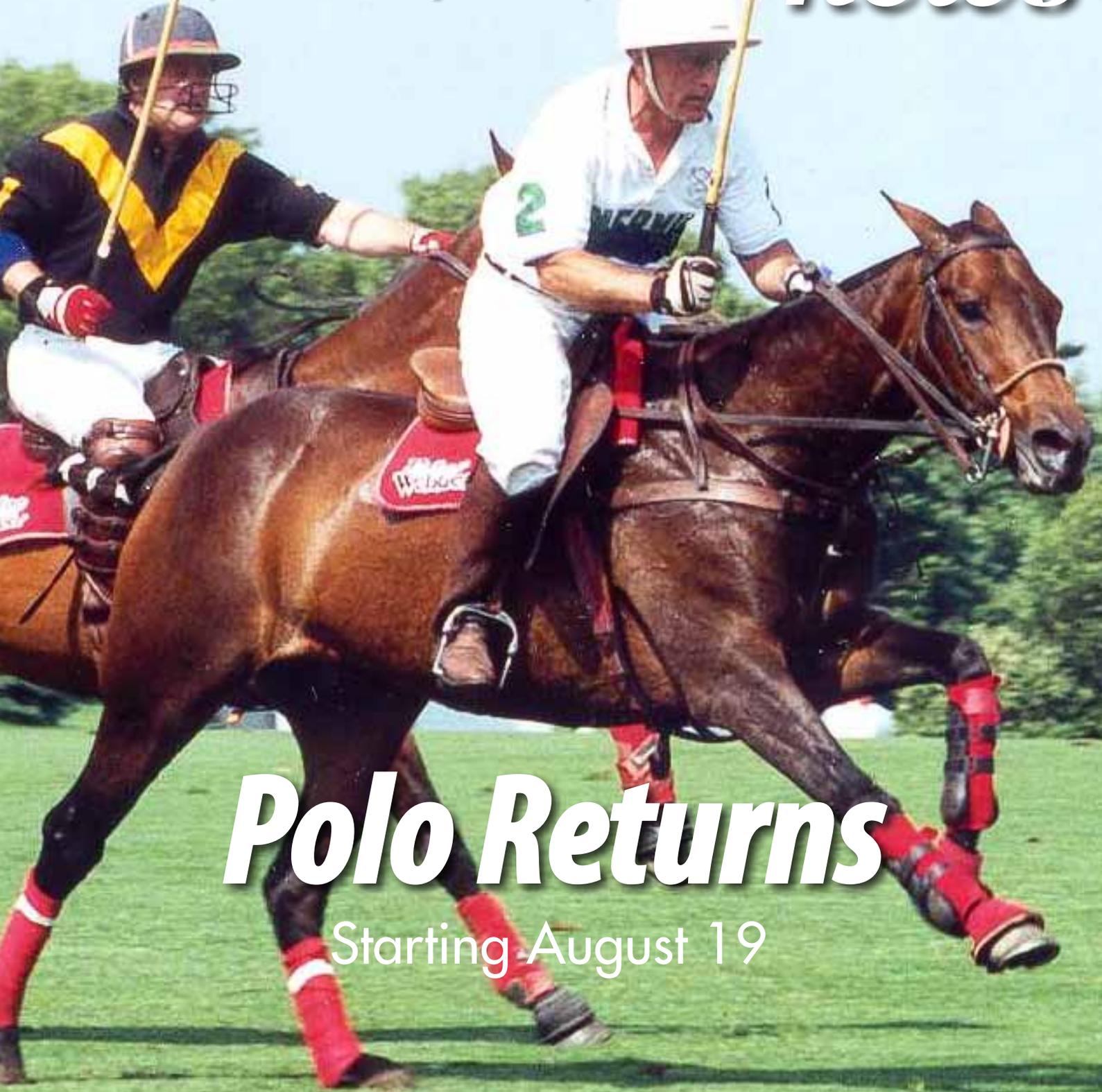


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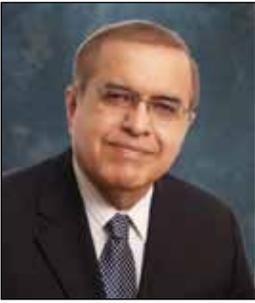
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Polo Returns

Starting August 19

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends and fellow residents,

As we approach the end of a hot summer, I am excited to see many wonderful things happening in Oak Brook, several of which merit your attention.

