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Join the thrill and excitement of Oak Brook polo on Family Day, Sunday, September 21st. This special event day we will honor our charity partner, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana with a special appearance by Ronald McDonald, a balloon artist, and face painters for the kids, as well as a real armored car for kids to enjoy. There will be a raffle drawing for adults and Polo players will be happy to autograph a polo ball after the first match.

Don't miss this opportunity to see thundering horses at the Oak Brook Polo grounds.

Gates open at noon with the first match starting at 1:00 PM

Tickets are \$15 for Oak Brook residents, \$65 for VIP seating, and children 12 and under are FREE with a paid adult admission.

More information and tickets are available at www.oakbrookpoloclub.com

VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK ELECTED OFFICIALS/ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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.

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

Questions or comments? Contact us.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer, despite our erratic weather. The Taste of Oak Brook was a huge success. Many thanks to all our sponsors and the thousands of residents who attended. Another great Polo season is almost in the history books and I have been delighted to see so many of you at the spectacular matches. In case you have not yet been to a match, there is one more day — September 21st is Family Day.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Riccardo “Rick” F. Ginex has been appointed to the position of Village Manager, beginning October 6, 2014. I would first like to thank the Village Manager Search Committee: Trustees Adler, Baar, Manzo, Moy, Wolin and Yusuf, as well as residents Tom Cygan and Harry Peters for all their time and hard work they did in ensuring the Village would have a strong and experienced professional to lead us over the next several years. Mr. Ginex brings over 28 years of professional local government executive experience, including his service to Downers Grove, IL as Village Manager from 2001 to 2005. Since leaving Downers Grove in 2005, he has been serving as the Village Manager in Brookfield, IL. He has a Masters of Science in Management from National Louis University as well as a Bachelors of Criminal Justice from Lewis University.

As you are aware, Oak Brook has a very successful electric aggregation program, which is available to residents and small businesses. We now have a contract with Verde Energy USA for 2014 which will expire in June 2015 with a rate of 5.184 cents per kilowatt hour compared to the ComEd rate of 7.665 cents per kilowatt hour. The previous contract we had with Integrys was for two years and the estimated savings our residents received with that contract was approximately \$2 million. I feel very comfortable stating that eligible Oak Brook residents and small businesses will save over \$3 million on their electricity supply from the inception of our electric aggregation in 2012 through June 2015. Residents who are

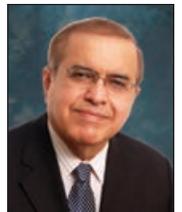
not already enrolled in the program should contact the Village of Oak Brook at 630/368-5164 to join the program and save money. If you are with another supplier, kindly check your contract for early termination requirements.

On September 27, the American Heart Association will be hosting a walk in Oak Brook around our Sports Core facility. I encourage you to attend the walk and welcome this event into our community! Additional information can be found at www.heart.org. On October 4, the Oak Brook Police and Fire Departments are also hosting the 2nd Annual Charity Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Hall. All proceeds will go to charity.

If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, please contact me, as the Board and I are always happy to see more residents getting involved. As always, the Trustees, the staff, and I are available to you at all times. We are here to serve you. Feel free to call, email or meet any of us if you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY ART OSTEN, JR.

Dear Residents and Businesses,

Fall is a time of colors and transitions. Likewise, your elected Village Board representatives and staff are working on the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan and the 2015 Budget.

A strategic plan was first created for the 2012-2015 period to provide a long range guide for the organization. It is a combination of primary goals, objectives within each goal, action items to complete each objective, and measures to gauge performance. Budget expenditures are tied directly to these items. The plan will be added to the website when completed. It is a work in progress being fine-tuned and will become an increasingly effective planning tool.

The operations for each year are defined and funded by our annual budget. Maintaining core services, exploring new opportunities, and addressing new issues are on the docket. The public is invited to attend budget discussions in October and November. Since the budget year runs from January through December, the 2015 Budget will be adopted at the December Village Board meeting.

Democracy works best when the residents are aware of and participate in their municipal government. Please familiarize yourself with and visit the Village website periodically, attend a Village meeting or two, and always feel free to send your questions and comments about the community to Village Hall.

Speaking of transitions, the Village Board has appointed Rick Ginex to the Village Manager position. His first day is October 6th. It has been my pleasure to serve Oak Brook during the interim and work with so many talented and dedicated staff members and community volunteers.

Enjoy the Fall season. Watch for the Winter newsletter where some exciting holiday events around town will be announced.

