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**The Taste of Oak Brook
2013 Polo Season
Summer Safety**



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From the President



WELCOMING SUMMER

Summer is finally here, and I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits as we all enjoy the beautiful season. There is lots going on around here! First up is the Taste of Oak Brook on July 3rd beginning at 4 pm at the Sports Core grounds. Also, polo is back bigger and better than ever! This year we have expanded polo to 6 dates beginning with a special late afternoon inaugural polo event on July 19th at 3:30 pm. Information on polo is on page 14 and the Taste on page 15.

April was unfortunately marred by a rainstorm that brought more than 7.5 inches of rain to the area. Many of you were hit hard by this flooding and hopefully you were able to apply for the FEMA assistance that was available.

On an upbeat note, I am happy to report to you that the Village has just won the lawsuit filed by Skybar/Tom Sheahan/John Craig who together sued a number of our current and former elected and appointed officials. The wide ranging complaint included allegations of defamation, loss of reputation, conspiracy to prevent former Police Chief Sheahan from discharging his duties, and Sky Bar's claim that it was denied due process in the revocation of the tavern's liquor license. By this action, the court has effectively dismissed this federal case. In the order, the federal judge declined to accept jurisdiction of former President John Craig's defamation claim based on Illinois law. The case was defended by and paid for by the Village's insurance carrier, the Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (IRMA).

One of the most talked about elections in Oak Brook history is over. I want to congratulate Trustees Don Adler and John Baar as well as reelected Trustee Mark Moy. I look forward to working together with them in the coming years. Also, as I am sure you are aware, the referendum that asked voters if they wanted the Village to sell a portion of the Sports Core land to the school district

was overwhelmingly defeated. The message from our residents was crystal clear, and I wholeheartedly support the results of the referendum.

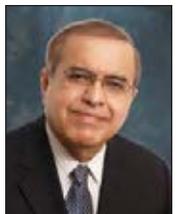
Finally, Trustee Don Adler, Village Manager David Niemeyer and I recently attended the annual Illinois Municipal League Lobby day in Springfield. We talked with many of our legislators and also met Treasurer Dan Rutherford. There were many hot button municipal issues discussed, including requiring the state to direct deposit our share of the income tax and other state shared tax revenues. We also met with State Representative Sandra Pihos, who is an expert on school issues and has agreed to speak with our school working group on school consolidation issues. Sadly, as you are aware the major issue in Springfield was and remains the pension reform. Yet another session has passed without any action. Until pension reform happens, the state's fiscal mess will not improve.

As always, please know that our staff, our Trustees, and I are available to you at all times and are here to serve you. Feel free to email, call, or meet any one of us. Let us know how we are doing, and what else we need to be working on, as together we strive to make Oak Brook an even better place to work, live, and play.

Respectfully submitted,

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From the Manager

BY DAVID NIEMEYER

Sports Core Survey

The Village recently heard a presentation on the Sports Core survey sent out to all residents and non-member residents last year. 635 Oak Brook residents responded and 86 non-resident members responded to the survey. Some of the residents who responded suggested maintaining and bolstering open space and trails, developing a 3 hole practice course, and improving the bathhouse and pool. Also, the consultants who completed the survey suggested increasing and expanding marketing, formalizing the village's relationship with the park district, and reviewing the Sports Core organizational chart. The next steps in the process of reviewing and implementing survey results are currently being discussed with the Sports Core Long Range Planning Committee. The full report is located on the Village website under the Sports Core section.

Red Light Camera

We recently learned that the Illinois Department of Transportation has denied Oakbrook Terrace's Application for a red light camera at 22nd and Route 83. IDOT does not normally allow a red light camera when there are not 3 years of new traffic data. This intersection was just recently improved by the state, and accidents have been reduced 50% since the construction was completed. In addition, a recent Oak Brook Police Department study concluded that during the three year period of 2010-2012, of the 160 traffic crashes only 16 were intersection related and 104 or 66% were rear end collisions. The study concluded that at least 78% of the crashes had no connection with disobeying a traffic signal. It is believed new traffic data will have to be collected between 2012 and 2015 prior to IDOT making a determination on the intersection again.

