment at the former McDonald’s Plaza site across from Oakbrook Center. Hines has completed the demolition of the office building and has filed the required building permit application(s) for all site, infrastructure and utility work associated with phase 1 of the development, including grading, site preparation, utility work, all required phase 1 surface parking spaces and sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, central park, and the temporary parking lot east of McDonald Drive. Additionally, Hines has completed design

work on the luxury apartment building and will be filing the required building permit application later this fall. Several of the building pads have been leased or under contract with the most notable being the restaurant pads along Spring Road and 22nd Street.

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Information Technology Services

BY JIM FOX

Village of Oak Brook Mass Notification Alert System

It is critical to keep our Village of Oak Brook community informed. The Village has a system in place to send updates and emergency alerts to Village residents and businesses through emails, phone calls, text messages, or social media channels.

The Village has been using the Blackboard Connect mass notification since 2009. With this service, the Village has an easy-to-use, reliable tool that allows the Village to make certain that Village residents and businesses are accurately and quickly informed during emergency situations. There is no cost to use the service and your participation is completely voluntary. Rest assured that your personal information will not be shared with anyone.

The Village also uses the notification service to contact residents and businesses about important information in our community, such as community events, road closures, utility problems, and weather events. The system has the ability to reach thousands of people – by voice, email, and text messaging -- in a matter of minutes.

The Blackboard Connect system provides a comprehensive list of phone numbers collected from over 200 providers. However, there is the possibility that your home telephone number is not included, particularly if your telephone number is unlisted or if you have switched to cellular service.

When a Village resident enters their contact information into our mass notification system they will be asked to provide: First & Last Name, Address (House Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code); Forms of contact like telephone types (landline or cellular), With cellular service do you wish to receive (Text & SMS Messages), Email addresses, Fax numbers, and Pager numbers.

When entering telephone information, it is important to indicate if it is a landline or cellular device and whether or not you would like to receive SMS or text messages.

Adding multiple forms of contact is a good idea. i.e. landline, cellular, and email are the most popular.

The reason collecting the address is important is that the notification system has the ability to send messages to specific geographic area. For instance, the Villages Public Safety personnel can send messages to specific parts of the Village in an Emergency. Public Works uses this feature to announce Leaf Pickup Program routes and dates.

The system also allows the Village to send one of two message types -- Emergency or Outreach. The only distinction between the two types of messages is that

Emergency messages will make phone calls to all phone numbers, while Outreach messages will only use the primary and secondary phone number (generally speaking, emails and text messages are sent to the same contacts regardless of whether you opt to send an outreach or emergency message). Primary modes of contact are typically mobile phone numbers, while secondary modes are usually home phone numbers, although users can populate the primary and secondary phone number fields however they want.

Can I “opt out” from the Blackboard Connect calls? Yes, residents can opt-out; however, we strongly suggest that you do not do so. The Connect-CTY service is used to send information that is time-sensitive and relevant to our residents. Any resident that is eliminated will not be able to be contacted by the system in an emergency.

More information about this system is available on the Village website at:

<http://www.oak-brook.org/303/Mass-Emergency-Notification>

From the Village website you can also add additional contact methods such as cellular telephone numbers and email addresses.

If you have further questions or concerns about this service please call the Village at 630.368.5174 or you can email us at: alerts@oak-brook.org

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Library Calendar and Events

BY JACOB POST

LIBRARY NOTES

These are very unusual times to say the least. Everyone has had to adjust their routines and get a little creative. The Oak Brook Public Library is no different. During this pandemic, my staff and I have worked hard to adjust procedures and come up with new ways to better serve you with safety in mind. When creating these procedures the recommendations of various health, library, and municipal organizations were taken into account. Below is a highlight of what the Library is doing to keep everyone a little safer.

Curbside Pickup

If the item you want is available, we will bring it out to your car. This limits the amount of person to person interaction.

Isolating Returned Items

In order to reduce the potential of transferring germs, all returned materials will be isolated from circulation for at least 72 hours.

Enhanced Electronic Resources

We have expanded the amount of downloadable materials available to patrons and have acquired new online databases to bring you valuable information.

Protective Barriers

Each public service desk will have a plastic barrier to minimize the spread of germs.

Social Distancing of Furniture

Furniture will be spread out or removed to give everyone a little more space.

Adjusted Hours

The hours the Library is open will temporarily change to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 to the public.

Limited Programing

The Library will adjust or cancel programing to comply with any social distancing regulations

While we adjust to a new normal, we will continue to work on providing you the services you know and love. For the latest information, including programing updates and schedules, visit the Library's website. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate these unprecedented times.