Art Osten, Jr.
Interim Village Manager



Art Osten, Jr.

TASTE OF OAK BROOK

This year the Village's Taste of Oak Brook was a big success with approximately 25,000 in attendance! This annual event would not have been able to continue if not for the support of our dedicated sponsors. The Village of Oak Brook would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the 2014 Taste of Oak Brook event:

McDonalds Corporation

Mesirow Financial

Evergreen Bank

Inland Real Estate

Christopher Burke Engineering

Hitchcock Design Group

Paramedic Services Inc.

Republic Services

Holland & Knight, LLP

**Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCanni &Krafthefer,
P.C.**

The Hub Group

Chase Bank

VisoGraphics



BY JAMES KRUGER

The Oak Brook Police Department in partnership with the Oak Brook Fire Department will host our Second Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 8:00 AM to Noon. It will be held in the Apparatus Bay of the fire station next to Village Hall. Attendees are asked to park in the Village Hall parking lot and enter from the rear. Both departments will be offering facility tours again this year as well as a raffle. All proceeds will benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and the Illinois Burn Camp. Last year was a wonderful success with many of our residents coming out to support us. We are also grateful to McDonalds who again is donating the pancakes and sausage.

Every year the Oak Brook Women's Club donates towards a specific request from the Police Department for equipment or supplies. A couple of years ago the group assisted us with the cost of our flag assemblies for the Police Honor Guard and last year they helped fund some of the costs towards our successful Citizen's Police Academy. This year we requested monetary assistance towards emergency first aid equipment for our police officers. As was reported in the Chicago Tribune in July, many departments are equipping their officers with tourniquets so that officers could provide immediate aid to themselves or others in a critical incident. We have since deployed them to our officers with the help of a \$993 donation from the Women's Club. I'd like to thank Ms. Barbara Williams, Chairperson of the Philanthropic Committee as well as the entire Oak Brook Women's Club for their generous donation towards the safety of our officers.

Just before the Taste of Oak Brook the Police Department deployed our first Auxiliary Police Officers to assist with special events and traffic control. This is a brand new program approved by the Village Board in the 2014 Budget. These officers come to us with past police experience and are fully certified police officers. We will deploy them to assist us at our many special events and also around Oakbrook Center during the busy holiday shopping season. You may also have noticed that they have now taken over the traffic control detail in front of Inland Real Estate on Butterfield

Road just East of Meyer. To enhance the safety of the motoring public, we should have police officers directing traffic on a public roadway rather than a private company. This program will help us provide an even better level of service to our residents with a very limited cost.

As you receive this newsletter school will already be in session. Please be careful driving near our schools and remember to stay off of cell phones while driving. Please help us keep Oak Brook safe.



Smart911™

SIGN UP TODAY FOR SMART911

Our Police and Fire dispatch system, more commonly known as DU-COMM, now offers a free, new service to help you when you call 9-1-1. Once you've signed up, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address your emergency. This information – including medical issues and current location – can help Police, Fire and EMS locate and help you.

Smart911 can help protect you, your loved ones, and other members of your household. By creating a Safety Profile with Smart911 during a calm moment, you can take the time to ensure that the information is correct and accurate and exactly what you would like to be communicated to emergency response teams in an emergency. Smart911 is free to all citizens. Sign up at Smart911.com.



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BY BARRY LISS

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Test Yours Every Month!

Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014
Go to FPW.org



WHAT TYPE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER SHOULD BE IN YOUR HOME?

The best type of residential style fire extinguisher is one that has a rating of 2A 10BC. This kind of fire extinguisher is often labeled as an **A-B-C extinguisher**.

Come start National Fire Prevention Week off right by joining the fire and police departments on Saturday, October 4th for our 2nd Annual Village of Oak Brook Police & Fire Charity Pancake Breakfast and Open House. Starting at 8:00 AM, come join us for food and fun at Fire Station 94, which is located at 1200 Oak Brook Road. All donations received are being equally distributed amongst the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois.

National Fire Prevention week officially runs October 5th through the 11th. Fire Department personnel will be visiting schools, daycare centers, and businesses during the entire month of October providing helpful and important fire prevention tips and information. Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Make Fire Prevention a high priority at home, at work and at play! This year's theme is

**"Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives:
Test Yours Every Month!"**

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more fire safety information or contact the Oak Brook Fire Department at 630-368-5200.