SLEP Update

It has been mentioned in many past newsletter articles the unfair assessment the Village was hit by in 2011 by IMRF as a result of former Police Chief Tom Sheahan being able to unfairly transfer many of his past pension credits from Deerfield and Chicago to his Oak Brook pension. Oak Brook got stuck with most of the bill, with our entire SLEP liability for his tenure exceeding \$750,000. We recently learned that we did not win our administrative appeal to IMRF on this issue, but the Board has recently authorized the Village Attorney to appeal this in decision court.



From left to right: John Baar, Don Adler, Mike Manzo, Asif Yusuf, Gopal Lalimalani, Charlotte Pruss, Mark Moy, Jerry Wolin.

Welcome, New Trustees!

Congratulations to newly elected trustees Don Adler, John Baar and Mark Moy.

Trustee Adler is a 23 year resident of Oak Brook and his positions in private industry were in tax and auditing. He was the President, Treasurer, and Board member of the York Woods Community Association. He was Chairman of the Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee and a member of the Village's Adhoc Legal Services Audit Committee. He was also an Oak Brook Historical Society board member and a member of the Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Baar is a 21 year resident of Oak Brook and was the assistant principal at Butler School until his recent retirement. He was a member of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners for 15 years, including 8 years as its chair. He also has been president and a member of the York Woods Homeowners Association and Oak Brook Civic Association. He also has been a member of the Oak Brook Village Caucus and the Historical Society Board.

Also, congratulations to recently re-elected trustee Mark Moy. All three trustees will serve until 2017.

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BY JAMES KRUGER

SUMMER SAFETY & NEW OFFICERS

“Please take *extra* care driving through our neighborhoods”

Summer is upon us and with it, more people are out enjoying the weather. Summer is also the time of year that historically is busier in most police departments. School children have hopefully put down the electronic gadgets for a few moments and are out walking to parks, riding bicycles, and playing sports. Please take extra care driving through our neighborhoods.

We also see an increase in motorists coming to Oak Brook to visit the many restaurants and stores that our community has to offer. That increase in traffic also brings with it the possibility of some individuals frequenting our shopping areas for ulterior motives. The Police Department asks that everyone remember to lock their vehicles when going into a store and not leave cars running. Also with the higher temperatures, should you observe children or pets left in a vehicle to please call 9-1-1, so that we can ensure the safety of all involved. The Weather Channel advises that the interior temperature of a vehicle in 90 degree heat can hit 133 degrees in one hour, even if the windows are cracked open.

As you receive this newsletter two new probationary police officers will be graduating from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage. Officer Deanne Wasielewski and Officer Blake Swegler graduate on June 28th at ceremonies to be held at North Central College. Both probationary officers will be assigned to field training officers for twelve weeks after completing the twelve-week police academy required by State statute. After successfully completing the nearly six month training process, they will then be able to assume solo patrol duties in the Patrol Division. We look forward to having Deanne and Blake on the street by the holiday season.

Some of our residents may not know but I am a motorcycle touring enthusiast. It is a very rewarding pastime where I have been able to see parts of our wonderful country that I would not have otherwise. It is also an endeavor that must include consummate safety practices.

I always recommend wearing a helmet, and I would ask all of you to please heed the Illinois Department of Transportation warning of “Start Seeing Motorcycles.” Another great concern is distracted driving and texting while driving, even with the national information campaigns that have been in the media.

Governor Quinn has on his desk a bill to eliminate handheld cell phone use across the State. Please consider purchasing a hands-free kit for your phone if your vehicle does not support Bluetooth technology. Many motorcyclists are killed every season by drivers who stated they did not “see” the motorcycle coming. This is especially true when making a left turn.