OAK BROOK POLO

Willow Harbor Vineyards and Polo Club has partnered with the Village to hold polo matches for the 2012 season, starting on August 19 at 1 p.m. at the Oak Brook Golf Club driving range, which was the location of polo matches when Prince Charles played in Oak Brook. I would like to thank the Polo Committee members, Bev Taylor, Harry Peters, Bob Sanford, Cristin Jones, Kathy Maher, Trustees Manzo, Yusuf and Zannis for all their efforts to bring polo back to our fine community. Ticket information is available on the Sports Core section (page 10) of this newsletter.

HUB GROUP

On Wednesday, August 1, the Village Board participated in the groundbreaking of the future site of the Hub Group's Corporate Headquarters. The 130,000 square foot, four-story, planned LEED-Gold certified office building will be the first large office building constructed in Oak Brook since 2000. The Hub Group is expected to bring 500 jobs to their new headquarters in the first year alone.

AD HOC LEGAL COMMITTEE

I have selected an Ad-Hoc Legal Committee to review, respond, and actively monitor the Village's legal bills. Trustee Moy will serve as Chairman of this Committee, and members will include Trustees Manzo and Yusuf as well as me. The Village needs to find ways and means of reducing our overall legal bills, as we did with our prosecution bills. However, make no mistake, the Village will continue to aggressively fight cases where Oak Brook is in the right.

RESIDENTIAL ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Village is seeking members for its new Residential Enhancement Committee that was recently approved by the Village Board. This new ad hoc committee will focus on drawing younger families to Oak Brook, filling vacant homes, and revitalizing and enhancing Oak Brook residential properties. The committee will include residents, real estate brokers, HOA presidents, and school and Park District representatives. Please fill out an application for appointment online or at Village Hall by Sept. 14.

Finally, in addition to my monthly updates, please consider subscribing to 'Notify Me' on the Village website. You may also wish to follow the Village on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed. Please know that the Village Trustees, our staff, and I are available to you at all times. Feel free to email, call, or meet any one of us. Kindly share your thoughts and ideas with us; let us know how we are doing, and what we need to be working on. There is always room for us to improve, and I pledge that we will do our best to make things happen!

Kind Regards,

Gopal G. Lalmalani, M.D.
Village President

VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK ELECTED OFFICIALS/ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Economic Development/630.368.5022
Engineering/630.368.5130
Fire Non-Emergency/630.368.5200
Library/630.368.7700
Police Non-Emergency/630.368.8700
Public Works/630.368.5270
Water Billing/630.368.5090
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
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.

Community Calendar



Labor Day Half-Marathon
Monday, September 3
7 a.m.

RACE:
The half-marathon starts on Kensington Road west of Jorie Boulevard, and finishes in Oak Brook's Central Park.

REGISTRATION*:
Registration until 9/1: \$65
Race day registration: \$70
*Limited to 2,000 registrants.

PARKING:
Parking is available at the Ace Hardware corporate parking lot and at The Crossings Center office complex parking lot, directly north of the starting line.

FOR MORE INFO:
To learn more about the race and the spectator areas, visit www.oakbrookhalfmarathon.com.



9/11 Remembrance
Tuesday, September 11
11 a.m.

LOCATION:
Oak Brook Public Library
600 Oak Brook Road

CEREMONY:
The Oak Brook Police and Fire Departments will conduct a memorial ceremony in honor of our fellow Americans killed on 9/11. The OBPD Honor Guard will be on hand, as well as an OBFD bag piper and a bell ceremony.

FOR MORE INFO:
As more details unfold, information will be posted on the Village website. You may also contact the OBFD at (630) 368-5203.



Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 22
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

LOCATION:
Oak Brook Park District
1450 Forest Gate Road

MUSIC:
Chef Dan and the Appetizers
Saturday, 3 - 5 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS:
Adult Futbol Tournament
Saturday & Sunday

Hittin' For the House Classic
Softball Tournament
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

KIDS' ACTIVITIES:
Face painting, pumpkin walk, balloon animals, crafts, pony rides, moon jump, & Fire Dept. activities
Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m.

FOOD & BEVERAGES:
Sweet Baby Ray's
Two Brothers Brewery
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Veterans Day Commemoration
Monday, November 12
1 p.m.

LOCATION:
Oak Brook Heritage Center
1112 Oak Brook Road

COMMEMORATION:
The Oak Brook Historical Society will host an observance ceremony, and honor Village employees and residents who have and currently serve our country.