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Having an A-B-C extinguisher is smart because you can put out the following:

- A:** Wood, paper, cloth and other basic material fires
- B:** Oils (including paints with oil) and gasoline fires
- C:** Electrical fires caused by small appliances, circuit breakers, wiring and other small electrical items.

HOW TO USE YOUR EXTINGUISHER

If you train yourself, it's important to remember the keyword PASS:

Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher.

Aim the nozzle at the base (bottom) of the fire.

Squeeze the extinguisher handle.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side while continuing to direct it at the base of the fire.

Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep = PASS.

WHEN NOT TO USE YOUR EXTINGUISHER

You should not use your fire extinguisher if:

- You aren't sure it's the right extinguisher for the type of fire.
- You're too nervous or forget the keyword PASS.
- The fire is bigger than a typical trash can.
- Flames are quickly spreading.
- The fire looks as though it could block your escape route.

BY MICHAEL HULLIHAN



FALL AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

As the weather starts to cool, Public Works and Engineering are preparing for Fall and Winter activities. Leaf pickup season will soon be upon us. The program, including service areas and schedules, is outlined in the next article. After leaf pickup is complete, Public Works will initiate its Fall tree planting. As tree losses from Emerald Ash Borer increase, the reforestation program will become more and more significant. While we are increasing the amount of resources devoted to this program, there may be some delay between removal of diseased Ash trees and replacement with a more suitable species. Public Works will also be conducting scheduled preventive maintenance on Village facilities. This is a good time for homeowners to do likewise. Insuring that gutters, downspouts and drains are clear of leaves will avoid water damage during winter freeze thaw cycles. Heating systems and filters should also be checked. Irrigation systems should be serviced and winterized. Should you have any questions on the leaf pickup program, seasonal maintenance, or street/forestry issues, please feel free to call us at 630-368-5270.

AUTUMN LEAVES 2014 SCHEDULE

Fall is approaching and with it the laborious task of raking fallen leaves. We recommend that you mulch your leaves and return this 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. 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 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.*

PICK- UP SCHEDULE

ZONE	DATES	AREAS
1	October 13, 21 November 7 December 4	Yorkshire Woods Steeplechase
2	October 14, 22 November 10 December 5	Forest Glen, Woodside Estates, York Woods
3	October 15, 24 November 13 December 8	Timber Trails, Merry Lane
4	October 16, 28 November 18 December 9	South of 31st Street and east of Route 83; including Lincoln, Grant, Coolidge
5	October 17, 30 November 21 December 10	Brook Forest, Briarwood Trinity Lakes
6	October 20 November 4, 26 December 11	Ginger Creek, Saddle Brook Heritage Oaks, White Oak Lane, Avenue Loire

Inquiries regarding the above schedule may be directed to the Public Works Dept. at (630) 368-5270. A map is available at the Village web site (www.oak-brook.org) depicting pickup areas.

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BY ROBERT KALLIEN

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Development Activity Remains Strong!

- Through July 2014, permits for 12 new residential homes were issued. Over 40 single-family homes are now in various stages of construction throughout Oak Brook.
- Even though 2013 was a record year for new construction activity, 2014 is on pace to match and possibly exceed 2013. For example, 2014 numbers for permits issued, inspections completed, and fees collected are up from last year.

Commercial and Office Projects

- Oakbrook Center – There are many ongoing improvements underway at Oakbrook Center. Work continues on the common areas including landscaping, signage, interior lighting and water features.
 - o Pirch opened its new 30,000 square foot store. This is the first store Pirch has opened outside of California.
 - o Permits were issued for the first two glass pavilions and a digital movie screen was installed at the Village Green.
 - o Porsche is nearing completion of a \$250,000 interior alteration project.
 - o The Coach store is working on \$400,000 of interior renovations.

- o Athleta is nearing completion of its \$500,000+ construction and may be opening later this month.
- o Neiman Marcus continues with \$3.7 million in renovations.