Join us for... NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out events involve citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood crime watch groups, and local officials from all over Oak Brook. These events are designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit; and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Oak Brook Police Department’s event is scheduled on August 6, 2013 at the Oak Brook Police Department – north-west parking lot, from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Events for the evening will include: Police Department Tours. Squad Display, meet the new department K-9 – Torro and Officer Franczak, games and prizes for the kids, a table with Crime Prevention and Drug Prevention handouts, DJ, and Child Safety seat installations.

*Seat installations must be scheduled in advance with Officer Huff by calling (630) 368-8734.

All Citizens and Public Officials are invited.

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BY GEORGE PETERSON

SUMMER VACATION CHECKLIST

“...burglars focus on convenience, concealment, and camouflage.”

School is out! It's time to pack those bags and go on vacation! Unfortunately, burglars know this also. FBI statistics show burglaries rise during the summer months of July and August, as these are the months when most families are away. **Below are some important tips and reminders for you before you pack those bags:**

- Make sure you have effective locks that are being used. Even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use them.
- Do some yard work before you leave the house for an extended period of time. Trim your hedges and bushes so thieves can't have a chance to hide out, or that you won't give the impression your home has been left unattended and vacant.
- Get to know your neighbors before your trip. Neighbors who look out for each other are among the best and least expensive defenses against neighborhood crime.
- Remember to secure your spare. Leave your spare key with a trusted neighbor. Never hide it on the property. Burglars have more experience looking for keys than you do hiding them.
- Let there be light and make sure all outside entrances of the home are well-lit. A timer or solar-powered lights on the front, back and side of the house make it difficult for burglars to hide.
- Invest in an alarm. An alarm system controls access points to your home and lets you know if someone has invaded your space. Also, advise your alarm company that you will be away on vacation and no one will be entering the home during your absence.

Remember, burglars focus on convenience, concealment, and camouflage. Think twice before posting upcoming vacations on Facebook, Twitter or any other social media outlets. You'd be surprised how fast that information can travel. Vacations are meant to be fun times with the family and friends, not a time of convenience for thieves and potential burglars. Keep your homes safe and secure and make your trip a memorable one with these simple precautions.



What's all that buzz about?

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

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

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

BY TOM MCELLIN

SUMMER HEAT & RECENT NEWS

“We never want to be caught unprepared.”

Preparation for any emergency begins well before the alarm bell rings. Along with regular drills and practice for the standard calls for service such as fires and car accidents, we also prepare for anything out of the ordinary for our Village. We never want to be caught unprepared.

Please prepare yourself for the months ahead. Use safety precautions and prepare your family for heat related illnesses, water and weather safety, cooking, and instead of using fireworks at home, celebrate the Independence Day by attending the Taste of Oak Brook's grand firework display on July 3rd.

I would like to invite you all to attend the Village of Oak Brook's annual September 11th Memorial Ceremony. This year it will take place on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall. Last year we had over 100 residents joining us in remembering the lives that were lost during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

I would also like to mention that the Oak Brook Women's Club, through their philanthropic search, will be donating \$460.00 towards the purchase of a Tacron Incident Management Command Kit. Command boards assist the Incident Commander in tracking the location and assignments of vehicles and fire companies operating during the scene of a fire.

On May 10th, Probationary Firefighter Jacob Arzer was promoted and sworn in to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic in the SED Board Room. He is already an experienced paramedic. Our expectation is that he will continue improvement in his career, be a valuable member of the department, and provide a high level of service to the community.



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DROWNING DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DROWNING

Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that it doesn't look like the drowning that most people perceive. There is very little splashing, and seldom waving, yelling, or calls for help of any kind. It may look like a person is treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they can answer "yes" – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents – children playing in the water make noise. If they get quiet, get to them and find out why. **Look for these signs of drowning when persons are in the water:**

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder

SUNSCREEN FOR BABIES & KIDS

Sunscreens made specifically for babies and children are the safest, rather than suntan products. If necessary, use suntan products with higher SPF to better protect a child until an appropriate children's sunscreen product can be purchased.