PARKING:
Parking is available at the Village of Oak Brook lot.

FOR MORE INFO:
Contact the Oak Brook Historical Society at (630) 325-1314, or visit www.oakbrookhistory.com.

Upcoming ELECTIONS

There will be a General Election on November 6, 2012, including the President of the United States. If you have recently moved, be sure to Register to Vote. Voter registration occurs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Butler Government Center.

The last day to register to vote is October 9 for the November 6 election. There will be a two-week grace period to register, but during that time the only location where you will be able to register is at the DuPage County Election Office. Contact DuPage County Election Office at (630) 407-5600 for their hours of operation and location.

Early Voting will begin October 22 and end November 3. Early Voting sites and information will be posted on the Village of Oak Brook website www.oak-brook.org as soon as that information is available.

Please remember to check the Village website (located under the "Government" tab, then "Village Clerk's Office," and "Elections") for polling places prior to Election Day to confirm your voting location. Or, go to the DuPage County Election Commission website at www.dupageelections.com (located under the "Voter Status Lookup" tab on the right hand side) to look up your voting location.



From the Manager's Desk

DAVID NIEMEYER

Recently, the Village Board reviewed a draft of a strategic plan for 2012-15. The draft plan and goals are on the Village website in the “Manager’s Office” section. A strategic plan is important for any organization. It has several advantages:

- The plan will let residents, businesses and employees know Board priorities for the next several years.
- It is a tool to hold staff accountable.
- Gives staff clear guidance on community priorities and budget priorities.
- It changes an organization’s culture from reacting to crisis of day to begin acting on long term issues.

The development of the plan started more than a year ago when the Village sought input from residents and businesses through surveys. We have already begun to address some of the priorities of the resident survey, including: enhancing code enforcement, upgrading the Sports Core, bringing back polo, increasing transparency, and creating a residential enhancement committee.

The draft goals encompass six main areas: (1) promoting economic development; (2) operating a fiscally conservative, low-tax operation; (3) enhancing transportation access and facilities; (4) continuing to promote and upgrade Oak Brook’s stellar image; (5) maintaining and enhancing Village services to residents; and (6) improving employee productivity and morale. Within each goal are a number of objectives and a total of 55 strategies. Each strategy is measurable and assigned to a specific employee and/or committee to ensure it is being accomplished. The Village Board is in the process of prioritizing each strategy. Final approval of the plan is scheduled for September. The plan is a fluid document and will be updated each July by the Board at the beginning of the annual budget process. An update on the status of the goals, objectives and strategies will be published each year in the Village newsletter.

WHAT'S NEW

NEW HOURS

■ The Administration, Finance, Engineering, and Community Development departments will now have the same customer service hours. Starting Sept. 4, the departments will be open from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

EXPERIENCE OAK BROOK

■ As part of the Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce’s Experience Oak Brook promotion, each Oak Brook household may obtain a \$25 fine dining gift card. Simply visit www.experienceoakbrook.com/free_gift_card, provide your contact information, and your gift card will be mailed to you. The gift card is redeemable through October 30, 2012.

WEBSITE TRANSPARENCY

■ One of the objectives of the strategic plan is to create an Village-wide marketing/communication plan. One of the strategies of this plan is to increase use of the website, social media and the Village’s communication systems in order to provide more information to residents.

In the last several months, we have made improvements to the website to increase transparency, including:

- An ‘Open Government’ section, which provides important public documents
- Online Board agenda packets
- More ‘Notify Me’ options
- Additional names in the online staff directory



Door to Door Solicitation



The Village of Oak Brook regulates solicitation within our community. There are two types of solicitors that may go “door to door” for solicitations: commercial and non-commercial. Commercial solicitors must have a permit issued by the Village. Non-commercial solicitors must register with the Village.

BUILDING the BUDGET

Budgeting is an essential tool for managing the Village's revenues and expenditures. The Village of Oak Brook's process is underway for developing its budget for the next fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Step 1

A draft strategic plan was presented to the Board in late July.

Step 2

The 2013 budget process begins with the department directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and Finance Director by mid-September.

Step 3

The Village Manager, Assistant Village Manager and Finance Director consider funding requests as a starting point to develop a draft budget. In September, there will be numerous meetings with key staff to discuss and evaluate funding requests. Adjustments are made as deemed appropriate and reports are prepared in October. Copies of the finalized draft budget will be posted online and available for viewing at the Village Hall and Library in late October.