- Latisys Data Center located on Swift Drive has started its \$10 million renovation.
- Le Meridian hotel. The \$21+ million revamp of the 172-room hotel was completed in the end of July and is now open to the public. Additional interior projects may be undertaken at the Hotel in 2015.
- The Oak Brook Court development located at 1500 16th Street is now home to The Great Escape which is occupying the former Borders space. By the end of October, Binny's Beverage Depot will operate from the Container Store space. With these two new tenants, the center will now be over 80 percent occupied.
- Urban Barbecue has received permits and will be occupying the remaining tenant space in the Clearwater out-building located near the corner of 22nd and Clearwater Drive.
- Duchossois Project – Staff recently met with the development team that has been retained to redevelop the Follett site located at 1818 Swift Road to construct a new 250,000+ sq.ft. corporate headquarters facility for the Chamberlain Group. The demolition of the Follett and two of the three De Amertek buildings is scheduled to begin in October 2014 and should take about 75-90 days. To accommodate some remaining leases, the final De Amertek building will be demolished sometime in the Spring of 2015. Building permits for the new 250,000+ sq.ft. office building and parking deck should be submitted in the fall of 2014 with construction beginning in the first quarter of 2015 with construction being completed in 2016. Upon completion of the new HQ building, Chamberlain anticipates moving at least 750 employees to Oak Brook!

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BY TREY VANDYKE

For those of you who love changing weather, you got your wish this summer. We have had a little bit of everything. I am happy to report that all of our sports venues have remained active during these summer months. At the pool, parent volunteers are essential to operate our swim team. We owe a debt of gratitude to Anne Huber, Lara Barber, 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 August 2 & 3 to determine our club champions. Tom Arduino won the Open Division defeating Bill Anderson on the second hole of a sudden death playoff. The remaining men's winners are: A Flight – Tom Muldowney, B Flight – Ashok Lakhani, and C Flight – Raj Shah. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.

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.



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CANDIDATE PACKETS FOR 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On April 7, 2015 there will be a Consolidated Election which will include Municipal Elections.

The Village of Oak Brook will be electing:

TRUSTEES

Three (3) to be elected for a Four (4) Year Term

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

One (1) to be elected for a Four (4) Year Term

VILLAGE CLERK

One (1) to be elected for a Four (4) Year Term

General qualifications require that a candidate be a resident of the municipality for one year preceding the Consolidated Election, be a registered voter and a qualified elector. Specific information will be provided through the Candidate's Guide prepared by the State of Illinois, State Board of Elections. www.elections.state.il.us

Candidate packets will be available starting September 23, 2014 through the Village Clerk's office at: 1200 Oak Brook Road. They may be picked up Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from the Village Clerk or the Village Clerk's Assistant. They may also be obtained from DuPage County or the State Board of Elections.

Petitions may be circulated beginning September 23, 2014.

Petition filing period is December 15-22, 2014.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM OUTREACH PROJECT

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

Flood Safety

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

Preventing Flood Damage

The Village provides advice on how to retrofit buildings to prevent flood damage. There are generally five approaches to retrofitting: elevation, barriers, dry flood proofing, wet flood proofing and basement protection. Other property protection measures include grading, ditch cleaning, moving furniture and sandbagging. For information on these and other flood protection issues, please contact the Village of Oak Brook Engineering Department at (630) 368-5130.

Flood Plain Development

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

Village Code also states that existing structures shall not be enlarged, replaced or structurally altered unless the changes meet the requirements for development. If the changes constitute substantial improvement to a building in the flood plain, then the entire building will need to meet the requirements for development. Substantial improvement is when the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the

market value. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards. Enforcement of this requirement is achieved through the permitting procedure.

Flood Insurance

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

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

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

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

For More Information

If you have questions about the information in this article, please feel free to contact the Village's CRS Coordinator at (630) 368-5130. In addition, the Oak Brook Library maintains a selection of publications pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program including insurance requirements, flood proofing techniques, proper grading, etc. Please take advantage of these resources by visiting the Library at 600 Oak Brook Road. Finally, you may also contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.FEMA.gov

Library Calendar and Events

BY SUE MADORIN

FALL CALENDAR

Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

Look Up To The Stars: Astronomy for Everyone

Astronomer Kevin Manning, a former consultant with NASA, has always been passionate about astronomy, and wants to share the excitement with you! Over the next 1 ½ hours, you'll learn about the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders using hands-on activities and assorted visuals. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.

Sunday, September 21 at 2 pm

World War II Canteen Songs

One of our favorite singers, Robbie Malkowski, will come back to Oak Brook presenting a new program celebrating the veterans of World War II! Relive the bygone canteen songs of a war that we will never forget and a generation that irrevocably changed history forever! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.

Saturday, October 11 at 2 pm

Mearra – Selkie From The Sea

Singer/songwriter Linda Marie Smith has put together a unique concert experience with her new show "Mearra – Selkie From The Sea". The Celtic tale of the Selkie is about a mythical seal who has the mysterious ability to transform into a human being. The tale of Mearra is a compelling love story about Mearra, the Selkie and a lonely fisherman named Ian. The live presentation combines original songs with hand drawn projected images which provides a vivid and unforgettable multimedia concert experience. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.

Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm

Vivian Maier: Buried Treasure and the Nanny Photographer

The always entertaining and fascinating Jenny Riddle returns to the library with her new show about photographer Vivian Maier. Vivian was a nanny on Chicago's North Shore and her work became public after her death. Her masterful shots of scenes in Chicago's streets have taken the world by storm. Jenny will play Maier in character and reveal the details of Vivian's fascinating life. Don't miss this performance! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.

Saturday, November 15 at 2 pm

Anatoliy Torchinskiy

Perennial favorite, Anatoliy Torchinskiy, comes back to the library to showcase his magnificent talent. A native of Kiev, Mr. Torchinskiy has lived in the US since 1992, earning both bachelors 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.

Sunday, December 7 at 2 pm

Kym Frankovelgia: Holiday Concert

Join us for a very special holiday concert with the extremely talented 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. She's an Oak Brook favorite! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Every parent wants their child to succeed, and one of the simplest ways you can ensure your child's academic success is by making a quick trip to the library. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Oak Brook Public Library tries to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card. For students in District 53, a library card is listed as an essential school supply.

Resources at the Oak Brook Public Library are available to residents who have a library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs and services that support academic achievement. New at the Library is the LearningExpress Library™. This database provides a comprehensive selection of educational resources—including more than 800 tutorials, practice exams, eBooks—for basic skills mastery, academic success, job preparation, and career advancement.

Our library provides all types of students a welcoming atmosphere where they can explore, discover and create. Students learn in a variety of ways and thanks to the resources available at the library we can meet the needs of all ages and types of learners. Whether that is through homework help, programs or access to print and e-books, the library has something for everyone – all with a free library card. It is for these reasons that a library card is most important school supply of all.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Circulation Desk in person or visit the library online at <http://www.oak-brook.org/library>.

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BY SHARON DANGLES

BUDGETING FOR SUCCESS

The Village's budget is a management plan that details how valuable resources will be allocated to address community priorities and organizational objectives for the Village of Oak Brook. The Village of Oak Brook's process is underway for developing its budget for the next fiscal year (January 1 – December 31, 2015).

- 1** The strategic plan will be presented to the Board in the Fall. The strategic plan outlines and guides the annual budget process.
- 2** The 2015 budget process begins with the Department Directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and Finance Director by mid-September.
- 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.
- 4** The Village Board will hold budget workshop meetings in October and November to discuss the 2015 proposed budget. Residents are invited to attend these meetings.
- 5** Before the December 9th regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2015 Budget. Residents may participate in the public hearing.
- 6** Given the outcome of the public hearing, the adoption of the final budget may occur during the same Board meeting.



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GET INVOLVED

The budget is an ongoing process combining citizen input, Village Board vision and direction, and staff recommendations to meet community needs. The Village of Oak Brook is required by law to adopt a balanced budget that is open to citizen input and participation. Each resident can have a voice in deciding what the budget will be spent on and how it will be paid for before it is adopted.

- Budget comments and suggestions may be submitted in a number of ways:
- Email Finance Director Sharon Dangles, sdangles@oak-brook.org.
- Reach out to the Village President and Board of Trustees.
- Attend a Village Board meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., 1200 Oak Brook Rd.) and speak during the Public Comment portion.
- Attend a Budget Workshop held during November, 1200 Oak Brook Rd.

CITIZEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village of Oak Brook is pleased to have released its very first "Citizens Annual Financial Report". This report is designed to provide transparency and accountability of Village financial information, which is a key organizational goal. 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. The Village has received national recognition from the Government Financial Officer's Association (GFOA) for 36 consecutive years on the quality of its disclosures and presentation. In addition, the Village's annual budget received an award for its usefulness as a planning tool and policy document.

All of these financial reports along with other financial documents are available on the Village's website at www.oak-brook.org.

UPDATE ON PENSION FUNDING

Recently, the Village Board approved a 2014 Village contribution of 35.04% of payroll for police officers and 43.46% for firefighters. This will result in an estimated \$2.5M of 2014 Village pension contributions, an increase of \$300K compared to 2013.

In addition, the Board plans to consider providing additional funding to the pension funds based upon further review of finances and an updated 2014 Department of Insurance Fire Actuarial Report in November. The additional funding of pensions will reduce the Village's unfunded liability of Police and Fire pensions, which currently is over \$30M.



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