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ELECTION INFORMATION



There will be a General Election on November 3, 2020 will elect many federal, state, legislative, judicial, county officials and President of the United States. If you have recently moved, be sure to Register to Vote. Voter registration occurs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Butler Government Center; the Village Library from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please contact the Library at 990-2222 to ensure that a Deputy Registrar is on duty for voter.

The last day to register to vote or to transfer registration for the November 3, 2020 election at Village locations is **October 6, 2020**. Residents may then register at DuPage County or Cook County Election Offices or at a location designated by the elections authority for this purpose.

In-person absentee voting will be available to Village residents prior to election day. Applications for absentee ballots will also be available for those residents who will not be available to vote in person.

Warm Weather Encourages Door-to-Door Solicitors

The season of door-to-door sales people is upon us. The Village of Oak Brook requires that all Commercial Solicitors must apply for a permit from the Village. A background check for local violations is completed for each individual that has requested permission to solicit door-to-door in the Village of Oak Brook with the intent to protect the residents of the Village.

Non-Commercial Solicitors must register with the Village for the purpose of identification.

Federal litigation has specified that religious organizations and political parties are exempt from any Village requirements of licensing or registration. Many religious organizations do cooperate and at least provide us with information and are willing to wear our badges.

The Village does not regulate solicitors distributing handbills as long as they do not participate in personal contact with residents unless the resident pursues contact.

Further information can be found at our Village of Oak Brook website at www.oak-brook.org or you can contact the Village Clerk's office at 630-368-5052.

Free "No Solicitors" signs are available at the Village Hall and solicitors must honor those signs and not attempt to contact you.

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GOLF



It's been a crazy and a cautious beginning to the 2020 season, I hope this letter finds everyone healthy.

The Club is officially open! Due to COVID-19 limitations some tee times have been shifted and we are following the DCOE guidelines for safety. The course is in great shape and even with the restrictions players are enjoying their OBG experience. If you do come out please be aware of these Player Restrictions:

- Any players with any symptoms of COVID-19, should not play.
- In addition, any players from a household with someone with symptoms of COVID-19 should not play.
- Bring your own supply of balls, tees, ball markers, and any other equipment needed to play golf.
- Insist on social distancing on tees, greens, and throughout the round.
- Players shall maintain adequate physical distancing between each other.
- Golfers should pick up their own ball.
- Handle your own scorecard.
- Do not use the public drinking fountain or ball cleaner.
- Leave the flag in place while putting.
- Put on your golf shoes at your vehicle.
- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use during your round and at the end.

- No handshakes at the beginning of the round or at the 18th hole.

Now that the state has transitioned to Phase 3 of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan we have opened our Patio for food and beverage service. Enjoy a post round drink from our full bar menu or a scratch, made to order pizza from our newly expanded food menu. The Patio is open to everyone and is a great place to relax and safely enjoy time with family and friends.

The relaxing of some restrictions also allows for golf lessons and programs to begin. All ages and abilities are welcome for small group or individual instruction. Contact Head Golf Professional, Jeff Kawucha at 630.368.6402 for more information.

Finally, our Bar and Restaurant renovations are complete. I look forward to being able to open and show off our awesome space! Stay safe and I hope to see you soon.

Thanks

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BY JASON PAPROCKI

Annual Financial Audit

The Village's fiscal year 2019 annual audit was completed this spring by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. The audit report was presented to the Village Board at the May 26, 2020 board meeting. The 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) received an unmodified ("clean") opinion from our auditors. The 2018 CAFR received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This was the 41st consecutive year the Village received this award. The 2019 CAFR has been submitted to the GFOA for review and we believe it continues to meet award standards.

The Village's overall net position totaled \$92.6 million, an increase of \$7.1 million from the 2018 balance. Net position measures the resources (cash, investments, receivables, capital assets, etc.) of the Village and any claims (payables, deposits, debt, pension liabilities, etc.) against those resources. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village is improving or deteriorating.

Sales tax revenue continues to be the Village's largest revenue source. Sales tax revenue in the General Corporate Fund totaled \$12.5 million in 2019, a decrease of \$69,704, or 0.6%, over last year. Non-home rule sales tax in the Infrastructure Fund (which help support the maintenance and construction of roadways) totaled \$5.6 million in 2019, a decrease of \$48,638, or 0.9%, over last year. The decreases were primarily the result of business redevelopment in 2019. Although some businesses closed throughout the year, the Village had over \$3.6 million in license and permit revenue during 2019 related to economic development.

As of December 31, 2019, the Village had \$45.5 million in cash and investments on hand, an increase of \$2.7 million from last year. The General Corporate Fund (the Village's main operating fund) had a balance of \$21.3 million, which is equal to 11.0 months of 2020 budgeted operating expenses. The Village has a policy of maintaining a cash and investments reserve in the General Corporate Fund that meets or exceeds six months of annual operating expenses.