Step 4

The Village Board will hold budget workshop meetings in November to discuss the 2013 draft budget. Residents are invited to attend these meetings.

Step 5

Before the December 11 regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2013 Budget. Residents may participate in the public hearing.

Step 6

Given the outcome of the public hearing, the adoption of the final budget may occur during the same Board meeting.

More information regarding the exact dates of the budget timeline will be posted in the Finance Department section of the Village website.

From the Director's Desk

SHARON DANGLES



Starting July 31, the Village of Oak Brook has a new lock-box account to automate payment processing for water billing customers. As a result, customers with online bill pay will need to update their information with their banks. The new remittance address for all water bills is: Village of Oak Brook, 26018 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1260. Bills can still be paid in person at Village Hall.

State law requires the Village to prepare a complete set of audited financial statements following the close of each fiscal year in the form of a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is presented in three main sections. The introductory section includes a financial overview and an organization chart. The financial section includes the Village auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis, audited basic financial statements and notes thereto, and the underlying combining and individual fund financial statements and supporting schedules. The statistical section sets forth selected unaudited economic, financial trend and demographic information for the Village on a multi-year basis.

For the past 34 years, the Village has received recognition for its CAFR in the form of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The 2011 CAFR is located on the Village website in the Finance section. Contact the Finance Department at (630) 368-5000 if you have any questions regarding this document management plan.

In these difficult financial times, management is pleased that we have been able to end the 2011 fiscal year with an addition to fund balance. The Village's General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2.3 million. By the end of June 2012, the total cash reserves reached approximately \$11 million.

Both commercial and non-commercial solicitors are required to:

- Wear the Village-issued solicitation badge conspicuously on the outside of an outer garment.
- Honor "No Soliciting" signs displayed on any premises.
- Leave the premises when requested to do so.
- Indicate the purpose of the visit and not misrepresent that the purpose is other than to solicit.

The Village offers residents free "No Solicitors or Peddlers" decals for your door or window. Additional decals are available at the Village Clerk's office at Village Hall. If you believe any of these requirements are being violated, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at (630) 368-8700. However, if you feel threatened in any way, call 9-1-1 immediately. For more information, call (630) 368-5050.



From the Chief's Desk

JAMES KRUGER

The Oak Brook Police Department has had a very busy summer preparing for and enacting many positive changes. Our emergency telecommunications services transition to DU-COMM occurred July 9 with no major difficulties or interruptions in service. That same day, our Records Division added customer service hours of 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends to serve you better. Staff is busy preparing for our Citizen Police Academy scheduled to begin September 5 at 7 p.m. We encourage residents and those that work in Oak Brook to consider attending. Our officers are eager to speak about their profession and share their experiences with you.

This month also signals the end of summer for many of our school-aged children. Soon we will see an increase in pedestrian and vehicular traffic along our school routes and especially around Brook Forest and Butler Junior High Schools. Please exercise due care as you drive near these areas and remember that it is against Illinois State law to talk on a cell phone in a school zone. Parents, please remind your young children how to cross the street safely and practice with them. The National Safety Council has a myriad of information available on school safety at www.nsc.org/safety_home/SafetyObservances/Pages/BackToSchoolSafety.aspx.

Should you or a neighborhood organization have the need for one of our staff members to present a topic of interest at a meeting, please let us know. The Oak Brook Police Department offers many different items of interest that affect us all, such as identity theft and Internet safety. Call us at (630) 368-8700 and ask to speak with a Support Services Officer. Have a wonderful and safe fall season.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

APPLY NOW!

The Oak Brook Police Department is pleased to bring the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) back to the community. As a community-oriented policing initiative, CPA participants gain a working knowledge of practices, policies, and procedures of the Police Department. CPA is a nine-week program, which consists of two-hour segments each week of "academy" training. Participants will learn about available community programs, Illinois Vehicle Code, Criminal Law and Statutes, evidence collection, SWAT and mutual aid, traffic stops, defensive tactics, and safe firearm handling. All graduates also have an opportunity to join the Oak Brook Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Participation is free and open to all residents and anyone who works in Oak Brook. For more information, contact Officers Erica Huff or George Peterson at (630) 368-8734 and (630) 368-8732, or apply online under the "Support Services" division section of the website before Sept. 3.

THE DETAILS

- **When?**
Starts Sept. 5 at 7 p.m.
- **How Long?**
2 hours/week for 9 weeks
- **How Much?**
It's absolutely free!
- **Who Can Apply?**
Residents and anyone working in Oak Brook

Back-to-School Transportation Safety Checklist

Walking to school

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before crossing the street, stop and look for oncoming vehicles.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Practice walking to school with your child.