Look for a sunscreen that:

- Provides broad-spectrum UVA and UVB protection.
- Has an SPF of at least 30, which typically provides protection against 97-98% of UVB rays. Also note that a higher than 30 SPF sunscreen might provide more protection when sunscreen can't be reapplied as often.
- Is water-resistant. Even if you aren't going swimming, if your child is outside, he/she will likely be sweating, so a water resistant sunscreen may provide better protection than a regular sunscreen.
- Is hypo-allergenic and fragrance free, especially if your child has sensitive skin.
- Is in a form that is easy to use on your child, whether that means it is a stick, gel, lotion, spray, or continuous spray, etc.

BY MICHAEL HULLIHAN



“A DuPage County project calls for the resurfacing of 31st street, from York Road to Interstate 294.”

SCHEDULED IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works and Engineering are already in full “summer mode.” Scheduled 2013 Oak Brook improvements include repaving streets in York Woods, which were affected by a 2012 water main replacement project there. Croydon Lane and Chatham Lane will be repaved along with parts of Sheffield Lane and Windsor Drive. Along with repaving, the York Woods streets will get significant drainage improvements and replacements of curbs and gutters.

The Village will also be starting pedestrian access projects around the Oakbrook Center, including enhanced crosswalk markings, improved pedestrian signals, and sidewalks. The first phase of streetscape improvements along 22nd Street are to be completed this spring and summer, including the installation of median planters and irrigation systems between Spring Road and Salt Creek. Work on pumps, valves, and 800 feet of water main beneath 22nd street also is scheduled.

A DuPage County project calls for the resurfacing of 31st Street, from York Road to Interstate 294. York Road is to be resurfaced by the county, from 31st Street north to Golf Drive. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) project which was to have resurfaced IL Route 83 through the Village has been delayed until 2014.

Your patience and forbearance with construction activities is much appreciated. If there are any issues with construction, please let us know at the Engineering Department (630-368-5130). The Public Works crews have gotten well into the summer tasks including: sign replacement, street painting, drainage structure maintenance, and repair of landscape damaged by winter utility digs. Please let us know if there are any Public Works issues we should be addressing (630-368-5270).

SUMMER IRRIGATION SEWER RATE

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District recently established a policy for metered water used for irrigation by Oak Brook residents. The Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program restricts the sewer user charge during the seasonal period to a maximum limit of 1.5 x the average “winter” use. To be eligible for the program, the residential user must complete a Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program Application and submit the application to the District. An application fee of \$20.00 is required for administrative set-up of the cap. Only one application for such cap and meter will be allowed per calendar year per residence. For more information please visit the Village website at www.oak-brook.org.

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS

As summer approaches you should keep in mind the water conservation requirements found in our Village code. Landscape watering is permitted as follows:

1. Odd-Numbered Street Addresses: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday _ six o'clock (6:00) A.M. until ten o'clock (10:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M. until ten o'clock (10:00) P.M., provided that newly seeded areas as well as planted sod may be sprinkled at any time on any day for a maximum period of two (2) weeks from the date of installation.
2. Even-Numbered Street Addresses: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday _ six o'clock (6:00) A.M. until ten o'clock (10:00) A.M. and six o'clock (6:00) P.M. until ten o'clock (10:00) P.M., provided that newly seeded areas as well as planted sod may be sprinkled at any time on any day for a maximum period of two (2) weeks from the date of installation.

B. Hand-Held Watering Devices: Hand-held watering devices (including watering cans) may be used at any time on any day.

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BY ROBERT KALLIEN

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Through the first five months of 2013, the Community Development Department continues to see a significant level of large construction projects throughout the Village. In terms of overall number of permits issued, the volume of permits is approximately the same as 2012 figures. However the main difference is that the overall size and scope of the permits received so far is for much larger projects. As an example, the total value of the permits processed during this same time period in 2012 was approximately \$5 million. In 2013, the value skyrocketed to nearly \$30 million. Because many of our permit fees are based on project value, the amount of permit fees collected to date is up by more than fifty (50) percent. Also, as the projects get larger in size, the time needed to review and approve the plans and ultimately conduct all of the required inspections increases.