The Village contributes to three defined benefit pension plans: the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the Police Pension Plan, and the Firefighter's Pension Plan. Related to these pension plans, the Village reports an unfunded pension liability of \$49.1 million as of December 31, 2019. Current State statutes require the Village's pension contributions to accumulate to the point where the Police and Firefighter's Pension plans are 90% funded by the year 2040. As of December 31, 2018, the Police Pension Plan is 65.2% funded and the Firefighter's Pension Plan is

59.0% funded. For fiscal year 2019, combined pension contributions for the IMRF, Police, and Fire pension plans totaled \$4.8 million.

Popular Annual Financial Report

The Village of Oak Brook is pleased to release its 2019 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is the seventh annual PAFR the Village has produced. The report is designed to provide a summary view for citizens who wish to gain a general understanding of the village's financial activities and position. Information contained in this report is a summarized version of that found in the Village's annual CAFR. The 2018 PAFR received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the GFOA. This was the sixth consecutive year the Village has received this award. The 2019 report has been submitted to the GFOA for review and we believe it continues to meet the award standards.

These reports, along with other financial documents, are available on the Village's website at:
<http://www.oak-brook.org/180/Finance>.

2020 Budget Update

The Village is working through the economic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Village's 2020 annual budget. We are monitoring the progress of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan and its effect on local sales tax revenues. We are also reviewing the annual budget on a continuous basis to identify any cost savings without disrupting public services. We anticipate the pandemic will have a significant impact on Village finances in 2020 and beyond. As noted earlier, the Village has approximately 11.0 months of operating reserves, however, we will continue to identify ways to maintain services and minimize the use of reserves.

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BY BRIAN OTTOSEN

Lauren & John's Heroic Wedding at Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club



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One sunny September day, 98 guests gathered together at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club to witness the beautiful union of Lauren and John. The scenic woodlands and modern interior served as the perfect backdrop for the couple's memorable ceremony and reception. Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club was the very same place where Lauren's parents were married, making it even more special to everyone.



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A LOVELY POND SIDE CEREMONY

Lauren and John's family and friends made their way to the lawn, where white chairs had been arranged for them in front of the property's picturesque pond and fountain. John was the first to arrive at the floral adorned trellis, smiling in nervous anticipation for his bride. It was quite the sight to see the radiant Lauren walk down the aisle toward him to "A Million Dreams" by the Piano Guys.

The ceremony officially began with two intimate readings, including Maya Angelou's poem "Touched by an Angel." With the exchanging of vows and rings, John and Lauren were officially announced husband and wife, and everyone cheered for their newfound life together.



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COCKTAIL AND SAVORY BITES ON THE PATIO

Guests made their way to the roomy patio for cocktail hour, where we had arranged highboys dressed in navy linens, which were topped with white candle centerpieces. It wasn't long before the hors d'oeuvres began to flow.



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HEARTWARMING INTROS AND SPEECHES

As cocktail hour came to a close, guests made their way into the Clubhouse, where a hearty welcome and champagne toast ensued. Lauren's father gave a speech that was truly touching.



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DINNER AND DANCING IN THE CLUBHOUSE

It was time for the reception! The Clubhouse looked absolutely ravishing dressed in navy, blush and gold. Tables featured ivory linens and navy napkins topped with party favors, which were chocolate bars wrapped in gold foil and a sprinkle of heart-shaped comics. The couple chose these favors as a nod to the time when John asked Lauren to a dance with a message in a candy bar. Centerpieces included a mirror base topped with vases filled with water and floating candles. The finishing touch—table numbers featured different superhero graphics like Wonder Woman and Batman.

After a delicious meal, the formal dances began. Eventually, everyone drifted from their seats and onto the dance floor. James Mastrino of DJJJ helped to liven the night and get people moving.



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SWEET ENDINGS AND LONG-LASTING MEMORIES

Dessert is the cherry on top of a night full of dancing and celebrating. Guests were treated to the following desserts:

- **Mini Dessert Bars:** Oreo dream, caramel apple granny, marble cheesecake and lemonberry-jazz
- **Chocolate Strawberries:** Fresh strawberries dipped in dark and milk chocolate

It didn't end there! The bride and groom also provided cupcakes for everyone. All in all, it was an incredible day for Lauren, John and all their loved ones.

Our team truly enjoyed hosting Lauren and John for their special day. It's even more rewarding to have received the following words from Ellen, Lauren's mother:

"Everything was absolutely perfect! Marianne and the rest of the staff thought of everything so we didn't have to worry about anything except enjoying the day and celebrating with our family and friends. The building and grounds were awesome. Gorgeous views in the daytime and absolutely magical at night."

If you're looking for an experience like Lauren and John's, we'd love to discuss your vision and how you can make Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club yours for the day. Please call the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club at 630-368-6440.



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