Riding a bicycle to school

- Make sure your child always wears his or her helmet.
- Teach your children the rules of the road for riding their bicycles.
 - Ride on the right side of the road and in a single file.
 - Come to a complete stop before crossing the street.

Riding the bus to school

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Make sure your children stand six feet away from the curb.
- If you and your child need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.

Source: National Safety Council



Prevention Reminders

- **Look out for yourself.** See an eye specialist once a year. Use night lights to light the path between your hallway and the bedroom.
- **Tread carefully.** Stairways should be well lit from both top and bottom.
- **Slippery When Wet.** Use non-slip mats in the bathtub and the shower.
- **Take Your Time.** Being rushed or distracted increase your chance of falling.
- **Clear The Way.** Keep stairs and walkways, indoors and out, free of clutter and other obstacles.
- **Throw Rugs Can Throw You.** Use only rugs with rubber - no skid backing.
- **Plug It In Right.** Make sure your plugs fit your outlets. Never remove the ground pin (the third prong) to make three-prong plug fit a two-conductor outlet; this could lead to an electrical shock. Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit. Plugs should fit securely into outlets. Avoid overloading outlets with too many appliances.
- **Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves.** The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle.
- **House Check-Ups.** Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work, and change the batteries. Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects.
- **Fireplace Care.** Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from flying out. Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like Pine, etc. Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace. Never overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs, the resulting fire may be too large for the unit. Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container. Have a useable fire extinguisher available.

From the Chief's Desk

TOM MCELLIN



The transition to DU-COMM went smoothly. This transition has increased our use of Computer Automated Dispatching (CAD), which allows for timely, fluent dispatching of emergency units. As a result, the automatic aid that we receive and we provide to other towns has increased dramatically. There are now auto-aid agreements with Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Hillside, Hinsdale, Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, Westchester, Westmont and York Center fire departments. For instance, Elmhurst FD will respond immediately for fire calls to the Northeast residential districts of Oak Brook. Downers Grove will respond with Oak Brook for cardiac and respiratory EMS calls to Southwest districts. Oak Brook will respond to assist York Center with EMS calls at Butterfield Country Club. The definitive goal is to provide the quickest and most ample emergency response to those in need.

The Village took delivery of a new ambulance on August 6, which came in on time and within budget. It will go in service later this month after stocking and marking the vehicle. This replaces an ambulance that is over 15 years old. Historically, our goal has been to retain our ambulances for 12 years - eight years as front-line and four years as reserve. Adhering to a vehicle replacement schedule for front-line emergency vehicles is the most cost efficient policy in regards to fleet maintenance. An aging fleet increases maintenance cost exponentially due to frequency, longer repair times and difficult parts procurement. Of course, the greatest benefit is providing our residents an urgent response in a safe, dependable, efficient, emergency vehicle with modern technology and equipment.

SMART911

ARE YOU READY FOR EMERGENCIES?

Smart911 is a software that allows citizens the ability to enter information about themselves that they would want available to 9-1-1 dispatchers. Smart911 delivers this information automatically with any 9-1-1 call placed within DuPage County. Your information will display on the dispatcher's work station and is made available to police, fire and EMS in the field, helping them respond more quickly and effectively.

- ▶ Visit smart911.com to create your free and secure safety profile today!

SMART911 FEATURES

With Smart911, dispatchers can tell firefighters in route exactly what to expect – where the gas shut off valve in your house is & where the exits are.

You can securely share all the information about the medications your family members take so that paramedics are aware of any complications and don't have to question an injured or delirious victim.

In a house fire, it's important that pets don't get left behind either. You can add all your family pets to your profile to make sure that first responders rescue them, as well.



**From the
Director's
Desk**

MICHAEL HULLIHAN

Many residents have commented on the unkempt appearance of the medians on 22nd Street west of Illinois Route 83, which is owned and maintained by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). As part of IDOT's 22nd Street Improvement Project (Route 83-Butterfield Road) restoration of the medians was performed. The contractor, Martam Construction, installed a landscaping fabric blanket impregnated with grass seed. The seed failed to germinate and drought tolerant weeds sprouted. The Village has treated the weeds with a herbicide and will remove dried weeds after the herbicide has been fully absorbed. The Village will work with IDOT's resident engineer and Martam Construction to ensure that the replanting (required warrantee work) is accomplished.