Residential Development – There are over a dozen new homes that are under various stages of construction. Examples of the size of some these homes can be seen driving through York Woods or driving south on York Road. Once the lots in Templeton Woods become available, Staff expects that number to continue to grow.

Commercial Development – Currently, there are over 50 “active” permits in Oakbrook Center. Several of these are very significant projects including; Nordstrom’s remodel (\$6.5 million), Neiman Marcus remodel (\$3.7 million), Apple expansion (\$6 million), Perry’s Steakhouse build-out (\$2 million), Le Meridian Hotel – window work (\$2.6 million), West Elm tenant build-out (\$900,000), Pottery Barn tenant build-out (\$900,000), and Red Robin Restaurant tenant build-out (\$875,000). Many other smaller projects are either under review or are underway.

In addition to the many Oakbrook Center projects, a number of other large commercial projects are either under review or are already underway including; Advocate Healthcare renovation and parking deck expansion (\$8 million) which will increase employment by 150 in Oak Brook, Clearwater retail out-building (\$1.4 million), Molina Health Care tenant build-out (\$1 million), Hub Group interior tenant build-out (\$TBD), Great Lakes Dredge and Dock (\$800,000), and NxStage Medical Care tenant build-out (\$592,000).

Finally, Blistex is in the process of finalizing detailed construction plans for a significant, 60,000+ sq.ft. expansion of their facilities located on Swift Drive.

“Currently there are over 50 active permits in Oakbrook Center..”



TALL GRASS COMPLAINTS

With all of the recent rains, the Department has been actively involved in a growing number of tall grass complaints. The Department enforces its tall grass complaints per Section 302.4 of the Property Maintenance Code. The following is a brief synopsis of how this code section works:

- a. All weeds and grass exceeding eight (8) inches in height found growing on any lot or tract of land within the village are hereby declared to be a nuisance;
- b. If it is determined that a property is in violation to eight (8) inch height restriction, the Village will serve a notice upon the owner of any premises on which weeds or grass are permitted to grow in violation of the provisions of this section demanding the cutting of such weeds and grass within five (5) days from the date of such notice. The notice shall be personally served on, or sent by certified mail to the person who was sent the tax bill for the general taxes on the property for the last preceding year; and
- c. If a person so served does not cut the weeds or grass within ten days of receiving notice, the village may proceed to cut the weeds or grass keeping an account of the expense of the cutting and such expense shall be charged to and paid by such owner.

If anyone has any questions regarding the complaint, please email me at rkallien@oak-brook.org.

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Sports Core *Information*

BY TREY VANDYKE

FLOODING, TENNIS, & MEMBERSHIPS

"The Sports Core is our community's backyard."

Spring came late to the Sports Core this year. However, all outdoor activities are now in full swing. Memberships are still available, so please feel free to call for more information.

As you know, our community sustained another Salt Creek flood event in April. The north nine holes of our golf course took on significant water. The driving range had as much as 7 feet of water on it during the event. Thanks to the very hard work of Sean Creed our Golf Course Superintendent and his staff, the golf course returned to full operation just 10 days after this flood event. We are extremely fortunate to have such a highly skilled and dedicated staff.

We are pleased to note that Greg Spencer has returned as our Head Tennis Professional and that Cindy Jones returns as our Head Swim Coach. Additionally, PGA golf professionals Gary Pinns, Dan Kochevar, Ian Grant, Claudine Boettger, and Jeff Kawucha all return as well. All of these staff members are ready, willing, and able to take your sporting life to the next level. Please feel free to contact them to create a plan for your success.

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

The Sports Core is the communities backyard. Please come and enjoy it.

Membership Spotlight: The B&T Associate Membership

This membership classification is perfect for the resident who wants to use the B&T 4 times per year. Please see the description to the right. For information about this or any of our other membership programs, please call Michelle at (630) 368-6420.

Go play at the Sports Core!