In late August, ComEd will begin forestry activities along its high voltage power line rights of way. These high voltage lines can be identified by their white steel monopole support structures and run generally parallel to I-88. Trees which are within 20 feet of the transmission lines and which have the potential to reach a height of 20 feet at maturity will be removed. Contact project manager, Myron McCullough, at (847) 816-5361 for inquiries.

The construction season is drawing to a close with the completion of several capital improvement projects. The streets in Saddle Brook were successfully reconstructed. The improved design should remedy the recurring problem of ruts forming across the road surface. Similarly, the completion of the water main replacement project in York Woods should resolve the frequency of main breaks in this area. Both Engineering and Public Works Departments thank you for your patience during these projects.

AUTUMN LEAF PICKUP

Fall is approaching and with it the laborious task of raking fallen leaves. We recommend that you mulch your leaves and return this very beneficial material back to your lawn and landscape.

Leaves may be raked to the street pavement edge where they will be collected four times by the Village per the schedule below. In order to have an efficient and effective program, your cooperation is needed in adhering to the following procedures:

- DO NOT bag your leaves if you want the Village to pick them up. The equipment we use can only pick up piles of loose leaves
- Rake ONLY LEAVES into a pile. NO shrub clippings, sticks, or other debris are permitted; these materials will clog our equipment.
- DO NOT pile leaves on the street pavement. Leaves are to be placed behind the curb or edge of pavement.
- Please place the leaves a day or two prior to the dates listed below. Any leaves placed afterwards will not be collected until the next date. *Later pickups are subject to weather conditions.*

A map depicting pickup areas is available on the Village website. Inquiries may be directed to the Public Works Department at (630) 368-5270.

Zone	Subdivisions	Pickup Dates
ZONE 1	Steeplechase Yorkshire Woods	October 15, 23 Nov. 7, Dec. 3
ZONE 2	Forest Glen Woodside Estates York Woods	October 16, 24 November 8 December 4
ZONE 3	Merry Lane Timber Trails	October 17, 26 Nov. 13, Dec. 6
ZONE 4	South of 31st St. and East of Rte. 83; including Coolidge, Grant and Lincoln	October 18, 30 November 13 December 6
ZONE 5	Briarwood Lakes Brook Forest Trinity Lakes	October 19 November 1, 21 December 12
ZONE 6	Avenue Loire Ginger Creek Heritage Oaks Saddle Brook White Oak Lane	October 22 November 5, 28 December 14

Development Update

NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hyatt Lodge

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

Bloomington's Home Store

Oakbrook Center has received the required interior demolition permits for the former Bloomington's space in preparation for redevelopment.

Macy's

Permits have been issued for remodeling of this Oakbrook Center anchor store. The value of this work is \$1.67 million.

Oakbrook Center

Work is underway on the second phase of the Center's interior renovation and maintenance project. The value of this work is in excess of \$6 million and will be completed over the next two years.

Additionally, several stores are new or expanding at the Center. Chico's is undergoing a \$300,000 renovation project. Soma is new to the Center and the value of their tenant work is \$275,000. Lucky Brand Jeans is undergoing a \$200,000 renovation project.

Pinstripes

Work is well on its way for the 34,000 sq. ft. bowling, bocce and bistro at Oakbrook Center. Construction should be complete by mid-September.

Drake Hotel

IBLP (Institute of Basic Life Principles) continues the process of repairing the existing facility.

Renaissance Hotel

Plans are being finalized for the potential redevelopment of this facility.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Chicago - Oak Brook

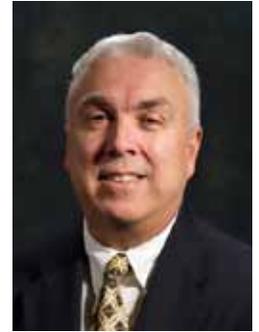
Oak Brook Ballroom and the Spring Room renovations wrap up this month.

Oak Brook Promenade

Two new restaurants; Freshii and Blueberry Hill should be open for business in the coming months.

From the Director's Desk

ROBERT KALLIEN

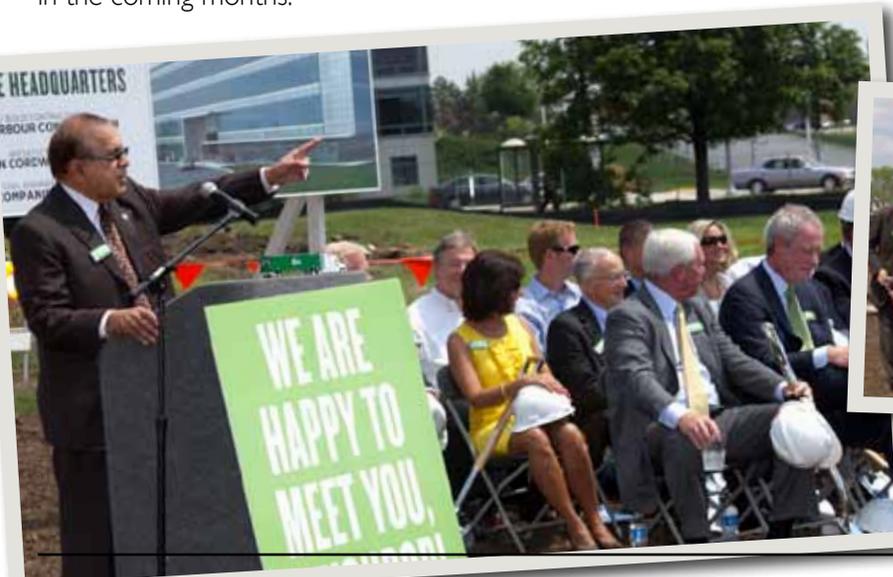


As one drives through Oak Brook, signs of new development can be seen everywhere. From the new construction of the Hub Group corporate headquarters and the Pinstripes entertainment venue, to the more than 50 renovations and/or expansions at Oakbrook Center, commercial growth is evident in Oak Brook. Just as important, residential development is here, as nearly a dozen new single-family homes are now in various stages of construction.

The numbers are saying it, too. From a statistical perspective, development activity in the first six months of 2012 is well ahead of 2011 numbers. As of July 2012, the total number of building permits issued is up 9 percent; the value of new construction is up over 32 percent; and total permit fees collected is up 19 percent. And with many more projects in the pipeline, staff anticipates Oak Brook having one of its busiest construction years in recent history.

Snapshots from the

Hub Group Groundbreaking



Left: President Lalmalani speaks at the ceremony. Above: President Lalmalani, Board members, Village staff, and Hub Group officials pose during Groundbreaking.



From the Director's Desk

TREY VANDYKE

For those of you who love hot weather, I hope you enjoyed yourself this summer. I am happy to report that all of our sports venues have remained active during this record-setting heat. The pool especially has been very active. Congratulations to Head Coach Cindy Jones and our Barracuda Swim Team with an impressive 4th Place finish in our conference meet on July 21. Additionally, we owe a debt of gratitude to Lisa Griffith, Anne Huber, and all our parent volunteers. Without their efforts, we wouldn't have a swim team. Thank you!

Local golfers hit the links at our Oak Brook Golf Club on July 28 and 29 to determine our club champion. Defending champion Jaime Blyth of Hinsdale repeated his performance with a winning score of 145 (74-71). The remaining winners are Senior Champion - Mark Thorne (153), Super Senior - David Lee (154), Senior Net - Ray Manz (144), A Flight - Dan Vincenti (164), B Flight - Bill Schwarzkopf (166), and C Flight - Dr. Darrell Wehrend (189). Congratulations to the winners and thank you for everyone who participated. Please note that the women's championship is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19.

In the coming weeks some of you may be randomly selected to receive a survey regarding Sports Core operations, programs, and facilities. This survey will help the citizen long range planning group with its work this fall. Your input is critical in this planning process. Thank you in advance for taking the time necessary to complete the survey.

As always we encourage you to use our beautiful facilities for your next special event. Please contact Tammy Perri at (630) 368-6442 for availability and rates.

POLO DATES



The 2012 polo season has finally arrived! This year, there will be four polo matches, with the inaugural match on August 19 at 1 p.m. at the Oak Brook Polo Grounds on the Oak Brook Golf Club driving range. The inaugural match on August 19, known as the Charity Polo Match, will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the CURE® Chicagoland Area. The remaining matches will take place on August 26, Sept. 2, and Sept. 9 - capping off with an appearance by Oak Brook's iconic Butler family. Each of the matches will start at 1 p.m. on the Polo Grounds.

Oak Brook residents may purchase general admission tickets in advance for a special reduced rate of \$15, which includes a free wine tasting ticket (valued at \$10) for sampling a variety of red and white wines produced by Willow Harbor Vineyards and Dewey Cannon Winery & Brewery. Non-residents tickets are \$25 and tickets purchased the day of the event are \$30 (although with proper ID Oak Brook residents may purchase an admissions-only ticket for \$15).