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The Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club



The Associate Membership Plan – The Ideal Opportunity to Use the Club 4 Times

Perfect for Special Occasions, Get-Togethers & Events:

- ✓ Ideal for celebrating birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries
- ✓ A wonderful way for grandparents & parents to treat children
- ✓ Superb for entertaining guests and visitors

Experience 3 Pools on Beautifully Landscaped Grounds

The Club features three individual pools: the spectacular main pool, the special diving pool, and a wonderful wading pool for children – all with the delightful Poolside Café with its menu of food & beverages.

Experience the Superb Tennis

For those who love tennis, the facility features eight Har-Tru courts - this is how tennis should be enjoyed with superbly maintained courts and a beautifully wooded setting with landscaped grounds.

Don't Let This Summer Pass You By – Call Now!

This special associate membership is flexible and affordable for this 4-visit package. The membership only requires a one-time \$50 registration charge, and for each visit, each adult is \$8 and each child is \$5...and there is no limit to the number of guests, and you can schedule any 4 dates through September 2.

For membership application and information, please call our membership coordinator (630-368-6420) or visit our website.

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BY SUE MADORIN

SUMMER CALENDAR

Saturday, June 29 at 2:00 pm
Kym Frankovelgia: Cabaret and More

Underwritten by the Friends of OBPL

Join us for Cabaret and More! with esteemed Cabaret singer, Kym Frankovelgia. Kym has played night clubs and cruise ships and specializes in Cabaret, Big Band, Broadway, and Jazz and will be singing songs from the 1920s and up. She has played with the Sammy Kaye Orchestra, Glenn Miller, and Maxine Andrews just to name a few.

Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 pm
Ready to Wear + Ready to Paint: Fashion and Modernism in Late 19th Century Paris

Underwritten by the Friends of OBPL

This slide lecture by Michelle Paluch-Mishur looks at late nineteenth century artists such as Cassatt, Tissot, Caillebotte and Renoir and their relationship to exciting developments in the Parisian fashion industry. This theme relates to a special exhibition traveling to New York and Chicago in 2013.

Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 PM
Piano Classics: Anatoliy Torchinskiy

Underwritten by the Friends of OBPL

Oak Brook Public Library is pleased to welcome back esteemed pianist, Anatoliy Torchinskiy. A native of Kiev, Mr. Torchinskiy has lived in the US since 1992, earning both bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance. He has won many awards and competitions and is known as both a performer and accompanist. Mr. Torchinskiy has performed in Italy, New York, Michigan and Wisconsin as well as the Chicago area with companies such as Corneto Opera, and Genesis Opera and has played live on WFMT radio.

Summer Theme: Have Book, Will Travel

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

During the school year, the library staff devotes themselves to the education of the Oak Brook community. From toddlers in preschool engaging in socialization and reading programs to college students seeking help with academic research, and all the way to seniors needing introductions to the latest technology, the Oak Brook librarians are equipped to meet all education needs.

During the summer, the library strives extra hard to provide activities and programs to entertain as well as educate. "Have Book, Will Travel" is the theme for this summer's reading program. To enhance everyone's enjoyment, the library has a number of exciting events lined up. To name a few, the Youth Services department will host a program on June 21st that allows children's imaginations to travel to Australia and experiment with aboriginal dot painting. On a grander scale, the World Music Tour on July 30th will take children from continent to continent and explore the music of different cultures. For adults, June 29th will see a visit from Kym Frankovelgia: Cabaret and More. Kym has played night clubs and cruise ships, and promises to wow with songs from the 1920s and later. We hope you will join us for these exciting events!

Thank you to all who made the Friends Annual Used Book Sale a success in spite of the weather! The Friends use these proceeds to help make your Library an even better place. Look for new book returns, which the Friends have purchased for us, to be installed sometime in June.

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BY SHARON DANGLES

VILLAGE RECEIVES “DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD”

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which is the highest award in governmental budgeting, was awarded to the Village of Oak Brook whose budget adhered to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) program standards. The award will be presented at an upcoming Village Board meeting. The 2013 Budget has been completely

redesigned with more visual charts and graphs depicting financial data and comparisons to prior actual data. There was much effort put into redesigning the 2013 Budget in order for the document to be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)



for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program. The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. In the history of the Village of Oak Brook, we applied and received the Budget Award back in 1999.

PENSION REFORM

There has been a lot of discussion in the media pertaining to pensions and the need for pension reform in the State of Illinois. We have put together a 9-page report on the history of Oak Brook's pension funds, which provides significant insight into the Village's pension plans. You can access the report on the Village's website, under Finance. The Village Board will be discussing the pension's unfunded liability and other pertinent factors at a future Board meeting.



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LABOR DAY HALF-MARATHON Monday, September 2nd @ 7 a.m.

RACE:

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

REGISTRATION*:

Registration through 7/1: \$65

Registration through 9/1: \$75

Race day registration: \$85

*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.

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The way to know for sure that you have registered with FEMA is if you have been assigned a nine-digit Registration Identification Number, which verifies your registration status. Following are the several ways of registering for FEMA disaster assistance:

- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585
- For those who use 711 Relay or Video Relay Services, call 800-621-3362
- Online at www.disasterassistance.gov
- Via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov

The toll-free numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Multilingual phone operators are available on the FEMA helpline. Choose Option 2 for Spanish and Option 3 for other languages. The deadline to register for FEMA disaster assistance is Tuesday, July 9.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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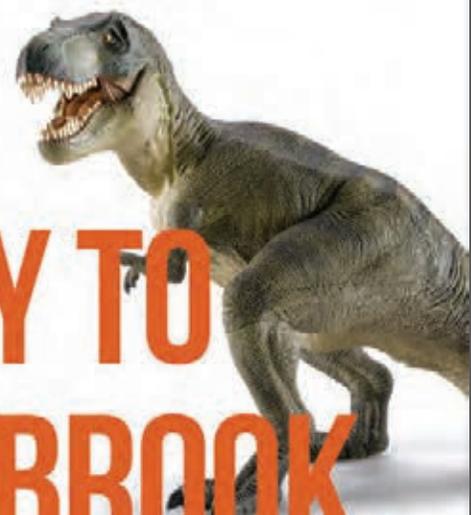
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Also, follow Administrator Craig Fugate's activities at twitter.com/craigatfema.

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BY BLAINE WING

The special feature of this newsletter is the 2013 Oak Brook Polo Season, which starts off with an inaugural match at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19th. As we build up to the start, you'll soon be seeing polo posters around town, promotional materials at the Taste and neighboring parades, special deals online, additional details released on Facebook, Twitter, the Village's website, and the July cover of *Hinsdale Living*.

As we enter July, themes for each date will be released, with highlights including the Ronald McDonald House Charities Family Day on July 28th and the final match on September 22nd featuring Argentina competing against a yet-to-be named United States team.

For Oak Brook residents, the Village has reduced the General Admission ticket price to \$15 (instead of the normal \$25 pre-event/\$30 event-day price). Residents will need to show their drivers license when purchasing tickets in-person or simply enter the following access code (VOBPOLO) when purchasing tickets online. Children under the age of 12 receive free general admission with a paid adult and through July 19th a residential General Admission season pass will continue to cost \$75 each (a \$15 savings), while a VIP pass will cost \$625 each (a \$125 savings). Residents interested in group tickets or special events should email me at bwing@oak-brook.org or call (630) 368-5022.

My admiration and special thanks goes to the members of our community that have worked so hard to bring polo back, the passionate players that will be competing, our 2013 sponsors, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana and the Village of Oak Brook. I know the United States Polo Association, players around the world, and the soon to be gathering crowds are truly excited to enjoy a PIMMS Chukker (maybe 2) as well as watch some world-class polo.