General admission tickets may be purchased in advance at Village Hall, the Oak Brook Public Library or Oak Brook Golf Clubhouse, by phone at (800) 373-1660, or online at www.oakbrookpoloclub.com. VIP tickets, group tickets, and multiple date tickets are available only by phone or online. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pickup at "Will Call" the day of the event and online ticket sales stop five days before each match. Additional details about parking, tickets, and polo news can be found on the Oak Brook Polo Club website.



Have a suggestion? Let us know!

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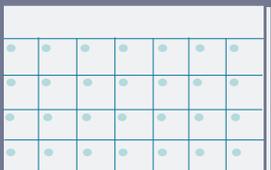
for a memorable Taste of Oak Brook!

Thanks to great food, fantastic music, and everyone withstanding a bit of heat, Oak Brook had another successful Taste!

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fall PROGRAMS



MON
SEPT 10
3 PM

Series of Programs on Medical Emergencies

Trustee and Liaison to the library, Dr. Mark Moy will speak about caring for wounds like lacerations and scrapes. The series will continue in November with a discussion about the risk of radiation from CT scans.

WED
SEPT 19
7 PM

Roots of Americana: Vintage Folk, Classic Country

Steve Justman takes you on a journey of some of the most influential and well-loved American folk, country, and popular songs with this entertaining and informative musical program.

FRI
SEPT 21,
OCT 19,
NOV 16
12:30 PM

Chair Yoga Class

Exercise, stretch and relax. Join Personal Trainer and Yoga Instructor Sandy Auriemma for a 45-minute class on chair yoga. Learn how to do basic stretches from the comfort and convenience of your own home!

TUES
SEPT 25
7 PM

Recession or Depression: Where Are We Now?

Are we in an economic recession or depression? How does National Bureau of Economic Research calculate this? Bill Gramas will walk us through the technical details and give his economic and finance thought and opinion of the state of the US economy.

THURS
OCT 4
7 PM

Paranormal 102

Join us as we welcome back TnT Paranormal Investigators as they discuss methods to find answers and investigate evidence of cases of paranormal or unexplainable activity.

SUN
OCT 7
2 PM

The Best is Yet to Come: Songs from Musicals

Classically trained vocalist Robbie Malkowski and premier jazz pianist Dave Turner present a musical program featuring songs from the King and I, My Fair Lady, and Fiddler on the Roof.

SUN
OCT 14
2 PM

Music of the Civil War: Hammered Dulcimer

Phil Passen performs many songs that we are familiar with today, such as When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Home, Sweet Home, Battle Hymn of the Republic, and Tramp, Tramp, Trap, the Boys Are Marching.

SAT
OCT 20
2 PM

The Ghosts of Route 66

Dave Clark explores both the ghost stories and the ghost towns along the country's most famous highway.

WED
OCT 24
7 PM

William Ryan: Classical Guitarist

William Ryan is an experienced and versatile guitarist in both classical and popular music and has performed throughout the United States and in the Dominican Republic.

From the Director's Desk

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The Library has moved one of the book drops to the newly constructed island near the south entrance of the parking lot. This additional location will provide greater ease when returning materials. If all goes well, two new book drops will be installed there in the future, so let us know what you think of the new location!

Oak Brook Public Library will be hosting a community electronics recycling event on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Library is working with CRS Company, an electronics recycler that holds the DuPage County contract. There is no cost to either the customer or the Library for this service. The types of items that will be accepted include:

Office Equipment: Scanners /Fax Machines, Printers, Toner/Ink Cartridges, Copy Machines, Desktop Fax Machines

Electronic Equipment: Televisions (CRTs and Flat Screen), Stereos, Radios, Gaming Consoles, VCRs, Tape Players, CD Players

Computers: Desktop, Laptop, Mainframes, Servers

Computer Monitors: CRTs, Flat Panel

Computer Accessories: Keyboards/Mice, Terminals, Network Hubs, Peripherals, Power & Network Cables, Modems, Hard Drives, CD-Roms, UPS, Docking Stations

Small Household Appliances: Irons, Toasters, Microwaves

Cell Phones

The west side of the parking lot is the designated drop-off point. CRS will have staff members and volunteers on hand to help unload items from vehicles. This event is a great way for our residents to properly recycle unwanted items.



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