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2013 OAK BROOK POLO

Match Dates:

- Friday, July 19th (3:30 p.m. match) - Inaugural Match
- Sunday, July 28th (1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. matches)
- Sunday, August 18th (1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. matches)
- Sunday, August 25th (1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. matches)
- Sunday, September 15th (1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. matches)
- Sunday, September 22nd (1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. matches)

Ticket Information:

Through July 19th non-resident General Admission season passes cost \$125 each and the VIP season passes cost \$625 each. The VIP season pass includes tented field-side seating, a VIP parking space at the Golf Clubhouse, and more! Individual tickets are available for \$25 pre-event/\$30 event-day price and individual VIP tickets are available for \$125 each. Season passes are available for purchase online at www.oak-brook.org/polo. Oak Brook will start selling paper tickets by phone and at the following locations on June 26th:

- **Village Hall:** Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Oak Brook Public Library:** Monday – Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Oak Brook Golf Clubhouse:** Monday – Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Tickets may also be purchased prior and during the polo matches at this location.)

General Admission Group Ticket Information:

Roped off & chairs:

- 15 tickets = \$225 + 2 free GA tickets
- 25 tickets = \$375 + 4 free GA tickets
- 50 tickets = \$750 + 8 free GA tickets

Tented area & chairs:

- 15 tickets = \$300 + 2 free GA tickets
- 25 tickets = \$500 + 4 free GA tickets
- 50 tickets = \$1,000 + 8 free GA tickets

2013 Taste of Oak Brook

The Village of Oak Brook will host the annual Taste of Oak Brook, sponsored by McDonald's Corporation, followed by its award-winning fireworks display. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 3, from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the Village of Oak Brook Polo Grounds on 31st Street between Spring and York Roads.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. this memorable event will feature cuisine from some of the finest restaurants in Oak Brook and the surrounding area. Live music featuring Vito Zatto (Vegas-style Singer/Entertainer) from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Gone to Paradise 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., followed by DJ X, in time for the fireworks event. Also starting at 4:00 p.m. the Taste will have a variety of kids' activities, including a petting zoo, balloon artists and face painters. Stilt walkers will appear throughout the event to add to the festivities. The Oak Brook Park District will be sponsoring an inflatable "bounce jump" from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. New this year beginning at 5:00 p.m., McDonald's® will be featuring their refreshing McCafé® Cherry Berry Chillers, free while supply lasts. Ronald McDonald is scheduled to make a couple of appearances as well.

"We encourage everyone to come early and enjoy the food, musical entertainment, and fun activities while visiting with friends and neighbors. Be sure to come for more than the spectacular fireworks display! We are truly excited to couple new fun activities and family entertainment with the outstanding restaurants participating in this year's events," said Village President Gopal Lalimalani.

As always, the Village wants to thank its premier sponsor, McDonald's. In addition, we wish to thank the following other sponsors: Evergreen Bank, Republic Services (Allied Waste), Mesirov Financial, Holland & Knight, VisoGraphics, Inland Real Estate, Paramedic Services Inc., Coke, the HUB Group, Christopher Burke, Good Samaritan Hospital, ING Financial Services, Cadillac, Chicago Tribune, Hitchcock Design Services and Bath Planet.

TASTE OF OAK BROOK

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

From 4-9 PM

Fireworks Display at Dusk

Oak Brook Polo Fields



Join us for Food & Fireworks!
[Participating Restaurants]

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[Entertainment]

Vito Zatto 4:30-5:30 PM
Gone to Paradise 6-8 PM
DJ X 8-Dusk

[Kids Activities]

Meet Ronald McDonald * Face Painting
Oak Brook Park District Activity
Stilt Walkers * Balloon Artists * Petting Zoo

[Additional Information]

- ★ On-site parking will be available for \$10/vehicle with additional parking lots within walking distance of field.
- ★ Handicap parking will be available at the Golf Clubhouse with courtesy carts to shuttle to field.
- ★ Rain date for the fireworks display only is July 4th.
- ★ Beer, wine, sangria and Coca-Cola products available.
- ★ Please, no open-grilling, sparklers, or dogs.

For the latest information
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